



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018  
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 6, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said he would like to welcome everybody to their meeting for this Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer. Riley said Ron Pete is going to lead them in that.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for giving us another glorious day.  
Thank you for bringing us together.

For watching over us as we travel today.

Watch over us this evening on our way home wherever that may be.

Thank you for all the blessings you have given us.

Thank you for giving us the food that we are going to eat today.

May it be a blessing to our body.

Lord, we just want to thank you for all that you have done for us.

Bless all of our Police Officers and our First Responders.

Be with them today as they go about their business.

Be with them to bring them home safely to their families.

Bless all our Troops wherever they're serving throughout this world or through this Nation.

Be with them knowing that we bless them for what they are doing for us.

Bless their families who are also serving with them.

Bring them all home safely to a grateful Nation.

Through our Lord's name. Amen.

**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.

**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.

Recorder Lewis confirmed they have a quorum.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Alan Tyler, Matthew Chandler, Boo Battice, Matthew Battice, Shannon Mc Kay, Jennifer Crampton, Shayne Machen, Bill Willis, Frank Beaver.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Alanna Lahey.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 6, 2018 WITH NO CHANGES;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on the agenda. 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 the agenda has been approved for June 6, 2018.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**      5/23/18

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/23/18 FOR FILING;** by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked is are there any discussion. 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 approval for the Tribal Council Minutes for 5/23/18 has been accepted for filing.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$43,844**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Riley said Budget Coordinator Bill Willis is representing this and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #8 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said they just have to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no discussion on this he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-165;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2018-30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,844; by Pete;  
supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion.....discussion. 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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-165 has been approved.

**2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$37,101**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #7 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said this modification as well as the last one brings them up to \$728,124. Willis said they estimated they were going to receive about \$1,900,000.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said again if there is no discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-166; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-31 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,101; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley are there any abstentions or discussion. 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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-166 has been approved.

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$49,243**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this money actually is 2017 fiscal year money that they are now receiving in 2018 for Contract Support Costs. Willis said once again they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there isn't any discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-167;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2018-32 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,243; by Pete;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion....discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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 #18-0606-167 has been approved.

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$356,849**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #9 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$1,084,973 of the \$1.9 million they projected.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-168;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2018-33 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$356,849;** by Pete;  
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion.....discussion. 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 - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0606-168 has been approved.

**5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Service-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$1,180,965**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #4 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$2,657,814. Willis said they estimated \$2,687,779 so they are about \$30,000 short of receiving exactly what they estimated. Willis said so it is all good news.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he was going to say too that is all good news but if there is no more discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-169;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN  
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO**

**THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-34 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,180,965; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion.....discussion. 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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-169 has been approved.

**6. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-\_\_-2<sup>nd</sup> QTR to fund Acquisition of Parcel on Griffith Road in the amount of \$480,000**

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-012 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley said their Natural Resource Director Frank Beaver is here to represent this and that he had the floor.

Frank Beaver, Director of Natural Resources, represented this agenda item. Beaver said good morning and thanked them. Beaver said they have a Certification of Funds from the CFO in the amount of \$480,000 for the acquisition of this parcel. Beaver said this is a partnership acquisition through the Land Conservancy, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to acquire this parcel. Beaver said it is 321 acres and it on Bear Creek.

Speaker Riley asked is there any.....recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said he has a question. Pete asked Frank Beaver if he could explain in a little bit more detail about this parcel of land which he did.....he needed to hear from him too so.

Frank Beaver said it is a beautiful parcel.

Councilor Pete said it borders.....there is some creek through there, right, or river part.

Frank Beaver said it borders Bear Creek and they have a parcel on the north side of Bear Creek and this is on the south side. Beaver said this parcel can provide access for their members to fish, to hunt, because it is a partnership with the Land

Conservancy they retain Development Rights on that parcel so this is not a developable parcel. Beaver said this is for management for Natural Resources and for their members to hunt, fish and gather on that. Beaver said so it is not an Economic Development Parcel and there are no commercial opportunities here and this is simply for their Natural Resource use. Beaver said thankfully he did not have to negotiate this price because as soon as he saw it he lost his poker face. Beaver said it is just a very, very beautiful parcel.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Frank Beaver. Romanelli said he knows they had some discussions about this. Romanelli said he was unable to attend the recent work sessions and he just wants Council to know.....he is sure that in the work session they did state that the CFO stated that the Certificate of Funds were there. Romanelli said in recent.....the last few months the CFO has brought it to their attention that they really should be watching the revenue coming in from their Resort, their 2018 Budget and their overall Capital Spending since the beginning of the year. Romanelli said he knows that was probably brought up in the work session and considered so. Romanelli said he guessed they will vote the way they want to vote. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli. Riley asked do they have a motion or any other discussion on this.

Councilor Pete said well somebody got to do something. Pete said he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-170;  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-10-2<sup>nd</sup>  
QTR TO FUND ACQUISITION OF PARCEL ON GRIFFITH  
ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,000; by Pete; supported by  
Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked do they have a second on this. Riley apologized. Riley said he is sorry he didn't hear him. Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks this is probably a no brainer, he means, they used to own all the land and they are getting it back right now. Crampton said he doesn't think there is anything that the Tribe can do better than to buy back their land.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.



Councilor Lonn said she is looking at the other side if they are running low on funds which she knows because she talked to the CFO as well. Lonn said spending more money just doesn't sit well with her at this time but that is just her opinion.

Councilor Crampton said for clarification they did have a work session with.....it wasn't a work session it was.....so it is public information that they did talk with the CFO yesterday and pretty much assured that everything would even out so.

Speaker Riley said okay and any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0606-170 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Tribal Council and Frank Beaver.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Old Business**

**Reports that are due:**

- A. Operations Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Accounting Report  
March & April 2018 Due**
- D. Enrollment Commission  
April 2018 Due**
- E. Natural Resource Commission  
April 2018 Due**

**Reports received:**

- April 2018**
- April 2018**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said they have received the reports.....the Operations and Financial Reports for April 2018. Riley said the Accounting Report for March and April 2018 is still due as well as the Enrollment Commission for April and the Natural Resource Commission for April. Riley asked is there any discussion on the reports.

**V. New Business**

**A. Accepting for Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04-:GC-03 Chapter 3-Non-Gaming Employee Licensing**

The Gaming Commission approved the revised regulation on May 15, 2018 by Resolution #GC18-0515-18 and is now being forwarded to Tribal Council for filing in accordance with the Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04.

Speaker Riley said their Executive Director of the Gaming Commission, Kelly Maser, is here to represent this and that she had the floor.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Commission Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said good morning and thanked them. Maser said just a couple minor errors that were found when they did the initial revision. Maser said one was under the definitions section. Maser said there was a small blurt in there as it relates to vendors which this regulation has nothing to do with so they needed to remove that from the chapter. Maser said then the other significant revision was underneath the Privacy Act. Maser said they actually made sure that all of the regulations that referenced licensing had a consistent reference under the Privacy Act so that the language was exact in all of them. Maser said outside of that she doesn't believe in this particular one there wasn't any other changes. Maser said oh, under Section 12 under the Denial, Suspension and Revocation of the License, there was a reference to a section that actually doesn't exist so that was just an oversight when they did the initial approval a few months ago.

Speaker Riley said okay is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there is no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-171;  
ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION  
REGULATION #R400-04:GC-03 CHAPTER 3-NON-GAMING  
EMPLOYEE LICENSING; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion.....discussion. 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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-171 has been approved.

- B. Accepting for Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04-:GC-15 Chapter 15-Certificate of Rehabilitation Regulation**  
The Gaming Commission approved the revised regulation on May 15, 2018 by Resolution #GC18-0515-19 and is being forwarded to Tribal Council for filing in accordance with the Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04.

Speaker Riley said to Kelly Maser that she had the floor.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Commission Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said okay this regulation was somewhat of an overhaul and a couple of the reasons for it was back in January 2015 Tribal Council made revisions to the Rehabilitation for Licensure Ordinance and then the most recent revisions to the Gaming Ordinance caused them to need to make revisions to this particular ordinance. Maser said it was a lot of revisions and she doesn't know if they want her to go through them one by one but a lot of it again related to the revisions from the Rehabilitation Ordinance and then the Gaming Ordinance where Non-Gaming was removed from the ordinance and putting independent regulations in. Maser said that caused for a lot of need for revisions in this particular ordinance.....or regulation.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no questions he is prepared to do a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-172;  
ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION  
REGULATION #R400-04:GC-15 CHAPTER 15-CERTIFICATE OF  
REHABILITATION REGULATION; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or is there any discussion. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0606-172 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Kelly Maser.

**C. Approval of the Building Use Request-Aki Rental Agreement for the Aki Community Center**

The Tribal Ogema by and through the Unified Legal Department drafted this agreement so that Tribal Members may reserve the Aki Community Center in accordance with the Tribe's Building Use Policy.

Speaker Riley asked is there any.....recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say that he doesn't think this takes effect until what August.

Councilor Pete said August 1<sup>st</sup> he thinks.

Councilor Di Piazza said other than that he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-173;  
APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING USE REQUEST-AKI RENTAL  
AGREEMENT FOR THE AKI COMMUNITY CENTER;** by Di  
Piazza; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or is there any discussion on this one. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he just wants to make sure everybody knows that the reason why this is being done this way is for the purposes of making sure that the building is in proper order for the next person to take over and the equipment is in working condition. Friedel said that way they can cover some of the damages that is being done in the building. Friedel said like some of the utensils being missing. Friedel said it just covers that gray area.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, this also includes the Muskegon Office Rentals, too, correct.

Councilor Lonn said she thought it did.

Councilor Medacco said he thought this was just for Aki Maadiziwin.

Speaker Riley confirmed it is just for Aki Maadiziwin.

Ogema Romanelli said oh, because the.....he believed the ordinance.....Building Use Ordinance stated Muskegon and Aki Maadiziwin but he may be wrong here somewhat. Romanelli asked are they just covering this but there is the use and rental of the Muskegon Office at times and this would go to the same persons that are taking care of this, correct.

Speaker Riley said right.....right.

Ogema Romanelli said he is getting yeses and no's here.

Councilor Crampton said they are not sure because this was brought to them by Michelle Lucas and just an action.

Rebecca Liebing said this thing covers all the buildings.....the policy covers everything and that is under the control of the Ogema.....the Ogema sets the policy. Liebing said this is just a deposit for when people use the Aki Community Center.

Ogema Romanelli said it had.....okay.

Rebecca Liebing said so this is just related to the Community Center and specifically use of the kitchen, right, because they have all this equipment and utensils and things that are in the kitchen. Liebing said when folks utilize the Community Center sometimes they don't leave it exactly how they found it.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Rebecca Liebing said so this agreement just sets a deposit amount which is fully refundable so long as the property is exactly the same it all goes back to the member but it doesn't govern any other room. Liebing said when they did the work sessions they.....the discussion was just to limit it to the Aki Center not to any other room. Liebing said so there is no Room Rental Agreement but that doesn't mean they can't rent out the space to other folks if he wanted to they would just have to create a separate agreement for that at the time which is very doable. Liebing said this just means that when it comes to Aki because that is the most utilized room that they have that the public asks for they have this agreement in place and approved so it can be just handled by the Purchasing Department and it doesn't have to come in front of the Council every single time.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said okay so the Muskegon Office Rental is then handled as it was in the past.....

Rebecca Liebing said exactly.

Ogema Romanelli continued on with.....or do the.....there are some people and he knows one of them is from their Michelle Lucas was involved with this she will not be involved with the Muskegon Rental.

Rebecca Liebing said there is no agreement in place so if somebody is asking to use the Muskegon.....

Ogema Romanelli said they do.

Rebecca Liebing said.....Room then they are getting a utilization permit or something from the Ogema and that happens as it normally happens they haven't charged anybody for that and to her knowledge there is no equipment in Muskegon that is deemed damaged or needs to be replaced. Liebing said this was very specifically because they have that kitchen equipment and what happens is they do Elders Meals every single week and they have Noelle's Program coming in and there is no spoons or serving utensils because they somehow got included in the person's stuff when they left. Liebing said not that anybody was intending on stealing them necessarily but just that and that is what this addresses.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he is just trying to get ahead of this situation because they do have issues in Muskegon Office occasionally too. Romanelli said there is like a coffee pot and a microwave and all those things. Romanelli said there is equipment there like chairs and tables and sometimes there are damages there too. Romanelli said he thought that the Building Use Form actually stated the Community Center and Muskegon Office but.....

Rebecca Liebing said the Building Use Form is different than this. Liebing said the Building Use Form still needs to be filled out and Michelle Lucas is going to handle that with the packet she thinks she is going to make sure that they have that form filled out before the contract can be signed or whatever but the Building Use Form is still in existence and doesn't change. Liebing said this is like a separate thing just related to the Aki Center.

Ogema Romanelli said alright then he will probably get with his employee to make sure that they have an understanding there because he thought when they talked with Michelle Lucas she was talking both buildings. Romanelli said he can work that out with her.

Rebecca Liebing said yeah.....yeah she was in all the work sessions and they were going to connect them when they first started this not to get too deep into the woods but they actually.....their department had done it for all the rooms that they thought could be reserved in the Tribe. Liebing said this room, any conference room, anything and they got told to narrow it down specifically just to Aki and Michelle Lucas is aware of that. Liebing said so she thinks Michelle Lucas has a handle on it.

Ogema Romanelli said alright just so they are clear. Romanelli thanked Rebecca Liebing very much.

Speaker Riley thanked them both. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well actually now he is confused and may actually abstain from this vote because it was brought to them by one of the Ogema's employees and it wasn't an action of Council. Crampton said if he is unsure of what they actually brought forward he is kind of skeptical of voting on it.

Rebecca Liebing said this was first initiated by Tribal Council and actually by Councilor Lewis because someone had asked to rent out the Lodge.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Rebecca Liebing said that is what began all this so it did start with Council.

Councilor Crampton said she is not including if she told him she was including the properties.....he is just confused.

Rebecca Liebing said she just wanted to make sure that was clear.

Councilor Crampton asked are they including all the properties.

Rebecca Liebing said no it is just Aki. Liebing said that is why the title is just Aki.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said okay she just wanted to ask the Ogema. Lewis asked does he want a work session, a separate one on that to address the Muskegon Office.

Ogema Romanelli said at this time he doesn't think it is necessary.

Recorder Lewis said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he just needed clarification what this resolution covers.

Councilor Crampton asked the Ogema if he was good with it.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah he thinks he is good with it.....he can get back up. Romanelli said he guessed he is basically good with what they are doing here.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said alright and is there any further discussion. 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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-173 has been approved.

**D. Authorizing the Donation of \$500 to the Onekama Portage Lake Association for Fireworks Display-Onekama Days**

The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-174;  
 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE PORTAGE LAKE ASSOCIATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY-ONEKAMA DAYS;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or is there any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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 confirmed Resolution #18-0606-174 has been approved.

**E. Authorizing the Donation of \$350 to the Fury Futbol Club-Fruitport Youth Soccer**

The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.



Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-175;  
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$350.00 TO THE FURY  
FUTBOL CLUB-FRUITPORT YOUTH SOCCER;** by Pete; supported  
by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion. 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 #18-0606-175 has been approved.

**F. Resolution to Support the Implementation of Special Domestic  
Violence Criminal Jurisdiction**

A resolution in support of the implementation is required to complete the FY2018 application for the Office of Violence Against Women grant to Tribal Governments to exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction.

Speaker Riley said their Prosecutor, Shayne Machen, is here to represent this and that she had the floor.

Shayne Machen, Tribal Prosecutor, represented this agenda item. Machen said good morning Council. Machen said what they have before them is a resolution that contains some other requirements that are listed in the grant. Machen said it required Tribal Council to state that they support the implementation and that they will assign one member of Council to kind of serve on a committee where they discuss various law changes and activities that are done under the implementation. Machen said it also requires that Council will agree to ask for a Secretarial Election to amend the Constitution to change the requirement that at least one of the judges in the Trial Court be law trained. Machen said it doesn't require that they pass that amendment it just requires that Tribal Council is willing to request the Secretarial Election. Machen said in addition to that she is asking for permission to allow Speaker Riley to sign the MOA that is attached. Machen said the MOA includes ten of various parties. Machen said they have only been working on the grant for 14 days so it has been a little bit of a moving target.

Machen said there are small changes that she wanted to go over with them and then if Council passes it she will send a finalized typed version for their records. Machen said under Victim Advocate on page three and Family Services Director on page three there is a space. Machen said they are just waiting for confirmation about which other law they needed to list so that space will only be Tribal Law it doesn't have to read anything else. Machen said then they discussed on Monday that the first line of Court Administrator would be removed as well. Machen said she wished she could have had a finalized version in front of them but because she had to work with nine other people to kind of get everyone to agree on what it would say she was getting some yeses as early.....as late as this morning. Machen said she thinks that about covers the resolution and if they have any questions she would be happy to answer them.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said if she doesn't mind him asking. Wittenberg said he was reading this and it says special and he doesn't.....does she mind sharing that with him please.

Shayne Machen said sure the reason it is called Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction it is jurisdiction not Tribes would not otherwise have. Machen said typically the Tribe only has criminal jurisdiction over people who are members of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. Machen said in 2013 they passed a law giving the Tribe special jurisdiction over non-Native persons who commit Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence on the Reservation. Machen said as long as the Tribe has implemented this jurisdiction meaning they have to work with the Federal Government to place all these protections in place. Machen said so they refer to it as special because they wouldn't normally otherwise have it.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay and thanked Shayne Machen.

Shayne Machen said he was welcome.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there is no further questions he will make a....he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0606-176;  
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION;  
by Friedel; supported by Medacco.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said actually he has a question. Riley said generally if they have a case like this it usually bound over to the Western District, correct.

Shayne Machen said yes.

Speaker Riley said now does this give them or their judges leeway to implement sentencing guidelines that are higher than what they are allowed by law right now, the two years and \$5,000.

Shayne Machen said so a couple of things that she hopes they will indulge her to share some statistics that she learned throughout this. Machen said in 2015 there were 19 cases of Domestic Violence on the Reservation and 0 were committed by Tribal Members with 0 persons were prosecuted. Machen said in 2016 30 instances of Domestic Violence occurred on the Reservation 0 were committed by Native Offenders and 1 was prosecuted by the County Prosecutor. Machen said in 2017 36 instances of Domestic Violence occurred on the Reservation four were prosecuted with one by her office and one by the United States Attorney and an additional two by the County. Machen said only four of those were Native Offenders with the remaining one Non-Native Offender which means there has been more than 50 instances of Domestic Violence on their Reservation that have not been prosecuted simply because the Offender was Non-Native and they did not have jurisdiction. Machen said so if they.....she knows that is not exactly what he asked but she thought that was fascinating. Machen said in addition to that many of the cases are bound over and felony cases for the most part will still be bound over because they are still limited by the one year rule but this implementation allows them to also capture the Extended Sentencing Guidelines under the Tribal Law and Order Act which allows them to sentence up to nine years. Machen said so that is all a part of kind this three to five year process so eventually she is hoping that will get there.

Speaker Riley said okay and his question was basically because he wouldn't want to see them taking over jurisdiction and thanked Shayne Machen for the statistics but taking over then getting softer treatment here than they would elsewhere.

Shayne Mache said she doesn't think he has to worry about that as long as she is here.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said the MOU and is she asking for that when it is completed.

Shayne Machen said she is asking for them to authorize Speaker Riley to sign the MOU and the MOU is required for submission to the grant which is due tomorrow.

Councilor Crampton said oh the MOU is required because.....

Shayne Machen said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks it says the.....it is just the resolution is what it needs.

Shayne Machen said yeah, the grant itself requires an MOA. Machen said there is a whole section in there that lists all the parties that are required to be involved and some optional parties and the things that they have to commit to. Machen said so specifically it requires the Ogema who is already signed on. Machen said it requires the Service Coordinator, Law Enforcement, Prosecutor and the Chief Judge and then the head of the Legislative Body as they call it. Machen said they also added a couple of other parties that they thought were going to be critical to the project which would include Jason Cross and Angela Sherigan or Judge Sherigan and Court Administrator.

Councilor Crampton said okay and thanked Shayne Machen.

Speaker Riley asked is there any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

#### **Roll Call #14**

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 #18-0606-176 has been approved.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to thank Shayne Machen for all her hard work with this given the circumstances he thinks it is about time they start protecting their women and victims of Domestic Violence within their jurisdiction.

Councilor Di Piazza said it can go either way.

Speaker Riley said well, yeah.

Councilor Di Piazza said they need to protect both.

Speaker Riley said they are protecting all victims but most men go unreported unfortunately.

## **VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

## **B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he wanted to echo before Shayne Machen leaves the room. Romanelli thanked Shayne Machen for all her hard work too and everybody included in it. Romanelli said good job. Romanelli said what else do they have. Romanelli said they are trying.....it is going to be a busy summer but within the Tribe they are trying to fill key positions. Romanelli said they now have the HR Director Position that they are still trying to fill. Romanelli said the Clinic Director they are trying to fill and now the Housing Director. Romanelli said these are all key and it gets harder and harder it seems to fill the positions with qualified people but just to let them know they are working on it. Romanelli said they also have a new Intern in the Unified Legal Department and he doesn't know if she just wants to stand up and say her name.

Alanna Lahey stated her name and said hello.

Ogema Romanelli said to Alanna Lahey that it was nice to see her. Romanelli said she is welcome to say a few more words if she wants to. Romanelli asked they are good, okay. Romanelli said he didn't want to put her on the spot. Romanelli said the only other information he has is that the Ogema is holding an Informational Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00 at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant in Muskegon. Romanelli said other than that he thinks that is the end of his information.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to extend the olive branch if there is anything the Ogema needs from Council to help fill these positions whether it is a little bit more in the Budget or whatever or if it is a lower grade than what is attracting talent, etc. they are there.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions on the Business Update.

## **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes historical last night Debra Holland from New Mexico won the Democratic Nomination and she is a Tribal Member from New Mexico but with winning the nomination and she goes to Congress she will be the first Native American Woman ever in Congress.

Speaker Riley said it was between her and Paulette Jordan they have a lot to be proud of as Native People.

Councilor Crampton said exactly.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he was just going to say he saw that this morning too. Pete said there are two Native American Men still currently serving in Congress. Pete said Debra Holland is a proud member of the Pueblo Nation and he heard a few words from her this morning. Pete said he was.....he can't vote in New Mexico but maybe he can but he remembered \_\_\_\_\_ once said to vote early and vote often. Pete said so at any rate he wishes her the best of luck also and thanked Councilor Crampton for bringing that up.

Speaker Riley said anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said this past week Diane Lonn, Gary Di Piazza and he were at the United Tribes Meeting in Petoskey. Friedel said there were a lot of good talking points went on about the oil pipelines up there and what they are doing about those. Friedel said they talked about the cables that were broken as well. Friedel said Congressman Jack Bergman was there as well and he got to reach out and say hello to him as he was leaving. Friedel said he actually got a picture and talked with him on his Face Book Page. Friedel said everything was pretty decent and was a lot of good.....it was great to be with all the Tribes again, they know, a lot of the Tribes in Michigan. Friedel said basically everything that is happening with the Tribe is happening to everybody else so it is not just them its every Tribe in Michigan is going through what this Tribe is going through. Friedel said they were talking about the casinos doing well and not doing well. Friedel said that is on everybody's plate and that was a main topic of a lot of the conversation behind the scenes with a lot of the other Tribal Council's and Chairs there.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said just to add onto that there was discussion on the upcoming Census. Lonn said they need to get involved because that is the way a lot of their grants is based upon the number of Native Americans so just a thought that they have to work on that. Lonn said the other thing they brought up was Veterans and how they are not able to access their Clinic. Lonn said Mr. Bergman is on the Veteran's Council and he was going to look into it and see what is going on so hopefully that will change around too.

Speaker Riley said okay anything further for Legislative Affairs.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Riley asked do they have any public comments. Riley recognized Matt Chandler.

Matthew Chandler, Tribal #1687, said that is his citizen I.D. Chandler said he doesn't know if some of them had been looking in the news about President Trump wanting to reclassify their Nation. Chandler said one of the keys to that is the wording in fact the wording that they use to describe themselves. Chandler said he would like Tribal Council to start considering taking out the word "member" and using the word "citizen" because if they are talking sovereign to sovereign they don't say someone is a member of Germany, somebody is a member of the United States or someone is a member of Israel. Chandler said they say they are a citizen of the United States, they are a citizen of Israel or they are a citizen of Germany. Chandler said when they talk about membership they are giving into the class of race that they are a member of this race or they are a member of that race. Chandler said they don't say they are a citizen of this race or citizen of that race. Chandler said so for their own sovereignty they need to start referring to themselves as citizens of this Nation instead of Tribal Members of this Nation. Chandler said that distinction will make a huge difference when they are talking about sovereign to sovereign relationships. Chandler thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked if there was anybody else for public comment. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he would just like to take a moment.....this has been a.....this is always a very special.....this week actually special for him.....although his father passed away in 1992 74 years ago today his father was serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the first wave on Normandy Beach. Pete said he thinks they owe those people a great deal of gratitude and it always hits him special today so his morning was a lot different than their mornings 74 years ago. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete, "thank you" for that. Riley said it looks like they will be going into closed session.

***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.***

Tribal Council recessed at 10:47 a.m.

#### **VIII. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:10 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything to move.

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

**MOTION TO MOVE MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE FOR RESOLUTION #18-0606-177, 178, 179, 180 AND 181; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.**

Speaker Riley asked do they have any abstentions. Riley asked any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said motion, roll call and vote for Resolution #18-0606-177, 178, 179, 180 and 181 is moved into open.

*The following motions, roll calls and votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0606-177, APPROVE TRIBAL OGEMA TO COMPLETE THE 321 ACRE GRIFFITH ROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE ON BEHALF OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS; by Medacco; supported by Pete.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)



**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0606-178,  
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MASTER  
 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARKETING RESOURCE  
 GROUP; by Medacco; supported by Pete.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0606-179,  
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE THIRD  
 AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
 THROUGH CY2018 WITH CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH  
 CONSULTANTS; by Medacco; supported by Pete.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0606-180,  
 RATIFICATION OF OLSON, BZDOK & HOWARD CONTRACT;  
 by Medacco; supported by Lewis.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

**Roll Call #C-6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0606-181,  
 RATIFICATION OF TRAVOIS DESIGN CONTRACT; by Pete;  
 supported by Friedel.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

**Roll Call #C-7**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Riley asked if there is a motion to adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:12;** by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked any discussion on that one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

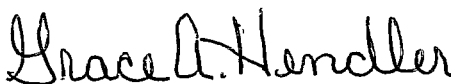
**Roll Call #16**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder