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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019
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 15, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thank Recorder Lewis. Riley said good morning everybody and welcome. Riley said all right they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Councilor Di Piazza is going to lead them.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

I pray to all Creation for all of our relatives.
Show us a good trail.
Show us a good job.
For us to work together.
Bring us all together and give us a good way of life.
Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Terri Burmeister, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Kelly Maser, Val mc Donnell, Nikki Nelson, Karen Love, Tammy Burmeister, Gary Lewis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF VIII A. IS POSTPONED, C. IS POSTPONED AND E. IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on the agenda. Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn she just has one question where they postponed the accepting for filing the revised Gaming Commission Regulations. Lonn asked why.

Recorder Lewis said it was asked pending another work session.

Speaker Riley said all right if there is nothing else. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	No
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 5/8/19

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
5/18/19; by Lewis; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley said he is sorry but did she say 5/18/19.

Recorder Lewis said oh sorry 5/8/19.

Councilor Pete said he thought there was a one in front of there too and apologized. Pete said to Speaker Riley that he still supports.

Speaker Riley said all right and thanked him.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
5/8/19; by Lewis; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on the minutes. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the Tribal Council Minutes for 5/8/19 have been accepted for filing.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

**1. Approval of Grant Application for FY2019 Tribal
Transportation Safety Funding to Construct a Roundabout at
the Intersection of US-31 & M-22**

The Federal Highway Administration is soliciting applications for Tribal Transportation Safety Funds for FY2019. The Planning Department would like to apply for funds to pay for the construction of a Roundabout at the Intersection of US-31 & M-22.

Speaker Riley said Steve Parsons is representing this item and that he had the floor.

Steve Parsons, Planning Coordinator, and Lyle Dorr, Grants Writer, represented this agenda item. Parsons thanked Speaker Riley. Parsons said good morning. Parsons said just to give kind of credit where it is due Lyle Dorr their Grants

Writer is also here this morning. Parsons said that is in case he needs him to answer any questions but he just wanted to acknowledge his work on putting this grant application together. Parsons said what this is is a request from Tribal Council to approve a grant application to what is called the Tribal Transportation Safety Funding Program. Parsons said it is a special set aside with BIA Road Funds that it roughly \$9 million that is available to Tribes for specific projects involving safety. Parsons said what they are proposing this year is to apply for funding to construct a Roundabout at the Intersection of US-31 and M-22. Parsons said that has been discussed a while and he won't go into the history of it unless they want him to because it will take a while and they talked about this during Agenda Review. Parsons said it has taken them a while to get here and basically what made this possible, even possible this year, was a generous offer from the Michigan Department of Transportation to pay for up to 50% of the cost to install the Roundabout which that is a pretty big deal. Parson said what it did it put them back in contention to apply for the grant because at this.....what they essentially said this grant is being more popular year after year. Parsons said they said they are really not going to fund any project.....projects that are over a million dollars. Parsons said the estimated costs of the Roundabout is \$1.9 million and that is based on MDOT's data for similar Roundabouts they constructed in other places in Northern Michigan. Parsons said so the overall costs would be roughly \$1.9 million and they would kick in \$950,000 and MDOT would kick in the other \$950,000. Parsons said that gets them under the million-dollar threshold and makes them a competitive grant in terms of what they are looking for. Parsons said the other piece to this which they talked about a bit on Monday during Agenda Review but just to kind of say it again, is that one of the things they also consider is the viability of the grant application is whether or not the Tribe is willing to put in some of their own funding toward the project. Parsons said the consensus between Lyle Dorr and himself is that may enhance their chances of getting it and he thinks the number they talked about on Monday was \$67,000 which gets them under \$900,000 that again may make them more competitive as far as the BIA is concerned. Parsons said that would be Council's discretion as to whether they wanted to contribute or set aside Tribal Funding for this project and they could include it in the grant application. Parsons said it is something they may consider. Parsons said one of the things he wants to apologize for is that this process to him is very mysterious. Parsons said what he means by that is it is hard to know exactly what they are looking for. Parsons said what is going to make them look a favorable grant application which may eliminate them. Parsons said it seems that this year they emphasizing a Tribal Contribution toward the project is one of the factors that they look at which is why this is even coming up. Parsons said so he guessed with that being said there is two alternatives in terms of how they can do this. Parsons said one is just to apply for the \$950,000 which would be 50% of the estimated costs or a reduced amount with a Tribal Contribution with a \$67,000 being kind of what is on the table for consideration. Parsons said he has two resolutions basically one with and one without. Parsons said they can actually go either way. Parsons said at this point it certainly is their call and he can't tell them and that is a problem.

Parsons said he wished he could say well their chances are much better if they do this as opposed to that he can't do that because again its what they do and how they do it and isn't something they share with the public that much so it is just.....it is a chance they take either way so. Parsons said he is sorry for that explanation sounding kind of goofy but he can answer any questions they might have and Lyle Dorr is also here in case they have any questions for him.

Speaker Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is just his opinion he thinks it would be more favorable if they put in on it to be honest. Di Piazza said he knows it is a lot of the grant applications he ever sees there is usually a match or they want them to contribute so. Di Piazza said he knows they offered MDOT even to put up a light, pay for it, pay for everything just to put a light up there but well.....he is not going to go into that.

Steve Parsons said right. Parsons said they had a lot of frustration with that.

Councilor Di Piazza reiterated it would be more favorable with the one with a dollar amount attached.

Steve Parsons said okay.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any other questions or discussion or a motion.

Lyle Dorr asked can he.....can he go ahead and apologized.

Speaker Riley said go ahead.

Lyle Dorr said he just wanted to.....just a quick synopsis of the viability of this has only been about three weeks. Dorr said it is amazing how quick this came up. Dorr said they didn't think it was going to happen they mentioned that in Agenda Review but all the components are here to make a good shot at it. Dorr said plus Chuck Fisher's stuff that he had done in the past he is able to draw from that. Dorr said MDOT sent them everything they needed to send. Dorr said the county thanks Councilor Friedel who sent a support letter so they have the county, state and everybody so. Dorr said if they are going to make it it is a good opportunity he is totally amazed that all the information is here and if they get approved....they would like to submit it by tomorrow because it is due Monday. Dorr said they appreciate everybody's help with it at least considering the Roundabout as a possibility. Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked if they were approved when do they think this would start do they give them a date or anything.

Steve Parsons said probably it would be 2020 more than likely because the deadline for the grant application is May 20th which is a week from Friday he believed. Parsons said yeah, okay. Parsons said or Monday okay, he's got his dates screwed up. Parsons said they are very notorious for taking a long time to let them know if they received the funding or not. Parsons said it is probably not practical for this year and they have told MDOT that and they are actually happy with that because their projects are already underway. Parsons said so it is probably more than likely it is going to be next year that they would do it. Parsons said the good thing is it gives them if they did get the grant and this thing gets moving it gives them a lot of time...ahead of time for the construction season they know to get it designed, get it all planned, get all the sign-offs that they need, get the Right of Way Permits and they are sure if they have to go an Environmental Assessment because one has already been done with the work over on 22 a few years ago. Parsons said it gives them extra time to do it so 2020 is likely when it would be done and probably would be completed some time in the late summer or early fall would be his best guess.

Councilor Lonn thanked Steve Parsons.

Steve Parsons said uh-huh.

Speaker Riley recognized Jamie Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he would also be in favor with the match to the \$67,000 if that is what it takes.

Steve Parsons said okay.

Councilor Friedel said back in 2008 when they started this project it's been on MDOT's plate year after year after year to get a stop light and they know being....being Tribal, being part of the community, part of the they know the Fair Grounds and the whole nine yards he doesn't want to walk up there and see somebody hanging out of a car like he did with the accident there before. Friedel said he doesn't want to see any of them, he doesn't want to see anybody in that position and he fought for this. Friedel said Robert Memberto has fought for this years and years and years it is time to do something. Friedel said he thinks this is the best time to act if they are going to give them half that money it is the best thing they could do.

Steve Parsons thanked Councilor Friedel. Parsons said having some of the things that have been said just triggered another thought for him and that is he wants to thank the Tribal Council for.....there was a meeting that they had with MDOT Representatives right here regarding their Long Range Transportation Plan. Parsons said this is in March or April he can't even think of a date but the reason this thing got off the ground, at least his understanding of it, is that Rick Riptack

who is the Manager of the Traverse City Office who was here was very favorably impressed with the discussions that they had with Tribal Council and their concern about this intersection. Parsons said kind of what he took away from that was something that he decided he wanted to do was to pitch it to his superiors for MDOT to be able to help pay for this so Lyle Dorr had said this kind of just gotten like the last three weeks it wasn't for sure when they knew they could do this but it basically because they didn't hear from MDOT until three weeks ago and so it was all because of that meeting that they had with them that started this whole thing going. Parsons said so he wanted to thank the Council for their active involvement at least in shaking the trees a bit with MDOT again and getting this thing off the ground. Parsons reiterated his thanks for that.

Lyle Dorr said just a last piece this is for people that may watch and he wondered about this but Steve Parsons had helped explain this; the traffic light thing he was saying they know what they would pay for a traffic light but MDOT will not put in the traffic light there. Dorr said they will put a Roundabout in but they won't put in a traffic light because of their regulations ____ he doesn't understand the whole concept behind that but that might help explain well he would just put a traffic light there. Dorr said MDOT won't do that but they will help fund a Roundabout.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah it was to his understanding when they were here and they were talking about that traffic light and they said that the way it is now if they would....they have a blinker out there but if they put a traffic light out there their findings were that it does cause more accidents because people see just a light or whatever it may be not paying attention they cruise on through. Wittenberg said he can understand why they were talking about putting in a Roundabout verses putting a light up there. Wittenberg said he himself does like the Roundabout so it would help take care of that corner somewhat.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said no he was going to say unless there is more discussion that he would be prepared to make a motion so whenever that would happen.

Speaker Riley said no he can go ahead and make a motion they can continue discussion after that.

Councilor Pete said okay. Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0515-116;
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE FY2019 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**SAFETY FUNDS (TTPSF) PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FUNDING A ROUNDABOUT AT THE US-31 & M-22
INTERSECTION; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked was that motion with the \$67,000.....

Councilor Pete said he is sorry if they are adding that in yes he would like to add the \$67,000 because he also thinks it looks better with them with skin in the game.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked Jamie Friedel does he still support.

Councilor Friedel said yes he does.

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0515-116;
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE FY2019 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
SAFETY FUNDS (TTPSF) PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FUNDING A ROUNDABOUT AT THE US-31 & M-22
INTERSECTION WITH A TRIBAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$67,000;
by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he just wanted to add that at his last visit over to Oneida that he noticed they also had a Roundabout in the way. Crampton said he approached their General Manager and asked him how that affected business and he said it increased at about 25% once they put the Roundabout in.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked is there any more discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0515-116 has been approved.

Steve Parsons said Miigwech and thanked them very much.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Riley said nothing under Budget Modifications.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. **Approval for Diane Lonn to attend The Heart of ICWA & MIFPA Statewide Training Conference on August 14, 2019**
Councilor Lonn is the Liaison for the Binojeeuk Commission and would like to attend this Conference with the Commissioners.

Councilor Lonn said this is a discussion on the ICWA and the MIFPA and how it has affected their children. Lonn said it is an overview. Lonn said it also gives them an idea of how the outcome is and how well the programs are working. Lonn said they also have their Prosecutor that is going to be one of the main Speakers. Lonn said the registration she has done that, there is no cost except for her staying the night.

Councilor Pete said and travel.

Councilor Lonn said and travel and apologized.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to make point of clarification here. Riley said for those that don't know all of the acronyms that they use. Riley said ICWA is the Indian Child Welfare Act and MIFPA is the Michigan Indian Family Protection Act so. Riley said just so there is no confusion for anybody watching this.

Councilor Lonn said she thinks MIFPA Michigan is the only one that has MIFPA. Lonn said that is very good for their children and she believed it was one of the Potawatomi Tribes that started it. Lonn said it has come a long way.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked do they have a motion on this item or any more discussion. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he is prepared to make a motion. Pete said he just has to clarify quick is this a straight motion or a resolution.

Speaker Riley said motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE HEART OF ICWA & MIFPA STATEWIDE TRAINING CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 14, 2019; by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any further discussion. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked how many people are attending.

Councilor Lonn replied so far she registered and she did send the information to their three, they are on Binojeeuk, but she has not heard anything. Lonn said she knows Mr. Friedel has also sent the information to them. Lonn said so it could be four of them.

Councilor Crampton asked is everybody staying over the night in Petoskey.

Councilor Lonn answered no just her. Lonn said or she doesn't really know they may. Lonn said she just has not heard anything.

Councilor Crampton said okay and thanked Councilor Lonn.

Speaker Riley said okay, all right. Riley said there is no further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton -	No	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg -	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said travel for Diane Lonn to attend The Heart of ICWA & MIFPA Statewide Training Conference on August 14, 2019 has been approved.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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

Speaker Riley said they have nothing here.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission** ☐ April 2019
No Meetings per e-mail
- B. **Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- C. **Gaming Commission** ☐ April 2019
- D. **Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- E. **Housing Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- F. **Natural Resource Commission** ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Riley said there is no meeting in April for Binojeeuk, they have Gaming Commission for April and it looks like that is it. Riley asked is there any discussion on that. Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had submitted some minutes for NRC, so he doesn't know, they will get them cleaned up.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said things are going better.

Speaker Riley said great.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Elders Committee Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> April 2019 |

Speaker Riley said they are waiting on the Elders Committee and they have the Resort Preference Report for April. Riley asked is there any discussion on that. Riley said okay.

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due: March 2019

Reports received:

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| A. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Natural Resource Commission
January & March 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said they are waiting on the Financial Report and he thinks Gary Di Piazza just addressed the Natural Resource Commission issue. Riley asked is there any further discussion here.

VIII. New Business

- A. Accepting for Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation
#R400-04:GC-14 Chapter 14-Hearings**

The Gaming Commission revised and approved the regulation on April 23, 2019 by Gaming Commission Resolution #GC19-0423-10 and is now being forwarded to Tribal Council for filing in accordance with Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04, Section 6.04 (b).

Speaker Riley said Item A is postponed.

- B. Acceptance of the 2019 Regular Election Final Report**

The Election Board certifies the results for the April 26, 2019 Regular Election.

Speaker Riley asked did anybody from the Election Board want to represent this. Riley thanked Terri Burmeister.

Terri Burmeister, Election Board, represented this agenda item. Burmeister said the Election Board just submits the Official 2019 Election for their acceptance.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza then Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2019 REGULAR
ELECTION FINAL REPORT;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton..... Riley said wait was there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said his question would be clarification on an issue and that would be the conclusion of the election. Crampton said he seen there was a notice sent out that they were calling the conclusion of the election and asking for the reports by May 6th so when did they conclude the election.

Terri Burmeister said the final..... Burmeister asked does he mean the Financial Reports.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Terri Burmeister said they were due a week after the election

Councilor Crampton said conclusion of the election, yes.

Terri Burmeister finished.....was.....that took place, yes.

Councilor Crampton said in 2016 they weren't allowed to close the election until the final report which was held up by the court.

Terri Burmeister said she doesn't understand what he means.

Councilor Crampton said usually the conclusion of the election.....the election concludes when they accept the final report.

Terri Burmeister said yes, of course, yes.

Councilor Crampton asked did they report an issue that there was a conclusion of the election.....

Terri Burmeister said they just posted the Official Results. Burmeister said they are submitting the Official Results to them today to accept.

Councilor Crampton asked so when was the date of the.....today would signify.....they accept this as the conclusion of the election.

Terri Burmeister said yes, yes, yes.

Councilor Crampton said okay that answers his question.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley asked is there any other questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Acceptance of the 2019 Regular Election Final Report has been accepted.

Councilor Crampton asked who seconded ____.

Councilor Friedel said Gary Di Piazza and Diane Lonn.

Speaker Riley said yeah, Diane Lonn seconded it.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton said Grace Hendler just needed to know.

Speaker Riley said oh, okay.

- C. Request for Approval of EDC Board Nominee, James La Porte**
A replacement Board Member is needed for the EDC Board.
- D. Authorizing Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 Ordinance #10-100-06**
The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to remove the requirement for Comptroller to have a CPA License, allow for flexibility in the Audit Schedule including the potential to request a Special Audit by the Oversight Body for the Little River Casino Resort, to adjust civil and criminal penalties and fixing formatting issues.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion or a motion. Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0515-117; ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING ACT OF 2010 ORDINANCE #10-100-06; by Di Piazza; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions.

Councilor Crampton said yes he is going to abstain.

Speaker Riley said abstention from Councilor Crampton. Riley asked is there any further discussion. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he just he knows that the requirement for the CPA was discussed at length but he is not sure about the penalties though. Crampton said so that is why he is abstaining.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said all right if there is nothing further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0515-117 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

E. Resolution in Support of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center from the University of Michigan's Grant Application to the Serva Foundation to study the Michigan Native Americans for development of tele-health services needs

Tribal Council is committed to the welfare, care and protection of Tribal Members and recognize the importance of the Eye Care Study.

Speaker Riley explained they had received a request this morning from the Kellogg Eye Center at U of M to support a grant application. Riley said let him see. Riley read *"The W.K. Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan is developing an E-Health Program. Kellogg's E-Health Services provide a way for*

underserved patients to receive essential care without travelling to an Ophthalmologist's Office. E-Health Programs to date focus on ways to screen and monitor diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, cataracts, corneal infection, retinopathy of prematurity, and macular degeneration. No specific programs within Kellogg's E-Health Portfolio currently target Native Americans however with the knowledge gained by a grant they are applying for they can study health services could be developed in ways best meeting local needs. The grant is sought from the Seva Foundation, an organization which since 1978 has been a leading innovator in the delivery of vital eye care services to the world's most vulnerable people." Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said if there is no discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0515-118;
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE W.K. KELLOGG EYE
CENTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE SEVA FOUNDATION TO STUDY THE
MICHIGAN NATIVE AMERICAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
TELE-HEALTH SERVICES NEEDS;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion on this item.

Councilor Lonn said she has a question.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Lonn said so this will mean that if this grant goes through and they get everything set that they could have like a roving eye doctor here like one or two days a week.

Speaker Riley said potentially it says.....let's see.....when they receive the grant they will be delighted to involve them in their efforts going forward. Riley said basically they will give them more details on what direction exactly it is going to go. Riley said there is no obligation to them right now other than just giving them a letter that they support their application for this grant to go further.

Councilor Lonn said okay and thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley recognized Jamie Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said key word is tele. Friedel said he just wanted everybody to know that it's not going to be a doctor here on site it's a tele-health doctor. Friedel said it is not going to be one they can see but only on tv so just be aware of that.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0515-118 has been approved.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 22, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he will hand it over to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he only has one item today and he is turning over this request. Romanelli said it is a donation request for the Guardian Angels Historic Preservation Project. Romanelli said he believed the former Speaker, Virgil Johnson, mentioned this to him a couple of times. Romanelli said he thinks he is involved with it but it is a pretty hefty donation request so he is passing it onto Tribal Council.

Councilor Pete said pass this down to the Speaker or the Recorder.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Lonn said she is aware that the Guardian.....it is the Guardian Angels Church that he is talking about.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Councilor Lonn said they are trying to make it a historical building so they need support with money to help fix it up a little bit.

Ogema Romanelli said it is a lot of money.

Councilor Lonn said yes they are asking.....she knows.....

Ogema Romanelli said he sees Joe Riley's eyes.

Councilor Lonn said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, so.

Councilor Lonn said she didn't look at the amount but she does know that it is a beautiful church. Lonn said they are not going to be in that kind of money. Lonn said that is a lot.

Speaker Riley said their total Project Budget is \$1,375,000 but they are asking from them is \$50,000.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah. Romanelli said okay, he passed it on.

Speaker Riley said look at that.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said the other thing is they have a couple of.....the Gaming Commission just recently did a couple updates on Gaming Commissioners so they are going to be passing those onto Tribal Council yet this week. Romanelli said that is it.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli. Riley said all right there is nothing out there.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, just to say that there has been some push back on the Carcieri Fix and it looks like it is being suspended. Crampton said it is being remanded to a committee but it looks like it may have enough push to go forward hopefully.

Speaker Riley said he actually had just read something today that there is a representative out of Florida that is pushing for some Constitutional Amendments to put term limits of twelve years on both Senators and Congressional Members. Riley said also what he is looking to do is trying to repeal the Automatic Raises that happen for Members of Congress.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Riley said so that will be something to keep an eye on.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, but who has to vote on it.

Councilor Pete said they do.

Speaker Riley said not necessarily the Constitutional Amendments but that requires two thirds of the States to ratify so.

Councilor Crampton said to ratify needs.....they need to ratify it. Crampton said do they know the Equal Rights hasn't even ratified it yet.

Speaker Riley said yeah. Riley said all right anybody else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything for public comment. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said yesterday she saw that Little River Holdings had posted three homes.....actually five homes, two two unit homes for sale. Nelson said they offered them.....they said that it was a discounted rate for Tribal Members but it had to be obtained with in 30 days. Nelson said she feels like first of all, she doesn't know, if there is a reason behind it. Nelson said she knows that them guys don't really have anything to do with what they do anymore but she was wondering what the thought process of not having five.....there is five Tribal Families that will not have a home when those are sold. Nelson reiterated there are five families that could be living in those homes right now rather than selling them at a discounted rate which by the way, they will not be able to access any of the Housing Programs for Down Payment Assistance or anything for Tribal Members to actually buy those homes by putting a 30 day stipulation on there. Nelson said so she was wondering if them guys had any information, any more information of what has been put out there instead of a Face Book Post.

Speaker Riley said he doesn't have anything personally beyond what was put on Face Book. Riley said the EDC is meeting next week.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Riley said he thinks that would be a good thing to bring up to them directly. Riley said he thinks there is a couple of Councilors that would support her doing.....in her efforts there because he has heard.....

Nikki Nelson said well she knows in the past the EDC doesn't allow them in their meetings and have been told to leave.

Speaker Riley said he has Shannon Crampton and Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said oh, no he would.....he would highly support her because he doesn't know any place that can complete a closing in under 90 days usually.

Councilor Pete said no.

Nikki Nelson said well she thinks it negates any help Tribal Members have.....for access to Housing by putting that stipulation on there but she also is just curious to know because there is.....she is sure there is five families that could use somewhere to live right now. Nelson said she is positive of it that she could find them by the end of the day. Nelson said so she was just wondering what and like she said she knows them guys don't actually.....she knows that they are separate now or however that is but if there was, they know, any information. Nelson said she would like to attend the EDC Meeting and ask them perhaps.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said as she probably knows he is a former member of the EDC. Pete said he was on it for a year and it starts at 3:00....he still thinks it is 3:00 on Wednesdays. Pete said if it is next week there is an EDC Meeting he just heard someone say there is one next week Wednesday but at 3:00 is an Open Session. Pete said there is always an Open Session at 3:00 for anybody especially Tribal Members that want to come in and bring up any issue or talk about anything they want. Pete said this would be a perfect issue to bring forward to the EDC. Pete said the only time people are asked to leave, at least in the year that he was on it, is when they're done with Open Session and then they vote to go into Closed. Pete said to Nikki Nelson then any guests at that point are asked to leave.

Nikki Nelson said okay.

Councilor Pete said he also agrees with Councilor Crampton on this he knows it takes a minimum of 90 days to close so if she presents this and say she is not sure because he never.....he hasn't used a lot of the programs here like the Housing Assistance one for purchasing homes he doesn't know what the timeframe is on using one of those but that would be a great thing to bring up to the EDC at that time.

Nikki Nelson said um-hum.

Councilor Pete said.....is if they have a Tribal Member that wants to buy one of those homes to get an extension on that specific home especially and then allow them to go through the process then of getting the Down Payment Assistance.....

Nikki Nelson said right.

Councilor Pete said.....and the other assistance they do but he can tell her for sure that there is an Open Session at the beginning of the EDC Meeting and that would be a perfect time for her to do it then at 3:00.

Nikki Nelson said okay.

Councilor Pete said okay?

Nikki Nelson said all right and thanked Councilor Pete.

Speaker Riley said one of the things that he noticed when he looked at the advertisement on Face Book is two of the units, he thinks, are duplexes and based on the selling price and what they could get it would be a wonderful opportunity for a Tribal Member to get into the Real Estate business themselves. Riley said he thinks the one on Davis Street there is an upstairs and a downstairs. Riley said he believed that the price they put up was around 70 but he means they could rent both of them top and bottom unit for \$500 a unit and they would be making their payment plus having extra income.

Nikki Nelson said right but they are not being sold to Tribal Members then they are being taken from Tribal Families. Nelson said it is one thing if they are going to be sold to Tribal Members that is one thing that's great but if they are not then they are taking housing from Tribal Families. Nelson said she thinks that needs to be addressed.

Speaker Riley said yeah, he agrees.

Nikki Nelson thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Nikki Nelson. Riley asked is there anyone else for public comment. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is going to stay on topic. Battice said yeah, the Housing without their ultimate agenda was to get their Reservation back so ultimately he doesn't understand, he will never understanding reselling land that they got back after all these hundreds of years so he doesn't understand how come they can't raise something up to where it is being sold to Tribal Members and figuring something out because it shouldn't go out once they.....and this is he doesn't know property is one of the most important things and once they have it they should kind of figure out ways to help their Tribal Members. Battice said he is going to stick with that situation. Battice said going back onto somebody has potential of buying it and making money he seen that is what kind of what has already happened on their own people with the Tribe. Battice said they bought it and they have been making money and they have already kind of made money off of that situation and now they are making more money instead of trying to help a member out. Battice said once he started doing numbers that just don't add up and he is going to say to the Ogema definition key bono who is benefitting, who is really profiting, who is really, they know, and ultimately they losing if they are selling their land. Battice said that is his first subject. Battice said all these meetings that he is going to the EDC and doing all these that is why they try to

make it to at least this one to talk to them guys. Battice said they are the most important and hopefully representing because pretty much this is the only meeting he can make it to, they know, he begs and plead for gas to make it to these meetings so he is hoping that, they know, this is the most important meeting. Battice said so that is why he try to bring some of the topics and forgive him he is taking up a little bit of time but he would also like to mention he still wants to fish. Battice said he is waiting for phone calls because for lack of a better definition its terr.....he don't.....he is in fear. Battice said if he knows them guys are against him and not really with him so he means he can sit here and lay a whole bunch of planning out and do all that it could be done but it needs to be done as a team. Battice said as an operation not he does it all and then.....because he can sit down and write down all these details but he would like it to be a business. Battice said what the grant was actually set aside for and that is to create a fishing business type so that is his opinion. Battice said he is still stating it, yeah, they got to be on the same team. Battice said he can't be having, they know, goons out there.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Boo Battice said.....attacking him. Battice said then his last but not least he wants to say kind of like Ricky Bobby said if they are not winning they are losing if they are not first they are last. Battice said the subject has been on the table for a long time and he knows it is a big discussion but he believed the same thing with property hopefully they are not selling it and hopefully they can invest in this. Battice said being part of an.....being traditional Native everything is natural to him. Battice said they are all connected. Battice said natural is natural. Battice said so when it comes to things like Marijuana or Hemp they need to get on it its natural. Battice said when it comes to wind, solar they need to get on it. Battice said they are last and are already losing. Battice said this he means solar wind these things are from the 70's or older. Battice said Hemp and things these are things set up by Heart and DuPont which is material people that wasn't even for the medical reasons and then they have cotton and different things for Hemp reasons. Battice said there is so much potential in that plant and it was eradicated for a reason because people could utilize it in so many different ways and they need to jump on that however they can and he is hoping them guys are doing research. Battice said he knows them guys are and hopefully they can figure something out. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley said shake and bake.

Councilor Crampton said that is what he was going to say. Crampton said shake and bake.

Speaker Riley said he has Ron Pete and then Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Pete said okay he just.....he was just going to address his first part is if he can make it talking about the housing.....if he can make it next Wednesday at 3:00 to the EDC Meeting when the Open Session part starts at 3:00 and express his concerns to the entire EDC Board. Pete said he means that is what they are for is to listen and take action on Tribal suggestions so he would....if he can try to be at that meeting at 3:00 next Wednesday. Pete said generally just so he knows they generally start pretty much like exactly three they are all there so. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to Boo Battice he was going to ask him when he started to speak when he said Tribal Council was against him was that a personal perception or somebody told him that.

Boo Battice made comments from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton re-asked Boo Battice when he started to speak he said he knew Tribal Council was against him he was just wondering if that was a personal perception or is it that somebody said that.

Boo Battice said no not him individually its more of what the agenda is behind the doors.

Councilor Crampton said so it is a personal perception.

Boo Battice said it is pers.....well personally he has been attacked. Battice said to the best of his knowledge the police sank his nets.

Speaker Riley said okay um.....

Boo Battice said them are his.....that's....

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice said let's not make speculation about their Law Enforcement or anybody else. Riley said if he has evidence or anything like that suggest that something happened then there is a proper place to do that but let's not make speculation about people here.

Councilor Pete said he agrees.

Boo Battice said okay well the evidence is in the courthouse. Battice said they tied up his nets a week before they were missing and he was looking 18 hours for those. Battice said they were missing.

Councilor Crampton said to Boo Battice since the Speaker is not going to stop him he is going to stop him right here.

Boo Battice said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he might be getting into bigger trouble than he thinks.

Speaker Riley said yeah, yeah.

Boo Battice said yes forgive him.

Councilor Crampton said all right.

Boo Battice said he is not blaming any of them.....

Councilor Crampton said to Boo Battice to cut his losses like right now.

Boo Battice said he is not blaming any of them. Battice said like he said he is hoping they can set up a business. Battice said the business has to be as a whole team because the whole....everybody's bad guys everybody's good guys. Battice said the whole sit.....he is trying to be the best person he can be.

Speaker Riley said um-hum.

Boo Battice said them guys there is some kind of confusion of somehow he is a bad guy for asking for something that he felt was there.

Speaker Riley said no he doesn't think that anybody thinks that he is a bad guy.

Boo Battice said the whole fishing string with this and the whole agenda. Battice said he wants to fish. Battice said he don't understand what other people's agendas are with that.....

Speaker Riley said all right, all right.....

Councilor Crampton said if they are down the road he doesn't want any false perceptions.....

Boo Battice said when it comes.....can he get back to....forgive him because he would like to respond back.

Councilor Crampton said he just made a statement and he wanted to correct that statement because he doesn't think that nobody is against him up there. Crampton said he is making accusations against people and he doesn't think he knows what he is talking about. Crampton said there was.....Council did provide him an opportunity and the opportunity was missed because he did not take it at the time

it was offered. Crampton said that is the absolute truth of the situation. Crampton said he was offered something and he held it off and held it off and held it off.

Boo Battice said the opportunity was to get to the end of the lighthouse not have an operation.....the opportunity was to have him with a bunch of fish that move.....*Boo Battice kept talking but it wasn't clear on the tape recording.*

Speaker Riley said all right, all right. Riley said to Boo Battice let's end it here. Riley said what they are doing here is they are getting into a discussion about his personal circumstances.....

Boo Battice said the opportunity wasn't full and when he brings in a little bit more information it's always too much.....

Speaker Riley said all right, all right if he has to say something again he is going to ask that he be sat down or potentially taken out of the meeting. Riley said to Boo Battice that he is sorry but this isn't the time or place for this. Riley said if he wants he can discuss this with any of them after the meeting, in a private meeting, or in a different capacity but this isn't the place to get up and argue. Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley said now is there anything that he would like to continue to say that isn't inflammatory or making accusations.

Boo Battice said to the best of his truth Wednesday.....where is the EDC is that located here.

Speaker Riley said right here in this room.

Councilor Pete said it is in this building here, he is sorry, they always had their meetings and he is not sure if it is there anymore but it is in the Law Library.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Rebecca Liebing made comments from the audience but they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Pete said often times it is the Law.....which is right in the Execut.....Executive Administration's door. Pete said it is right to the right.

Rebecca Liebing said if he goes downstairs and have Marcella Leusby call up they can get someone to let him in.

Boo Battice thanked them. Battice said he probably won't come he was just asking because it is further information. Battice said he doesn't have gas money. Battice asked if they had \$20 bucks.

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice all right, all right. Riley said he thinks it is time to sit down.

Boo Battice said he is just repointing out what he made in the first comment that he can't make it to these extra meetings. Battice said they want him to come back to these meetings.....they took his house.....

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice have a seat now.

Boo Battice said.....and they took his job. Battice said he was fired unjustly.

Speaker Riley said okay is there anybody else for public comment. Riley said all right at this point 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 10:49 a.m.

XI. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:38 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they had anything to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Lewis replied yes.

MOTION TO MOVE MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE FOR RESOLUTION #19-0515-119; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said okay motion, roll call and vote for Resolution #19-0515-119 has been moved to Open.

The following motion, roll call and vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0515-119,
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH
GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING SCIENCES;** by Friedel;
supported by Pete.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	J. Riley – Yes
J. Friedel - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 11:39.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:39; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

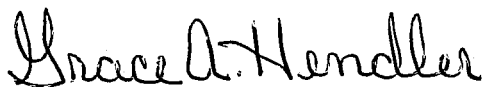
Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes


Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder