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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
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 March 11, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome everyone to Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Tribal Council Meeting. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if he would do an Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.
Let us all keep everybody in their prayers and thoughts as we are getting up in age we all need these prayers.
Keep us all safe especially what goes on in this world.
Keep us safe and healthy.
Keep us all out of harm's way.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete said he would like to make just a little announcement. Pete said please keep Peggy Derouin's family in their prayers. Pete said Peggy Derouin walked on and started her journey last night so please pray for her and her family. Pete thanked everyone.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum.

No Meeting Sign In Sheet available due to loss of data.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Rebecca Liebing, Jeff Simpkins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete said that moves them onto Approval of Agenda but he would just like to make another statement here quick. Pete said they would not have this agenda if it wasn't for the hard work of Grace Hendler this morning. Pete thanked Grace Hendler for the agenda. Pete asked can he get someone to approve the agenda. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 11, 2020 AS IT IS WRITTEN;** by Di Piazza; supported by
Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor the agenda for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Pete said none were submitted for this week.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) to equip a Nutrition Education Kitchen in the new Food Distribution Center

To access funding to teach members how to prepare tasty, Nutritious meals with the food provided through the FDC. There is a 20% match required and with existing funds already set aside for the FDC Construction Project that can be used for this match.

Lyle Dorr, Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Dorr said good morning everyone. Dorr said as they talked about on Monday this is for a grant there is a 20% match on it which they have the existing funds either through the Shakopee Funds.....it just can't be Federal Funds to match on this grant so they have the Shakopee monies that were given to them and they also have the Contingency Funds. Dorr said right now they are probably looking at \$20-25,000 worth of refrigerators, stove and a hood for it and some other equipment for the demonstration.....Nutrition Demonstration Kitchen. Dorr said so that is what they are requesting approval to apply to or apply for.

Speaker Pete said okay, in the Agenda Review on Monday he believed that he said it could cost them up to 20% of the grant but it might not be any cost because of the funds that they have already. Pete asked is that correct.

Lyle Dorr said well they have.....they have....they can use the existing funds that they have.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Lyle Dorr said either Shakopee monies that were already granted to them or the Contingency Funds however things work out but if they don't then they still need to.....its a Nutrition Kitchen they still have to pay for refrigerator then it comes out of the monies to do that. Dorr said so they are trying to minimize the amount of cost on the grants so they can make sure they can build the place the way they need to build it. Dorr said yeah, if they get this grant it will help.....it will be \$4.00 to \$1.00 benefit to them if they do it. Dorr reiterated that they are only spending \$1.00 for \$4.00 they give them.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-085;
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM NUTRITION EDUCATION
(FDPNE) TO EQUIP A NUTRITION EDUCATION KITCHEN IN
THE NEW FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER; by Lonn; supported by
Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0311-085 is passed.

Lyle Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Lyle Dorr.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council-Saving Lives Project and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$35,325**
The Tribe has received a new grant award from GLITEC.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is a grant they applied for back in December. Cross said they are going to utilize this grant to do an add-on to the Solid Circle Management Software that was implemented here last year for the use of Family Services and Be-Da-Bin to electronically.....all of their forms into electronic forms. Cross said to better utilize those forms and to help streamline their process between those departments.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0311-086;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GREAT LAKES
INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL-SAVING LIVES PROJECT AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET**

MB-2020-16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,325; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0311-086 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

Jason Cross thanked them.

2. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation and Membership Fees for Republican and Democratic Parties:

Speaker Pete said that brings them to Item 2. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if he wanted to help him with this.

Recorder Di Piazza said well it is a supplemental for \$80,000 for the Membership Fees for the Democratic and Republican Parties. Di Piazza said Steve Wheeler is here because they had a little problem with getting the Certification of Funds and he is just going to help them out here today.

Speaker Pete said okay, but then they also got to split those funds too for 40 and 40. Pete asked does he got that done. Pete said to Steve Wheeler okay, so will he please take care of their Certification of Funds.

a) Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2020 - __-1st QTR to fund the Democratic and Republican Committee Membership Fees in the amount of \$80,000

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, said sure. Wheeler said he is not here to support the item one way or another he is just here to say that he can certify that they have funds available to do this. Wheeler said unfortunately their systems have been compromised and they are missing a lot of data but they have plenty enough of Unrestricted Funds to cover this amount.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Steve Wheeler for coming up and that they appreciated it. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said with that being said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-087;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2020-04-1st
QTR TO FUND THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$80,000 WITH \$40,000 FOR DEMOCRATS AND \$40,000 FOR
REPUBLICANS;** by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete said they are going to split that right.

Councilor Crampton said he will support that with an amendment. Crampton said the amendment would be to split them in equal amounts.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is coming.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he supports that.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, after he splits them into equal amounts.

Speaker Pete asked okay so do they split that right now or do they make the motion first.

Recorder Di Piazza said down in the resolution when they get to them.

Speaker Pete said okay when they are down there. Pete said sorry for the little hiccup here.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete is there any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton said at that.....

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said when they adopt it here this is where they do the amendment.

Speaker Pete said correct.

Councilor Crampton said when they adopt it so he wouldn't.....just....he is supporting it with equal amounts to both parties.

Speaker Pete said he is going to be making the amendment once they are done voting on this. Pete asked is that correct.

Recorder Di Piazza said well they can make the amendment.....

Speaker Pete said he would just assume to make the amendment right now if they can.

Councilor Crampton said before they vote on it.

Speaker Pete said okay he is just asking for a little help here.

Recorder Di Piazza said well he will amend it to split it 40-40 or \$40,000 for Democratic and \$40,000 for Republican.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one against Resolution #20-0311-087 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza and for his help on that. Pete said that moves them onto C. Approval of Expenditure.

Recorder Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Lonn said no b.

Recorder Di Piazza said go back.

Speaker Pete apologized. Pete said he thought they passed it.

Recorder Di Piazza said they got to do this one.

Councilor Lewis said each one of these is separate.

Speaker Pete said that brings them back to item b. under 2. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

b) Approval of Membership to the National Republican Congressional Committee by Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-088;
APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL
COUNCIL AND TRIBAL OGEMA WITH THE CORRECTION IN
THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FROM \$50,000 TO \$40,000; by
Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said just for clarification, he just wanted to make sure that Ms. Lonn understands that she voted down the money but she is supporting the expenditure.

Speaker Pete said okay but he thinks that she does.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete continued.....but she can still support.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said so they are.....where are they at, okay. Pete said so is there any.....they have a motion and they have support. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0311-088 is passed.

c) Approval of Membership to Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee by Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-089;
APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO DEMOCRATIC
SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL
AND TRIBAL OGEMA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION
IN THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FROM \$30,000 TO \$40,000;
by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0311-089 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

**1. Approval of Expenditure for Crane Truck Utility Department
in the amount of 67,200**

The Utility Departments wants to Purchase a 3500 HD Silverado
from Manistee Chevrolet Crane.

Speaker Pete asked is anyone.....

Councilor Lewis said uh-huh, Gary Lewis was here Monday to talk on it and it's in the Budget.

Speaker Pete said just a minute.....Gary Lewis was here Monday to go over this.

Recorder Di Piazza said Lewis.

Speaker Pete said Gary Lewis.

Recorder Di Piazza thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said Gary Lewis was here. Pete said he is getting confused. Pete repeated Gary Lewis was here on Monday and they talked about this at Agenda Review and it is in the Budget and in the money so.

Recorder Di Piazza said he didn't want anybody to think he was getting a brand-new truck.

Speaker Pete said well he.....then call his name and say he is will get it. Pete said it doesn't matter to him. Pete said they can post it on Face Book tonight. Pete said so at any rate he will entertain a motion on this. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-090;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF A 3500 HD
SILVERADO FROM MANISTEE CHEVROLET IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$67,200; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0311-090 is passed.

2. **Authorizing Ron Pete to attend Operation Lady Justice
Listening Session on behalf of Missing and Murdered
American Indians and Alaska Natives on May 12, 2020**
The Listening Session will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort
& Spa.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING RON PETE TO ATEND OPERATION
LADY JUSTICE LISTENING SESSION ON BEHALF OF MISSING
AND MURDERED AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA
NATIVES ON MAY 12, 2020; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza that he is going to abstain because it's on his travel but this is not a precedent for him. Pete said they do not have to abstain because there is no monetary value but he is still going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Abstain
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor and one abstention. Di Piazza said Ron Pete will be travelling.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IV. Old Business

Monthly Reports that are due: January 2020

- A. Operations Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Enrollment Commission**
- D. Health Commission
December 2019**
- E. Natural Resource Commission**

Reports received:

- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **January 2020**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**

Speaker Pete said let's see the Financial Report has been submitted for 2020 and the Natural Resources Commission for January 2020 had been submitted. Pete asked is there any further discussions on those reports that were submitted.

V. New Business

- A. Authorization of Tribal Council to seek assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in obtaining a waiver to the Two-Year Requirement for Tribal Employee**
The BIA requires Tribal Council Resolution to consider the Waiver Request.

Speaker Pete said Rebecca Liebing is going to discuss this. Pete thanked Rebecca Liebing.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Liebing said good morning everyone. Liebing said so this is sort of a unique situation but they have a Tribal employee who is currently on a J-1 Visa

and it requires that he return to his home country for two years. Liebing said they can get a waiver to the residency requirement if it is requested by a U.S. Government Agency. Liebing said they are asking the BIA to help them get that waiver.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Rebecca Liebing. Pete said Rebecca Liebing explained this in Agenda Review also that they had. Pete thanked Rebecca Liebing again. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0311-091;
AUTHORIZATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL TO SEEK
ASSISTANCE FROM BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IN
OBTAINING A WAIVER TO THE TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENT FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEE; by Di Piazza;
supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -
R. Wittenberg- No	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			No

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three against Resolution #20-0311-091 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Rebecca Liebing.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Speaker Pete said there is no Tribal Council Meeting next week a week ago they cancelled that meeting. Pete said so there is not a Council Meeting next week just so they understand. Pete said so two weeks today on March 25th there will be a...on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Council Meeting then.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said they have two major issues that are going on. Romanelli said he will start with the Coronavirus that is happening as everybody he is sure are aware of. Romanelli said what they are doing internally is they are meeting on a fairly regular basis to find out what should be done.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said as Council knows they just recently cancelled MAST in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said that is happening more and more. Romanelli said reports came out he thinks it was yesterday about Bay Mills possibly having someone as well that was either an employee or Tribal member that may have been exposed so. Romanelli said while they don't want to freak people out or give people unnecessarily in a State of Emergency they also have to make sure that they are paying attention. Romanelli said he also talked with the General Manager of the Resort they are putting up as they are additional stations for the sanitizer.....

Speaker Pete said hand sanitizer.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, hand sanitizer, washing their hands is one of the big things. Romanelli said travel is the second thing that they can do. Romanelli said the problem is that even though they are putting up more Hand Sanitizing Stations the ability to get the hand sanitizer is now becoming a problem. Romanelli said so they are doing the best they can they are also are making sure that they are wiping down the machines over there as much as possible. Romanelli said so they are taking precautions over there and precautions here. Romanelli said he is looking at possibly even as soon as today putting out an order to their staff, yeah, the Executive Staff to limit travel to within the state and not take flights so much out of state but he has to do some more talking about that. Romanelli said it is really dangerous to be going to the cities like Washington.....well Washington State, California and different cities within the United States. Romanelli said they are trying to do what they can, again, he thinks there is a lot of unknowns there but that is what they are looking at doing. Romanelli said internally they have a major IT issue that has come up. Romanelli said it started last Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. and it is not fully resolved. Romanelli said they don't know the extent of the damage that has been done nor do they know exactly what caused it they have some ideas and they are working through that. Romanelli said it has caused a lot of problems with their e-mails and their phone systems.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said as they know they just had a recent issue with their phone systems turning them over to another company. Romanelli said they got through

that not unscathed but not too bad. Romanelli said then came this IT problem that they are having now. Romanelli said they are meeting on a regular basis almost hourly now to find out how to resolve it. Romanelli said it has affected the Judicial, the Legislative and the Executive Branch.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said it has affected e-mails, it has possibly well they have lost some documentation, some files, etc. Romanelli said what they don't know is what they can get back and what they can't get back and that is the big concern. Romanelli said they also don't know how long this is going to take. Romanelli said now as they saw George Le Vasseur just came in and talked to him as they were meeting. Romanelli said that is how often they are in contact to find out what they can do what.....they know. Romanelli said he offered to get an outside firm in here to assist he doesn't think money should be the object at this point and time. Romanelli said he thinks they need to solve the problem then what they are going to have to do is do a look back and find out caused it, what can they do to stop it from happening again.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli continued.....he also has been in touch with their Comptroller who assured him that.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli continued.....this is the way other Tribes have handled it as well when they've had this issue. Romanelli said it is not real comforting to know he thinks they know he is catching a lot from the membership and from the staff and the are doing what they can. Romanelli said they were in Muskegon the other day; they have been out at the court system at the Justice Center and trying to get everything in order. Romanelli said he thinks they have to establish a preference of who should get done...they know....first but then they realize they have a Gaming Commission Audit that is going on he thinks today or tomorrow. Romanelli said so the Gaming Commission is that first then they have payroll and they have everything that has to do with the Accounting Department that needs to be done. Romanelli said they can't hold up people's checks.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli continued on.....they have the HR Department and they have people's files, they know, Employment Files that are affected. Romanelli said they have the Enrollment Department who people need to get their Enrollment Records up to date so this affects all of their departments and he....they know it is hard to say which one should come first.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said they need to make sure that they.....the safety of their Tribe and again, they are talking about the Clinic which was one of the first ones to work on but the safety of their Tribal people and their government is number one. Romanelli said then to make sure that their employees and people are getting their checks as need be becomes the second order of business. Romanelli said so that is what they are working on now. Romanelli said he doesn't know their IT Staff has requested and received some help from the Resort as well in this situation but he doesn't think they should minimize what is going on here and he thinks they will get through it as soon as they can. Romanelli said they have been a little reluctant to give a notice to the membership because they didn't know what they were going to give as a notice. Romanelli said they are now working with the HR Department to see if they can send out some kind of notice. Romanelli said the other problem they have is their e-mail systems. Romanelli said now they have Constant Contact which has a list of over 2,000 of their Tribal members that they may be able to send out notice that way. Romanelli said they now have most of their e-mails up and running so they are going to work out the best way to send notice to their staff and to their employees and make sure they give them as much information as they can, again, there is some unknowns there. Romanelli said so they are working through it the best they can and they will, again, he has a meeting scheduled.....tentative meeting for 2:00 today he has already had two meetings this morning and they will find out. Romanelli said they will let them know what they find out as soon as possible.

Speaker Pete said just maybe add a couple of things to that. Pete said on the news at 4:30 this morning he was listening to the news ZZM is they have now two confirmed cases of Coronavirus but whatever that number is 19, 20, 30 he doesn't care what it is.....

Ogema Romanelli said 19.

Speaker Pete said they had that 19. Pete said they have two confirmed cases in the, he doesn't know, for this unless they call it but the Governor has declared an Emergency because of those two cases. Pete said he thinks but he is not sure if they are down by Grand Rapids or where they are at right now.

Ogema Romanelli said the Detroit area.

Speaker Pete said it is the Detroit area, yes, and the one case.....

Councilor Crampton said it was Wayne County.

Speaker Pete said yeah, the one case somebody was travelling overseas a number of times.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said so but at any rate they got two cases of that and so he doesn't want to do something where....they have been in constant contact yesterday with NIGA as they know he is going out tonight in San Diego and he has been in touch with Chairman Stevens. Pete said all of their Health People everything....everything that is connected to San Diego and southern California there is telling them not to panic, not to cancel any of the conferences and things that are going right now so at this point he will be bringing two jars of hand sanitizer in each pocket. Pete said unless they cancel it and it could be last minute he doesn't know. Pete said he will be prepared to cancel but at this stage he....well they know how he feels he is not going to be let something panic him that is not required to be panicked. Pete said so he is planning on attending.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said that is part of the problem too is that they are receiving mixed messages even from the Federal Level and different organizations so all they can do is the best they can do.

Speaker Pete said hopefully Chairman Stevens is giving them the most up to date information. Pete said it is actually his....the conference their running is his so. Pete said he would like to thing they're giving them great information so. Pete said he doesn't know....he doesn't know at this point it is still going to be up in the air until they actually say it is going to be cancelled or if they even have a warning something like that then he will cancel.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete said along those lines so....and that is just....he also thank....he was there when they were calling him over....he wanted to thank Andrew Gentile from the Resort for sending some IT people over here working the weekends and he knows that they been in constant....all weekend long with their IT....it has been a seven day thing so it's been....they know he just thankful today that he can communicate with e-mail and so that is pretty nice. Pete thanked them. Pete asked Ogema Romanelli is that everything.

Ogema Romanelli said they are continuing to upload files like their L File.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli continued....L Drive, etc. and continually working, again, that is why they are not here today because they are in various areas trying to speed up this process as quickly as they can.

Speaker Pete said absolutely. Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete said he knows they probably have a Legislative Affairs update.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, first let him get back to the Ogema. Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli that he just wanted to ask him a couple of questions.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Councilor Crampton said the IT Department is under the Executive side and they have done what they could. Crampton said they approved the extension for the IT person.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Councilor Crampton said if he could let them know anything else they could do to help but he would also appreciate it if they could get a list generated by himself of exactly what data was lost and exactly what data cannot be recovered.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, absolutely.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said that is what he was talking with George Le Vasseur this morning on because he is not completely sure of what was lost or what is permanently lost. Romanelli said a permanent loss is the thing that concerns him the most.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said he does know a tentative date that some of this started to go sideways and it goes back to January 9th so there is a good 30-40 day's worth of information that they are trying to find out what they can recover and what they can't. Romanelli said so absolutely, as soon as he gets a list and as they get updated he is going to supply that to the Tribal Council as well because they also do work for the Tribal Council.....he means they work for everybody. Romanelli said now here is another thing that he was thinking is this might be a good time to really look at the work that their IT does for the Next Generation Learning Center or C-Store or anything that they do on....they know EDC. Romanelli said he always believed that the EDC should be separate and the C-Store should be separate it is a business. Romanelli said they should get their own Accounting, their should get their own.....and they have talked about this before.....services and whether it be IT or whatever that they can do that and with the Next Generation Learning Center. Romanelli said they now have the EDC and he was talking to George Le Vasseur and he was doing work for the EDC. Romanelli said well he thinks their departments.....no offense but their departments need to have work done and make sure they are operational. Romanelli said if the EDC has to have their own IT so be it. Romanelli said so this might be a time to really

look at all that. Romanelli said he knows other things are coming aboard that they are looking at doing too and he thinks they need to take a good hard look at it. Romanelli said so he will update the Council as he gets updates and yes they will try to have a clear understanding of what was lost for what length of time and what may be permanently lost. Romanelli said they will get that to the Tribal Council.

Councilor Crampton thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Crampton said secondly he wanted to talk about the Coronavirus. Crampton said yes, Governor Witmer did declare a State of Emergency last night for two cases. Crampton said one in Wayne County and one in Oakland County. Crampton said he has been watching the issue and going to all kinds of sources and he watching this reality tv show last night that was discussing this and said they need to keep in mind when people are going out there and comparing this to the flu that says the flu kills this many people that's a static number that they have watched for years.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said this is a brand-new disease that they have no idea how many.....how it is going to spread. Crampton said what they were saying last night is they view this as being when it is completely.....when the data is fully in they contemplate it right now being 14-15 times worse than influenza.

Councilor Wittenberg said yup.

Speaker Pete said yeah, he isn't going to say he disagrees with him or agree but he does know that the last statistics he saw was that influenza has killed 60-70,000 people a year.

Councilor Crampton said what they are saying is that data that comparison is not even.....

Speaker Pete said well and.....yeah and so they know he is not going to put his.....even himself.....he is not going to put himself at risk. Pete said he is going to do everything he can to be careful.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete continued.....in what they do but he is going to.....he is not going to live under this fear cloud.

Councilor Crampton said but.....

Speaker Pete said no, no, no, he is not saying he is he is just saying that he is going to continue to live his life and see where it takes him. Pete said but he does agree with him.

Councilor Crampton said well if he looks at the Israeli tv station is saying is if they look at the data from the pandemics of the past what has happened is that they haven't had world-wide communication like this and they haven't been able to tell people "hey stop right now take the most severe measures right now and cut it off for a month." Crampton said one month, it's a virus, one month and people don't get together, don't co-habitate, and it is going to drop. Crampton said right now the numbers in Japan or China.....the 140 hospitals they opened up they are shutting down. Crampton said he thinks they are down to like 65 hospitals now because it is dissipating.

Speaker Pete said yeah, it is dissipating.

Councilor Crampton said it is going away so they need to treat it immediately like Singapore did. Crampton said they took the most extreme measures right off the bat. Crampton said they are the country that is the least hit.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said well he was going to say about 61,000 of them 100,000 have recovered so. Di Piazza said it's not a.....he doesn't know whether they still have it or not only time will tell. Di Piazza said he knows over the years, they know, FEMA has recommended anybody have at least a month or two of water and food on hand for a disaster whether it be whatever it may be tornado, flood so some of that is on themselves. Di Piazza also when they were at CORA the 2020 last week was it, yeah.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Recorder Di Piazza continued on.....everybody is pretty.....well they all have capability of video conferencing and everybody was pretty much on board if that needed to get to that point. Di Piazza reiterated they are all in agreeance to video conference if need be. Di Piazza said so the 2020 is still moving ahead.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Recorder Di Piazza continued....and spite this pesky bug so.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked anything more on Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete asked is there any public comments. Pete said okay not seeing any hands.

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

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move out of their First Closed. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Councilor Lewis said First Open.

Speaker Pete said their First Open, okay.

Councilor Guenthardt said as he said.

Speaker Pete asked Tom Guenthardt can he ream.....

Councilor Guenthardt said he said that.

Speaker Pete said First Open and thanked Tom Guenthardt. Pete asked can he get a second. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned First Open Session at 10:38 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked can he get a motion to move back into the Second Open.

Councilor Lonn said she makes that motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 11:11.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza is there any items to be moved from Closed into Open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes there are, hold on. Di Piazza said it is hard to read some of the writing it is worse than his but that is okay.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS #20-0311-092, 093, 094; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	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 Di Piazza said nine in favor them items have been moved.

The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0311-092, LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0311-093, LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT 2020 REFORECAST BUDGET; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0311-094, APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR RETAIL SPORTS BETTING TECHNOLOGY; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move them out of the Second Open.

Councilor Lonn said she makes that motion.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF THE SECOND OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

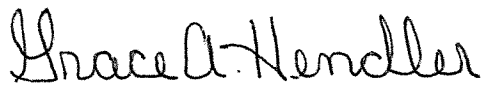
T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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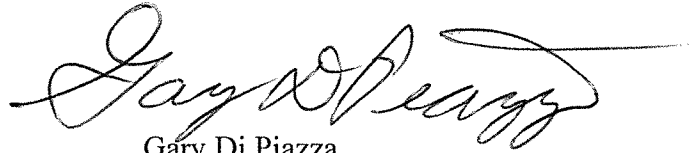
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned Second Open at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder