

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016  
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 8, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Lee Mc Caslin, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Into the wind \_\_\_\_ and all of our relations.

As I like to give thanks to our Grandmothers and Grandfathers and what they have to offer and share and send blessings on this day to the places and areas where we know that it is equal in the equal system. The plants, trees, and the sustainability of life. With that I would like to say Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Roll Call**

J. Riley - Present	J. Burger- Present	F. Medacco- Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza- Present	M. Wabindato -Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	V. Johnson - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Ari Cornman, Diane Lonn, Frank Beaver, Jennifer Crampton, Ron Pete, Gary Lewis, Chuck Fisher, Dave Corey, Jason Cross, Sgt. Robles, Steve Wheeler.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen, Tom St. Dennis, Lee Mc Caslin, Judge John Bailey.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE RENOVATION TO A.2 AND REVISED NEW BUSINESS D;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #1**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted that the agenda is approved.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  05/25/16  05/31/16**

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/25 AND 5/31;** by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #2**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted that the minutes are accepted.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

- 1. Approval of grant application to U.S Department of Housing & Urban Development under the 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for costs related to the planning and preparations for expansion of the Waste Water Treatment System to accommodate the City of Manistee, and Townships of Onekama, Arcadia, and Bear Lake**  
 Funding will provide the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians the financial resources to prepare for the increased flows that will result from expanding services to Neighboring Communities.

Chuck Fisher from the Grants Department and Gary Lewis Director of the Utilities Department represented this agenda item. Fisher said this application is to HUD and it is for the Indian Community Development Block Grant. Fisher said there is an upper limit of \$600,000 that they might be able to apply for. Fisher said they don't have a Budget in place yet for this particular effort. Fisher said the whole Budget is being developed by an Engineering firm Gosling Zubeck and most of the funding details will be predicated on those results which they will try to get today hopefully. Fisher said the project is basically in three parts where the overall goal for the project is to establish the readiness of the Tribe to manage the increased demands for the Waste Water Treatment Services that they are able to supply. Fisher said there are a number of communities in the area including the City of Manistee, Onekama, Arcadia and Bear Lake that are interested in bringing sewer lines to their RSPR Plant. Fisher said that is a lot of work and they need to be ready to receive those additional flows. Fisher said this grant is basically looking at the ways that they can go about accomplishing that. Fisher said one component of the grant involves the construction of an addition to the Lagoon System that they have and they will be looking to complete a design and construct a finishing pond to work in conjunction with that existing system. Fisher said another part of the application involves a study, an Engineering Study that would look at the requirements of the DEQ and the EPA to come up with a series of recommendations that they will be able to address to be able to get into compliance with all those standards and requirements. Fisher said the remaining part of the project has to do with Master Planning. Fisher said Gary Lewis said in the meeting yesterday or in the Agenda Review that they never had a Master Plan or a Utility Systems and they have been kind of addressing them as matters came up and the needs arose. Fisher said this is an opportunity to take a better look at all these projects that are kind of lining up and looking at utilizing their services in a regional effort because they are basically covering most of Manistee County if all of this comes to pass. Fisher said it is looking like portions of it will so this basically prepares them for that when it occurs.

Councilor Di Piazza said with this grant will some of that be utilized for equipment such pumps.

Chuck Fisher said yes whatever goes into the construction of the Lagoon would be a parcel of the project. Fisher said all the construction elements that would be related to that project. Fisher said they do have Steve Parsons who is going to work at adding the roads component addition that would be involved with that to their TTIP so those costs would be factored into the leveraging portion of the grant which hasn't been discussed here and now but they did talk about that in Agenda Review. Fisher said it looks like this is going to be a combination of a Cash Match and an In-kind Administrative Match. Fisher said like he said they don't have the Budget so they don't have those exact figures right now but it looks like that is how this is going to end up if they are going to go for the 25%. Fisher said that might be something he can ask them here and now. Fisher said

there is a 25% Match Level that the Tribe would need to meet in order to get eight points in the scoring. Fisher said the match isn't required and is actually referred to as leveraging and there is a little bit of a difference there but basically it is a match. Fisher said if they want to go after the eight points he will probably need to represent that in the resolution and thinks that he already has. Fisher said let him ask them that. Fisher said he is thinking that it will be a kind of a balance between Administrative Support that they can put in as leveraging and a cash match which would probably an equal basis. Fisher reiterated that it is not a requirement but it would certainly improve their chances of an award. Fisher said they don't have to answer now.

Speaker Johnson said a roll call vote would substantiate whether they would support it or not. Johnson asked if there are any questions or any discussion on this item.

Councilor Di Piazza said just one more and asked when it is due.

Chuck Fisher replied the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Di Piazza questioned of this month.

Chuck Fisher said yes sir.

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to add that they had a really good meeting not directly related to this but close to it with the leadership from the Chickasaw Nation. Johnson said they talked about Economic Development and how they are very successful. Johnson said one of the things they talked about and repeated it several times was knowing their capabilities and building on their capabilities. Johnson said currently they do have a Waste Water Treatment Plant that appears to be very successful and very up to date the new one. Johnson said it appears that this \$600,000 if they are successful on obtaining some of the funding could add to that capability to even increase it. Johnson said it falls in lines with the Chickasaw Nation is doing and they are quite successful in their Economic Development. Johnson said he just wanted to share that with his colleagues here and the people out in the audience what is happening here.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had one more question. Di Piazza asked how many connections do they have currently connected.

Gary Lewis said four right now currently.

Councilor Di Piazza said the main businesses.

Gary Lewis replied the Manistee County Jail, the Westshore Medical Center, the Medical Care Facility and the Professional Building. Lewis said the Medical Care Facility is actually.....there are actually three connections per say but the

Medical Care Facility actually discharges into the hospital which discharges to the Tribe.

Speaker Johnson said it is still open for discussion or a motion.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-164; APPROVAL OF A GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE FY2016 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (ICDBG) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 TO BUILD TRIBAL CAPACITY AND ACHIEVE READINESS TO PROVIDE WASTE WATER TREATMENT SERVICES TO FOUR ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES IN MANISTEE COUNTY;** by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #3**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-164 passes.

**2. Approval of a grant application to the Manistee County Community Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 consistent with the Live Well Manistee Strategic Plan and in the interest of serving children through the Tribal Child and Family Development Center**

~~The funding will provide the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians the financial resources to prepare for the increased flows that will result from expanding services to Neighboring Communities. The Live Well Manistee Collaborative Grant Program will support increasing access to healthy food at the Child & Family Development Center.~~

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is a grant application to the Manistee County Community Foundation and District Health Department #10. Cross said it is a Live Well Manistee Grant and in the amount of \$10,000. Cross said they hope to use this grant to increase the access to healthy food and they are going to do that through the two greenhouses that are in the floor plan for the Child Development Center. Cross said they are hoping to collaborate with MSU at some point since they have the

Agricultural Program to develop healthy eating not only at the center but throughout the community. Cross said there is no match on this grant.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion, questions or a motion.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-165; APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LIVE WELL MANISTEE COLLABORATIVE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO SUPPORT INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD AT THE CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER;** by Burger; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #4**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-165 passes.

**B. Budget Modifications**

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Budget Modifications.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval of Expenditure for Trade-in and Purchase of Natural Resource Department Vehicles**

The Natural Resource Department intends to trade-in four old vehicles and use the proceeds in combination with internal funds to purchase a new vehicle that will be used as a Telemetry Vehicle.

Ari Cornman, Senior Wildlife Biologist of the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Cornman said the Natural Resources Department specially the Wildlife Program within the Natural Resources Department has several old vehicles. Cornman said a couple of these vehicles are essentially not really safe to drive at this point and they are all high mileage. Cornman said their intent and what they would like to do is trade in four of these vehicles. Cornman said the trade in value together with some funding from the Inland Rights Program they will combine those and they would like to get a new Tribal Vehicle. Cornman said that Tribal Vehicle will be used as the Telemetry Vehicle for tracking, radio tracked animals.

Councilor Di Piazza asked how many vehicles they have in the department.

Ari Cornman replied right now they have Tribal.....and asked in the whole department or the Wildlife Program.

Councilor Di Piazza said the whole department.

Bob Sanders replied they have seven he thinks. Sanders said Fisheries has two Tribally Owned Vehicles and Wildlife has five.

Councilor Di Piazza asked how many GSA's right now at least.

Bob Sanders said he believed four of them.

Ari Cornman agreed four of them.

Councilor Di Piazza asked if they will be traded in and if that was part of the seven vehicles that they.....

Ari Cornman said sorry....

Councilor Di Piazza said the number seven that they gave him for the Tribally Owned Vehicles and if that is including the ones being traded in for that.

Ari Cornman answered that is including the ones so they are getting rid of four of the seven.

Speaker Johnson asked if they were any other questions, discussion or a motion on this item.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-166; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR TRADE IN AND PURCHASE OF NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE;** by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he is just going to add to it because Ari Cornman was not present during the Agenda Review but the rest of the staff was and one of the things was Council when they purchase these vehicles they also wanted to make sure they are getting rid of the unused ones. Johnson said he can see they are taking care of at least four of them and they appreciate that first of all. Johnson said in the discussion at Agenda Review they also discussed potentially there were also other vehicles in inventory from other departments that potentially they could add to it but they can do that after the deal was his understanding. Johnson said he wanted to make sure the Ogema was aware of this and the people in the

decision making process are aware that they had that brief discussion in Agenda Review. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

**Roll Call #5**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-166 passes.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. **Financial Report**  **None Submitted**
- B. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  **None Submitted**
- C. **Natural Resource Commission**  **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Old Business to report at this point.

**V. New Business**

- A. **Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mason County Road Commission for the funding of the First Street Improvement Project**

The MOA will allow the Tribe to work with the Mason County Road Commission and assist in the funding of the Road Improvement Project on First Street in Custer Township.

Speaker Johnson said this item would fall under Steve Parsons and he doesn't see him here. Johnson said he is going to ask the Ogema if there was somebody they could ask from the Executive side to represent this item.

Ogema Romanelli said he can probably get.....Steve Parsons is not here today.

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't see him in the room here.

Ogema Romanelli said no he could probably get him to assist and asked Mary Thomas if she could see if Steve Parsons was here if she didn't mind.

Speaker Johnson said he is just asking so they can share this with the membership. Johnson said he knows they talked about this in Agenda Review but he wanted to make sure the membership had a full understanding from one of the project champions of this process. Johnson said he can see Tom St. Dennis is.....

Tom St. Dennis, Commerce Department, asked if this was on the MOA.



Speaker Johnson said yes.

Tom St. Dennis said he would be happy to do that.

Speaker Johnson said okay come forward please.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be for A and B actually.

Tom St. Dennis apologized because he was talking to Steve Wheeler. St. Dennis said Steve Parsons asked him to cover this for him and he just blew it.

Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked Tom St. Dennis.

Ogema Romanelli said to Mary Thomas that they have someone and thanked her.

Tom St. Dennis said with respect to Item A that he is really honored to represent this on behalf of Steve Parsons because Tribal Council and Steve Parsons have really put together a historic agreement here. St. Dennis said this agreement talks or pulls together five Units of Government which is the federal, Little River, Mason County Road Commission, Mason County, and the Village of Custer. St. Dennis said this agreement also will directly benefit lands they own in Custer so they are pretty excited about it. St. Dennis said two other final points that the monies that are going to be used are BIA Roads money and is not the Tribe's money per say and there was no waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity whatsoever in these agreements.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any questions or a motion on this item.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-167;  
RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
THE MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR THE  
PERFORMANCE AND FUNDING OF THE FIRST STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #6**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-167 passes.

**B. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Manistee County Road Commission for the funding of the Milarch Road Improvement Project**

The MOA will allow the Tribe to work with the Manistee County Road Commission and assist in the funding of the Road Improvement Project on Milarch Road in Manistee and Brown Townships.

Tom St. Dennis, Commerce Department, represented this agenda item. St. Dennis said again it is an honor to stand here to also represent the work of Council and Steve Parsons. St. Dennis said again they have a collaboration of five Units of Government and this is just really spectacular evidence of Little River’s ability to work with other Units of Government. St. Dennis said they have a much needed improvement of a piece of land that will join two already improved pieces of land or roads. St. Dennis said again no waiver of sovereign immunity. St. Dennis said the contract has been fully vetted with the Bureau of Indian Affairs who have signed off on this and they are willing to put up the money for their portion of this.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-168; RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MANISTEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR THE PERFORMANCE AND FUNDING OF THE MILARCH ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; by Di Piazza; supported by Burger.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said one thing he wants to bring to everybody’s attention. Johnson said they need to make sure that as they move forward on these MOA’s that it is being publicized so the community understands the contribution this Tribe is making to make it a Community of Choice and a place to stay. Johnson reiterated they need to make sure everybody understands the contribution they are making here. Johnson said he invites the Ogema and Council and anybody else especially their MGR who are working on the two-part determination to get together on this to show some of the wonderful things that this Tribe is doing to make this a better place.

**Roll Call #7**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-168 passes.

Speaker Johnson thanked Tom St. Dennis for representing this item on behalf of Steve Parsons.

**C. Consideration of Appointment of Jim Wabindato to the Board of Directors**

This appointment is for Seat #7.

Councilor Crampton said he just seen the letter they got from Grace Hendler this morning and asked if they have the background check.

Councilor Medacco said he thinks it is still pending.

Ogema Romanelli said the background check is pending and because of the person being out of state. Romanelli said he believed they did this with the last one as well, Connie Terrell whereas they made the motion but it was pending based on a.....

Councilor Crampton said it was an interview and not a background check. Crampton said it was an interview that they held her up for.

Ogema Romanelli asked if they did not also do the same thing for the background check. Romanelli said he thought she was approved.....

Councilor Crampton said he was just looking at the minutes of the meeting and it was for an interview. Crampton said he thinks she had her background check already done and they held it up because Council hadn't interviewed her yet.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said the reason he is asking is that they also postponed the appointment of a member to the Gaming Commission and to the Enrollment Commission because they didn't have background checks.

Ogema Romanelli said he has no problems with postponing this one if that is what is being done.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if he saw his hand.

Recorder Riley responded no.

Speaker Johnson said at this point it is open for discussion and he is hearing in the discussion of potentially postponing this until after the background check is complete. Johnson said so at this point he would entertain a motion to postpone this item until they get the background.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE BACKGROUND CHECK;** by Crampton; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion. Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was still open for discussion.

**Roll Call #8**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- No	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- No	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed the item is postponed.

**D. Approval of a Youth Dance to be held on July 1, 2016 sponsored by Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema**

Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema have both agreed to each donate \$850 from their Budgets for this event that will be held at the Pow Wow Grounds.

Speaker Johnson said what he would like to do briefly before they get into too much discussion he would entertain, and apologized, to Councilor Lewis but she has been doing an outstanding job of bringing this forward on behalf of the children. Johnson said to Councilor Lewis that maybe she could give the membership a quick update what this is about.

Councilor Lewis said this is for a dance for July 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. over in the pavilion. Lewis said this is a Pre-Pow Wow Dance and they are going to go ahead and get the information out to other Bands in the State of Michigan so that their youth can come and meet their youth. Lewis said they have pizza going, some games, and it is just appreciation for the children.

Speaker Johnson said noted before he recognizes Diane Lonn that the \$1,500, from his understanding, \$750 from Council and \$750 from Ogema.

Tribal Council informed Speaker Johnson that it is \$850.

Recorder Riley said \$1,700 total.

Speaker Johnson apologized and noted the revised one. Johnson thanked Council and said \$850 each.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she thinks this is a great idea but she would like to see accountability. Lonn said if they are giving this much money for this dance she would like to see the accountability of where this money is going and

something turned back into the Council. Lonn said she would also wonder if there are going to be enough chaperones or someone there so the kids, because she knows there is going to be games and kids can be sort of rowdy, and she hopes that there will be some police or someone there to keep track of the kids or make sure that everything runs smoothly. Lonn said as a parent she would hate to see her children there and not have that direction or someone there. Lonn said she knows that there will be people there dancing but they need to make sure their kids are safe and watched but as far as they tend to give money out and they never ask for accountability where this money goes or how it is spent. Lonn said she thinks if when they travel they have to do accountability and she thinks it should also fall upon when they give money that they should have something to give back to the Council to show where they spent this money.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilor Burger.

Councilor Burger said she was \_\_\_ that Diane Lonn brought up the idea of accountability for this particular activity because she is always kind of puzzled by accountability has to apply so strongly to the activities that they sponsor for their kids but there is a Budget. Burger said the Budget has been developed to provide food and snacks, gift cards for the clean-up crew, they are going to have Dance Contest and this is a sponsored activity of the Tribal Council and the Ogema's Office directly. Burger said this is not an organizational or another organization that is affiliated with the Tribe or another body that is asking for this donation. Burger said they all have the responsibility to be there as chaperones that evening. Burger said one of the things that is a Council member who has enrolled children and knowing the efforts that are put forth to demonstrate to the enrolled children of this Tribe that this Tribe has a vested interest in their future. Burger said this is peanuts. Burger repeated this is peanuts, not Councilor Lewis. Burger said her view \$1,500 only begins to become the tip of the ice berg into the activities that this Tribe should be sponsoring and should be collaborating with inter-departmental efforts and inter-governmental efforts to not only demonstrate that their future means something to these children that they are their future and they mean something to them but that they need their engagement with this government at the earliest level. Burger said they are watching a substantial brain drain happen here and they have many people in their Tribe that were youth that went off to college, that graduated with degrees, multiple degrees, some of them and they are not bringing that back here. Burger said so it is time for them to stop wondering how they are going to do that. Burger said they had an internal discussion with Council which she thinks is great about how to foster the notion that these kids should want to serve their government because at the end of the day she is not going to be here forever because longevity is going keep that and at some point it is just to going to be an act of either voting or it is going to be an act of nature. Burger said she wants to make sure that the folks that are coming behind her personally have a vested interest in the success of their government, their government because that is what it is all about, their government.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilors Crampton and Lewis.

Councilor Crampton said well first of all he just wanted to applaud Councilor Burger for her words because it is always accountability, it always comes up when it has something to do with the children. Crampton said he thinks it is an unfair application that this Tribe has applied for years and as it was stated at the podium they give out all kinds of money without accountability but yet they want it comes to the kids here they go, let's be accountable, let's account for every dollar. Crampton said if they notice when they give out school clothes money the kids have a long list of what they have to report back to this Tribe.

Councilor Burger said all of their receipts.

Councilor Crampton said yes, Directors don't have to but their kids if they get a measly amount of money they have to really apply everything. Crampton said their receipt because they could be audited and it is an unfair application. Crampton said he would just like to thank Councilor Burger for her words.

Councilor Lewis said she is really excited that they are investing this into their children because it is a minimal amount and their time. Lewis said she is really glad that they have this opportunity and growing up herself she went to Magizi School and through that they did a lot of travelling. Lewis said they went to Minnesota on the Longest Walk, a lot of the Bands, they got together and did different activities. Lewis said she thinks this is really good because they could grow some lifelong bonds with activities like this so when the other Bands come in and get to know their children they are going to become adults and they are going to know different people from different areas. Lewis said this is a really good positive thing and really enforces who they are as Native people and what she is really looking forward to also is hopefully she can get a "Dance Off" between the Speaker and the Ogema that night.

Ogema Romanelli said and the General Manager who was clapping the loudest out there.

Recorder Riley said he thought that was a "What about me" clap.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0608-169; APPROVAL  
OF A YOUTH DANCE TO BE HELD ON JULY 1, 2016  
SPONSORED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL  
OGEMA; by Riley; supported by Wabindato.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he doesn't believe that he has the outline of the event itself and again he knows that the Resort has also offered to donate the water and things of that nature for it to help reduce the costs. Johnson said he wanted to say Miigwech for that help and moving forward on that because it makes everything a

little bit better and easier for them. Johnson said also in regards to Agenda Review they talked a little bit about the Dance Contest and also about the Ogema & Speaker out there dancing. Johnson said he can honestly say this Speaker doesn't believe will be dancing. Johnson reiterated that he doesn't believe he will be dancing. Johnson said anyways he will bow to the Ogema and Ron Pete the General Manager. Johnson said they can do all the dancing they want.

Councilor Burger said constitutionally doesn't that fall to the Recorder's responsibility then.

Speaker Johnson said Miigwech. Johnson said Ron Pete had his hand up and they are still in the discussion period on this item.

Ron Pete, Tribal #4158, said to Councilor Lewis that he just wanted to let her know that if there is anything else or if she needs something different from the Resort other than the water or anything like that to remember to call him. Pete said they stand ready to do what they need to do.

**Roll Call #9**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-169 passes.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

Speaker Johnson said he wanted the membership to understand that the Recorder is going to be in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Tribe addressing some issues there. Johnson said the Speaker is going to be on vacation so they will have Interim Speaker and Recorder for the next meeting.

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

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to commend the Council for passing the two road proposals because he thinks that is good. Romanelli said as they have talked they need to toot their own horns somewhat and let communities know not only the local community but benefits and contributions they do as a Tribe so he thinks that adds to the mix. Romanelli said they have also scheduled their yearly Budget Meeting where they bring it to the membership of what they are going to do for 2017. Romanelli said that has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. which is prior to the Elders Meeting and again they have been trying to

schedule it on the same day as the Elders so they can get their participation. Romanelli asked Ron Pete if that was going to work for him.

Ron Pete, Tribal #4158, said just so they know that last year in August the Elders had their Elders Meeting over at the Pow Wow Grounds in August and they did a Cook Out along with a Pot Luck. Pete said in any event at the Elders Meeting this past Saturday it got such a great response that they decided to do that again. Pete said the Resort is going to bring over their grills and so on again. Pete said last year they had people from Council helping with the.....it would be great so although.....yes that is not a problem with them. Pete said they won't be following that out at Aki with the Elders Meeting and the Elders Meeting will actually be starting at noon over at the Pow Wow Grounds. Pete said in fact does he have to confirm the Pow Wow Grounds so they can use them on that date or he doesn't know. Pete said he doesn't know how that works.

Diane Lonn said last time she just asked Maintenance.

Ron Pete said their Maintenance people facilities last year brought over the stuff they needed to grill. Pete said to the Ogema that he is welcome.....that is fine but they are not going to be there at Aki but will be at the Pow Wow Grounds that day if that makes a difference.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Ron Pete. Romanelli said now there is enough time that they can decide if they want and move and match over at the Pow Wow Grounds for the meeting.

Ron Pete said he is welcome to do it at the Pow Wow Grounds because their people, the Elders, always come early so that is fine there too. Pete said it was so much fun there last year and they had so much food that people brought to pass dishes and so on. Pete said so they decided overwhelmingly to have it again there this August.

Ogema Romanelli said they will make sure they are coordinated within the next few weeks.

Ron Pete said to let them know.

Ogema Romanelli said they are also trying to fill positions that have been vacant for a while both on the Legislative and Executive side. Romanelli said he had a housing issue brought to his attention which he assumed it was a concern with the rates and he would pass that onto the Housing Commission as well. Romanelli said he thinks that is all he has for right now.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to note that Council did schedule a Saturday Meeting for that Saturday also so if they could include either himself or the



Speaker in that coordination so they can figure out what time they are going to have the meeting at so they don't have any overlap.

Ogema Romanelli asked if that was a Council Meeting that they scheduling.

Recorder Riley said yes on Saturday.

Ogema Romanelli said for that same day. Romanelli said he thinks they can probably do that. Romanelli said they are scheduled for ten so.....he doesn't know how long theirs takes. Romanelli said they will make sure they are in the coordination session.

Speaker Johnson said Ron Pete is raising his hands like he's.....it is the same thing as they did last year. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion in the business area.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Councilor Burger said just that they are still moving forward with action on the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act, the Tribe has been involved with the Sovereignty Coalition of over 100 Tribes and earlier.....actually later last week and earlier this week that coalition forwarded a letter to several of the key Congressional Leadership and believed it is going onward to the White House to try and continue to garnish support for the passage of that law and inclusion on some other legislative effort moving forward. Burger said they just keep hammering away at it.

Councilor Di Piazza said one thing from the Saturday Elder's Meeting after Lon Johnson spoke and addressed the Elders. Di Piazza said he was quite excited to come and speak in front of everybody so he was very excited to come and present himself.

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

Lee Mc Caslin, Tribal #0748, said again, he stands before Council and the Ogema. Mc Caslin said seven months ago he was here and they learned, they lived and they forgot. Mc Caslin said when it comes to the safety and welfare of their people and he is watching the struggle of an individual member and it is on her behalf that he is here today again. Mc Caslin said he sees that her struggles and her sacrifice knowing that she is incapable of caring for herself so he finds himself here again to ask this Council and the Ogema for help. Mc Caslin said so they live, they learn and they forgot and so to instill that on her behalf disability or anything that could comfort her at this time because she is so far below the poverty level and he travelled a long distance between surgeries and laying by her side. Mc Caslin said as they learn and they lived then they forgot again in who they are as a people. Mc Caslin said when it comes to accountability as they may

think about that as that time comes closer in each of their lives and if any members are going through that he feels for them. Mc Caslin said either they live inside the nine counties and they are still not getting or it is not being applied to or maybe they don't have the resources that they need to take care of these people living on the outside are the representatives or whatever. Mc Caslin asked are they hearing them and are the transactions taking place. Mc Caslin said so they lived, they learned and they forgot again. Mc Caslin said that brings him back to the Country Club when one time he was at a meeting this is not a Country Club and the accountability of they lived, they learned, and they forgot again of the accountability is membership. Mc Caslin said when it continues he brought this to the Council \_\_\_\_ for the five dollar membership fee and maybe they need accountability of that to see where that is going but they lived, they learned, and they forgot again. Mc Caslin said there are some of them that remember these times and if it is not recorded and given openly and freely to each and every one of them and hopefully as they join this venture equally together. Mc Caslin reiterated that it is an equal system and hopes that each one of them can feel the pain and the suffering of one Tribal member that's still going through that process as he does each and every day he lays down his sema and he prays because he knows it is in the Creator's hands. Mc Caslin said still they lived, they learned and they forgot, they know, seven months and right now they are right at that point again where they are looking at the state, the colonial life state that is helping her at this point and running out of supplies of taking care of her wounds, her flesh wounds. Mc Caslin said there again they lived, they learned and they forgot. Mc Caslin said with that he would just like to acknowledge that gives them something to think about, life is important.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other Public Comments.

*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.*

**MOVE TO ADJOURN FIRST OPEN AT 10:50;** by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

**Roll Call #10**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis -- Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:32 a.m.

**MOVE TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:32;** by Riley; supported by Burger.

**Roll Call #11**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTIONS #16-0608-171 AND #172; RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE TO OPEN SESSION;** by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #12**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

*The following items were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0608-171, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF EXTENSION TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLS PAPER & SUPPLY COMPANY;** by Riley; supported by Medacco.

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Burger - Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0608-172, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL LISTING AGREEMENT (EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL) REGARDING 375 RIVER STREET AND 1762 & 1780 US 31 SOUTH IN MANISTEE, MICHIGAN BETWEEN THE TRIBE AND COLDWELL BANKER A.L.M. REALITY & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND AMEND THE 13<sup>TH</sup> WHEREAS TO READ THAT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WILL BE INSTEAD OF 375 RIVER STREET IN MANISTEE IT WILL BE CHANGED TO 1762 & 1780 US 31 SOUTH MANISTEE;** by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

**Roll Call #C-5**

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Burger - Yes	M. Wabindato - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

**B. Approval of Contract with John Bryant-Warpaint**

This contract is for the Position of Host Drum and replaces Kaya Clark from Approved Resolution #16-0518-150.

**MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #16-0608-173; CANCELLING THE CONTRACT WITH KAYA CLARK-WARPAINT FOR THE POSITION OF HOST DRUM FOR THE 2016 MANISTEE JIINGTAMOK AND ENTERING INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH JOHN BRYANT-WARPAINT FOR THE POSITION OF HOST DRUM FOR THE 2016 MANISTEE JIINGTAMOK;** by Lewis; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Councilor Crampton said to Councilor Lewis that he didn't get that and asked if she could repeat that resolution.

**Roll Call #13**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Wabindato - Yes
R. Wittenberg - Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0608-173 passes.

**IX. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

**Roll Call #14**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

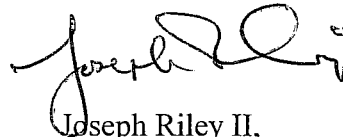
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,  
Tribal Council Recorder