



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017
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 May 10, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said he wanted to welcome them to their Council Meeting for May 10th. Johnson said at this point he would like to start off with a prayer and the.....person who is going to lead them in a prayer is hugging.....in the audience.

Councilor Medacco said Mr. Ron Pete.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for giving us this day.
Bless this day to everyone here and to all of their friends and family.
To all of their people of their Tribe and all of the people of this great Nation.
Be with us as we proceed through the day.
Be with us as we go to our final destinations today.
Be part of our soul so we all may have peace.
Bless all of our troops and our warriors who have served in the past.
Bring our troops home to a grateful Nation and to their families who are serving with them.
Bless them all.
In our Creator's name. Amen.

Speaker Johnson thanked Ron Pete.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Diane Lonn, Ron Pete, Steve Parsons, Kelly Maser, Steve Wheeler, Tom St. Dennis, Jennifer Crampton, Shanaviah Canales, Jeanie Gibson.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mike Walter, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Shayne Machen.

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said before they go any further just a quick heads up that both Councilors Friedel and Di Piazza are at the United Tribes Meeting up at he believed the Soo. Johnson said Councilor Wabindato is out with some health issues. Johnson said he asks his colleagues here at the circle here if they have to excuse themselves to let him know and they will go into a recess, okay, because they are at the bare bones with six Council members present. Johnson said at this point he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; POSTPONEMENT OF OLD BUSINESS H AND THE ADDITION OF NEW BUSINESS C; by Riley; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley noted the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 5/3/17

Speaker Johnson said that moves them into Tribal Council Minutes and they have two here. Johnson said he has an attachment here that Grace Hendler provided him and he sees that Recorder Riley has it as well. Johnson said they will address the first one and do the second one separately.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 5/3/17 TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES;
by Riley; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are accepted.

Speaker Johnson said before they get into moving onto the second item just a quick update for the people in the audience here is that they approved the 3/30/17 agenda.....meeting minutes....they accepted them. Johnson said however they did that knowing that they didn't.....could not find the recording of this on the computer but Grace Hendler through her diligence and hard work she did finally uncover the recording of it and so she wanted to incorporate those minutes to this meeting so they are going to revisit this issue. Johnson said he believed at this point they are going to rescind the previous minutes and then incorporate the new ones. Johnson said with that said he will turn it over to Recorder Riley.

Tribal Council Minutes 3/30/17

MOTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES ON 4/19/17 AND RE-APPROVE RECOVERED 3/30/17 TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES; by Riley; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Councilor Crampton said seeing how they could not find them implies that they were not there and they couldn't locate them. Crampton said his understanding was that the meeting was never recorded that day.

Speaker Johnson said no there was an issue with.....Grace Hendler could she please step forward and help them in this process. Johnson apologized and didn't want to put her on the spot but go ahead.

Grace Hendler said okay those minutes were not previously recorded because they weren't on my system. Hendler said when she went to go clear her chip there was something on there that was dated 1970 so she looked to see what it was and it was the 3/30 Minutes so she typed them. Hendler said it is pretty long so they are recovered.

Councilor Crampton thanked Grace Hendler.

Speaker Johnson thanked Grace Hendler. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under A, Grants & Contracts so they will move onto B, Budget Modifications.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__-2nd QTR to fund Carpet Replacement and Painting at the Muskegon Office Building in the amount of \$14,018.77

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability Funds #2017-012 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Shanaviah Canales, Domestic Violence Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Canales said she is here asking them for approval.

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

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0510-164;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-12-2nd
QTR TO FUND CARPET REPLACEMENT AND PAINTING AT
THE MUSKEGON OFFICE BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$14,018.77; by Lewis; supported by Riley.**

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

Councilor Medacco said maybe the Ogema can answer this one. Medacco said down there in the Muskegon Office is this the first time any kind of improvements have been made to the building on the inside.

Ogema Romanelli said yes. Romanelli said he doesn't need a microphone.

Councilor Medacco said that is what he was just wondering and thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Johnson said okay any other.....Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said um now is any of this coming out of like the DV Grant and asked is that why she is here.

Shanaviah Canales said no, how this came about is the.....there are three grants with the DV Program and she was approved from the Grant Manager out of two of them to purchase furniture for the Victim Services Office in Muskegon. Canales said so with the really bad carpeting there that's got a lot of stains and she had asked if it was possible for that room to get painted and carpet to go with the furniture because the grants will not pay for maintenance. Canales said as she was getting these quotes she just asked if those quotes.....if the persons who were coming in would get those three quotes and could do the whole office to see if that was something the Tribe would like to do as well. Canales said so when she presented this to Bill Willis this is what he drew up and looked for funding to pay for it.

Recorder Riley said okay.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other questions on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #17-0510-164 is passed.

Shanaviah Canales thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Johnson said okay that moves them onto Item Two.

2. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__-2nd QTR to fund Costs Associated with Self-Renewing Line of Credit for use in the building of the Odeno Community Homes for Sale**
Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability Funds #2017-013 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Johnson said he believed Tom St. Dennis is here representing this item. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

Councilor Medacco said he was wondering if Tom St. Dennis come up and just give a brief description of what this is going to cover and what it entails to the membership.

Tom St. Dennis, Commerce Department, represented this agenda item. St. Dennis thanked them and said good morning. St. Dennis said this line of credit is something they have talked about for quite a while. St. Dennis said if Council remembers they did go out to a banking institution as they contemplated Odeno and lined up a line of credit to do this. St. Dennis said the purpose.....what this is to gain additional profitability on the homes that they are building at Odeno. St. Dennis said the homes have to be financed in some fashion. St. Dennis said the customer can either go to a local bank and it financed but the fees run about \$3,750.00 to do something like this. St. Dennis said what their approach is to offer them an alternative which is roughly \$2,500 to \$3,000. St. Dennis said they are going to call it a Construction Facilitation Fee so there is not any lien issues or anything else and they believe roughly they said with Steve Wheeler yesterday and went through this. St. Dennis said right now they have got that cash sitting in Investments and is earning them 1% or less so on \$2 million that is approximately \$20,000 a year. St. Dennis said this should yield a comfortable \$100,000 a year and should also increase their ability to get in and get this subdivision cracking because they are essentially cutting out the other lending institutions for Construction Loans. St. Dennis said it is really a competitive advantage.

Speaker Johnson said okay, it is open for discussion and a motion. Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he has one question then approval. Medacco said with this right here so this right here is going to be a revolving line of credit. Medacco

said so whatever sales for the house and stuff will go back into.....go back into this so that they stay self-funded.

Tom St. Dennis replied exactly that is the idea so it stays at that amount. St. Dennis said they do a closing.....roughly closes take five to six months. St. Dennis said they pull that amount right back out and stick it in that line. St. Dennis said he knows they are going to have lots of issues and they have been working, as a lot of Council is aware, with the Accounting Department because there is a lot of moving parts here so. St. Dennis said they are very confident that they.....they have a team approach here and one person cannot manage this. St. Dennis said this is going to take a lot of them involved to monitor this but the idea is absolutely revolving self-funding and continue to earn that money.

Councilor Medacco said so the \$2 million is always going to stay there but anything above and beyond that is going to go back into the Tribe.

Tom St. Dennis said the earnings they can peel the earnings off and go back into the Tribe and as Council knows in some of their preliminary discussions they did look at incorporating an entity like this potentially into the EDC. St. Dennis said they looked at a name, Little River Capital Management, they haven't got that far but that might be something that could go into an EDC as well. St. Dennis said right now it goes back into the Tribe.

Councilor Medacco said alright and thanked Tom St. Dennis.

Speaker Johnson asked any other discussions or questions or a motion on this item.

Recorder Riley said they already got a motion.....nope they don't have a motion.

Speaker Johnson said no they don't have.....Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no other discussion or comments he would like to make a motion, please.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Medacco that he had the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0510-165;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-13-2nd
QTR TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED FOR A SELF-RENEWING
LINE OF CREDIT FOR USE IN THE BUILDING OF THE ODENO
COMMUNITY HOMES FOR SALE;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #17-0510-165 is passed.

Speaker Johnson said okay that moves them into Item C.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for travel to attend Majority Trust Retreat at Martha's Vineyard on July 14-16, 2017

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee will meet in Edgartown, Massachusetts.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said just a little discussion on this topic. Riley said this is an invitation that they get as part of Membership Dues that they pay for the DSCC basically it is a donation to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee which helps them with the efforts to get Democrats elected. Riley said they do donate to both parties but this one is especially important because of the way the TLSA is moving right now and the hurdle to get that passed is the Democratic Party. Riley said because they are split along the lines of Tribal interest verses Labor interest so they believe that it important and in line with Council's long term goals to send as many people as they possibly can there to hit this issue hard so they can get it moving forward and make sure it gets passed in the next session.

Speaker Johnson said okay and recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said his question would be customarily the Council members who are travelling abstain from the vote even though it is not against the law. Crampton said that is how they do it.

Recorder Riley said it is listed as three separate motions. Riley asked Councilor Crampton if that was what he was getting at.

Councilor Crampton said that is what he was getting at because it was all three and how do they do that with six people. Crampton said okay.

Speaker Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

a. Councilor Riley

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF JOE RILEY TO TRAVEL TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASSACHUSETTS ON JULY 14-16, 2017; by Medacco; supported by Crampton.

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

Recorder Riley said he will be abstaining.

Speaker Johnson said okay Recorder Riley is abstaining, understood, and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said one question he has is ___ and he agrees with Recorder Riley in regards to the TLSA which is the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act. Johnson said it is very active right now and it is gaining some momentum and they do need a lot of support from the Democratic side. Johnson said this seems like more of a Republican initiative but they need as much support as they can from the Democrats. Johnson reiterated his question is that on the last time they had the Martha Vineyards they had two Council members attending that why is there a need for three this time. Johnson said that increases the cost of doing business over there by 50% for travel and so forth. Johnson said he knows that they are going to be really strapped for travel expenses in 2017 so why do they need three verses two. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Councilor Lewis will be travelling as part of Recorder Riley's invitation so there is no additional cost and last time they did this Speaker Johnson took his spouse. Crampton said that is the same position they are taking this time. Crampton said there is no additional cost Councilor Lewis will be joining Recorder Riley.

Speaker Johnson said okay and recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said just to clear up any confusion because of that statement. Riley said Speaker Johnson covered the cost of his spouse attending with him. Riley said he just wanted to make sure nobody got mixed up on that and thought that they were paying for spouses to go along with.

Councilor Crampton said which they never do. Crampton said there is no additional cost what is the additional cost.

Speaker Johnson said that is what he is asking because he has three people going here and he doesn't know the cost to travel if they are doing plane tickets, if they are doing mileage, or whatever. Johnson said if they are driving out there and

back, they know, that is the additional cost is, okay. Johnson said also the time being away from the office here. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said this is something that has been troubling him for a long time, and he is glad he took Councilor Lewis with him last time, when these events happen they will see other Tribes they go in force. Crampton said there was two people from Little River Band at MAST in Washington for their Hill visits. Crampton said Pokhagens took their whole Council, Traverse.....Grand Traverse was there in force and they didn't break up they stayed in one project. Crampton said he thinks many times they play this game, he refers to it as a Kindergarten Game, where people don't understand their real business and what gets done in Washington gets done by these people who go in force. Crampton said him and Councilor Lewis went and did as many visits on the Hill as they could but it was nothing near to what Sault Saint Marie, Grand Traverse, Pokhagen, and all these other Tribes.....what was it Soaring Eagle they came in force. Crampton said they are talking seven to eight to nine people verses their two so who do they think got the more messages to most people.

Speaker Johnson asked any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (5-0-1-2)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved and onto the next one.

Speaker Johnson said onto the next one, Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she is abstaining.

Speaker Johnson said he will entertain a motion. Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

b. Councilor Lewis

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL FOR COUNCILOR LEWIS TO THE MAJORITY TRUST RETREAT AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD ON JULY 14-16, 2017; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Johnson said Councilor Lewis already acknowledged that she was going to abstain so it is open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (5-0-1-3)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved.

Speaker Johnson said they have two already approved for travel it is so noted. Johnson said that moves them onto Councilor Crampton. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

c. Councilor Crampton

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL FOR COUNCILOR CRAMPTON TO ATTEND THE MAJORITY TRUST RETREAT AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD ON JULY 14-16, 2017; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said Councilor Crampton it is understood.

Speaker Johnson said that is understandable and that it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (4-1-1-3)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved.

Speaker Johnson said that moves them into Old Business.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

A. Financial Report

Reports received:

1. January 2017
2. February 2017

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| | March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. | Enrollment Commission
March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. | Housing Commission
March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| D. | Natural Resource Commission
February & March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. | Commerce Commission
May and June 2016
January-March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| F. | Elders Committee Minutes
March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. | LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
May-December 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| H. | Elected Official Compensation-Tribal Judges
Tribal Council held a work session on March 30, 2017 to review the compensation levels of Elected Officials and is required to set those levels by resolution. This item was postponed at the April 26 th Tribal Council Meeting. | |

Speaker Johnson asked do they have anything on Old Business. Johnson said yes they have received Financial Reports for January and February. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there was any action they have to do on that.

Recorder Riley said not at this time.

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted that it will be recorded as they have accepted those minutes and they are filed. Johnson said they did postpone Item H so that moves them into New Business.

V. New Business

- A. Authorizing the Operating Transfer of \$100,000 to Increase Required Operating Cash Reserves of Little River Trading Post**
The Operating Transfer of Cash will place adequate Cash Reserves for LRTP to maintain required inventory levels and additional operational overhead.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson noted Steve Wheeler is here representing that item.

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Wheeler said morning. Wheeler said what they need is a resolution for an Operating Transfer of \$100,000 for the Trading Post cash. Wheeler said about the last month or so they have been kind of operating with a low cash balance and trying to time Accounts Payable making sure they have money for payroll, gas purchases, grocery and cigarette purchases and they are to the point now they need more funding because it is not

cash flowing. Wheeler said the last time they asked for Operating Cash was January of 2016 and it was the same amount.

Speaker Johnson said okay he has Councilor Medacco then Recorder Riley.

Councilor Medacco said so with this.....another infusion of \$100,000 so the C-Store is basically become a benefit to the membership but is not profitable.

Steve Wheeler said yeah, the.....it hasn't been profitable in some time. Wheeler said it is normally incurring a monthly net loss. Wheeler said that net income has been in that loss and that is riding their cash flow down. Wheeler said in prior years they have been able to cash flow as long as they could and now they can no longer at this point.

Councilor Medacco said second part of that; how long will this \$100,000 last until he is back up here again asking Council for another infusion.

Steve Wheeler said if there is no changes to the way the Trading Post operates he could be back in another 12 to 15 months. Wheeler said if there is changes to the operations of the Trading Post he may not have to come back at all or a longer period.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Medacco if he was done.

Councilor Medacco said yes and thanked him.

Speaker Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said he would like to actually request that they get some sort of plan and a timeframe for implementation to make the corrections that need to be made to at least mitigate the loss. Riley said he means as it is \$100,000 from January of last year until now lasted them 15 months so they are losing ten grand a month over there. Riley said he refuses to believe there is not any changes that could be made to at least mitigate that to some point and get closer to, they know, somewhere in the neighborhood of making money or at least losing a lot less. Riley said so he would request that Council be as part of this be presented with a plan and an implementation schedule so that they know something is being done and they are not just throwing money at something and propping it up with capital infusions like this. Riley said also because he thinks if they are going to be paying \$100,000 a year for it to provide the tax benefits to somebody he thinks they can pay somebody else to give them to them and they wouldn't lose nearly as much money. Riley said pay somebody else for the service. Riley said there is a lot of cost that aren't actually attributed to the bottom line of the C-Store that aren't reflected in this as well. Riley said they do HR Services and Accounting Service and get rid of them and don't bill them for those. Riley said they do make Tax Revenue so that sets it off a little bit but he can't in good conscience count

that toward the C-Store's revenue because of the fact that every gas station in town pays taxes at a higher rate than they do. Riley said so that's all he has to say about that.

Steve Wheeler said and he does, yeah.....would be allowed to clear that they have done some preliminary work already on trying to gather some data and some points that can help them in the future. Wheeler said they did have more discussions on the operations and they have some ideas for changes. Wheeler said they are putting those together and they will meet with the Ogema to go over those and hopefully the Council at some point.

Recorder Riley thanked Steve Wheeler.

Speaker Johnson recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah he just wanted to weigh in. Romanelli said they have had some meetings and actually had a report that was done or a review done and thinks it was by Dennis Mc Carthy. Romanelli said comparing them with other gas stations etc. and looking at the numbers. Romanelli said they now have somebody on their Council that used to run the C-Store since its inception so he is hoping that will get some information from that area as well. Romanelli said with Councilor Friedel running the gas station.....another thing is they are set aside from other gas stations in the area in the fact that they give back to their community and to their community members. Romanelli said the Gas Tax that they are allowed that other gas stations are not is moved along. Romanelli said the Cigarette Tax affects it as well so he thinks they just have to look at the total picture and make sure what they want to give. Romanelli said the gas station was created to create jobs and to give some benefits and as an economic development tool as well. Romanelli said so they have to make sure that first off if they are going to run a business it should be for economic development and that is his opinion. Romanelli said if they can create some jobs for Tribal members and others in the community absolutely that's necessary and then if they can give benefits. Romanelli said they always have to weigh what they want to do with those three aspects of it but they do have someone on Council now and they have had some meetings on this and had some suggestions on what to change up. Romanelli said one thing they found in the report that he remember that comes out is the cost of employees, employment costs, the wages and he thinks that they need to look specifically at that. Romanelli said they are taking some actions and looking at it but they also need to have the input of the former Manager as well so.

Recorder Riley thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't believe they have a motion on this yet either do they. Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0510-166;
AUTHORIZING THE OPERATING TRANSFER OF \$100,000 TO
INCREASE REQUIRED OPERATING CASH RESERVES OF
LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST; by Riley; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he had his hand up and he is looking for a support.

Councilor Crampton said oh.

Councilor Lewis said support.

Recorder Riley said Councilor Lewis supported it.

Speaker Johnson said Councilor Lewis, okay. Johnson said it was open for discussion. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he was just wondering, and asked who is the C-Store under at this point and who is the boss of the C-Store.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be him.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Ogema Romanelli asked is that it.

Councilor Crampton said umm-hmm.

Ogema Romanelli said okay thanks.

Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson said he forgot to ask the question up front if anybody was going to abstain and it is still open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #17-0510-166 is passed.

Speaker Johnson thanked Steve Wheeler. Johnson said that moves them on to Item C, the add, Appointing Councilor Friedel to the Binojeeuk Commission as a

Liaison. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson recognized Steve Parsons.

Steve Parsons said they went over his.

Speaker Johnson said did he.

Recorder Riley said to Speaker Johnson that he skipped B.

Speaker Johnson said oh and apologized.

Recorder Riley said getting all excited about assigning somebody.

Speaker Johnson said no, no. Johnson asked Steve Parsons to come on up.

B. Approval of Right of Way Documents for the M-22 Realignment Road Construction Project

The Bureau of Indian Affairs needs a resolution approved by Tribal Council in order to convey Right of Way and Easement Rights to Michigan Department of Transportation for road construction on the M-22 Realignment Project.

Steve Parsons, Planning Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons said good morning.

Speaker Johnson said yes.

Steve Parsons said he knows this item is kind of messy so he thought maybe they were trying to send him a message but.....thanked them for putting this on and adding it last week. Parsons said it came in rather late. Parsons said this was a pretty involved process and it didn't really come together until the end of last week. Parsons said he also wanted to apologize for not being at Agenda Review on Monday. Parsons said he had a personal matter that came up and he was unable to be there. Parsons said he also wanted to apologize for the way this resolution is worded. Parsons said there are two entities that are involved in this process one being the BIA and the other being MDOT. Parsons said unfortunately their processes are never very simple and so they received pretty specific instructions from the BIA as far as how they wanted this resolution to read. Parsons said so the background of it is this has to do with the M-22 Realignment Project that they are hopefully going to be working on yet this year. Parsons said while this was a Safety Grant they received a couple of years ago and in order to be able to do that because the M-22 does not line up properly with Loon Road and really never has. Parsons said what they are proposing to do with this project is to realign M-22 moving it essentially over to the right, the south bound lanes over to the right about 20 feet. Parsons said that should line the federal lines up better and they will have three lanes of traffic that will be coming

south bound on 22 left, straight through, and right turn lanes because right now they don't have that. Parsons said it is difficult for people when they are actually on that road to figure what lane they need to be in when they are approaching the intersection so that should take care of those problems. Parsons said unfortunately with/at that intersection at least on the Tribal property the property that they are proposing in moving the intersection over to the right involves Tribal Trust Land which is the Casino Parcel and there is a small notch within that property which is where the old Vet Hospital used to be. Parsons said when they purchased that property ten years ago or so whenever they bought it that land was never put into trust. Parsons said apparently it has been started to go into trust but it hasn't been into trust yet so part of the complicated process that they see here with this resolution is they have to have a separate documentation for the Trust Parcels and separation for the Simple Fee Parcel. Parsons said that will go away hopefully with time but for right now to get this done that is the way it is going to look. Parsons said again he is sorry to not be there Monday. Parsons said they could have had more time for him to get into a lot more detail on this situation but essentially there are five documents that are part of this resolution. Parsons said there are two Highway Easements they are going to adopt one for the Fee to Trust Parcel and the other for the.....apologized.....one for the Trust Parcel and one for the Simple Fee Parcel. Parsons said the others will take a Consent to Grades which are Temporary Easements that MDOT has requested for the construction process which basically takes the Right-of-Way out another five feet but then goes away essentially after the project has been completed. Parsons said they have a date range on that of about July 17-April 25th which is the proposed construction dates for that project. Parsons said he is kind of in the weeds about this because he could spend probably the next hour going over this with them which he doesn't want to become insensitive to their time. Parsons said so essentially if they have any questions he would be happy to answer them but this is a critical piece something that they need in place in order for the construction to begin which they hope, again, to happen sometime in mid-July. Parsons said well he guessed he will stop there and see if they have any questions.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0510-167; APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, HIGHWAY EASEMENT AND CONSENT TO GRADE TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF M-22 REALIGNMENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said to Steve Parsons the question that he has in regards to the Right-of-Way is there going to be any issues at all about the land that is in trust and the land that is not in trust at all.

Steve Parsons said in terms of the Right-of-Way Easement there shouldn't be because as it stands right now MDOT does have a Right-of-Way on that side of 22. Parsons said this will just expand it because they are going to move the lanes over about 20 feet so it just increases the amount of land where they will have a Right-of-Way Easement basically for maintenance if there is any obstructions they have the right to come and clear those out of there, that kind of thing. Parsons said what they would normally do on any other highway that they maintain.

Speaker Johnson said the other question that he has will this also improve access to the C-Store.

Steve Parsons replied it should. Parsons said as everybody knows they were not successful on their latest attempt to get a light put in there for various reasons. Parsons said what they are hoping that by aligning the intersections up it is going to be easier for folks to go straight across 31 because as it stands right now unless they have been to the intersection people are not really sure what lane to get into even if they want to go straight across so the hope is that will regulate traffic better so people feel more confident in crossing the road to be able to access the C-Store.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #17-0510-167 is passed.

Steve Parsons said Miigwech, thanked them very much.

Speaker Johnson thanked Steve Parsons. Johnson said that moves them now to the add number C.

C. Appointing Councilor Friedel as a Binojeeuk Commission Liaison

The Binojeeuk Commission has only two Commissioners and a Liaison is in dire need and Jamie Friedel has volunteered.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley explained that generally they wait until the new people are sworn in to make appointments like this. Riley said the issue is that with no alternate to the Binojeeuk Commission they actually run with two people where a Councilor sometimes has to make a quorum so they need to appoint somebody there immediately.

Speaker Johnson said it.....and recognized Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF APPOINTING COUNCILOR FRIEDEL AS A BINOJEEUK COMMISSION LIAISON; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley noted the appointment is confirmed.

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said that moves them into Concluding Business.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 17, 2017**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Johnson said he would like to turn the next part of the meeting over to the Ogema for the Weekly Status and Business Update.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said now they have a new GM in place over at the Resort who started he believed Monday. Romanelli said the Speaker and he went over and had lunch with him and he also met with Tribal Council already so. Romanelli said they wish him the best of luck. Romanelli said his name is Andrew Gentile.

Tribal Council said Gentile.

Ogema Romanelli repeated Gentile. Romanelli said so what else is going on. Romanelli said the Trading Post they have been having meetings, yes, it is in his

hands and they are meeting regularly and trying to get the best answers to the situation. Romanelli said he thinks that they do need to ask various people for information he doesn't think that he should just go ahead and make these on his own. Romanelli said he is not sure what the question was for but so they have that. Romanelli said they have.....he wants to also put forward some names which he told the Recorder they now have he thinks five Council members that have put their names forward or potential new Council members that have put their names forward to serve on the Oversight Task Force so he is going to submit all those names to the Council and they are free to pick from those names, he guesses. Romanelli said he is not sub.....there are no requirements for a Council member to sit on there so he has no requirements to look over and actually it is ultimately the Council's choice on who they want to put forward so he will be putting those by the end of the week and they can go from there. Romanelli said ah, what else do they have. Romanelli said they have a new installation that looks like it's supposed to be for next week and he doesn't know they usually put some spread on of donuts or breakfast or something like that. Romanelli said they have done them here and done them also across the street and that is up to Council he guesses whatever they want to do but if they are going to do something across the street notice should be given to the staff so that the room is available and the eats are ready to go. Romanelli said he has no idea on timing or anything like that but just for their information so he doesn't know how that works.

Speaker Johnson said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said that's it.

Speaker Johnson asked any questions, updates, to.....on the Business, none. Johnson said okay let them move onto Legislative Affairs.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything on Legislative Affairs. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well he is sure all of Council got their update from Mr. Mahoney about the TLSA and it looks like now they have commit.....well they don't have commitments but it looks Heidi.....Heidi Camp and John Testra are going to lean towards supporting them measure. Crampton said that would still leave a.....he thinks they need to sweep a little bit ma.....about three more Democrats to really make this.....make this move but most interesting to note is Al Franken. Crampton said he thinks they should really target working on him.

Speaker Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said yeah, yeah he thinks he could be nudged in that direction, he means last time the Speaker and he spoke with Mr. Franken and he said he was about 70-30 in favor of them on the issue so he thinks they could close that gap and get a solid from him potentially if they focus.

Speaker Johnson said it is a very good point the both of them. Johnson said very good.....Al Franken was leaning towards them but he wasn't sure at that time. Johnson thanked them. Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said at this point any Tribal member who has a public comment he would invite them to come forward. Johnson recognized Ron Pete.

Ron Pete, Tribal #4158, said first of all he has a comment and then he has a question for Speaker Johnson. Pete said first of all he wanted to say he was at the election of the new Elders Committee on Saturday. Pete said he just wanted to say it went off very, very well and was done very.....and he wanted to congratulate all the new people that are on the Elders Committee. Pete said it was like he said it took some time but.....the count but he say Speaker Johnson had taken his shoes off so he could count his toes.....but it was kind of.....it was interesting and he is just having fun with him. Pete said congratulations on that. Pete said second thing is they were in a brief discussion they had informally before Council Meeting this morning and could they let them know.....do they feel for sure that.....are they going to be sworn.....are the new Council people going to be sworn in on the 17th or they don't know that for sure or.....he would like to know if at all possible.

Speaker Johnson said he is going to turn this over.....this question over to Recorder Riley because.....

Ron Pete said that is okay Recorder Riley he will ask him.

Recorder Riley said to his understanding the Election Board is meeting tonight to determine, he guesses, they have two hearings that they have to sort out.

Ron Pete umm-hmm.

Recorder Riley said so it will likely not be the 17th they are trying to do it obviously as soon as possible so.....

Ron Pete said correct.

Recorder Riley said he means it is entirely in their hands. Riley said when they get the report they put it on the next agenda and the deadline for Agenda Requests for next week was yesterday at 5:00 so probably the 24th at the earliest. Riley said they will keep him in the know.

Ron Pete thanked Recorder Riley. Pete asked if he was sure the 17th is out.

Recorder Riley said right.

Ron Pete said okay because then he can make some plans for himself. Pete said maybe he can go golfing or something.

Councilor Crampton said actually if they do that business before they could entertain an add.

Recorder Riley said they could entertain it, yes, yes.

Councilor Crampton said it is a possibly that it could be done on the 17th but too.....

Recorder Riley said it would have to be done very soon because there is a lot of stuff they have to put together to get that going, he means, they order food and beverages and things like that so.....

Councilor Crampton said hold the two hearings.....

Recorder Riley said depending on how much notice there is, yeah, they could add it.

Ron Pete said okay he doesn't know.....Mr.....he didn't hear what Councilor Crampton said so.....

Councilor Crampton said he was saying that if they.....if they happen to get through the two hearings which is highly unlikely that it is not out of the question that they could entertain an add before next week but like he said that is highly unlikely to get to two hearings.

Ron Pete said but if they did they would certainly put it out somewhere so that.....

Councilor Crampton said he would entertain an add, yes.

Ron Pete said a person like him who has to drive 100 miles.

Recorder Riley said he's got his phone number still.

Ron Pete said okay and thanked them. Pete said okay that is it.

Speaker Johnson said he also wanted to address this because this also happened two.....back in 2009 he believed it was and when Council did have the report from the Election Board but did not act on it. Johnson said he will say this....is that will not happen again. Johnson said not as long as he sits here as the Speaker. Johnson said once that report is given to them they will do a roll call vote on it on the very next meeting and then they will do the Swearing In after that so right now it is pushed out at a minimum of a week if they do get it then they can get it on the agenda they can vote on it for next week and then they can do the Swearing In the following week. Johnson said that is his position on this as one person, okay. Johnson said he has Recorder Riley and then Councilor Crampton raising their hands.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to speak to Ron Pete's comment and he wanted to thank all of the Elders for their patience in this process. Riley said it wasn't exactly a decision that made everyone happy or wasn't necessarily popular but there were some issues there that had to get ironed out in order for them to move forward so he is just happy that it is over and he thanks all the Elders for their patience during the process.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Crampton if he had something he wanted to respond.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, yeah, he just wanted to say with the Elders Election he looked at the list and he was quite happy because that looks like a really well rounded group and probably the most diverse that they ever had.

Speaker Johnson asked any other public comments. Johnson recognized Diane Lonn.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she doesn't know how this would work out but it seems to her if this effects one area whether it be At-Large, Out-Lying that would be the one that would be stalled. Lonn said not have the other ones be held up. Lonn said now again there is nothing in the Election Rules or anything on how this is going to run but to her why would they hold up all the other ones that have passed over maybe one division. Lonn said that is her comment, only comment.

Speaker Johnson said before he entertains Councilor Medacco on this is that Council is not voting if they have not received the report.....

Diane Lonn said no she understands.....

Speaker Johnson said to Diane Lonn that she needs to address that question to the Election Board.

Diane Lonn said she already knows what that is about.

Speaker Johnson recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said just that....is that with the new election rules that came out.....or the nine counties being switched over to Out-Lying.

Diane Lonn said right.

Councilor Medacco asked but who is that going to affect because Councilor Di Piazza got re-elected and Ron Pete is going to be on there and either his or Councilor Wabindato's seat is switching over to Out-Lying so who is that going to affect.

Diane Lonn said she doesn't know.

Councilor Medacco said that what he is saying.....they can't get make it.....

Diane Lonn said no she is just speaking her mind as he said.

Councilor Medacco said they are going to be that way if.....

Diane Lonn said it is going to be real interesting that is all she is saying.

Councilor Medacco said if the election rules were the same as it used to be in the past he wouldn't see no issue with it but since the seat is changing over Out-Lying for 4 to 4 to 1 make up now that is what is going to be the factor in it

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Medacco. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he was just going to say the one seat is already decided and that would be Recorder Riley's seat and it is going to convert to a nine county.

Recorder Riley said no, it going to convert to an Out-Lying he thought.

Councilor Crampton said oh, sorry an Out-Lying. Crampton said that At-Large is going to go away but the other one hasn't been determined yet and.....well he will just leave it at that.

Speaker Johnson said okay and asked if there was any other public comment. Johnson said okay at this point then he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:50.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

Speaker Johnson said Councilor Wittenberg making the motion. Johnson said he knows where his heart is. Johnson asked does he have a support.

Recorder Riley said support.

Speaker Johnson said to the Ogema that he will catch him after because they have it on the floor here. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

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 END FIRST OPEN AT 10:50; by Wittenberg; supported by Riley.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

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

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:48 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:48; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Speaker Johnson said that moves them on; and asked do they have any items to move from close to open.

Recorder Riley responded yes.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS C.1, C.2, C.3 AND C.4; MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Riley said okay, items are moved.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0510-168, RATIFICATION OF PROVIDER NETWORK AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; by Lewis; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0510-169, RATIFICATION OF PROVIDER NETWORK AGREEMENT WITH MERIDIAN HEALTH PLAN OF MICHIGAN; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

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
J. Friedel - Absent	M. Wabindato - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0510-170,
RATIFICATION OF CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY CONTRACT;** by
Lewis; supported by Riley.

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
J. Friedel - Absent	M. Wabindato - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0510-171,
AUTHORIZE THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH
TRAVOIS;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

Speaker Johnson said okay, at this point then he will entertain a motion to end second open at 11:49.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 11:49; by Lewis; supported by
Wittenberg.

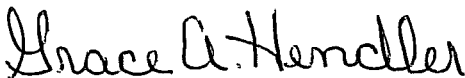
Roll Call #15

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

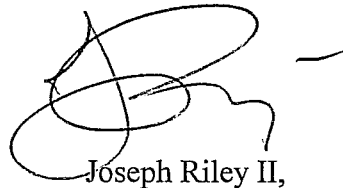
Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



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Tribal Council Recorder