

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 28, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley said good morning friends and neighbors. Riley said they are here today for their regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Riley said let's get started with their Opening Prayer and he believed Helen Green is going to do that for them this morning.

I. Opening Prayer

Helen Green, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer. Green said this is going to be in English because she doesn't speak, well she used to, but she don't anymore.

Heavenly Father, we come to you and ask that you bless each one of our Councilors and our Ogema.

We ask that you bless everybody in this room and that everything goes along smoothly.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless our entire Tribe and everybody that is going through trials and tribulations.

Please Lord bless those people in Mt. Pleasant because they are flooded. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech, Helen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call to establish quorum.

B. Roll Call

J. Riley - Present	J. Friedel - Present	F. Medacco - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Helen Green, Margaret Scott, Darleen Martin, Mike Walter, Steve Wheeler, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mike Walter, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; III C.2 IS AN ADD, IV H. IS REVISED, VII C.1 IS REMOVED, VII C.3 IS AN ADD AND C.4 IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked is there any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay agenda has been approved for Wednesday, June 28th, 2017.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 6/21/17

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/21/17 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain, alright. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay Tribal Council Minutes have been approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under A. Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$837,932**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Riley said to Bill Willis that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said he guessed perfect timing. Willis said this particular modification is Modification 2 from the Indian Health Services 2017 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said this is additional appropriation that particular modification moves them up to \$2,622,141 of the projected \$2,520,000 in the 2017 Budget.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there are no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-211;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-35 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$837,932; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley said wow, he thinks everybody was in on that one. Riley said he thinks he heard Councilor Friedel first though. Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said at this point then he will open this up for discussion. Riley asked are there any questions on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete asked Bill Willis if this will be the final one then that they will get because they are right there or a little above actually.

Bill Willis replied well actually Item #2 is Modification #3. Willis said they.....he is not sure.....he means they could get more but they are actually

over what they projected so anything beyond that is just a bonus to them so. Willis said they could but it is probably going to be a small amount if they do.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked him.

Speaker Riley said alright anything else. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said all in favor and confirmed Resolution #17-0628-211 has been approved.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$21,198

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Riley said to Bill Willis that he has the floor again.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes as he just indicated this represents Modification #3 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said this brings them up Year to Date to \$2,643,339 and they estimated or projected receiving \$2,520,000 so they are about \$123,000 over what they projected. Willis reiterated that anything they would receive in the future would just add to that amount so.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-212;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-36 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$21,198; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said he does have one question. Riley said since they are about \$123,000 over when they projected this were their assumptions wrong or are they just sending out more money than what was anticipated originally.

Bill Will said well sometimes they send out money that clearly they don't expect to get and it is specific to certain activities if they will but because they are self-governed even though....if they will notice in some of Tammy Bowen's paperwork she actually kind of allocates the money to either Contract Health or Clinic Operations. Willis said because they are self-governed they can put the money wherever they expense the funds and so it is kind of.....and then if there are funds at the end of the year that they don't spend those get carried over to the next fiscal year. Willis said so they can use them as they see fit next year so but it is hard to tell it is a moving target. Willis said the Federal Government is still under a Continuing Resolution and has been for a couple of years so how that is going to turn out no one is sure.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis. Riley asked any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said all in favor and confirmed Resolution #17-0628-212 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Authorizing Diane Lonn to attend the Muskegon Bike Time Event on July 13-16, 2017

Councilor Lonn will be assisting at the event in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tent.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Lonn if she would like to kind of give them a brief explanation on this one.

Councilor Lonn said she was sort of asked to volunteer to work those four days so she is going down there and staying down there. Lonn said she will work the Bike Time Booth for those four days.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Lonn. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make the motion.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE MUSKEGON BIKE TIME EVENT IN MUSKEGON ON JULY 13-16; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis asked Speaker Riley that she has to abstain doesn't she.

Speaker Riley said she doesn't have to.

Councilor Lonn said it is not personal gain.

Recorder Lewis said the motion has been approved authorizing Diane Lonn to attend the Muskegon Bike Time Event on July 13-16, 2017.

- 2. Authorizing Ron Pete to attend the 6th Annual Partners In Action Conference July 18-20, 2017**
The conference is at Mystic Lake Hotel & Convention Center in Prior Lake, MN.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete if he could give a brief.....

Councilor Pete said yeah he is going to give a brief. Pete said as they know this was laid on him pretty quick. Pete said this would be something actually the Speaker would normally attend but he is will be in another situation at the time so he is going to attend in his place along with the Ogema. Pete said they are going up to Mystic Lake and there is a Partners In Action Conference up there with other Tribes. Pete said the important thing is, because he sits on the Shoreline Committee, they will also have an opportunity to be with the BIA when he is up there so hopefully they will get their opportunity to do some break out with the BIA and talk about the Muskegon Project. Pete said so briefly that is what he has.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Pete. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RON PETE TO ATTEND THE 6th
ANNUAL PARTNERS IN ACTION CONFERENCE AT MYSTIC
LAKE HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER IN PRIOR
MINNESOTA; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Pete said he is going to abstain.

Speaker Riley said Ron Pete is going to abstain. Riley asked is there any discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to know why Councilor Pete is abstaining.

Councilor Pete said he is abstaining because it looks to him like traditionally on travel for Tribal Councilors from what he has noticed over the ten years that he has been coming to these meetings generally the Councilor that is being approved for travel has abstained. Pete said there is no other reason why he is abstaining. Pete said he believed it is something important that they go to especially they will get to be with the BIA but he is just following tradition is what he is saying. Pete said he is doing.....the only reason he abstained.

Councilor Lonn said okay she will accept that.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked her.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Abstain
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Lewis said it has been approved for authorizing Ron Pete to attend the 6th Annual Partners In Action Conference July 18-20, 2017.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

**A. Operations Report
May 2017**

Reports received:

None Submitted

- B. Financial Report
April & May** **None Submitted**
- C. Housing Commission
May 2017** **None Submitted**
- D. Natural Resource Commission
May 2017** **None Submitted**
- E. Commerce Commission
May 2017** **None Submitted**
- F. Elders Committee Minutes
March-May 2017** **None Submitted**
- G. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
April & May 2017
May-December 2016** **None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said it looks like they have some reports due that are outstanding. Riley said they have the Operations Report for May 2017, the Financial Report for April and May, Housing Commission May Report, Natural Resource May, Commerce Commission May Report, Elders Committee Minutes for March through May, and the Government Preference Report from April and May then they are still don't have them from May to December of last year.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't mean to interrupt but he just had a question. Pete said it seems and he is sure there might be a perfectly good reason but it seems to him every week he looks at these and it says none submitted so they have these reports that are due now he sees some of them are even far out as April or December.....is that normal.

Speaker Riley said unfortunately, yes, now what they generally do is they take a look at this and the ones that are due generally there were Liaisons for those specific commissions will go and try and get them. Riley said with the government ones being late they generally know and get notice why those ones aren't here and sometimes specifically with Financials it takes a couple of months to actually get those numbers correctly as he knows from years previous so.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Pete and recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said sometimes they are a month behind because they haven't had a meeting yet to approve their minutes also.

Councilor Pete said okay.

- H. Authorizing Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Budget & Appropriations-Chapter 1; Purchasing and Procurement Regulation #R100-01:AC-01**

Updated purchasing limits for Tribal Leads and titles for employees. This item was postponed from the 6/21/17 Agenda.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Pete.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-213;
AUTHORIZING PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS
TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS-CHAPTER 1;
PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT REGULATION #R100-
01:AC-01; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Ogema Romanelli if he had a comment on this.

Ogema Romanelli said yes. Romanelli said okay on the third WHEREAS from the bottom it says *the Tribal Council is amending the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations to increase the Tribal Leads' spending limits from \$12,000 to \$25,000.* Romanelli said currently the Ogema has a spending limit of he thinks \$12,000 or \$12,500. Romanelli said he may be wrong but the concern is do.....they are giving the Leads an amount up to \$25,000.

Speaker Riley said it was his understanding that it was the Directors were at \$25,000 then the Leads would be \$25,000 to \$12,000 and then the Ogema would be \$12,000 to \$25,000 like a stepped approval level. Riley said it may be a typo in there, no. Riley said he thinks Rebecca Liebing has the answer.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, explained so the only way the Leads have that \$25,000 is if the Ogema specifically delegates it in a memo. Liebing said the Leads have up to \$12,000 if the Ogema.....for some reason if he was going to be gone for a week or something like that by memo he can delegate his \$25,000 but only under those circumstances.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Rebecca Liebing said that is in the reg.

Ogema Romanelli said okay that was all he was questioning then so the thinks that explains it. Romanelli thanked Rebecca Liebing.

Speaker Riley thanked Rebecca Liebing as well. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah in fact if they look at Section 3, they will find it right in there, it's under Subsection A.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Councilor Crampton.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is sorry but when they had a work session on it; it wasn't his understanding that the Ogema currently has a \$25.....up to \$25,000.

Speaker Riley said no, he had up to \$12,000 and anything above that had to go before Council for approval.

Councilor Pete asked okay, so this will raise it to \$25 then.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Pete said okay that is what this.....okay that is where he got the \$25 and apologized he gets a little confused once in a while. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley said the idea was to kind of streamline things on the Operations.....

Councilor Pete said correct.

Speaker Riley said.....because when they are making decisions at that low but the threshold dollar amount gets Council involved in Operational Decisions which really isn't their area so.

Councilor Pete said that makes sense and thanked him.

Speaker Riley said okay any further questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay all in favor and confirmed Resolution #17-0628-213 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

V. New Business

A. Authorizing the Donation of \$100.00 to Congressional Sports for Charity Event

This donation is for the Capital Police Memorial Fund due to the shooting that occurred earlier this month.

Speaker Riley said wait this donation is for the Capitol Police Memorial Fund.

Recorder Lewis agreed.

Speaker Riley said this is a donation that they are doing on behalf of the House Majority Whip, Congressman Scalise. Riley said as most people know he was actually injured at a Charity Baseball Game, he was shot and they just want to make a donation in his name to show their appreciation for the work that he does. Riley said at this point he will entertain a motion or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-214;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$100.00 TO THE
CONGRESSIONAL SPORTS FOR CHARITY;** by Medacco;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion on this item. Riley said he just wanted to clarify that when he said “we” he was talking about Leadership as a whole with this donation and not just Council or just the Ogema. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said all in favor and confirmed Resolution #17-0628-214 has been approved.

- B. Approval to Renew Insurance Policies through Agent Stephen Madigan, LLC from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**
Provides Insurance Coverage for Commercial Property, General Liability, Business Auto, Commercial Crime and Workers Compensation with Tribal First for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Trading Post, and the Muskegon Gaming Development.

Speaker Riley said to Steve Wheeler that he had the floor.

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Wheeler thanked Speaker Riley. Wheeler said this is for their annual insurance renewal. Wheeler said this is for all the.....not employee benefit type insurances. Wheeler said meaning property, general liability, auto, crime, casualty, work comp and this is all through Stephen Madigan the agent, Tribal First is the insurer in most cases. Wheeler said policy period is effective July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018. Wheeler said some highlights of the renewal are.....a couple of things to note on their liability package they are increasing their liability limits in some areas that were in the \$1 to \$2 million range to \$6 million. Wheeler said he had several discussions with Mr. Madigan about this. Wheeler said the coverages levels they were maintaining for liability limits were too low historically they were based on limits developed some years ago and in talking with him and the other clients that he has in Indian Country there is nobody at those low of liability limit levels anymore. Wheeler said so basically it is taking things like Medical Malpractice and ___ Emissions from \$1 to \$2 million liability limits up to \$6 so it is better protection for the Tribe. Wheeler said he thinks they all know in this day and age when there are instances where there is insurance claims and cases it is not too difficult to see it at a million dollar level so that resulted in some additional premium for that piece about \$17,000 over last year. Wheeler said on property coverage.....

Speaker Riley said he doesn't think they necessarily need to go into so much detail.

Steve Wheeler said okay then he will wrap it up.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Steve Wheeler.

Steve Wheeler said so basically they are doing the premium is now is \$295,560 and that is for a whole year. Wheeler said that provides them with good coverages for crime and work comp, and property liability. Wheeler said they also added cyber liability coverage and they actually added active assailant coverage at no additional cost for Tribal First.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Steve Wheeler. Riley asked are there any questions or discussion on this item. Riley said he is looking for.....and recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-215;
APPROVAL TO RENEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, BUSINESS
AUTO, COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WORKERS
COMPENSATION WITH TRIBAL FIRST THROUGH AGENT
STEPHEN MADIGAN, LLC TO PROVIDE INSURANCE**

COVERAGE FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST AND THE MUSKEGON GAMING DEVELOPMENT; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any other discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said all in favor and confirmed Resolution #17-0628-215 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Steve Wheeler and Recorder Lewis.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Speaker Riley noted they have next week off due to the Holiday.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he had the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said just two major issues. Romanelli said they are getting into a busy season right now as was noted earlier through the meeting starting this weekend with their Pow Wow, they are going on different training and travel which includes the Partners In Action that Ron Pete mentioned. Romanelli said he will be attending that one in Minneapolis and then he believed the Speaker and someone else is attending Martha's Vineyard, a few of them. Romanelli said so it is going to be a busy time. Romanelli said they have Bike Time coming up the 16th through the 18th and then on August 5th is their.....going to be their Budget Meeting that they hold for.....to go out and reach out to their Tribal members. Romanelli said it is usually at the Community Center and that will be on August 5th this year. Romanelli said now the problem is what normally they try to do is they try to line that up with the Elders Meeting and/or the Council's Meeting on Saturday. Romanelli said this time it didn't work so well. Romanelli said they put the notice out that they would be the first Saturday in August which is normally the Elders Meeting and now he believed that the Council will be meeting on the 12th so those two won't be on the same date but they will still hold their Budget Meeting on August 5th. Romanelli said

same thing they are looking for ideas because yesterday and he wanted to thank the attendance of Council they had Gary Di Piazza, Ron and Di, that attended. Romanelli said what they are doing is they had a brainstorming session regarding the Budget of 2017 and 2018. Romanelli said the 2017 Budget has to be revamped again because they rely on the proceeds from the Resort and if they come in shorter than what the original was then they have to go back and look at their Budget; their 2017 Budget. Romanelli said in this case they may have to reduce the Budget by possibly up to a million and a half to two million dollars depending on how.....what the numbers look like. Romanelli said in that case they really want to, and he thinks it is really time, that they look at the services that they provide to their membership and to their different departments and see are they operating effectively and are they covering what they need to cover. Romanelli said in addition to that they have a number of projects that are in the works or just recently been completed, are being completed, or they are being looked at. Romanelli said if they look at the number of projects that can affect the Budget as well, again, they have the long-standing Muskegon/Casino Project that has been on for eight years. Romanelli said again these things can take 12, hopefully not, years. Romanelli said they have their Pharmacy Project that is being worked on. Romanelli said their Next Generation Learning Center Project, their ten homes at Aki, the Odeno Project, Aaya Project, the Bull Property, the Elders Housing Project, the Sewer Projects and the Gathering Grounds. Romanelli said when they look at that; that is a lot of money that is coming in or going out. Romanelli said now some of these projects are for the sole benefit of aiding and assisting their Tribal members with either services or housing. Romanelli said other ones are designed to help increase their revenue. Romanelli said they know and they have been told many times that they can't rely on just gaming. Romanelli said they understand that so while they are also looking at the market for gaming in Muskegon which they know is still a viable project and everybody is still looking for casinos so when they are told that there is no more market to get they can recapture that. Romanelli said Gun Lake is hitting them hard to be honest with them. Romanelli said they know they keep building and they encourage their other Tribes and respect them. Romanelli said again they are going through flooding in Mt. Pleasant so they are all one in so many ways. Romanelli said while they wish them well in Gun Lake they also need to look at their options. Romanelli said their best option is to go to the Muskegon Market because the customers that they have up here are from Muskegon and Grand Rapids and those two are the largest markets so they have to recapture. Romanelli said so they are still doing that but they are looking at other alternatives purchases of building that are already running or starting up projects. Romanelli said again their Learning Center and some of these things like their Pharmacy, they hope to make some money out of that so they are doing some other projects but they really need to look at it. Romanelli said they held a series of brainstorming sessions and again he wants to thank Council's involvement for clearing their schedules and being a part of that. Romanelli said that is it.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema. Riley asked do they have any questions for the Ogema. Riley said it doesn't look like it.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody from Council have anything to share under Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just one thing. Crampton said an independent film about a woman Man Killer from the Cherokee Tribe is coming out and it just hit the theaters right now. Crampton said it is making the circuit and he knows it is planned to go into Traverse City and maybe they should discuss getting it down here.

Speaker Riley said oh, yeah to get it to play at the Vogue. Riley said he thinks they can contact the city and see about having that discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to please write that down.

Councilor Crampton said yeah because it is getting rave reviews right now.

Speaker Riley asked what the name of this film is.

Councilor Crampton replied Man Killer.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Legislative Updates.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said okay at this time they will move onto Public Comment. Riley asked does anybody have.....recognized Helen Green.

Helen Green said she has been going around, like when she is feeling better, going to different casinos. Green said yeah Gun Lake is big and it is beautiful, it is fabulous but they still kick them in the butt when it comes to customer service because they have better customer service and better servers, people that will wait on them. Green said she had the pleasure of going to Kewadin and St. Ignace. Green said she is here to tell them what their Buffet kicks them in the butt of the pants. Green said she means they have real Indian Food on that Buffet and they have Indian Tacos and they have stuff like Goulash. Green said comfort food that most of them Natives like to eat. Green said they know instead of all that instant potatoes or whatever they serve over at their Buffet. Green said to her it is just like, aahh, they know. Green asked how do they go about getting their Buffet to serve more comfort foods. Green said foods that the regular joe likes to eat, the regular person likes to eat, because they got a lot of fancy foods and she knows the frog legs went like crazy. Green reiterated that people went crazy over the frog legs but she was just wondering how do they go about getting a hold of

people over there to let them know that could they.....she means aren't they paying those Chefs over there like an enormous amount of money to be creative and to have great food. Green said can't they like bring out some of the Indian Tacos or offer fry bread on the thing they know because she doesn't know anybody who doesn't like fry bread. Green said she doesn't care what race they are they like fry bread. Green said that is just bottom line. Green said she just wondered does anybody know how to go about getting them to open up their ears and hear to put some better food on that Buffet.

Speaker Riley said he would suggest just filling out a Comment Card from over there.....

Helen Green said she has a lot of times and she heard nothing.

Speaker Riley said or if she wanted to submit something to him in writing he can get it over there and he can't promise her that anything is going to be done about it because there is a lot of factors that go into determining what is on the menu, there is price, the majority of their current customers like and she knows there is a lot that goes into it but he means he could definitely give it to them.

Helen Green said Goulash doesn't cost a fortune to make but she means it is really good food. Green said she means she loves her Goulash. Green said she was just wondering about that and she would just like to say she is glad them guys are going to these like Diane Lonn is going down there to do the tent for the.....because they need that kind of exposure. Green said she is glad that Ron Pete is going to that conference because they need to be in BIA's ear maybe take them out to dinner or something, grease their palm or something but get them on the ball.

Councilor Pete said he is doing time and he heard none of that.

Helen Green said whatever they need to do, do it, she is behind them.

Councilor Pete said he will.

Speaker Riley thanked Helen Green. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked Helen Green if she said St. Ignace.

Helen Green responded yes, it was fabulous.

Councilor Crampton said he can call there and find out how they structured that and did that so.

Helen Green said it is just awesome. Green said she won a lot of money up there.

Councilor Crampton said good for you.

Speaker Riley said that always makes her trip to the casino better.

Helen Green said do they know what they did up there for her they did her two nights free per stay and they gave her a lot more credits.

Councilor Crampton said they have five casinos.

Speaker Riley said okay is there anybody else for Public Comment and recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said all he wanted to say to the Council and the membership too that he will not be in the office in July 13-16 because he is going to work Bike Time down there also.

Speaker Riley said oh, okay.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't need anything because he only lives ten miles but he just wanted to let the membership know that he will not be in the office those days.

Speaker Riley said he made an announcement last week just saying that the 13th and 14th that Thursday and Friday that nobody is going to be in but Council's Offices that.....there may.....he thinks that Grace Hendler is going to be here but other than that he thinks maybe Councilor Medacco will be here so when he said nobody or.....that is what he meant that Councilor Medacco will be here. Riley asked anybody else for Public Comment.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end First Open at 10:38.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:38; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:11 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:11; by Pete;
supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay they are in open.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any items to move.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-217 TO OPEN;
RESOLUTION, MOTION AND VOTE;** by Lewis; supported by
Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted Resolution #17-0628-217; resolution, motion and vote is moved to open.

The following resolution, motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0628-217,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THIS**

CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH NANCY MALLORY FOR THE POSITION DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Friedel - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

Speaker Riley asked if he can have a motion to adjourn at 11:13.

Councilor Medacco said they didn't do the contracts.

Councilor Pete said they got to do the contracts.

Speaker Riley said oh, that is right Language Camp Contracts. Riley said he did not see those there.

B. Approval of 2017 Language Camp Presenter Contracts

Approving the Tribal Ogema's Execution of 18 Agreements for the 2017 Language Camp being held on July 28-30, 2017.

Speaker Riley said he looking for a motion or discussion on those items.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0628-218;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF 18
AGREEMENTS FOR 2017 LANGUAGE CAMP; by Lewis; supported
by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0628-218 has been approved.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said now he is looking for a motion to adjourn at 11:14.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:14; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

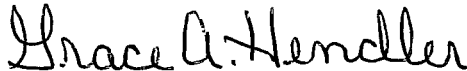
Roll Call #14

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes


Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder