

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 18, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Grace Hendler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, I pray for all creation
For all of my relatives
Show me a good trail
Show me a good job
For us to work together
Bring us all together
Give us a good way of life
Thank you for everything that you have provided for us.
Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jake Kequom, Jennifer Crampton, Frank Figgels, Julie Wolfe, Jason Cross, Diane Lonn, Valerie Chandler, Barb Czarnecki, Ron Pete, Fran Pitts, Tom St. Dennis, Janine Sam.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebing, Jason Holguin.

Ogema Romanelli joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OR HIGHLIGHTS; CONTINUING BUSINESS III A.1, GRANTS & CONTRACTS, AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE TWENTY AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2016 JIINGTAMOK, MOVED TO SECOND OPEN; COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION, ITEM B, ADD UNDER SUBMISSIONS FOR BUSINESS MATTERS THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL RELATIVE TO ENTERPRISE AND/OR RESERVATION DEVELOPMENT, a. REVIEW OF 2016 JIINGTAMOK CONTRACTS; THEN AS THEY LOOK AT SECOND OPEN SESSION, ITEM B IS THE ITEM THAT IS MOVED FROM FIRST OPEN UNDER A; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said that is the only reason she took PTO and came at this time so she doesn't.....she wanted to make her comments if that is okay with them.

Speaker Johnson said yes that is fine on this item.

Julie Wolfe said what.

Speaker Johnson said on this item, the agenda. Johnson explained that they are accepting comments on the agenda.

Julie Wolfe said because they are changing that to open session, the contracts for the Jiingtamok, so that means later and she is not going to have time to come back to the second open because of her PTO.

Speaker Johnson said okay that is fine.

Julie Wolfe asked if she can make comments now or just in general over the agenda.

Speaker Johnson said on the agenda item itself.

Julie Wolfe said it is not going to be discussed again, right, until second open.

Speaker Johnson said correct.

Julie Wolfe asked if they wanted comments or not. Wolfe said she doesn't understand.

Councilor Di Piazza said Julie Wolfe had a comment on.....

Speaker Johnson finished on the Jiingtamok itself, right, and she wanted to discuss on that item itself, correct.

Julie Wolfe said yes.

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that she would have to wait until second open to do that if this gets approved. Johnson said if it doesn't then they can do it now. Johnson said what he would like to do also is ask Shayne Machen to come forward please in regards to why they.....normally they do the Jiingtamok on first open and they go through the contracts. Johnson said they made a change to switch this around and he wants the membership to understand why they did that so they can fully understand. Johnson said he will ask Shayne Machen to share with the audience why they did this.

Shayne Machen, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said it had been explained to her that typically the contracts were handled in open session but she reminded Council that she had been advised by some other Admin Staff that they have actually never allowed contracts to be in open session documents with the exception of one many years ago. Machen said it was her advice that is not good practice to allow contracts to be in open session because they are proprietary and should remain confidential. Machen said the advice was to pass them in closed session and then to move out the resolutions so that people know who the contracts were awarded to but not the terms of the agreement.

Speaker Johnson thanked Shayne Machen and asked if there was any other discussion on the agenda.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes 5/11/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/11/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Twenty Agreements for the 2016 Jiingtamok

The Tribal Ogema through the administration of the Historic Preservation Department has consulted and negotiated Agreements with individuals for specific purposes for the 2016 Jiingtamok.

Speaker Johnson noted they moved Item A.1 to Second Open Session.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__; Authorizing the modification of the Tribal Ogema Budget in the amount of \$15,612 for costs associated with additional compensation for the Lead Staff Positions

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds from one department to another.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked if this to maintain their current compensation level or is it an additional increase for Lead Staff.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is an increase.

Julie Wolfe said okay then she has more questions. Wolfe said this has only been effective one year since they adopted the positions of the Lead Staff and they are already ready for an increase in the first quarter of their second year with additional duties and responsibilities.

Speaker Johnson said he is going to the Ogema then Councilor Crampton.

Ogema Romanelli said yes these positions were created within the last year. Romanelli said within this time what they are trying to do is accomplish what had been suggested years ago to have Lead Positions. Romanelli said in this case there was a six month, approximately a six month curve where he wanted to find

out what the duties should include or would include or if this was going to work. Romanelli said they were on a trial type basis for the first six months and he wanted to review and relook at it about the end of the year to see if there were additional duties that would make sense to give these Leads or not. Romanelli said at the end of six months he did look at it and re-evaluated it and believed that in fact it would be behoveus to give them additional duties and compensation. Romanelli said he brought this to Tribal Council a while back and Tribal Council rather than just allowing the amounts to be increased suggested that they do a study since they already have a Valliant Study going on to include this and have Valliant look at what would be acceptable. Romanelli said so they went back and had Valliant do the study and they came up with an amount that was actually a little more than this that they believed was fair compensation.

Julie Wolfe said so.....

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that he has two other respondents to her questions. Johnson said he has Councilors Crampton and Di Piazza.

Councilor Crampton said if she wanted to respond he can defer.

Julie Wolfe said so what the Ogema just stated to make sure she understands clearly is that this has been passed through Valliant and it is consistent with the rest of the Government Employees that are getting Valliant Wage Study Implemented to their positions and salaries.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks there is a little more added there. Romanelli said basically they did a study of the compensation for these positions through Valliant and Valliant said that actually said more than what they are asking for at this point and time. Romanelli said so it was.....

Julie Wolfe said because.....sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said it is a little different situation because it is not for example these are additional duties and that is how it is presented so yes. Romanelli said he is not sure about the rest that was added.

Julie Wolfe said she wanted to get Councilor Crampton's response.

Councilor Crampton said he deferred to Julie Wolfe to respond. Crampton said that was one thing he wanted to say and the question should go to the Ogema because it is his staff and he brought it forward. Crampton said they did have it reviewed by Valliant to make sure it was a competitive wage that was still out there and equal with all the other positions but like he said their study actually came back with a little bit more and this isn't a supplemental appropriation of extra funds but is actually money that he has already budgeted for this year. Crampton said initially when he looked at it he was kind of looking at it like when

they think about it it's totally within his auspices to move around money in his Budget so there is really nothing that anybody can say.

Julie Wolfe said okay then her next question is what performance goals have the Lead Staff met to justify the increase.

Ogema Romanelli said again he can answer to that.

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that gets into a personnel issue and he doesn't want to discuss personnel issues at this table however this is a Budget issue and if she had any questions in regards to the Budget they would more than receptive to listening to that.

Julie Wolfe said she will put her final question and comment out there and doesn't know if it can be answered now because she doesn't under.....what job duties and responsibilities were increased for the Lead Staff to make them eligible for pay compensation with the additional duties and responsibilities. Wolfe asked if there was going to be another addendum to their current job duties.

Ogema Romanelli said that would come along with the increase, yes, and it has been vetted to the Tribal Council. Romanelli said in answer to the last one he doesn't think he can.....they don't want to get into it too far.....but he can tell her that there have been reports from the group as to their....what they have been working on etc. Romanelli said he can tell her that much.

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

Councilor Burger said since this is an open session item the Ogema did provide the Council with some justification as to the increase for the Leads and she will read a part of that for the record. Burger said the Leads would work on the added responsibilities in the following list and related issues with their respective departments: first-develop strong working relationships with Directors within areas of the Leads activity to assist each in their regular program or departmental activities, second-review and assist in development of work plans for each Department Director within the Leads area of activity and file those with the Ogema's Office, third-assist the Ogema and Directors with annual Budget prep then approval by Tribal Council, recommend ways to resolve budgetary conflicts due to budget limitations in cooperation with other Leads, four-review with Directors departmental requirements for compliance of Tribal Laws, Policies, Grants & Contracts, make recommendations to assure compliance and seek clarification of all laws/policies from Ogema for better shared compliance and fewer differences, five-generally review operations of Departments with the focus on improving service, complying or adjusting work plans and cooperation within the organization by meeting with Directors and developing recommendations for improvement, when necessary to comply with law or policy take recommendation to Ogema for review and action, six-serve as support to Directors in meetings

with the Ogema or Council, seven-review the recommendations/criticisms from meetings with Directors for policy & law changes on behalf of Directors in meetings with the Ogema, eight-assist the Ogema in development of policies and procedures to improve or ease compliance or service delivery, nine-recommend to the Ogema following discussions with Directors disciplinary or other actions to be taken when applicable, ten-conduct regular Directors and Staff Meetings for increased and improved communications within the Government for improving service delivery and employee recognition, eleven-represent the Lead's area departments or programs at meetings as requested by the Ogema, twelve-assist the Executive Assistant to Ogema and Ogema with calendar development and control by being first contact for Ogema's Office appointments. Burger said so the Lead Staff have been assigned these twelve additional duties and the only duty that she has a question with or a concern with as a Councilor is recommend to the Ogema following discussions with Directors disciplinary or other actions to be taken when applicable. Burger said a disciplinary action needs to be a direct line of supervision and it is her understanding that the Leads are not in a direct line of supervision and that the Directors still have that responsibility for their employees. Burger said it is her understanding that the Leads have not been assigned supervisory or evaluation capacity over the Directors and that still rests with the Ogema's Office. Burger said so she does have some concerns about them being in a disciplinary line or having discussions on disciplinary actions. Burger said if they want those to hold up in court when applicable and they want to make sure that there is a clear distinction between the Leads Responsibilities and Supervisory capacity and the Directors Responsibilities and who they report to. Burger said that is all she has.

Councilor Crampton said the way he looks at it is after what Councilor Burger read if they look at it. Crampton said it is pretty much the duties of a Tribal Manager and they are breaking it down to four people for the cost of \$15,000 verses cost of a Tribal Manager which was way above \$15,000. Crampton said if they look at what it says that was number nine to recommend to the Ogema following discussions with Directors disciplinary or other actions to be taken when applicable. Crampton said that does not give them the authority to institute it but just says recommend so the ultimate authority would have to come from the Ogema and it would hold up in court.

Ogema Romanelli said that is correct.

Councilor Burger said possibly.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he is a firm believer in "*show me*" then he will make that determination compared to "*tell me*" what they are going to do if they give them because that would be like somebody coming along wanting to cut his grass stating to give them \$20 then they will be back to do it. Di Piazza said no they are going to cut it then he will pay them because that is only good business

sense. Di Piazza said he played that game before. Di Piazza reiterated that he is a firm believer of “*show me*” and don’t “*tell me*” what they are going to do.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they had a support on this motion yet.

Recorder Riley replied no.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said maybe she is not seeing this or understanding. Lonn said she doesn’t mind them getting a raise or anything but how can they do all these added responsibilities and still do their own jobs. Lonn said she just doesn’t understand how they are going to do that and are they going to be paid this across the whole eight hours when they are doing their regular job or is it going to be like four hours of this and four hours this. Lonn asked how is that going to be.

Ogema Romanelli said it is additional hours and additional duties. Romanelli said one should not conflict with the other.

Diane Lonn asked how can it be additional hours if they are only allowed to work eight hours.

Ogema Romanelli said because in this there is additional duties and additional responsibility that is coming so if they have to work on the weekends or at night or whatever they are expected to do so to earn the additional money.

Julie Wolfe asked from the audience if it was overtime.

Ogema Romanelli answered no it wouldn’t be counted as overtime because they are getting.....this is a separate set of job duties.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to remind everybody this is not an action of the Council. Crampton said their action here is to approve a Budget Modification. Crampton said it is within the parameters of the Ogema to do and this is not added or additional money. Crampton said again he would like to point out, and he doesn’t want to put Councilor Burger on the spot, but they could tell people a general figure of what these duties would cost under a General Manager and they are getting them for \$15,000.

Councilor Burger said she believed that the Tribal Manager’s previous salary was budgeted at about \$72,000 a year annually. Burger said in answer to Diane Lonn’s question, yes, these will be additional compensation per hour to their regularly compensated hours in their current capacities. Burger said it is not like a one-time shot payment per day and this is a per hour increase.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-139;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-19;**

**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE TRIBAL
OGEMA BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,612 FOR COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE
LEAD STAFF POSITIONS;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #3

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| J. Riley - | Yes | J. Burger- | No | F. Medacco- | Yes |
| S. Crampton - | Yes | G. DiPiazza- | No | M. Wabindato - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | V. Johnson - | Yes | S. Lewis - | No |

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the 2015 Indian Housing Block Grant Budget, Program #4350 in the amount of \$44,039

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.

Frank Figgels, Housing Director, represented this agenda item. Figgels said what they have today is since this is in excess of 10% of the Budget it is necessary for a resolution by Council therefore that is why it is being brought to them. Figgels said what they are doing is simply this is for the 2015 Indian Housing Block Grant and what they are doing is simply closing out those line items in the Budget that are no longer going to be used then moving those funds to the Capital Outlay Line Item in the Budget that will be used. Figgels said that is in the amount of \$44,039 is the total reallocation.

Fran Pitts said there is not going to be a Budget anymore in Housing and asked if that was what Frank Figgels is saying.

Frank Figgels said no, they still...this is for the Block Grant and they are just moving items in the Block Grant that weren't used in the original budgeting process and then moving those in the same Budget to the Capital Outlay Line Item which they will use for development purposes. Figgels said so it is just reallocating existing Line Items to another Line Item.

Fran Pitts, Tribal #1592, said they took the money, \$44,000, out of housing. Pitts asked Frank Figgels if that is what he was saying.

Frank Figgels responded no.

Fran Pitts asked Frank Figgels where did he take it.

Frank Figgels said it is in the same grant and they didn't take it anywhere. Figgels said they are just moving it within that grant.

Fran Pitts asked Frank Figgels why he is moving it.

Frank Figgels replied so they can use it for the future. Figgels said the items that currently budgeted are no longer necessary.

Fran Pitts said the reason she is asking so many questions on this is because she got several phone calls on this and she was told to ask. Pitts said there was a problem over at the casino and they had to have this money for their Budget. Pitts asked if that was true.

Councilor Crampton said no.

Frank Figgels said it cannot be used for that.

Fran Pitts said that is the reason why she asked.

Frank Figgels said it is going to be staying in Housing.

Fran Pitts said that is what she wanted to know. Pitts said that is what she heard so she is just asking.

Councilor Crampton said to Fran Pitts that when she sees things under this area of the agenda they are budget modifications which means they are not getting money from one Budget to another but are just modifying their own Budget within that Budget.

Fran Pitts asked Ron Pete if they are having trouble over at the casino.

Speaker Johnson said to Fran Pitts that question is not on this item here so she can save that question for under business.

Fran Pitts said she knows she is not a kid.

Speaker Johnson said okay then don't ask the question.

Fran Pitts said don't treat her like one because they might get a whupping.

Councilor Burger said to Frank Figgels that maybe he could describe or explain to the Tribal membership and for the record what the Capital Outlay Budget supports in the Housing Department's activity.

Frank Figgels said it is used for the development of various items for the use in Housing. Figgels said currently what they are looking at is the development of

two residential units and a pavilion at Aki and these funds will be available to help pay for those costs.

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't like to simplify this but thinks he can help the audience out also. Johnson said what they are doing is taking unspent money in the Housing Budget in the various areas and consolidating them into one area so they can use them for purchase and procurement of the two new homes and the pavilion.

Frank Figgels said that is correct.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-140; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-20; AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2015 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT BUDGET; PROGRAM #4350 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,039; by Riley; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

- 1. **Operations Report** April 2016
- 2. **Financial Report** None Submitted

Speaker Johnson asked the Recorder if there is any action that they have to follow-up on the report.

Recorder Riley replied nope.

Speaker Johnson said since they have no action to follow-up on this item they will accept it and it will be filed. Johnson noted they have not received the financials for April.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission** April 2016
- B. **Enrollment Commission** April 2016

- C. **Gaming Commission** **April 2016**
- D. **Health Commission** **April 2016**
- E. **Housing Commission** **None Submitted**
- F. **Natural Resource Commission** **None Submitted**
- G. **Commerce Commission** **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted that they do have in front of them the Binojeeuk Commission, Enrollment Commission, Gaming Commission and Health Commission for April. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they have any action items that they have to respond to in these reports.

Recorder Riley replied nope just information.

Speaker Johnson said with that said they will file those into their reports. Johnson said they are looking forward to receiving the Housing Commission, Natural Resource Commission and the Commerce Commission that have not been submitted for April.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. **Elders Committee Minutes** **April 2016**
- B. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** **None Submitted**
- C. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report** **April 2016**

Speaker Johnson noted that they have the Elders Committee Minutes and asked the Recorder if there were any action items they have to follow-up on.

Recorder Riley responded nope.

Speaker Johnson said let it be noted that they have accepted those and they will be filed. Johnson said they have not received the Preference Report from the Resort but have received the Preference Report for April from the Tribal Government. Johnson asked the Recorder if there was anything that they needed to follow-up on this item.

Recorder Riley responded nope.

Speaker Johnson said let it be noted that they will be filed under their open session stuff.

VII. Old Business

- A. **Financial Report** **None Submitted**
- B. **Health Commission** **March 2016**
- C. **Natural Resource Commission** **March 2016**

Speaker Johnson said they still have not received the March Financials for the government. Johnson said they have received the Health Commission and

Natural Resource Commission for March of 2016. Johnson asked if there are any actions required by Council on these items.

Recorder Riley said not these ones either.

Speaker Johnson said okay let it be noted that they have received them and they will be filed.

VIII. New Business

A. **Approval of Letter of Support for the Portage Lake Channel Repairs**

The Channel supports at least 200 jobs in the area and is essential to the renovation and sustainability of Portage Point Inn and Marina with an additional 100 jobs it is projected to support. If the Channel fails one estimate indicates that the business and property value losses would be over \$18 million annually.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-141; APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORTAGE CHANNEL REPAIRS; by Burger; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he just wanted to let the people know that this does not require any financial obligations by the Tribe and is just a support for the community to try to fix the piers on Portage Lake. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

B. **Acceptance of Tax Department 2015 Annual Report**

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance requires that an Annual Report of Tax Revenues be submitted to Tribal Council.

Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer, represented this agenda item. Chandler said per the Tax Revenue Ordinance, Section 11.03, the Tax Officer shall make an Annual Report to the Ogema and Tribal Council by May 15 of the following year. Chandler said the report shall include a summary of all tax revenues collected as provided in this ordinance. Chandler said all investigative actions completed during the year and recommendations of any changes in the Tribal Tax Ordinance or the administration thereof. Chandler said they have a report that was approved by the Tribal Ogema on May 9th. Chandler asked if there were any questions.

Speaker Johnson said to Valerie Chandler that he had just a quick comment. Johnson said in their Agenda Review they made a request that she would talk to the membership about the taxes that they generated in 2015 and there were some taxes that they had to divert he believed to the State. Johnson asked Valerie Chandler if she could share with the membership what that was and why that is.

Valerie Chandler said the Tax Sharing to the State totaled \$49,617 and that is part of their agreement with the State according to their agreement.

Speaker Johnson asked Valerie Chandler how much did they retain.

Valerie Chandler said the total net Tribal Tax Revenue was \$708,203.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-142;
ACCEPTANCE OF TAX DEPARTMENT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT;**
by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Councilor Crampton said he guessed he is not clear because this is a report and there is no action on it so why are they doing it by resolution.

Councilor Medacco said they do by resolution every year.

Recorder Riley said it is required.

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

Councilor Burger said she just had a couple of things. Burger said they know the Tax Office is very good about describing and reporting the irregularities they find in the Tax Report. Burger said this report will be posted as part of the open record, the open session record for this date. Burger said she also wanted to make aware for the Tribal members that are in attendance that they did make recommendations for changes so there would be an opportunity to potentially increase some of the tax revenue that comes back to the government. Burger said the first thing that has been recommended is to levy a Tobacco Products Tax so rather than having a \$2.00 per pack saving on the cigarettes that are purchased tax exempt that the Tribe levy a \$1.00 tax against that which would potentially generate an additional \$55,000 annually. Burger said the second recommendation is to implement a fee structure for the certificates that are issued for Sales and Use Tax on exemptions and they have a sliding scale based on the cost of vehicles and the cost of construction materials that could be assessed as a fee for allowing for that particular exemption. Burger said the third recommendation is to publish a notice of Tax Delinquencies and Unpaid Assessments and that would become a public record on...in the Tribal Newspaper on a quarterly basis and raise

awareness as to the members that may or may not be compliant with the law. Burger said those recommendations will be available in the report that will be posted online.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Motion to Post for 30 Days the Proposed Amendments to the Housing Department Chapter 4 Regulations

The Housing Commission has passed via resolution suggested Amendments to Chapter 4 of the Housing Regulations.

Speaker Johnson said he is looking to see who is here representing this item and he doesn't anybody from the commission. Johnson said at this point it is open for discussion or a motion.

MOTION TO POST FOR 30 DAYS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 4 REGULATIONS; by Di Piazza; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson said he has Julie Wolfe raising her hand.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked if the Speaker or the Recorder read the change that is going to be posted so it is easier to find when they are looking through to make the comment.

Speaker Johnson said they didn't bring the regulations with them at least he doesn't have anybody here, wait, Councilor Di Piazza has it on his computer.

Councilor Di Piazza said hold on let him start at the beginning. Di Piazza said Chapter 4 the heading was changed but it is mainly Chapter 4 and the heading they are taking out Low Income and Tribal Elder Rental Homes and just say Tribal Rental Units. Di Piazza said the second part is basically taking that out again Low Income and Tribal Elder and just identifying them as Tribally Owned Rental Units. Di Piazza said 1-2 is added terms of the lease including payment of rent. Di Piazza said 1-3 Elder Housing at Aki maadiziwin stricken and basically Tribal rental units. Di Piazza said it is mainly identifying a lot of the units as rental units instead of breaking them both down from Elder or Low Income. Di Piazza said 2-3 Payment Agreements means written documents written by the Head of Household and the Housing Department agreeing to the terms of

repayment of the delinquent account. Di Piazza said 2-4 looks like there was just something stricken of any kind on that. Di Piazza said 3-1 stricken amount of required monthly payment where it is just rent. Di Piazza said income based.....

Recorder Riley said what they can do is they can get Julie Wolfe a red-lined copy so she can see the changes because Councilor Di Piazza can read them all aloud but there is a lot there and it is going to be hard to keep track of. Riley said he thinks the biggest change was actually the clarifying of the timelines for delinquent payments.

Councilor Di Piazza agreed and said identifying them as units and not Elder or Low Income but more rentals.

Speaker Johnson said out of respect to Councilor Di Piazza he believed that Councilor Burger has the regulation change, a hard copy.

Councilor Di Piazza said otherwise they are going to be here a while because it is eight to nine pages.

Councilor Burger said just to kind of summarize in Section 2 in the definitions there were some changes to the definitions Head of Household, Payment and Tennant, Section 3 Requirements and Procedures, there is some discussion about income based rent and how that is defined. Burger said the primary changes were in Section 4 relative to the Notice of Delinquent Accounts and how the timelines will interact with that and there was a large portion on the second Notice of Delinquency that was stricken from the regulation. Burger said there was some changes relative to the Notice of Termination and those are all part of, again, Section 4. Burger said Section 5 talks about the Unlawful Detainer Proceedings and there is some obligate to Vacate the Premises Notice and change of the language there and some items that were stricken. Burger said there are some additional, rather than a Refusal to Dismiss there is a Decline to Dismiss, and that is going to change in the regulation. Burger said Section 6 talks about leaving with a delinquency and there was some changes about person who can try to renew their lease and some penalties relative to renewing their lease. Burger said Section 7 talks about Security Deposit and there are a few minor changes in that and some definition for Dispute of Charges. Burger said Section 10 talks about past delinquencies has totally been stricken. Burger said Section 9 and apologized for skipping around there but Automatic Payments there was some language stricken relative to payments in advance. Burger said the Grievance Procedure has some updated definitions and is Section 10. Burger said there is new number order. Burger said Section 11 talks about Illegal Drug Activities and Section 12 is about how these are adopted, repealed and amended along with the effective date. Burger said Section 12 talking about adoption and talks again about delinquent notices and delinquent accounts. Burger said to Julie Wolfe that she has a hard copy here and she would be glad to hand that over to her.

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

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to point out the process because he thinks the membership highly underutilizes this process and it's the Housing Commission that has passed these resolutions or these regulations by resolution. Crampton said they are asking them to post them for 30 days and that would be where the membership has an opportunity to look at them and get Council back the feedback because once they come down they don't have to automatically adopt them after 30 days but they can take them and rework them.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

D. Approving Memorandum of Agreement between the Indian Health Service and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for Sanitation Project #BE-16-J72

This MOU will all the Tribe to move forward in accepting Federal Funding in the amount of \$80,000 to continue the work of assisting Tribal members in the construction of sanitation facilities.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is a Memorandum of Agreement between the Little River Band and the Indian Health Service to allow them to administer the program for Well and Septic that the Members Assistance currently administers. Cross said it is the same Memorandum of Agreement that they have previously gone into and they have two existing of those agreements right now and this will be another one for.....of \$80,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS FOR SANITATION PROJECT #BE-16-J72; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley said he is going to have to go back because this has to be a resolution but his sheet said it was by motion only.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley that they have to revisit this one.

Recorder Riley said he would like amend his previous motion.

Councilor Burger said rescind it.

Speaker Johnson said they have to do a roll call vote on this too so Recorder Riley is going to rescind it.

MOTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS MOTION; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said it has been brought to their attention that this has to be done by resolution and not just by motion.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Johnson said they are still back into Item D.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-143; APPROVING OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS FOR SANITATION PROJECT #BE-16-J72; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Johnson said he wanted to say Miingwech to Grace Hendler for bringing this to their attention.

- E. Authorizing Donation of \$1,000 from Gaming Revenue to the Manistee 2-1-1 Program in accordance with Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan at Section 7 and limited use of the Tribal Seal**
Tribal Council would like to have the Tribe's name and logo at the bottom tab of the 2-1-1 2017 Calendar.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-144;
AUTHORIZING A DONATION FROM GAMING REVENUE TO THE MANISTEE 2-1-1 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN AT SECTION 7 AND LIMITED USE OF THE TRIBAL SEAL;** by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to speak on this a little bit. Riley said this is for the perpetual tab at the bottom of the Manistee 211 Calendar. Riley explained that a couple of weeks ago they had made a donation and adopted three days in a month and when they had discussed this with them the tab at the bottom had already been claimed by Westshore Hospital. Riley said Westshore Hospital backed out but they had said they were interested in taking that tab if they backed out so this is just them taking action on that.

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0)

- F. Authorizing and Appointing the Construction Project Task Force to oversee the design, development and construction management process for the Pavilion and two (2) Low Income Residential Homes at Aki Maadiziwin**
The Construction Project Task Force has been put into place to manage ongoing Construction Projects on behalf of the Tribe.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-145; TO AUTHORIZE AND APPOINT THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TASK FORCE TO OVERSEE THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS FOR THE PAVILION AND TWO (2) RESIDENTIAL HOMES AT AKI MAADIZIWIN; by Burger; supported by Riley.

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

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to point out who is on the Task Force. Di Piazza said that would be Virgil Johnson, Gary Di Piazza, Frankie Medacco, Steve Wheeler and Joe Riley. Di Piazza said he believed there were a couple of other Ad Hoc members but.....that's it.

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 25, 2016**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli said he really doesn't have anything to say but is just going to babble a little bit. Romanelli said they hosted the Attorney General and other Law Enforcement this week and it turned out very well. Romanelli said he thinks they did a good job and he wanted to thank the Resort for the lunch that was put on. Romanelli said he wanted to thank the new attorneys for assisting with putting this together. Romanelli said good job and that is it.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Di Piazza said just a reminder about Lon Johnson, June 4th, at the Elder's Meeting. Di Piazza said he will be there for lunch and he wanted to talk with the Elders then about 1:30 p.m. it will be open to all Tribal members. Di Piazza said Lon Johnson is running for.....

Councilor Medacco said Benishek.

Councilor Di Piazza continued with Benishek's spot and said he just wanted to present himself so just a reminder for June 4th which is a Saturday.

Speaker Johnson said hopefully he has to meet with the Units of Government.....have to.....he is going to meet with the Units of Government tomorrow. Johnson said there are two things that he wants to present first of all is the Portage Lake Resolution of Support to make sure they have that but in turn he is also going to ask them, the Units of Government, a Letter of Support from the City, County, and Townships on Line 5 up on Mackinaw Bridge of support to close that thing down. Johnson said not that he wants to use this for leverage but is just trying to say the Tribe's position on this and they are looking for their support on their position on that. Johnson said it quite apparent that most of Michigan Communities are very supportive of closing that line down. Johnson said anyways that is what they are going to be discussing a little bit tomorrow. Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he will say that in Public Comments they have a new timer and he wanted to thank George Le Vasseur for installing the timer and it is going to make it a little bit easier for all of them to manage their comments and so forth. Johnson said he is going to start off with Fran Pitts and then he has Diane Lonn is next.

Fran Pitts, Tribal #1592, said she wanted to ask them what are their plans for the Board of Directors. Pitts said there was a big tobooo there for a while and everybody was talking about it and it was on the internet. Pitts said then all of a sudden, nothing. Pitts said so she kind of would like to know what their update is on that. Pitts asked if they planned on getting rid of them or do they plan on keeping them or what.

Speaker Johnson said he will try to answer the best he can but he can't speak for his colleagues and just speak as a Speaker. Johnson said at this point there has been nothing brought forward to remove them however he does know the Council is very active on the Board. Johnson said when the Board meets they have two meetings one on Thursday and that is with the Board alone and Council which is a private meeting. Johnson said then they also meet with the Board on Fridays so Council is very.....is paying very close attention to the actions and what is going on at the Board Meetings.

Fran Pitts said they have a Tyler on there don't they. Pitts asked what is his name, is it Ed Tyler. Pitts said on the Board.

Recorder Riley said it is Gary Tyler.

Fran Pitts said she heard that he stays in Florida for the winter and that they fly him up. Pitts asked if they pay for that.

Speaker Johnson said that is part of his travel expense and it's.....

Fran Pitts said to fly him here and back.

Speaker Johnson said it is in the Budget to do that, yes.

Fran Pitts said another thing is what are they going to do about this daycare. Pitts asked if they are still going to put it over in the old casino or are they going to think about it and put like over by the Government Building where everybody can have access to it. Pitts said she thinks they are planning on the City coming in here and using the daycare but she doesn't think a lot of people are going to like putting their kids in next to a casino. Pitts said that is her opinion. Pitts said a lot of people are not going to like that especially if they got little ones. Pitts said she thinks their best bet is a daycare, she is with that and not against it, but it does not belong there. Pitts said they need to put it over because they got plenty of room behind this building, besides this building, they see the woods and have plenty of room back there. Pitts said this is where it should go and if they have to add onto the grant that they got to build a small building for them and an area for them. Pitts said they don't need a huge thing and if it works and pans out then add on. Pitts said right now, she is sorry, they need to use some common sense that is not the place to put a daycare when they got people from Manistee, which do not like them anyway, bringing their kids next to the casino. Pitts said she doesn't think so and thinks they are going to wind up losing their rear-ends as usual. Pitts said another thing is she thinks, she personally thinks, that the taxes they pay in Fruitport since 2008 should be put together and put on the Currents so people can know how much money they spend on taxes in that time. Pitts said they got that property, they have the property in _____, they got the school property and she knows they are paying a lot in taxes. Pitts said she thinks that people have a right to know this because they spend this money like it is theirs and it is not. Pitts said it is theirs and it is a lot of money then they sit here and say something that this program needs this and they need money for that, no, they had the money. Pitts said she doesn't care if they like it or not they had the money and they gave it away. Pitts said that \$17 million could have done a lot of good here, here, and not in Fruitport. Pitts said that has been sitting there since 2008 and never been in trust and no casino, nothing, so they are paying all those State Taxes down there for nothing. Pitts said they got plans and they got plans but these plans have been going through since 2008 and don't tell her it takes almost ten years to put that thing in.....

Councilor Medacco said trust.

Fran Pitts said trust because it didn't take that long to put this in trust. Pitts said they have to wise up and sit and work on it. Pitts said they need to work on that and need to have something done with that. Pitts said she knows they have a motorcycle thing there but that does not pay the taxes for the year but maybe it does she doesn't know but what about the other property. Pitts said they are not rich but they act like they are a rich Tribe and they are not. Pitts said they spend way too much money foolishly. Pitts said those guys sitting there, all them nine

people there, are supposed to be working for the people and for their government and everything else. Pitts said they need to start thinking about what they are doing with their money because it is their money too. Pitts said it is their Per Cap and their Housing and all this. *The timer is going off identifying the five minute limit on speaking.* Pitts asks if that is what they are doing to her now.

Councilor Di Piazza answered yes.

Speaker Johnson thanked Fran Pitts.

Fran Pitts said she is serious that they really need to think about some of this stuff.

Speaker Johnson thanked Fran Pitts again.

Fran Pitts said she wants that in the Currents about the taxes and thinks they need to

Ogema Romanelli said he is not opposed to it but doesn't know if it does them any good. Romanelli said again he is always baffled by what they want accountability on and what they don't want accountability on. Romanelli said it just boggles his mind. Romanelli said he will talk with Council if it is the right thing to do.....

Fran Pitts said why should it boggle his mind because.....

Speaker Johnson said to Fran Pitts.....

Fran Pitts said to the Speaker, no, he needs to wait a minute.....

Speaker Johnson said to Fran Pitts that he is asking her to be respectful of the time because he has other people waiting to come up there also and once they have exhausted she can come back up. Johnson said to please sit close so she doesn't have to walk so far. Johnson said he had another hand.....

Ogema Romanelli said he does want to answer her. Romanelli said he will consider putting it in the Currents but he would like to get the discussion with their attorneys and with their Shoreline or Council because there are things that can be derived from that which they have to be careful of. Romanelli said so....

Fran Pitts said from the audience that it was just that they have programs that are hurting.....

Ogema Romanelli said understood.

Fran Pitts kept talking from the audience. Pitts reiterated that they have programs that are hurting or this and that yet they can spare all this money on taxes and the people in

their Tribe need help. Pitts reiterated that a lot of people need help and they are not getting it. Pitts said she doesn't like that but there are a lot of people that do and they are not getting it. Pitts said they are supposed to be for the people and not running around paying taxes on properties that are not even in their Treaty.

Speaker Johnson thanked Fran Pitts again. Johnson said to Diane Lonn that she has the floor.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she just had a couple of questions. Lonn said that Task Force that they are creating or have created, she thinks it would be nice if they included a couple of just Tribal members and not Council to be on with them, that is just her opinion on that thing. Lonn said the other thing is the Ogema had in the past put out an Executive Order where no signs are to be put up during elections or anything else but she noticed that Mr. Bachman has a sign over by the Natural Resources and now another gentleman has put up a sign in front of Mr. Bachman's. Lonn asked if that is still their land or is that the neighbor's land or she doesn't know.

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn't know.

Diane Lonn said it is District 7 and the guy in front of him, and she doesn't know either one, Mr. Bachman has his up there but per the Ogema's Executive Order it was supposed to be no signs anywhere so if they could look into that as well.

Speaker Johnson and Ogema Romanelli agreed.

Councilor Di Piazza said as far as he knows through that fence or where that fence happens to be he believed they own up to that fence so if it is on that side.

Diane Lonn said it is by the road and she doesn't know whether the fence is there or not but.....

Councilor Di Piazza said they have the right of way there.

Diane Lonn said it is not on the right of way it's like right on their grass right by the circle that is there. Lonn said her only question is if they have an Executive Order by the Ogema that says they can't put up signs whether it be Tribal or not there should not be any signs. Lonn said like she said now there is another one that is up there and it looks like they may be supporting either one of them and she hopes they are not so.....because she doesn't know either one.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she lives on that street and the Bachman's was formally a bill board that has just been repainted so that sign is like a permanent sign that has always been there so that may help in them looking into it. Wolfe said the other one that is in front is just one that may be removed but the other one

is probably a purchased bill board so she doesn't think they have any control over that because it has been there since they owned the property she believed.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to reassure the membership because he knows he sits up there with a bunch of other Council members who are also parents of Tribal members in this Tribe. Crampton said his children are not only Tribal members but they are outlying Tribal members so to make a statement that they don't care about their people and thinking about themselves is highly inaccurate and is untrue. Crampton said he knows that all the people up there with children and Tribal member children care about it very deeply and from what he can see this is one of the elected administrations that has looked out the most for people.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to clarify on some of these purchases or some of these things like that. Riley said they are looking at long-term sustainable growth and they are not going to go out and spend a bunch of money on lottery tickets and try to get a quick, they know, a quick profit or anything like that. Riley said all of these things are investments in their future and, no, they are not going to pay back right away and they might not pay back for the first five years but if they just stick with them and be patient they'll see what is going to happen.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she just has Public Comment on the 2016 Jiingtamok Contracts. Wolfe said she just thinks if they can carefully consider the amount of pay verses what they are asking them to do. Wolfe said for an example the drum is at a base amount but if they think about that and they are included one room so when it breaks down they have five singers with five families and they are telling them come to their community and fit in two beds at their hotel. Wolfe said some of those things need to be adjusted and looked at. Wolfe said she knows that are on Budget constraints and things got slimmed down but it also needs to be looking back because, yeah, dancers are important but the drums are the same importance. Wolfe said they can't dance to nothing but for five, they know and she thinks that is the requirement to be able to be invited is five full singers, well five full singers or six singers have six families that they are bringing with them and if they calculate that out which was paid last year was \$600 it is about \$40 a day per singer. Wolfe said she doesn't think that is very comparable for them and that is the only one she is privy to because it's.....she knows and she doesn't know the rest of the contracts but just when Council is looking at that if they can carefully consider and for the Ogema too to look at next year in Tribal Historic Preservation different budgeting or funding that can go there because that is really low pay for essential key staff.

Councilor Medacco reminded the Speaker about Tight Lines for Troops is this weekend.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Medacco. Johnson said just for everybody's note Tight Lines for Troops is this weekend. Johnson said kick-off is on Saturday

and he knows the Warriors will have some representation at the Flag Ceremony at 6:00 a.m. and that is at the circle down on First Street Beach in which they will raise the flag. Johnson reiterated that he knows the Warriors will be there for that. Johnson said he also knows that the Resort is doing a lot to support this activity and he wanted to thank the Resort for their commitment to the Veterans especially those wounded Veterans for all they do to make this event so successful and wonderful with all the respect they are extending to them. Johnson reiterated he wanted to say Miigwech to the Resort for doing this. Johnson asked if there was anything else they have on Public Comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he forgot about Tight Lines, and if anybody wants to join him he will be on the 31 Bridge when the boats come in. Di Piazza said to feel free to show up with a flag and have fun.

Speaker Johnson said well he is going to say if he is going to be on 31 Bridge he is going to be very, very lonely because there is no bridge.....no boats going through there.

Councilor Di Piazza asked where are they coming in this year.

Speaker Johnson said they are coming in at the Marina at First Street Beach so they are not going under the bridges. Johnson said 40 boats which is downsized a little bit.

Councilor Di Piazza said alright he guessed he won't be there. Di Piazza said that is sad because he has done that every year since he has been up here.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion for Public Comments.

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.

MOVE TO ADJOURN FIRST OPEN AT 11:07; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Roll Call #13

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| J. Riley - | Yes | J. Burger- | Yes | F. Medacco- | Yes |
| S. Crampton - | Yes | G. DiPiazza- | No | M. Wabindato - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | V. Johnson - | Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

XI. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 1:42 p.m.

MOVE TO GO BACK INTO SECOND OPEN AT 1:42; by Riley;
supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

**MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS C.1.4;
RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE TO OPEN SESSION;** by
Riley; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following item was moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-149,
AUTHORIZE OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT BETWEEN LRBOI AND RCA, LLC FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY PAVILION AND TWO
RESIDENTIAL UNITS LOCATED AT AKI MAADIZIWIN IN
MANISTEE MI;** by Riley; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

B. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Twenty Agreements for the 2016 Jiingtamok

The Tribal Ogema through the administration of the Historic Preservation Department has consulted and negotiated Agreements with individuals for specific purposes for the 2016 Jiingtamok.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0518-150; APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF TWENTY AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2016 JIINGTAMOK; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he has three abstentions. Johnson asked Councilor Di Piazza if he was going to abstain.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is related to everybody so what does he want him to do.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilors Lewis, Wittenberg and Burger. Johnson said it is open for discussion.

Councilor Burger said she is going to abstain from this vote even though it does not impact her direct household. Burger said her sister, Janine Sam, has been identified as a Head Female Dancer and her contract is under consideration which is why she will be abstaining from voting.

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

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 1:45; by Wabindato; supported by Lewis.

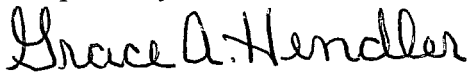
Roll Call #17

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| J. Riley - Yes | J. Burger- Yes | F. Medacco- Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza- No | M. Wabindato -Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes | V. Johnson - Yes | S. Lewis - Yes |

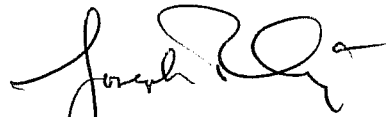
Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder