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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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 22, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said welcome everybody today. Riley said it is a beautiful morning and it is good to see so many people here. Riley said they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Jay Sam is going to lead them in that.

I. Opening Prayer

Jay Sam, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaghaash. Sam said he will let them know right now that he is glad he brought a crib sheet because their Language Instructor is standing over there and he would hate to screw this up.

Miigwech Giizhemanidoo, Nokimisak, Mishoomisak, Kchi'nishinaabek
gaanigaanzijik.
Giizhemanidoo Miigwech gdigoo Maadiziwin gaamiihyaang.
Miigwech Giizhemanidoo miinawa shkakamik kwe kina gego mampii akiing.
Miigwech maamwi eyaayaang mampii.
Boksenmigoom ji naadmowyaang.
Naadaamo gewe eaa kwaazijk naangwaa.
Giizhemanidoo zhinoomooshiang miikanhs miiawa Zhiwenmishinaang.

Thank you Creator, grandmothers, grandfathers and ancestors that walked before us.

Thank you for giving us life.

Thank you and Mother Earth for all things you put on the earth.

Thank you that we are together today.

We ask with humility for your help, help those that sick and in need of your help now.

We ask also that you look in on all the people who are serving the people of the Tribe and our Nation in any uniform they choose to wear.

Be they Firemen, Policemen, Nurses, Doctors, Soldiers or other members of the Military.

We ask that you look in on us today.

I thank all the Spirits that I can see and all the Spirits that we can't see for being here.

Creator, show us the path we are to walk and bless us that we are here day.

Make us the people that you want us to be.

Ahaaw.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Speaker Riley said onto the Approval of the Agenda.

Tribal Council said roll call.

Speaker Riley apologized. Riley said they have roll call for quorum 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.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said now onto the approval of the agenda.

Others Present: Terri Tyler, Nikki Nelson, Dennis Swain, Gina Dahlke, Ronda Koon, Sierra Wirl, Janis Compeau, Julie Duncil, Al Metzger, Pat Metzger, Gary Lewis, Martin Moore, Lyle Dorr, Steve Parsons, Janice Grant, Valerie Chandler, Karen Schaab, Rose Star Chief, Peggy & Jim Derouin, Tom Guenthardt, Nitumigaabow Champagne, Gookgoonz Champagne, Makademigwan Champagne, Waazakone Champagne, Bob Sanders, Jennifer Crampton, Karen Love, Mark Saugie, Tammy Bogne, Sherman Moore, Bernadene Crampton, Connie Lindsay, Kelly Maser, Martha Howell, Mario Romanelli, Teresa Callis, Roberta Davis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer, Judge Angela Sherigan, Kareen Lewis,

Charlotte Campbell, Tammy Burmeister, Mike Ceplina, Ryan Champagne, Michelle Romanelli.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF II D. IS AN ADD AND IV I. IS REMOVED; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said with no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked any comments from the public on that. 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 -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for May 22, 2019.

D. Approval to set Compensation for Elected Officials

To set the compensation for Elected Officials.

1) Tribal Ogema

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0522-124; APPROVAL TO SET COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL OGEMA; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Councilor Crampton said Joe Riley. Crampton said he missed two.

Speaker Riley apologized. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli. Riley said he didn't catch him over there.

Ogema Romanelli said that is not a problem. Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he disagrees with this action because it is continuing compensation. Romanelli said he understands that the Tribal

Council is planning on giving themselves an increase so he sees it is continuing for the Judges and for the Ogema. Romanelli said he disagrees. Romanelli said he just wanted to make a note of record. Romanelli said if he could if they would give him just a couple of minutes. Romanelli said when he took office in 2007 he started at a wage that was lower than the first Ogema or his predecessor's. Romanelli said at one time the Ogema earned 240 hours of Annual Vacation Time. Romanelli said when he took office it was reduced to 120 hours. Romanelli said just for an example in the year 2000 Tribal Council adopted resolution which set the regular Councilor's compensation at \$37,440 per year, the Ogema's salary was set at \$75,000 with 240 hours of Annual Leave. Romanelli said he did receive an increase about three years ago raising him to \$90,000 per year. Romanelli said many employees make more than the Ogema. Romanelli said in 2008 Tribal Council had adopted Resolution #08-0213-39 which amended earlier resolutions to make the previous COLA Adjustments retroactively applicable to the salaried.....salaries of the Tribal Council and other LRBOI Employees as did two other resolutions at about the same time. Romanelli said none of those COLA's pertained to the Ogema he was excluded. Romanelli said these resolutions increased the Tribal Council's salary from \$37,440 per year up to the current salary of about \$55,000 per year. Romanelli said about a 40% increase. Romanelli said if the Ogema had been given the same percentage of increase it would have put him at about \$105,000 back in 2008 going forward. Romanelli said figuring the difference between the \$105,000 and the \$75,000 and \$90,000 respectfully that would have given him about another 300,000 dollars in his pocket over the last ten years. Romanelli said furthermore in 2012 the Tribal Council violated the Constitution by diminishing the Ogema's Salary during a term of office where they are required to make the appropriate adjustment. Romanelli said he didn't make a big deal out of it it happened. Romanelli said now it looks like the increase to the Tribal Council is going to be another 20%. Romanelli said just for the record he just wanted to note that and also ask when they get their.....he guessed he can ask the reason for the midpoint for Council. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that she would also like to amend the resolution number #19-0522-120. Lewis asked Councilor Pete if he still supported.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0522-120;
APPROVAL TO SET COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL
OGEMA;** by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Councilor Pete said absolutely.

Speaker Riley said all right it is still supported by Ron Pete. Riley asked is there any other discussion on the Continuing Compensation..... Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah it is kind unfair to do this without the public actually knowing what is going on so he would like to friendly amendment to the motion if the motion maker would entertain that to also include the Elected Officials Compensation Study which lists the amounts so the membership is aware.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if she would like to amend her motion to also release that with the Continuing Compensation Resolution.

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

Speaker Riley said okay and asked Ron Pete if he still supports that.

Councilor Pete aid yes.

Speaker Riley said all right so now the motion on the floor is to grant continuing compensation to the Ogema and also to release the Wage Study which the Elected Officials Compensation was derived from.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0522-120;
APPROVAL TO SET COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL
OGEMA AND TO RELEASE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS
COMPENSATION STUDY; by Lewis; supported by Pete.**

Ogema Romanelli said with that then could he also ask that they reveal all the wage studies that have happened since he has been Ogema.

Councilor Crampton said that would be fine.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Riley said let him just check real quick here. Riley asked are.....are they talking about just the Elected Official portions of these wage studies or are they talking about the wage studies in their entirety.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks the membership has a right to know the entirety of it all and he is going back from day one. Crampton said when they are going back and talking about the first one.

Councilor Lonn said the first.....

Ogema Romanelli said they had the Harbor Point Study.....

Councilor Crampton said he is talking about.....

Ogema Romanelli said.....the OCeal Study.....

Councilor Crampton said he is talking all the way back to Joseph Eve.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be fine too.

Speaker Riley said so he.....all right. Riley asked Recorder Lewis if she was amending her motion.

Recorder Lewis said yes she will amend that too.

Speaker Riley said so the motion is to also release the accompanying wage studies to go along with.....

Recorder Lewis said through the duration.

Speaker Riley said yeah the duration.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0522-120;
APPROVAL TO SET COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL
OGEMA AND TO RELEASE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS
COMPENSATION STUDY THROUGH THE DURATION OF
ACCOMPANYING WAGE STUDIES; by Lewis; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley recognized Ryan Champagne. Riley said yeah, they can't hear him unless he goes to the microphone on the record so.

Ryan Champagne said he is actually in agreement with Larry Romanelli that he thinks that the Executive side needs to be at the same level as.....they know being the highest non-contracted employee. Champagne said he thinks that is only fair and reasonable. Champagne said he also thinks that a Wage Study isn't a very good fit for an election....Elected Official. Champagne said he thinks that position, not necessarily him himself, but the position should hold to be competitive among the Great Lakes with other Anishinaabe Bands. Champagne said their current rate is a little lower than a lot of other Chairpersons receive and he thinks that no matter who sits in that seat they should be at the equivalent so that is his two cents on it. Champagne said he knows they did an Employee Wage Study but really comparison among other Tribes in the area it does make it more competitive and probably with the next election it is more competitive and they will have more higher quality candidates apply for the position. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Ryan Champagne. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to say he supports that totally and the only problem that they have is that Little River has a unique structure when most have Boards. Crampton said Business Boards as a Leadership and that was the problem in identifying the Ogema's Compensation. Crampton said he does agree that the Elected Officials are paid a lot less. Crampton said in fact when he did the study and was looking around for somebody to compare his wages to but he found out that Little River meets four times a month and most Councils that of all the Tribes meets once or twice a month and they are paid 35-45% lower than their closest competitor.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he has just a couple of things. Pete said one is if they are releasing all of this information going back to Joseph Eve where are they releasing it from in the Currents so that it is published then all the Membership can see it or how are they releasing this. Pete said for that and the second thing he is just only going to add is the studies or the things that the Councilor speaks to he has personally never seen them. Pete said he means from.....he means they talk about it but he has no idea what GTB's Council makes, he has no idea what.....

Councilor Crampton said 68.

Councilor Pete said okay well.....okay so he has no idea what any of these on paper have seen it.....what they make so he is just saying that once he made a decision to come to this body anyways he would just say himself for the record wage was never an issue for him. Pete reiterated just for him it was never an issue.

Speaker Riley said his personal opinion on the issue is that they know every time they go out to Market and get a Wage Study they know they pay for that information and it helps them remain competitive in the marketplace. Riley said by putting that information out to the public in its entirety it may put them at a competitive disadvantage so he would suggest just making it available for Tribal Members to come view at the office rather than putting it in the paper but that is just his opinion on it. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay so he will just tag onto that one with one quick comment. Pete said he thinks the same thing happened when they published the Resort's Wages. Pete reiterated he thinks the same thing. Pete said he agrees. Pete said he agrees let's not put all that out let's put it so the Tribal Members can view but he also thinks that happens when they have a business. Pete said he has never heard a business in his life that publishes the wages or the wage range of what their hiring at because it also puts them at a competitive disadvantage when they need to hire. Pete said he is just saying.

Ogema Romanelli said just one more than he'll.....

Speaker Riley said yes, sir.

Ogema Romanelli said.....be seated. Romanelli said also Councilor Crampton is correct that Valliant said they had a hard time trying to figure his wages because they had nothing to compare it to. Romanelli said in fact they got it wrong because they had his starting wage when it came back less than what they start in the beginning so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to clear up any confusion about why Council is moving forward and not the Judges and the Ogema. Crampton said he thinks it was January 2018 or June that Council moved forward to increase the Judge's and the Ogema but did not increase the Council's pay. Crampton said his concern is that unfortunately from this position Councilors don't ever want any....move their own pay because it looks like they are giving themselves a raise and it gets characterized like that but they are actually bringing them up to the Wage Study and it is an appropriate range. Crampton said his fear is that he doesn't want his Outlying Constituents and his younger members that are in school right now looking at this as just an underpaid job and never coming here, never continuing. Crampton said it is not an opportunity for them. Crampton said when they can go and make the same amount.....he did a study last night and the closest job in the area that he can find for \$55,000 is a Crystal Flash Truck Driver. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Crampton. Riley recognized Mike Ceplina. Riley said to Cindy Champagne that he will get her next.

Mike Ceplina, Tribal #0692, said he is here for the employees. Ceplina said they did a Valliant Report and every year after that they were supposed to get evaluations and raises accordingly but that never happened. Ceplina asked can they explain to him why it didn't happen.

Recorder Lewis said that would be an Ogema question.

Councilor Crampton said that is an easy one.

Speaker Riley said um.....

Councilor Crampton said it is not their responsibility. Crampton said that is an easy question.

Speaker Riley said well that.....gets.....yeah, yeah. Riley said they know Council....Council handles the Budgetary aspect and the Ogema is responsible for they know the evaluation process. Riley said well not personally but his staff is responsible for that portion and he believed he has been working on getting that set up but if he could.....

Ogema Romanelli said sure he can elaborate on that. Romanelli said last year it was put in the Budget for a COLA Increase of sorts both last year and in 2019. Romanelli said the problem was that it didn't explain how that was to be paid out if it was at a bottom line to the actual wages or if it was a one-time COLA Payment as they have done in the past that brings the percentage of COLA up for the one-time payment until they get the other information sorted out. Romanelli said Council last year gave their employees which they have two or three employees a permanent increase. Romanelli said to do that on the Ogema's side they have 180 employees that they would also have to give a permanent increase to while they are still trying to figure out the Valliant Report. Romanelli said his understanding is that the Tribal Council is now giving.....going.....planning on giving their employees another permanent increase this year and then the decision comes that on the Ogema's side or on the Executive side if they are to give a permanent increase on this side the Budget is not clear on the ways to be paying it out.....paid out so if they are the amount that increases the Budget is about \$200-250,000 increase in the Budget and that would have been held this year and would hold again next year which would be added on a \$250 approximate last year onto this year which means about a half million dollar increase. Romanelli said that is what they are grappling with now. Romanelli said he is having discussions with his Leads right at the present time as to which way they need to go with this and it is not an easy decision when they look at the Budget and what is going on so if.....it is his belief that they should do whatever the Council does which means they give a permanent increase. Romanelli said understanding Tribal Members that that increases the Budget about a quarter million dollars each time they do that which means they probably could go back and do it for last year and do it for this year which would be a half million dollar increase in the Budget. Romanelli said when they do that the Budget is limited as they understand they have a Budget that comes across that they agree upon on a yearly basis that.....until they get the revenues coming in that Budget does not increase too much so it does at certain times will impact services so that is what they are looking at. Romanelli said to Mike Ceplina he hopes that answers as clearly as he can right now.

Mike Ceplina said he would like to just say that under Tribal Council the Gaming Commission falls and Surveillance Department goes under them guys and why didn't they get a raise.

Speaker Riley replied the only person that is an employee of the actual commission is the Executive Director the rest of the staff are considered employees of the Ogema.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli asked so they have four employees.

Mike Ceplina said no its not.

Speaker Riley said the....the Gaming Commission Ordinance puts the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission directly underneath the Gaming Commission but it also states that all of the other employees of the Gaming Commission are employees of the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Mike Ceplina asked could he see that in writing please.

Speaker Riley said yeah he can show it to him afterwards.

Mike Ceplina thanked them.

Councilor Crampton asked which one was it.....the Gaming Ordinance.

Speaker Riley said he thinks it's in one of them. Riley said it might be in the Gaming Commission's Ordinance.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley recognized Cindy Champagne.

Cindy Champagne said she was just going to ask them if they could speak up because they can't hear them back here.

Speaker Riley said okay he will get closer to the microphone. Riley said okay. Riley said all right so if there is nothing further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Pete apologized. Pete said he needs a point of order he is not confused. Pete asked what is he voting on.

Speaker Riley said continuing compensation for the Ogema and the release of the...

Recorder Lewis said wage studies.

Speaker Riley said.....wage studies.

Councilor Pete said okay and voted.

Recorder Lewis said resolution has passed #19-0522-120.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

2) Tribal Court Judges

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion or a motion on this item.

Councilor Pete asked what is the resolution number.

Recorder Lewis replied 121.

Speaker Riley asked Ron Pete if he wanted to take this one.

Councilor Pete said yes he will take this one. Pete said to Recorder Lewis 121 she said. Pete said okay. Pete said to Speaker Riley yes he is prepared to make a motion if there is no more comment.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-121; CONTINUING THE COMPENSATION FOR TRIBAL COURT JUDGES; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked if there was discussion on the Tribal Court Judges Compensation. 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 #19-0522-121 has been approved.

3) Election Board Members

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley once again if there is no comment he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-122;
CONTINUING THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION BOARD
MEMBERS;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked if there was any discussion. Riley said all right if there is no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #4

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 #19-0522-122 has been approved.

4) Tribal Council

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion or a motion for the Tribal Council. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he just has a point of order. Pete asked if this passes if it doesn't pass does Tribal Council continue on a continuing resolution for.....

Speaker Riley replied they continue to make what they currently.....

Councilor Pete said what they currently.....okay that is what he wanted to know. Pete thanked Speaker Riley.

Councilor Crampton asked 22 is the number.

Councilor Lonn said 23 is the number.

Speaker Riley asked does anyone have any questions or would like to make a motion.

Councilor Crampton asked what is the number 22.

Councilor Pete said 122.

Recorder Lewis said 123.

Councilor Crampton asked what was it.

Recorder Lewis repeated 123.

Speaker Riley said 123.

Councilor Pete said Joe Riley.

Speaker Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said as he likes to state that he stated previously before in 2018 everybody was moved up on the Wage Study except for Council and now they are not even on the scale. Crampton said they are below the scale. Crampton said their pay doesn't even come up on the scale. Crampton said so he is going to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0520-123;
AMENDING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL
COUNCIL;** by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Councilor Pete said to Councilor Crampton 0520 he thinks it should be 0522.

Speaker Riley said 0522.

Councilor Crampton said oh yeah it is 0522, sorry.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-123;
AMENDING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE TRIBAL
COUNCIL;** by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said yes, sir.

Councilor Friedel said he would like to abstain.

Speaker Riley said well if he is going to then he will as well.

Councilor Pete asked can he.....is it a point of order after him to ask why the abstention.

Recorder Lewis said yeah he can ask.

Councilor Friedel said he will answer that question. Friedel said he will abstain because he doesn't think it is his job to.....to set the compensation for the next

person coming in he thinks that, they know, it's a Conflict of his Interest he thinks.

Councilor Pete thanked Councilor Friedel. Pete said he just wanted to know.

Speaker Riley said well he guess....he will go ahead and vote because he means there is no loss or no gain on his end so. Riley asked do they have any discussion. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he guessed he is kind of confused because this comes from the same study that increased the employees, the Ogema, and the Judges so what really, truthfully if this was true organization where everybody is treated fairly and respected. Crampton asked what truly is the cause for not moving forward on Council other than the obvious.

Speaker Riley said all right he had Tom Guenthardt. Riley said he has Jamie Friedel and Ron Pete.

Tom Guenthardt, Tribal #0040, said he just can't see how they can sit up there and ask for a raise. Guenthardt said impossible. Guenthardt said they can hardly make it now and they don't even work 40 hours a week, they are not here. Guenthardt said they are just shooting themselves in the foot. Guenthardt said they are supposed to be working for the people. Guenthardt said them guys are working for their individual self because they want more money all the time. Guenthardt said that is nonsense. Guenthardt said he thinks they should go back to a stipend. Guenthardt said them guys would all quit. Guenthardt reiterated them guys would all quit. Guenthardt said if they went back to a \$100 stipend they would all quit.

Councilor Pete said he ain't quitting.

Councilor Lonn said she ain't quitting.

Speaker Riley said all right, okay, he has Jamie Friedel then Ron Pete then Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Friedel said he feels if the Council is going to get a raise he thinks the employees should make sure they get their raises from now on as well. Friedel said he has said that for the last two years.

Councilor Pete said to Jamie Friedel he wanted to say that is a point well taken on his part, okay. Pete said the other thing he wanted to say is it isn't that....he doesn't....he don't want....he said before he is not here because of money. Pete said he came to do this after he retired thinking that he could help the Tribe so what he is paid is more than livable so he is going to just.....that is one thing he wanted to say. Pete said the second thing is there is no obvious thing with him

because he stated this publically and he is going to state it again in front of every person that is in here and to the Membership that is listening he has never.....he tries to say never very much he is never running for political office again. Pete said in two years when someone is sworn in to take his seat he is going to sail off into the sunset and do the things that he wanted to do at 71 years old. Pete said so he is not going to be.....he is not doing this for political things or anything else he is not running.....its time after 71 years and working all his life that he was able to spend some quality time for himself. Pete said so he is just saying it is not obvious with him because it certainly isn't political how he does his vote. Pete said he does his vote because that is how he feels. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he will defer to Jamie Friedel.

Speaker Riley said he is sorry did.....okay Jamie Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he will be voting on this actually his predecessor pretty much said what he should vote on so he will vote in favor of him. Friedel said he will be voting.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said again his question still stands. Crampton said he gets the ridderick and he gets how some employees are paid a lot more than Council. Crampton said he thinks that this is some kind of goofy job its not. Crampton said they are here more than any other Council in the State of Michigan they all know that. Crampton said they seen the study. Crampton said his question still stands what is the actual reason. Crampton said when they want to.....they are sitting here and they make less than the Ogema's staff what is the purpose.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis asked Councilor Crampton if he was done.

Councilor Crampton said yes, yes, yes.

Recorder Lewis said okay to her understanding and she is hoping that everybody is understanding this that it is just the Valliant Study. Lewis said what this is it is bringing Council to the level where they are supposed to be its not actually a raise it is just part of the Valliant Study although herself they know she was an employee for 16 years and she believes that the employees here it is long overdue that their raise is implemented.

Tom Guenthardt said from the audience give them a raise and not them guys.

Speaker Riley said all right....

Recorder Lewis said she was in the queue here.

Speaker Riley said Sandy Lewis has the floor please.

Recorder Lewis reiterated that she was in the queue and he doesn't even know what her vote is yet so to heckle her.....

Speaker Riley said to Sandy Lewis just.....

Recorder Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Riley said yes, sir.

Ogema Romanelli said he does take exception to comparing their Elected Officials and most specifically the Tribal Council to their employees. Romanelli said he thinks the Tribe has a lot of wonderful employees who are paid.....some are still underpaid and do a heck of a job. Romanelli said the main difference between the Tribal.....if they talk about the Ogema's employees it is really the Tribal Employees and Tribal Council has they are more accountable for their work here, what they are doing, he thinks that he has an objection to raising the Council's salary until they can find a way to be accountable for the hours that they put in per week. Romanelli said he is not saying they have to be here every day in the office they understand there are meetings outside but he cannot justify when he can go here on a Wednesday afternoon on most days, a Thursday, a Friday is like a bowling alley they could roll a bowling alley down on that side because there are not people over there. Romanelli said they can say they are talking with their Constituents he doesn't buy that they all talk to their Constituents after hours, etc. Romanelli said so he is just saying that the main difference is that it kind of erks him that they would compare this to their employees. Romanelli said their employees do a wonderful job and they have to fill out a time card. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, just to reiterate a lot of things get lost here and they are talking about the employee's raises last time they did the Budget that Council did their part to give the employees a raise and the Speaker Joe Riley even said into the minutes Council has done their part they put the money for their raises in the Budget that was their part now if the employees gets their raises it comes from the Ogema that is his decision not Councils. Crampton said it has been sold this way to the Membership for a long time the truth is they put the money in the Budget its there it is his decision.

Speaker Riley asked is there anything further. Riley asked any more discussion on this. Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she is sure Council knows how she feels she doesn't feel that they should be getting this kind of a raise. Lonn said she was downstairs for 20 years again their employees downstairs are very important to her and they have not gotten a raise so she knows how she is voting.

Councilor Crampton said Joe Riley.

Speaker Riley recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yup he is going to put his two cents in now that everybody has had their shot. Corey said he is a little sick so he is sorry if he sounds groggy. Corey said he has worked for this organization going on and off for about eight years in and out. Corey said they all know the scuttlebutt on Face Book and is sure they all keep up on that. Corey said he has always been in support of supporting their employees and their people in paying them well. Corey said to Mike Ceplina every chance on the Gaming Commission he got every chance he fought for him. Corey said every chance and he said follow the Valliant Study pay their people what it says, get it done, fix the ladder, so if they work for this organization for ten years he wants them to retire rich. Corey said to Mike Ceplina that he wants to take good care of him when he is an Elder. Corey said he wants those college kids coming out of college to want to work here, right here, he wants the brightest and the best crayons in the box. Corey said that is his statement.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion failed (3-6-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0522-123 has failed.

E. Tribal Council Minutes □ 5/15/19

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
5/15/19; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley said that was two people at once.

Councilor Pete said give it to Jamie Friedel.

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

Roll Call #6

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 Tribal Council Minutes for 5/15/19 have been accepted for filing.

F. Drummers-Opening Song

Speaker Riley said their drummers are going to do the Opening Song so they can get their Swearing In Ceremony started.

G. Gifting of Elected Members leaving office

Speaker Riley said okay at this point they are doing the gifting of Elected Members leaving office.

Recorder Lewis said as everybody knows Joe Riley and Jamie Friedel have been with them for a long time working with Little River and they know they are going to continue to keep as part of their community. Lewis said they are gifting them these blankets so that their journey that they are provided for.

Speaker Riley said speech, speech. Riley said he doesn't have a speech but what he does have is they are going to go ahead and swear in Judge Sherigan as his last official act in office. Riley said then Recorder Lewis will take over the meeting because she will be the remaining officer at that point. Riley asked Angela Sherigan to come up.

H. Oaths of Office Administered

Office of Associate Judge

* Angela Sherigan

I, Angela Sherigan, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the United States of America.

I swear that I will maintain the respect, integrity and honor of the Tribal Court; I will abide by the rules of Judicial Ethics and place the concerns of justice and the law before personal considerations in all matters that come before the court.

To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold by hearing courteously, answering wisely, considering soberly and deciding impartially all matters before me. So I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Speaker Riley said he is glad that she is on again. Riley said people were so scared of her that no one ran against her.

Office of the Ogema
* **Larry Romanelli**

Acting Speaker Lewis said Larry Romanelli if he would like to come forward.

Judge Angela Sherigan administered the Oath of Office. Sherigan said to Ogema Romanelli congratulations on his re-election. Sherigan said if he would raise his right hand and swear to her and the membership that is in attendance and ____ today the following oath that has been presented in front of him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Judge Sherigan.

I, Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Ogema Office of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan said congratulations on the presentation of the oath and is now the Tribal Ogema.

Office of Tribal Council
Nine County
* **Sandra Lewis**

Judge Sherigan said it now her great honor for the second time to swear in Sandra Lewis to the position of Tribal Council, nine county. Sherigan said Councilor Lewis by reciting the oath that is placed in front of her she will be sworn in.

I, Sandra "Peanut" Lewis, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan said congratulations.

* **Tom Guenthardt**

Acting Speaker Lewis said Tom Guenthardt.

Judge Sherigan said Mr. Guenthardt if he could raise his right hand and recite the oath that has been placed in front of him for his position of Tribal Council, nine county.

I, Tom Guenthardt, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan thanked Tom Guenthardt. Sherigan said congratulations.

Outlying

Cindy Champagne

Acting Speaker Lewis said now Cindy Champagne.

Judge Sherigan said Cindy Champagne if she would raise her right hand and recite the oath that is in front of her for Tribal Council, outlying.

I, Cindy “Pete” Champagne, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan thanked Cindy Champagne. Sherigan said congratulations.

Ron Wittenberg

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay Ron Wittenberg.

Judge Sherigan said to Ron Wittenberg if he could raise his right hand for the swearing in of himself as Tribal Council, outlying, for a second term.....or for an additional term the Oath of Office in front of him please.

I, Ron Wittenberg, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan said congratulations.

Office of Election Board
*** Karen Love**

Acting Speaker Lewis said Karen Love.

Judge Sherigan said next they have Karen Love swearing in for the position of the Election Board. Sherigan said to Karen Love if she could recite the Oath of Office in front of her and raise her right hand.

I, Karen Love, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and to carry out my responsibilities as a member of the Election Board with utmost care and professionalism.

Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day May, 2019.

Judge Sherigan said congratulations.

I. Drummers-Closing Song

Acting Speaker Lewis said now they are going to move into the Drummers and they are going to do a Closing Song after that they are going to do a Feast. Lewis said they are going to recess and there is no set time limit on a Feast so when everybody is done they will wrap it up and get the regular meeting back in session. Lewis said Tammy Burmeister and Judge Sherigan can they please come forward. Lewis said they would like to thank the artist that provided gifts for them. Lewis said that was Marty Wabindato and Dawn Moneyhan. Lewis asked Grace Hendler if she wanted to pass them down the line the rest of them. Lewis said okay Drummers go ahead.

J. Recess – Feast

Councilor Pete said okay now they recess.

Councilor Lonn said yeah they are recessed.

Councilor Pete asked Acting Speaker Lewis if she was calling a recess. Pete said okay and thanked her.

Acting Speaker Lewis said actually she is going to call a recess at 11:07 and as soon as they finish up eating they will go back into session. Lewis said no set time.

K. Reconvene – Call back to Order

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said Madame Speaker the recorder is on.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay they will resume from recess at 11:51. Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he could do a roll call.

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Present	D. Corey - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum at 11:51.

L. Selection of Officers-Nomination & Vote

Acting Speaker Lewis said one is for Speaker. Lewis called for nominations.

1. Speaker

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he would like to nominate Shannon Crampton for Speaker.

Councilor Corey said support.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked where is Kathleen Bowers.

Kathleen Bowers responded right here.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said to Acting Speaker Lewis that she has Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to support Ron Pete for Speaker.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said support.

Councilor Crampton said yes he would accept the nomination.

Councilor Pete said yes he will accept the nomination.

Kathleen Bowers said they have to close nominations.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked Acting Speaker Lewis if she wanted to close nominations.

Acting Speaker Lewis said yeah, close nominations.

Councilor Crampton said she asks for anymore then she closes them.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said nominations are closed. Di Piazza said they need voting tabs.

Councilor Pete asked what is wrong with Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Guenthardt asked Gary Di Piazza if he was all right.

Councilor Crampton asked Gary Di Piazza if he was okay.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said it is new shoes, man. Di Piazza said they are not even broke in.

Kathleen Bowers said she has nine votes. Bowers said she has five for Ron Pete and four for Shannon Crampton.

Speaker Pete thanked them.

2. Recorder

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked Councilor Lewis if she wanted Recorder portion back.

Councilor Lewis said actually.....

Councilor Guenthardt said he was out of there.

Councilor Lewis said.....yeah. Lewis said no its him. Lewis said he is just going to go down to nomination and vote.

Speaker Pete thanked them. Pete said he was getting a little advise so he asks for their indulgence for a few minutes until he gets into this Chair the way he should be that's all. Pete said they are now taking nominations for Recorder and so he is.....the floor is open for nominations for Recorder.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to nominate Gary Di Piazza for Recorder.

Speaker Pete asked any other nominations or support.

Councilor Guenthardt said he supports.

Speaker Pete said Tom Guenthardt supports. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he makes a nomination for Ron Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said for Ron Wittenberg.....he didn't hear. Pete thanked them.

Councilor Wittenberg said he accepts.

Speaker Pete asked any support. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza if he accepts. Pete asked are there any other nominations on the floor for Recorder. Pete said okay then they are going to close the nominations for Recorder. Pete said Kathleen Bowers.

Kathleen Bowers said okay she has nine total votes. Bowers said she has got six for Gary Di Piazza and three for Ron Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Kathleen Bowers. Pete said congratulations Gary Di Piazza.

M. Roll Call

Speaker Pete said the next thing to do on their agenda is to do a roll call. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - 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 Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete nine in favor they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2019-__-2nd QTR to purchase Security Camera System for the Government Center Parking Lots**
Tribal Council received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2019-006 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Pete said they have their IT Director, George Le Vasseur, to represent.

George Le Vasseur, Information Technology Director, represented this agenda item. Le Vasseur said good morning Council. Le Vasseur said this is a \$25,000 supplemental appropriation to enhance the security for Tribal Citizens and Employees in the Government Center. Le Vasseur said currently they are lacking cameras to cover the parking lots and entrances. Le Vasseur said they have had some issues and this is something that they really do need to do.

Speaker Pete said okay are there any questions or comments. Pete recognized Mr. Corey.

Councilor Champagne asked what kind of issues did they have.

George Le Vasseur said they have had several people slip and fall. Le Vasseur said they have had reported damage to vehicles.

Speaker Pete recognized Mr. Corey again.

Councilor Corey asked George Le Vasseur if he had this in his previous year's Budgets or is this just an emergency item that he just found out about yesterday.

George Le Vasseur replied no, this is something that has been discussed multiple times. Le Vasseur said previously what's happened is either he doesn't have the staff to actually implement the programs or when he did have the staff the Budget really didn't support it. Le Vasseur said right now the IT Staff is almost at full staff and they are able to actually move forward with this.

Speaker Pete thanked George Le Vasseur. Pete asked any other comments. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Sandra Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0522-124;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-05-2nd
QTR TO FUND GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKING LOT
SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000; by Lewis;
supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked are there any comments or questions. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne asked can they have this postponed until the next meeting so they can read.....the new ones coming on can read what is going on. Champagne said she knows he told them what is going on but she would like to be able to read before she votes on anything.

Speaker Pete said okay they did have a work session this week and.....

Councilor Champagne said they weren't here yet.

Speaker Pete said he understands he has thought and he thinks it was a mistake....they could have done it no this was done in closed so they couldn't have. Pete said he is not really sure of the protocol. Pete said it hasn't been asked for once it has been nominated on the floor. Pete said he is not sure they can.... Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes, they can make a motion to postpone this and he would ask first is there any pending danger or does this have to be done immediately.

George Le Vasseur said no, there is no impending danger at this point.

Councilor Crampton said okay then if they wanted to make a motion to postpone until the next session then they could do that.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE SO THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW EVERYTHING;** by
Champagne; supported Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked does anyone else have a comment. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call. Pete said this is to postpone..... Pete apologized. Pete asked Joe Riley did he have a comment.

Joe Riley said he would just request that during the time that they are taking to read it they also review and check and see if there is a Camera Use Policy for Surveillance purposes just to make sure that it used for the purpose that is stated and not used to just watch certain people or whatever.

Speaker Pete said correct. Pete thanked Joe Riley. Pete asked any other comments. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt asked who is going to watch the cameras or just recordings.

George Le Vasseur said no one actually watches the cameras they record. Le Vasseur said the recordings are kept for approximately 11 days.

Speaker Pete said okay any other comments. Pete said okay there is a motion on the floor that has been seconded to postpone this. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Pete said this motion has been postponed.....

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor the item has been postponed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Pete said there is nothing under Approval of Budgeted Expenditure.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: April 2019

- A. Operations Report**
- B. Financial Report**
March & April 2019
- C. Enrollment Commission**
- D. Health Commission**
- E. Housing Commission**
- F. Natural Resource Commission**

January 2019
- G. Elders Committee Minutes**

Reports received:

- ☐ April 2019
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- 1. ☐ March 2019
- 2. ☐ April 2019
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ April 2019

Speaker Pete said they have April's Operation Report, Financial Report from March and April they have none submitted, Enrollment Commission they have none submitted, Health Commission they have none submitted, Housing Commission they have none submitted, Natural Resource Commission they have March 2019 and April 2019 and January 2019 none submitted, and Elders Committee Minutes for April 2019 they have been submitted. Pete said and accepted for filing. Pete asked any questions on the reports.

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

J. Riley II

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 Pete said the Gaming Director is representing.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Commission Executive Director, represented this agenda item.

Councilor Champagne said she would move to postpone this until the next meeting so they have a chance to look it over.

MOVE TO POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING SO THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK IT OVER; by Champagne; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked are there any other comments. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor, three against, the item has been postponed.

I. Request for Approval of EDC Board Nominee, James La Porte
A replacement Board Member is needed for the EDC Board.

Speaker Pete said this item has been removed.

Ryan Champagne asked if it was possible to have discussion on a group item.

Councilor Lewis said yes, Kelly Maser wants to speak on it.

Speaker Pete said okay yes.

Councilor Lewis said to Kelly Maser would she like.....oh.

Speaker Pete said not on that item he is talking about removed I. Item.

Councilor Lewis said okay, all right.

Ryan Champagne said he was very happy to see Mr. La Porte's name on there for the EDC and he seen that it was removed. Champagne said he didn't know if it was from Chairperson Romanelli or from the Council who removed it and just wanted to know for clarification is it just being reviewed further on or is it completely removed off the list.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said there was some confusion when they first looked at the nomination it was pointed out that they already had enough members on there and it looked as if the nomination was for a position that was considered for an Elected Official. Crampton said actually they are having a member on the EDC that is actually leaving who was the Ogema's nomination and now he needs to bring another one forward. Crampton said it is still on there and the confusion was.....that was the confusion.

Speaker Pete said yes, Mr. Champagne, there was just some confusion at the time and so they had to look into it and it took a day and he thinks actually Mr. Friedel had that turned around quick and Mr. Crampton so. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.....

Recorder Di Piazza said no.....

Speaker Pete apologized. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he was just going to say the same thing that he was given notice by Tom St. Dennis that they had a member leaving that had decided that he was going to leave and asked to bring a name forward which he did. Romanelli said it was understood that the person leaving would only stay only as long as.....until someone got replaced so it wasn't a replacement at all for the Elected Officials. Romanelli said it was in fact for the other individual so unfortunate that it was removed at this time hopefully it gets back on the next agenda. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said okay is that it on that.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Designated Signers for Bank Accounts at PNC Bank, Chemical Bank and Wells Fargo Bank

New individual resolutions are needed for designated signers for each bank account.

1) PNC Bank

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said just to say this is more of housekeeping item to remove the out-going and put the new going Council Members on check signing. Di Piazza said with that being said if there is no questions he would like to make a motion. Di Piazza said oh, sorry.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza to go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-124;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR BANK
ACCOUNTS AT PNC BANK; by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Pete said it is 125.

Recorder Di Piazza said no they didn't use 124.

Councilor Lewis said no they didn't.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry it is 124, they are right.

Recorder Di Piazza said no they postponed that. Di Piazza said okay, anyway.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza continue.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-124;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR BANK
ACCOUNTS AT PNC BANK; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any other discussion.

Recorder Di Piazza said the names are on the big screen who the signers are.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza does he want to read them into the record.

Recorder Di Piazza said they don't have to.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is just more of a housekeeping item.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said okay if there is no further comment.

Recorder Di Piazza asked who supported that.

Councilor Lewis said Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete repeated Diane Lonn supported that. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -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 Di Piazza said nine in favor, Resolution #19-0522-124 has been approved.

Speaker Pete asked do they have any more under there.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, there are four of them.

Speaker Pete said four of them, okay.

2) PNC Institutional Investments

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion again.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-125;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR INVESTMENT
ACCOUNTS AT PNC INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS; by Di
Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked any comment.
Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt –Yes	C. Champagne -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 Di Piazza said nine in favor, Resolution #19-0522-125 is passed.

3) Chemical Bank

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that he would like to make another motion.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-126;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR BANK ACCOUNT
AT CHEMICAL BANK; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Jamie Friedel.

Jamie Friedel, Tribal #4744, asked isn't those supposed to be done all separate on resolutions. Friedel asked did they contact Steve Wheeler per name. Friedel said he thinks that is how they did it before. Friedel said that it had to be done by per name. Friedel said they might want to contact Steve Wheeler before they do all this. Friedel thanked them.

Recorder Di Piazza said the names are in the resolutions. Di Piazza repeated the names are in the resolutions.

Jamie Friedel said separately.

Recorder Di Piazza replied they are separate there are four separate resolutions for the bank accounts.

Jamie Friedel said resolutions for each name he thinks.

Councilor Lonn said oh, she doesn't think so.

Recorder Di Piazza said no they are listed as they are listed here. Di Piazza said he doesn't believe they did it that way last time.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Nikki Nelson made a comment from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording. Nelson said the instructions are right on the agenda if they look down at the bold print. The rest of her comment could not be heard and wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Recorder Di Piazza said he says to continue on.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza let's just continue right now and they will get with Steve Wheeler right after this and he will check on this. Pete said if they have to bring it back up they will bring it up.

Recorder Di Piazza asked if they are ready for a vote.

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said Steve Wheeler went across the street if they heard what he is talking about. Wittenberg said he went across the street.

Speaker Pete said okay he will get with him as soon as he can get with him. Pete said to Shannon Crampton to go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said if they are unsure of the issue at this point could they.....they should probably make a motion to postpone until second open so they can check with Steve Wheeler. Crampton said if they are absolutely not sure.

Speaker Pete said he is not absolutely not sure. Pete said he thinks that.....he thought that he or they were able to do it this way is what he was thinking but now he is not sure since it has been brought up.

Councilor Crampton said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL SECOND OPEN FOR
CLARIFICATION FROM STEVE WHEELER;** by Crampton;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - 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 Di Piazza said nine in favor all four items have been postponed to second open.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Speaker Pete said he is just reminding the membership that next Wednesday is the fifth Wednesday and they have four Council Meetings a month so next Wednesday the 29th he believed it is there will be no Council Meeting.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he just wanted to say “thank you” to the out-going Councilors, Mr. Joe Riley Jr. and Mr. Jamie Friedel. Romanelli thanked them for their years of service. Romanelli said he also wants to welcome back Sandy Lewis and Ron Wittenberg. Romanelli said he wants to say welcome to Cindy Champagne and Tom Guenthardt. Romanelli said he wanted to say congratulations to the new Officers into the Tribal Council. Romanelli said he expects and hopes they will do good things together in the

coming years and he really appreciates this Council so. Romanelli said he is going to cut it short today. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked do they have anyone for Legislative Affairs. Pete said okay he sees no hands going up for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said the floor is open for public comment. Pete said okay. Pete apologized. Pete recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he also wanted to welcome back Judge Sherigan. Romanelli said she is not here. Romanelli said Karen Love who he missed and who is on the Election Board. Romanelli said it is nice to have her back as well.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked anything else for public comment. Pete recognized Joe Riley.

Joseph Riley, Tribal #2904, said what he wanted to do is he wanted to present his successor the new Speaker with a gift. Riley asked may he approach.

Speaker Pete said absolutely.

Councilor Lonn said there is no hugs and kisses here.

Speaker Pete thanked Joe Riley. Pete said he just hopes.....

Joe Riley said it is under \$75.00.

Speaker Pete said make sure of that publically that it is under \$75.00. Pete said okay and thanked Joe Riley. Pete said he hopes he does as well as he did. Pete thanked Joe Riley again. Pete said okay he wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting today and they are going to.....can he get a motion to go into Closed Session at..... Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said they don't need a motion he just declares a recess then they will go into closed.

Speaker Pete aid okay and thanked Shannon Crampton.

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 12:19 p.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 1:44 p.m.

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they have a quorum.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they had any items from Closed to be moved into Open Session.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS RESOLUTIONS #19-0522-126, 127, 128 AND 129; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL TO OPEN; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said those have all been moved from Closed to Open.

The following resolutions, motions, roll calls and votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0522-126,
APPROVING RETAIL LICENSE & PERMIT APPLICATION
BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND MICHIGAN**

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS;
by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Absent	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0522-127,
APPROVING LIVSCAN FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND
REQUEST BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg – Absent	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0522-128,
RATIFICATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT WITH GRAND
VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY REGARDING MICHIGAN
TURTLES;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-7

R. Wittenberg – Absent	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Abstain
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0522-129,
RATIFICATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT WITH GRAND
VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY TO STUDY AMERICAN
MARTEN DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE NORTHERN LOWER
PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-8

R. Wittenberg – Absent	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Abstain
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

Speaker Pete asked do they have any other unfinished business from the First Open Session.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes. Di Piazza said they need to finish up the check signing housekeeping item.

B. Approval of Designated Signers for Bank Accounts at PNC Bank, Chemical Bank and Wells Fargo Bank

New individual resolutions are needed for designated signers for each bank account. These items were moved from First Open.

3) Chemical Bank

4) Wells Fargo Bank

Speaker Pete asked is anyone prepared to make a motion.

3) Chemical Bank

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-130;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR BANK ACCOUNT
AT CHEMICAL BANK; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #19-0522-130 has passed.

Speaker Pete asked any other business. Pete recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

4) Wells Fargo Bank

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0522-131;
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR INVESTMENT
ACCOUNT AT WELLS FARGO BANK; by Di Piazza; supported by
Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #14

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #19-0522-131 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he was informed that they didn't need to take a motion and a vote on accepting the Officers, Speaker and Recorder.

Speaker Pete asked he was informed that they needed to do that.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't remember doing that two years ago but if.....

A Council Member said they didn't remember ever doing that.

Acting Speaker Pete said it seemed to him like they voted. Pete asked didn't they vote and that should be the vote.

Councilor Crampton said that is the vote.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said that is what somebody brought up. Di Piazza said he doesn't remember.

Speaker Pete said so unless a legal or somebody comes to him with something different then they are just not going to do that today. Pete said he doesn't think they need to. Pete asked they voted right.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said that is fine.

Acting Speaker Pete said okay.

IX. Adjourn

Acting Speaker Pete said he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Crampton; supported by Lonn.

Acting Speaker Pete asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Councilor Lewis said Diane Lonn and Sandy Lewis. Lewis apologized.

Acting Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton made the motion and Sandy Lewis supported.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said oh, no, wrong names again. Di Piazza said that is not his doings. Di Piazza said okay he is ready now. Di Piazza asked would he like him to do a roll call.

Acting Speaker Pete said please do a roll call.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza thanked Acting Speaker Pete.

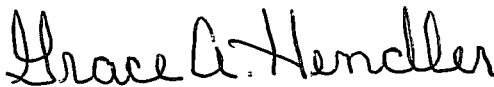
Roll Call #15

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder