

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 7, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thanked Acting Recorder Di Piazza. Riley said they are going to get started with their meeting today for Wednesday, March 7th and Grace Hendler is going to kick them off with their Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Grace Hendler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Amen.

Speaker Riley said to Grace Hendler, Miigwech.

II. General Business

Speaker Riley said it looks like they are missing a couple this week. Riley said Frankie Medacco and Ron Pete are both out at the Rez Conference in Vegas for the EDC and Sandy Lewis is ill today so Gary Di Piazza is filling in as Recorder. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he would do a roll call to establish quorum.

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not noted.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Jason Cross, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IS; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the agenda is approved for March 7, 2018.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 2/28/18

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/28/18; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any further discussion on the minutes. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the minutes for 2/28/18 have been approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing this week under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$310,966**

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

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis their Budget Coordinator is here to represent this and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said this item represents Modification #2 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said in Fiscal Year 2018 they estimated they were going to receive \$2,687,779. Willis said this modification brings them up to.....year to date \$1,258,379 basically about 47% of what they projected so they are on the right track. Willis said so they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0307-082;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-16 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$310,966; by Wittenberg; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked is there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0307-082 is passed.

2. **Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education-Great Start Readiness Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$6,992**

The Tribe has received additional funding from the Wexford-Missaukee & Manistee ISD for transportation.

Speaker Riley said their Family Services Director, Jason Cross, is here to represent this and that he had the floor.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross thanked them. Cross said they received funding for one more student for this year's ESIP Program that amount is \$6,992. Cross said that goes directly to funding one more child for this year.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there are no further questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0307-083;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-GREAT START READINESS
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,992;**
by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion on this topic. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0307-083 is passed.

Jason Cross thanked Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Jason Cross.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Joseph Riley II to attend the 2018 Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention April 16-21, 2018

The Tradeshow & Convention will take place at the Westgate Host Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Speaker Riley explained this is the National Indian Gaming Association's Annual Meeting and their Membership Meeting will take place on that Wednesday and

there is training. Riley said obviously the Tradeshow as well. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

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

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR JOSEPH RILEY II TO ATTEND
THE 2018 INDIAN GAMING TRADESHOW & CONVENTION
APRIL 16-21, 2018; by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said he will be abstaining. Riley asked any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (5-0-1-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said motion is passed.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Financial Report
December 2017 & January 2018 Due**
- B. Binojeeuk Commission
December 2017 & January 2018 Due**
- C. Commerce Commission-August/October 2017,
November/December 2017, January 2018 Due**

Reports received:

- None Submitted
- None Submitted
- No Meetings
Pabami E-Mail

Speaker Riley said December and January he thinks they just received those. Riley asked Grace Hendler did they not.

Grace Hendler replied yes.

Speaker Riley said they received those yesterday so those will be on next week's agenda. Riley said Binojeeuk Commission December and January 2018 are still due. Riley said the Commerce Commission there are no meetings took place according to Pabami's e-mail. Riley asked is that what that says.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Riley said so that will be taken off the agenda.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said that is what he was going to request to take the Commerce Commission off the agenda.

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley asked is there any other discussion on the reports.

V. New Business

Speaker Riley said he guessed there is nothing under New Business.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 14, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that the floor is his.

Ogema Romanelli said there is very little of that too. Romanelli said as they know they have two of the Council Members out on travel with the EDC and hopefully they are gathering a lot of good information as they move forward with the plans for the EDC. Romanelli said there is really nothing else new and thinks under Legislative Affairs it will be brought up about the Senate Bill 616 which is really cool. Romanelli said he will leave that to someone else. Romanelli said he thinks that is it.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked any questions for the Ogema. Riley thanked the Ogema.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley said alright Legislative Affairs Update. Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time.

Ogema Romanelli asked do they want him to talk just a little bit more about this Senate Bill 616.

Speaker Riley said yeah, yeah sure.

Ogema Romanelli said what that is the Governor signed into legislation ensuring Michigan Tribes have access to State Child Protection Records. Romanelli said this is a big win for the Tribes obviously Little River has been very active and vocal in this area and it is going to be very good going ahead for ICWA and NICWA or whatever they want.

Speaker Riley said MIFPA, yeah.

Ogema Romanelli reiterated that it is just a big win for them and they have been very active going to different meetings. Romanelli said their Legal Counsel, Jason Cross and just a whole group and Council and Ogema. Romanelli said big win he thinks.

Speaker Riley said he agrees. Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli. Riley said okay if there is nothing else further. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to mention one thing. Crampton said he watched the Academy Awards the other night but there was a big deal made. Crampton said a Native American Actor, Wes Studey, who he knows personally became the first Native American Presenter at the Academy Awards and actually spoke Cherokee. Crampton said it was the first time it was ever done at the event and was history making so he just wanted to note that.

Speaker Riley said it is kind of sad that they still got first in 2018 like that but he means it is progress. Riley said it is long overdue. Riley said onto D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Public Comments. Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he had the fine opportunity here at the Lodge they had a seminar on Opiates. Wittenberg said he was happy to see different ones that work here in the building come and hopefully it will open up and there will be more coming. Wittenberg said there is another coming in on Opiates over at the casino April 5th and he is planning on attending that one also. Wittenberg said he hopes others can attend it so they can get more involved. Wittenberg said it is rampart in, not only their Tribe, but many Tribes throughout their land here, Turtle Island. Wittenberg said he is grateful for himself that he can be part of it.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he just wanted to remind everybody Sugar Shack is in full bloom. Di Piazza said they have about 300 gallons that need to be boiled down and it is beautiful. Di Piazza said look at the consistency of that. Di Piazza said it goes good in their coffee, cereal, or oatmeal even burritos. Di Piazza said it goes on everything. Di Piazza said feel free to go out down there on Shoendel Road. Di Piazza said they always need somebody to man the fire because it is an eight or nine hour process a lot of times.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg asked is that this year's bottle or last year. Wittenberg said oh, okay.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said no this is fresh.

Speaker Riley asked is that part of the first run still. Riley said it looks a little bit light to be the first one.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he believed it was, yes, no, second.

Speaker Riley said yeah, the first stuff to come out is a little bit darker usually and it is the best he thinks.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he bottled a gallon and a half last night so. Di Piazza said there is a lot of it. Di Piazza said the complexion in that nice steamed sugar. Di Piazza said the facial that people pay for that and they are giving it away for free. Di Piazza said come out and enjoy it.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked anybody else for Public Comment. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said they had their Elders Meeting last week and they have decided next Elders Meeting they are going to play bingo so if they know anybody that would like to come. Lonn said they are going to have some gifts to give away and play bingo. Lonn said that is the first of one of their meeting events they are going to try and do. Lonn said she also was out at the Sugar Shack twice and the last time it was wonderful. Lonn said they had different kinds of food there that people had brought. Lonn said they had hot dog roasts. Lonn said it was very.....a lot of social stuff going on. Lonn said that is it.

Speaker Riley reminded Councilor Lonn about the Chair of the Elders changed over.

Councilor Lonn said oh yeah, the Chair of the Elders was discussed and they moved them around and he is now still on the committee but the new Chair is Mary Thomas.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Lonn said the other thing coming up is the MIEA and that will be the third week.....she thinks it is the third or second week of March. Lonn said it is the 3rd wasn't it. Lonn said 10th, 11th and 12th. Lonn said the representatives will be going and she may go but she is not sure yet.

Speaker Riley asked is that in Mt. Pleasant again this year.

Councilor Lonn said no it is Petoskey.

Speaker Riley said Petoskey this year, okay. Riley said so nothing further they will be going into closed session.

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

Tribal Council recessed at 10:16 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:01 a.m.

Speaker Riley said can he get a motion to call back to order and for second open at 11:01.

MOTION TO CALL BACK TO ORDER AND FOR SECOND OPEN AT 11:01; by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they are in second open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza do they have anything to move from closed to open.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0307-084 AND 085, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE ONLY; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked any discussion on this item. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said those two items motions and roll call votes only were moved to open.

The following motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0307-84,
 RATIFICATION OF KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY CONTRACT;**
 by DiPiazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0307-85,
 RATIFICATION OF ROSE PET SOLUTIONS SERVICE
 AGREEMENT;** by DiPiazza; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

This concludes the items moved from closed to open session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion to adjourn at 11:03.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:03; by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

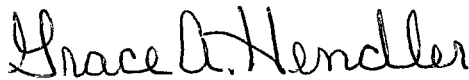
Roll Call #9

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

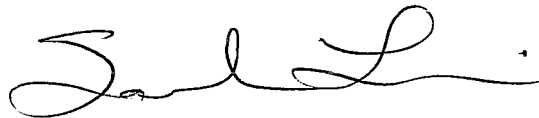
Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder