



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 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 March 16, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Jay Sam, Historic Preservation Department Director, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Creator, I call to you today and say thank you for everything you have given to us. I thank Mother Earth and the Manidoo from the four directions for all that they give us.

I ask that you look in on us and guide us and give us your counseling, your wisdom, and make us better people. The people that you want us to be by repairing our brokenness to a wholeness.

Ahaaw.

**II. General Business**

Speaker Johnson said before he calls the meeting to order he wanted to welcome the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce. Johnson said he wanted to give them a warm welcome and thanks for being here to watch their meeting. Johnson said he knows that during the meeting they may get up and exit to other opportunities within their government and feel welcome to. Johnson said he assures them that it is welcome for them to get up and leave at their most appropriate time.

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Tom St. Dennis, Frank Beaver, Allison Smart, Corey Jerome, Jennifer Crampton, Ron Pete, Frank Figgels, Janice Grant, Gina Dahlke, Don Mac Donald, Diane Lonn, Crystal Young, Tina Miller Kaci Kamaloski, Stacie Bytwork, Kay Salyer, Katelyn Richard, Darrell Lavender, Ron Stoneman, Michelle Graves.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: George Le Vasseur, Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Elaine Porter, Fran Pitts, Rebecca Liebing, Julia Nickelson, John Scott.

Speaker Johnson said just for the membership and their guests here both Councilors Frankie Medacco and Joe Riley are out to a NIGA Conference and they are scheduled to be back later this week.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; UNDER V G, COMMERCE COMMISSION; UNDER VI C, LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT; UNDER NEW BUSINESS VIII, APPROVAL OF HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART UPDATE; UNDER C, APPROVAL OF 2016 REGULATIONS FOR LAKE STURGEON HARVEST ON BLACK LAKE; by Di Piazza; supported by Burger.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he almost made a slip and ask Joe Riley to do a roll call but he will ask Gary Di Piazza.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  3/9/16**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES DATED 3/9/16; by Wabindato; supported by Lewis.**

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

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approval of Submission Application of FY2016 Revision to the FY2015-2016 Performance Partnership Grant to add Environmental Protection Agency-Clean Water Act Sections 319 Funding to FY2016**

This added revision will increase the award for the EPA Funding in 2016.

Allison Smart, from the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item along with Frank Beaver, Natural Resource Department Director. Smart said today they have brought forth for them a resolution to approve the submission of a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of their Performance Partnership Grant for a revision of their FY2015/2016 Performance Partnership Grant to add Clean Water Act Section 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Funds for this fiscal year.

Councilor Burger asked Allison Smart if she could kind of tell the Tribal Membership in attendance how this will help benefit them as citizens.

Allison Smart said yes, 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Funds enable them to work with Watershed Groups to improve things like road-stream crossings to prevent pollution from entering their watershed in the Manistee River. Smart said it gives them the ability to help educate members, farmers, and work on Tribal Lands as well to decrease the amount of non-point source such as their run-off from agriculture into the watershed.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0316-077; APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR A REVISION TO FY2015/2016 PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT TO ADD CLEAN WATER ACT, SECTION 319 FUNDS FOR FY2016; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said to Allison Smart that there was in their Agenda Review discussion about the reduction of the matching part of this grant and if she could please share that with the membership and Council on that.

Allison Smart said yes, for bringing 319 Funds the original match was 40% where the Tribe would have to add 40% of their own funds but by putting this part in their Performance Partnership Grant it reduces that to a 5% match which is the cost to the Tribe.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**B. Budget Modifications**

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Johnson noted that they do not have anything for Budget Modifications and/or Approval of Budgeted Expenditures.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

- 1. **Operations Report**  None Submitted
- 2. **Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted they are still waiting on the Operations and Financial Reports.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission**  February 2016
- B. **Enrollment Commission**  None Submitted
- C. **Gaming Commission**  February 2016
- D. **Health Commission**  None Submitted
- E. **Housing Commission**  None Submitted
- F. **Natural Resource Commission**  None Submitted
- G. **Commerce Commission**  February 2016

Councilor Burger said she would like the Binojeeuk Commission to go back and correct the year on the Cover Sheet to 2016 and list the proper year that they are reporting on the Cover Sheet so when those are posted out for the public to review there won't be any errors in them.

**MOVE TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION REPORT,  
GAMING COMMISSION REPORT AND COMMERCE  
COMMISSION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016 FOR FILING  
NOTING THAT THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO CHANGE THE**

**YEAR TO 2016 ON THE COVER SHEET**; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted the addition to that report with the exception to the update for Binojeeuk. Johnson asked if there any other discussion on this item and if anybody was going to abstain.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

**A. Elders Committee Minutes**  February 2016

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2016**; by Wabindato; supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  February 2016

**C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**  February 2016

**MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORTS DATED FEBRUARY 2016 FOR FILING**; by Burger; supported by Wittenberg.

Councilor Burger said she wished to note for the membership that as of February 2016 they have 110 Tribal Members in employment at the Enterprise known as Little River Casino Resort and February 2015 they had 119 individual Tribal Members in employment there. Burger said in Government Operations they have 81 Tribal Members as of February 2016 and that is an increase from the prior month and an increase from the prior year when they had 74 Tribal Members in employment in Government Operations.

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

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**VII. Old Business**

- A. **Financial Report**  None Submitted
- B. **Housing Commission**  None Submitted
- C. **Natural Resource Commission**  None Submitted

Speaker Johnson said they do not have anything under Section VII for Old Business.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. **Approval to submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

The Report is required by HUD and should be submitted to the EWONAP Office no later than March 31, 2016.

Frank Figgels, Housing Director, represented this agenda item. Figgels said what he has before them today is their Annual Performance Report and it is a report required by them on how they use their Indian Housing Block Grants for 2015. Figgels said this report is due to HUD within 90 days of the completion of their fiscal year which therefore would be the end of this month. Figgels said he is bringing to them now as he likes to get that in advance of the drop dead date, so to speak. Figgels said they appreciate it also because it gives them an opportunity to review their report should they have a question on it they can make any adjustments as necessary before the final date that it has to be submitted.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0316-078; APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE FY2015 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT;** by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said to Frank Figgels that he wanted to just say to him that he knows this report in its entirety is quite thick and heavy but he really appreciates him bringing them the summary of the report because it made it a

little easier as they went to the work session to fully understand how it works and where they are along with the direction they are going with housing.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**B. Approval of the Health Services Organizational Chart Update**

In order to stay current with Health Services Position Postings, the Organizational Chart is being updated to reflect current budgeted positions. The Organizational Chart helps define who does what in Health Services, and outlines the Chain of Command for decision making within the department.

Don Mac Donald, Health Director, represented this agenda item along with Janice Grant and Gina Dahlke. Mac Donald said they are there today to just to request an approval of revision of their Organizational Chart to more accurately reflect their budgeted positions. Mac Donald said they provided that information to them to help them also identify the Chain of Command and those kind of pieces too. Mac Donald said he would certainly entertain any questions that they may have in regard to that.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0316-079; APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART; by Burger; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he doesn't have the actual Organizational Chart in front of him on this computer but just has the outline of the agenda. Johnson said in their Agenda Review they asked that Don Mac Donald included in those boxes.....and yes they are.

Councilor Burger said it is in there. Burger said the salary ranges.

Speaker Johnson said his question was the salary range for each position and not the names but the salary range so they know from a budget end how much it costs to do business in this area. Johnson said he appreciates it and thanked Don Mac Donald. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**C. Approval of 2016 Regulations for Lake Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake**

The Regulations were passed by motion at the Natural Resource Commission Meeting on March 14, 2016 and are now ready for approval by Tribal Council for the 2016 Lake Sturgeon Harvest.

Corey Jerome, from the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Jerome said at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Natural Resource Commission they approved the 2016 Regulations for Lake Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake and it is in front of them today for their approval. Jerome reiterated it is for Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest in accordance with the Inland Consent Decree.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked what the total of fish is.

Corey Jerome said the total fish for this year is two fish.

Councilor Burger said out of the whole lake.

Corey Jerome responded right.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the fish are big.

*Fran Pitts asked from the audience where Black Lake was.*

Speaker Johnson said it is up near Torch Lake and near the top of the Mitt.

Councilor Burger said it is just west of Rogers City way up in the northeast corner of the Mitt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0316-080;  
APPROVAL OF 2016 REGULATIONS FOR LAKE STURGEON  
HARVEST ON BLACK LAKE; by Di Piazza; supported by Burger.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said this is somewhat related to the Sturgeon Harvest but they have guests in the room here and asked Corey Jerome being that he is their Sturgeon person maybe he could give them.....or give the people in the audience a quick overview of what they are doing with the Sturgeon here in Manistee.

Corey Jerome said yes he can, they have doing a Rehabilitation Program on the Manistee River for the past.....since 2004 collecting eggs and larval fish. Jerome said they have been rearing them on a streamside Rearing Facility during the summer and then doing a Release Ceremony in the fall of those fish to help



rehabilitate the population here on the Manistee River. Jerome said they will be looking at doing that again here this spring.

Councilor Burger asked how many total have they released.

Corey Jerome said they have released just over a 1,000 fish in that timeframe.

Speaker Johnson asked Corey Jerome when he felt they are going to start revisiting into the river system.

Corey Jerome replied that the adults should be.....some of the males will be coming back here in the next few years around 13-14 years of age some of the males are going to start returning. Jerome said they will be looking to assess that soon.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

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

Ogema Romanelli said he has just a couple of updates today. Romanelli said he wanted to welcome everybody here today along with their visitors. Romanelli said it is really nice visitors and thinks they should have them more often because they were done at 23 minutes after ten as opposed to what Jay Sam said that there was four day meeting they used to have in the old days so they kind of cut it down just a bit. Romanelli said to Jay Sam thanks to giving them a four day deal but they just got it done in 23 minutes and he doesn't know if they are getting less business done or they are just faster than they were in the day. Romanelli said who knows but yes. Romanelli said he thinks it is important because he really appreciates the visitors being here today and if Jason Cross or the visitors could name who they are and where they are coming from. Romanelli said he knows they are all busy and he really appreciates them taking the time out of their day. Romanelli asked Jason Cross if he wanted to try that and not to put him on the spot but really thinks it is important.

Katelyn Richard said hello and she is the current Assistant Director of Baker College.

Michelle Graves said she is the Editor of Manistee News Advocate.

Kaci Kamaloski said she is the CFO for Filer Credit Union.

Tina Miller said she is the Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Officer of Westshore Medical Center.

Stacie Bytwork said she is the Executive Director for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce.

Darrell Lavender said he was the Vice President of Westshore Medical Center.

Crystal Young said she is the Director of the \_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities Center at Westshore Community College.

John Scott said he is the Pastor of the Manistee United Methodist Church.

Kay Salyer said she is the Director of General Ed at the Manistee ISD.

Ron Stoneman said he is here from Stone House and is the Superintendent of Manistee Schools.

Ogema Romanelli said that is how busy they are and there are always two things going. Romanelli thanked them and said he appreciated them being here and for introducing themselves. Romanelli said he doesn't much on his part. Romanelli said he met with several departments just last week and he appreciates the Directors meeting with him along with explaining what was going on in their departments. Romanelli said they are trying to get a little bit more communication going between the departments and inter-departments along with it. Romanelli said he thinks they are going to do okay. Romanelli said he had some of the Leads going around with him and he appreciates all that. Romanelli said he appreciates the Legal Department also doing what they are doing to try and help facilitate all of this. Romanelli said they have one on the road and one here today. Romanelli said he thanks them very much. Romanelli said he thinks that is all he has.

Speaker Johnson said he would just like to add something to this for their Chamber of Commerce. Johnson said he invites them to sign their register if they haven't done it. Johnson said the reason why he asks that is because their Secretary who is taking the minutes and the Recorder sometimes does not pick up the names and he wanted to make sure they are put in the minutes the presence of their Chamber of Commerce. Johnson reiterated that if they haven't signed in on the log, please, he invites them to do that before they leave here. Johnson said also he wanted to, on the business end, on this building itself as they walk in and he doesn't know if Jay Sam brought it to their attention or Jason Cross they have their Seven Teachings as Jay Sam spoke about. Johnson said they are listed on the walls and it reminds them as Tribal members on how they behave as human

beings especially when they get into these meetings like this to be respectful and honest, etc. Johnson said they are listed up there and he invites them to take a look at that also. Johnson asked if there was anything else under Business Update.

## **B. Legislative Affairs Update**

Councilor Burger said the only thing that she would let the membership know is Councilor Lewis is travelling out tomorrow to deliver the testimony for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Appropriations Department of Interior Environment related agencies. Burger said she is very happy to have help to collaborate on the testimony because there were some last minute changes. Burger said originally she was going to do that but she has had a family emergency because she has a teenager who likes to ride skateboards and sometimes gravity doesn't work well with teenagers and skateboards so she is really happy that Councilor Lewis stepped up and agreed to do it. Burger said they identified some areas that she really felt very passionate about and wanting to bring forth before the committee. Burger said one of the areas is Tribal Historic Preservation and the other area is their Natural Resources in particular their Ricing Program. Burger said she wanted to talk about their Healthcare Delivery System and how they are expanding care to include Pharmacy Services in this fiscal year. Burger said there is a little bit about education and a little bit about their language and culture. Burger said she thinks that overall everything that they wrote in the testimony bears the priorities of the Tribe and she has to say that this is the opportunity that Tribes take to bring those priorities forward and hopefully they see it reflected in Budgets, Subsequent Presidential Budgets and Subsequent Adoptions by Congress. Burger said last year one of the things that she was talking to Councilor Lewis about was there was a lot of discussion because the suicide rate in Indian Country for adolescents is extremely high and is five times the national average. Burger said when you look at groups across the board Native American Youth have the highest incidents of suicide. Burger said one of the things that happened in the Budget and many of them talked about those rates, the lack of service providers, and the challenges they have funding interventions to make an impact on their at risk youth. Burger said one of the things she said in her testimony last year was she thought it needed to be a line item in the Budget. Burger said she thought the President needed to put forward a line item to address at risk youth and the challenges that Indian Country has and in the 2016 Budget he did it. Burger said Generation I and they call it Gen I is now a line item in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget. Burger said she didn't do that but many of them talked about it but the fact that they all came together with the same message had a result and the one government approached to addressing the youth suicide rates and the challenges of at risk youth in Indian Country came to the forefront in many Budgets and Operating Divisions they would never think of so it works when they go before those folks in DC and they spread their message it works. Burger said so way to go Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she just wanted to say “thank you” to Councilor Burger for all her assistance and this is going to be a new experience for her and she is very excited. Lewis reiterated her thanks for all Councilor Burger’s help in walking her through the protocol and explaining it to her.

Councilor Burger said absolutely and that Councilor Lewis was going to do fine.

Councilor Crampton said on that note there was.....the Budget was submitted by President Obama and it is 13.4 billion dollars for the Department of the Interior and is 61 million dollar increase over last year. Crampton said the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the BIA will see 137 million increase for a total of 2.9 billion. Crampton said the problem is that even though this is.....sounds like a lot of money it doesn’t even begin to impact what they lost during Sequestration. Crampton said the Ogema and he went out in 2013 to speak about Sequestration. Crampton said Sequestration impacted Indian Country but what the Federal Government failed to realize is they are not bound by their Budgetary Constraints. Crampton said the money they owe them is based on Treaty Obligations and it is like almost calling somebody like an Electric Company saying they have a Budget and they can’t pay their bill. Crampton said okay they are going to turn their electric off. Crampton said they are obligated to pay that money and is not based on their Budgetary Constraints. Crampton said this is a huge increase but like he said Councilor Lewis needs to remind them this is based on Treaty Obligations.

Councilor Burger said it is in there.

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to quickly announce that through Robert Memberto-ba initiative on the Sewer Project they established a relationship with the local Units of Government and they are going to meet tomorrow to discuss various items. Johnson said one of the things they are going to be talking about is the north and south corridor developments and Filer Township has a new member joining them in this Units of Governments Meeting. Johnson said he is looking forward to that.

### **C. Public Comment Period**

Eric Burke said he is not a Tribal member but wanted to take the opportunity to introduce himself. Burke said he is new to Indian Health Services and he will be covering Little River Band and he just wanted to say hello. Burke said just so they had a face with the name. Burke said he is working with the Tribe right now and down here actually on work. Burke said he saw that they were meeting and wanted to come over and say hello. Burke said for a little background he has lived in this area for a long time and actually has done work for the Tribe whether they know it or not. Burke said he is eager to continue that relationship and just wanted to remind them that although their primary focus is homes, Indian Homes and Service, they are available across the board as far as technical assistance. Burke said so just don’t be shy about it he guessed.

Councilor Burger asked Eric Burke what division he works with like in OH and E.

Eric Burke replied yep, he is out of the Sault Ste. Marie Office so if they knew Mike O'Shay or Dan Wallace he is filling those shoes.

Councilor Burger said working with.....

Eric Burke said sanitation. Burke said like he said they are not limited to that but a lot of their funding is. Burke said right now they had some EPA money available for the Wastewater Plant and some of their needs.

*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.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:26 a.m.

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION;** by Lewis; supported by Wabindato.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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

**1. List of Resolutions from 2015 and 2016**

**MOTION TO MOVE THE LIST OF RESOLUTIONS FROM 2015 AND 2016 FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION;** by Di Piazza; supported by Burger.

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

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

*The following Resolutions were moved from 2015/2016 Closed Session to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-0930-298, APPROVAL OF THE COMMERCIAL LEASE FOR WEST SHORE HOSPITAL AT 375 RIVER STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE SUCH LEASE;** by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-0930-299, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF EXTENSION TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOM SHEET METAL & HEATING;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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
S. Lewis Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	J. Burger Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-0930-300, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF EXTENSION**

**TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH C&I ELECTRIC;** by Riley;  
supported by Burger.

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
S. Lewis	Yes	M. Wabindato-	Yes	J. Burger	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-0930-301,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF EXTENSION  
TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH TEMPERATURE CONTROL;**  
by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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

**Roll Call #C-6**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1112-342,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF EXTENSION  
TO AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE MECHANICAL  
REFRIGERATION, INC.;** by Burger; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1118-349,  
RATIFICATION OF CRAMER FISH SCIENCE CONTRACT;** by  
Medacco; supported Burger.

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

**Roll Call #C-3**

R. Wittenberg	Yes	S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza	Yes
V. Johnson	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes	J. Riley	Yes

S. Lewis	Yes	M. Wabindato-	Yes	J. Burger	Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1118-350,  
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT  
 WITH STONY POINT STUDIO;** by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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
S. Lewis	Yes	M. Wabindato-	Yes	J. Burger	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1118-351,  
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT  
 WITH RCA, LLC;** by Burger; 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
S. Lewis	Yes	M. Wabindato-	Yes	J. Burger	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1216-393,  
 ADOPTING A QUALIFIED ROLL OF TRIBAL MEMBERS  
 WHOSE FILES WERE SUBJECT TO AND CONFIRMED BY  
 AUDITS CONDUCTED IN 1996, 2004, 2008, 2010 AND 2012, 2014  
 AS SUBMITTED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT WITH  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF 4,119 LIVING TRIBAL MEMBERS AND 280  
 RECORDS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS;** by Riley; supported by  
 Wabindato.

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

**Roll Call #C-20**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)



**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1222-394,  
APPROVAL OF THE COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH MANISTEE  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND RESCINDING  
RESOLUTION # 15-1216-388; by Medacco; supported by Burger.**

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1222-395,  
AUTHORIZATION OF 401k PLAN DOCUMENT INCLUDING  
REVISIONS; by Riley; 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 - Absent
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
S. Lewis - Yes	M. Wabindato - Yes	J. Burger - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0217-048,  
APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
AMERICANCHECKED, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONDUCTING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS; by Riley;  
supported by Burger.**

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 Resolutions moved from 2015/2016 Closed Session to Open Session.*

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,  
Acting Council Recorder