

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 24, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said he wanted to welcome everybody to their Council Meeting for May 24th and just a kind reminder that they have a lot of visitors here today and Grace Hendler asks that they make sure that everybody signed in this morning so she can do her minutes accordingly. Johnson said with that said again, it is a beautiful day today and they got a little rain today. Johnson said when he sees that rain coming that is the start of a new life and today is a beautiful day. Johnson said at this point he wants to start off with their Opening Ceremony where they will have the Honor Song, Pipe Ceremony, and a Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Jay Sam, from Historic Preservation, offered the Opening Ceremony. Sam offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and English.

The prayer was not given at the podium and wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

The Drummers commenced the Honor Song while Jay Sam conducted the Pipe Ceremony.

Speaker Johnson said Chi Miigwech to Jay Sam and to all the people on the Drum for their Opening Ceremony.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Connie Waitner, Valerie Mc Donnell, Kelly Robinson-Davis, Dave Corey, Mike Walter, Ed Tyler, Kelly Maser, Allison Smart, Kathy Johnson, Frank Beaver, Jodi Walter, Frank Figgels, Karen Love, Jennifer Crampton, Charmaine Stone, Valerie Chandler, Mack Brushman, Tami Di Piazza, Darleen Martin.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Szpliet, Boo Battice, Kenny Pheasant, Jay Sam, Gary Lewis, Don Underwood, De-Ahna Underwood, Steve Parsons, David Hawley, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen, Michelle Romanelli, Tammy Bowen, Michael Burmeister, Israel Stone, Andrew Gentile, Chuck Fisher, Paul Mooney, Judge Sherigan, Judge Bailey, Cindy Gamelin, Marcella Leusby, Michelle Lucas, Robert Battice, Roberta Davis. *There were other people that came into the celebration who did not sign in and not all are accounted for.*

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Johnson said at this point he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th AS SUBMITTED; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted the agenda is adopted.

Speaker Johnson said okay that moves them onto the next item which is approval of the minutes and he will entertain a motion on this.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 5/17/17

MOVE FOR FILING TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/17/17;
by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are accepted.

E. Gifting of Council members leaving office

Speaker Johnson said okay that moves them into the next area that has to do with the Elected Officials that are leaving office. Johnson said at this point he would like to call Israel Stone up.

Israel Stone said it is humbling and he would like to thank Tribal Council for giving him the opportunity to serve. Stone said he also wanted to say that what he learned while he was there the election process is far more difficult than anybody would ever believe. Stone said the group of citizens that are on the Election Board truly care about making sure that they have fair processes in the elections and they are great people. Stone said Chi Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson noted that Councilor Wabindato is not in attendance but they will make sure that he receives his gift.

Recorder Riley said to Speaker Johnson that what he has here is ___ as he leaves office at the end of his two terms. Riley said he wanted him to know that he personally ___ with him and he appreciates everything that he has done as a teacher and a mentor. Riley said congratulations and thank you very much for your service.

Virgil Johnson made some final comments but they were not picked up on the tape recording.

**F. Oaths of Office Administered
Tribal Appellate Court Judge
* Berni Carlson**

Speaker Johnson said Judge Berni Carlson would normally be sworn in by the Speaker today but she has some health issues so she is not here to be sworn in.

Election Board

* **Edward Tyler**

I, *Edward Tyler*, 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 the utmost care and professionalism.

Signed and sworn before me this 24th day of May, 2017.

* **Terri L. Burmeister**

I, *Terri L. Burmeister*, 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 the utmost care and professionalism.

Signed and sworn before me this 24th day of May, 2017.

* **Valerie Robinson-Mc Donnell**

I, *Valerie Robinson-Mc Donnell*, 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 the utmost care and professionalism.

Signed and sworn before me this 24th day of May, 2017.

Tribal Council

* **Gary Di Piazza**

I, *Gary Paul Di Piazza*, 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 24th day of May, 2017.

* **Ron Pete**

I, *Ronald J. Pete*, 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 24th day of May, 2017.

* **Diane Lonn**

I, *Diane A. Lonn*, 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 24th day of May, 2017.

G. Break – Feast

Recorder Riley said now what they are going to do is take a break and going to have some Stromboli from Big Al's and some cake. Riley said everybody can get to know each other a little bit better if they don't know each other already.

Tribal Council recessed at 10:33 a.m.

Tribal Council reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

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

Quorum re-established.

Acting Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

Acting Speaker Riley thanked Acting Recorder Lewis. Riley said now they moving onto Section H of the Agenda, the Selection of Officers.

H. Selection of Officers

1. Speaker

Acting Speaker Riley asked do they have any nominations for Speaker.

Councilor Lonn said to would like to nominate Councilor Pete.

Acting Speaker Riley recognized Acting Recorder Lewis.

Acting Recorder Lewis said she nominates Acting Speaker Riley.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if he can get a second on either of those.

Councilor Crampton said he seconds Acting Speaker Riley.

Councilor Wittenberg said he seconds Acting Speaker Riley.

Acting Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he supports Councilor Pete.

Acting Speaker Riley said okay so they have two Candidates. Riley asked Kathleen Bowers if she could come up there and do the ballots.

Kathleen Bowers said the votes have been tallied and she has five for Joe Riley and four for Ron Pete.

Speaker Riley said alright now they are moving onto Recorder. Riley asked do they have nominations for the Office of Recorder.

Councilor Lonn said she nominates Councilor Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Di Piazza and asked can he get a second on Councilor Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Lewis said support.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he seconds.

Speaker Riley said okay seconded by Councilor Pete. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he nominates Councilor Lewis.

Speaker Riley said okay Councilor Lewis and recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he seconds.

Speaker Riley said nomination is made and seconded. Riley said okay they will need slips again.

Kathleen Bowers said Mr. Speaker she has a vote of five for Sandy Lewis and four for Gary.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Kathleen Bowers. Riley said at this point he will entertain a motion.....he is sorry.....at this point he will entertain a motion to appoint Joseph Riley as Speaker.

MOTION TO APPOINT JOSEPH RILEY AS SPEAKER; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley said he is going to abstain from this vote to confirm.

Councilor Crampton said wait, wait, wait.....

Speaker Riley asked no he doesn't abstain from it, okay. Riley said the vote is done so the motion is just..... Riley said so they just vote on the results. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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)

Speaker Riley said now he will entertain a motion to affirm the vote on Councilor Lewis as Recorder.

2. Recorder

MOTION TO AFFIRM THE VOTE ON COUNCILOR LEWIS AS RECORDER; by Crampton; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley said he forgets they have two Rons now. Riley asked if there was any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 motion has been approved.

Speaker Riley said okay moving onto Continuing Business here.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$45,655**

The Tribe has received a Notice of Award for the Air Quality Program.

Speaker Riley said okay their Budget Coordinator is still here and he is going to keep going until they are missing the people then they will break for lunch. Riley said he knows a lot of people stepped out and figured they would come back after lunch and they would continue the meeting so. Riley said to Bill Willis that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said good morning. Willis said the item before Council is the Tribe has received funding under the U.S. EPA Air Quality Program for Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount of \$45,655. Willis said they need to amend the Operating Budget and accept the funds. Willis said Allison Smart is here to answer any specific questions Council may have.

Speaker Riley asked does he have any questions or a motion on this item.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0524-182;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY**

**PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-29 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$45,655; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain from this item. Riley asked if there was any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 #17-0524-182 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis and said onto C.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the 3rd Quarter of FY2017 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Section 5.07 requires that Tribal Council appropriate funds for Expenditures for the following fiscal quarter.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes as Speaker Riley so eloquently spoke the ordinance or the act does require quarterly appropriations to be done on March 1st, on or before March 1st, on or before June 1st, on or before September 1st, and on or before December 1st for the upcoming fiscal year. Willis said this is the third quarter request. Willis said as most Council is aware the way that calculation is done is they take the total estimated distribution, Gaming Distribution, they back out Per Capita and then they divide that number by four. Willis said then whatever quarter there is a Per Capita payment required they add that number back in and so this is the number is \$6,499,065 which is ¼ of the Per Cap that is due in this quarter.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Bill Willis. Riley said he will at this point entertain a motion or any discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0524-183;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
THIRD QUARTER OF FY2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF
2013; by Crampton; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain, no. Riley said at this point he will entertain discussion on this topic. Riley said okay no discussion and asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 #17-0524-183 has been approved.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Operations Report
April 2017**
- B. Financial Report
March & April 2017**
- C. Enrollment Commission
April 2017**
- D. Housing Commission**
- E. Elders Committee Minutes
March & April 2017**
- F. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
April 2017
May-December 2016**

Reports received:

- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- 1. **March 2017**
- 2. **April 2017**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said okay moving onto Section four Old Business. Riley said they still have the April 2017 Operations Report due, the March & April Financial Reports, and they have the Enrollment Commission April 2017. Riley said what they do have is the Housing Commission March & April Reports and those were the only ones submitted. Riley said they will accept those for filing for the record. Riley said moving onto New Business.

V. New Business

- A. Approve Posting of Amendments to the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance, Ordinance #14-100-10 for a 30-Day Public Comment**
 The Tribal Council has reviewed this Ordinance in work sessions on April 24, 2017 and May 16, 2017 and it is ready to be posted.

Speaker Riley said just a quick FYI this is to extend the time period from when the initial complaint is filed for the Board to determine whether the complaint has merit or not. Riley said it has been extended from five to ten days. Riley said at this point he will entertain discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ETHICS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #14-100-10 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain on this item. Riley asked is there any discussion on this item, any questions or comments. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay Resolution....or a motion has been approved for the posting of amendments of Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance, Ordinance #14-100-10 for a 30-day Public Comment. Lewis said eight in favor and one not.

B. Approve Amendments to the Health Commission By-Laws

The Health Commission has reviewed and amended their By-Laws by Health Commission Resolution #17-0515-001 and forwards them to Tribal Council for final adoption.

Speaker Riley said this is just a standard item every year their commissions update and maintain their By-Laws and submit them to Council for approval. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH COMMISSION BY-LAWS; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Councilor Medacco said resolution number it has to be by resolution.

Speaker Riley asked their By-Laws are by resolution?

Councilor Medacco said by resolution and it is right there in the paperwork.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0524-184;
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH COMMISSION
BY-LAWS; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley said okay Recorder Lewis has amended her motion and asked Councilor Friedel if he still supported that.

Councilor Friedel said yes.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked if there was any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 okay Resolution #17-0524-184 has been approved, nine in favor.

C. Acceptance of Tax Department 2016 Annual Report

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

Speaker Riley said their Tax Officer is here to represent this item and that she had the floor.

Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer, represented this agenda item. Chandler said for 2016 for the Retail Sales Tax, Lodging and Occupancy Tax, Food and Beverage Tax, and Admissions Tax for the Casino, Trading Post, and other they had a total of \$725,355.00 and Tax Sharing to the State of Michigan is \$43,051.00 for Net Tribal Tax Revenue of \$682,304.00.

Speaker Riley thanked Valerie Chandler. Riley asked does he have a motion and/or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Friedel okay he has the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0524-185;
ACCEPTANCE OF TAX DEPARTMENT 2016 ANNUAL REPORT;
by Friedel; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked is there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 okay Resolution #17-0524-185 has been approved, nine in favor.

Speaker Riley said okay moving onto Concluding Business.....

Councilor Friedel thanked Valerie Chandler.

Valerie Chandler thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Valerie Chandler. Riley said okay moving onto Concluding Business.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Speaker Riley explained that they are not having next Wednesday's Meeting because it is the fifth Wednesday of the month.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to the Ogema that he had the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them and said he was a slow writer. Romanelli said he just wanted to update them that they are working on issues within the C-Store. Romanelli said they are meeting.....having several meetings to see how they can make that flow better and check out the revenue coming from there. Romanelli said they are also having several meetings.....he is setting.....Mary Thomas and he are setting meetings to discuss the reforecast Budget or revenue from the Resort as well so.....and Council is always welcome to attend these meetings if they would like to. Romanelli said they are looking at the HR Department. Romanelli said those are three key areas they are working on. Romanelli said the HR Department, as they know, they had the Valliant Study that was done and has been working on it since he thinks 2014. Romanelli said they also have the Blue Stone which they had come in and give them an assessment. Romanelli said they gave them a first draft about a week and a half ago. Romanelli said his understanding is that they now have a Final First Draft

for them to look over and Bill Willis and he will be working.....going through that within the next couple of days looking it over but he thinks there is some good things that will come out of there. Romanelli said he still has his concerns with the Valliant Study and they can discuss that as they go along. Romanelli said he would invite their new Council persons, all of Council, but especially the new ones to sit and talk with some of their staff in the Executive Branch to bring them up to speed on the various projects that they have whether it be the....he don't care.....the C-Store, the Sewer Projects whatever so that they can kind of get on board and be caught up so. Romanelli said that is it and all he has today. Romanelli said welcome aboard everyone and welcome back to some.

Speaker Riley said alright and thanked the Ogema. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he has a question. Pete asked the Ogema when is the....is there a meeting date set-up for the reforecast from the Resort.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah and thinks it is today is his first one.

Mary Thomas made comments to the Ogema but it wasn't picked up on the recording.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks it is like 3:00 or 3:30 today they are having one.

Councilor Pete said he knows he is just starting today but may he go to that.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, sure.

Councilor Pete said it is at 3:30 today and asked where is that meeting.

Ogema Romanelli said usually they are held in the Executive Conference Room.

Councilor Pete asked here.

Ogema Romanelli said right where they have the Shoreline Meetings.

Councilor Pete said oh, great and asked if it was 3:00 or 3:30.

Mary Thomas said she will double check it.

Councilor Pete asked if she would let him know please.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he thinks that would be helpful.

Councilor Pete said he would love to go.

Councilor Lonn said she does have a question. Lonn asked when does Valliant.....when is their contract up.

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn't know but thinks they really need to look at that. Romanelli said he has had some communications in the last few weeks and he is not sure.....he would really like to talk to Council again about looking it over and seeing how far they want to go with the Valliant Study. Romanelli said three years for a Wage Study seems a little crazy to him.

Councilor Pete asked if that was what that was a Wage Study.

Ogema Romanelli said yes a Wage Study well and they have made several different contracts. Romanelli said the first one was to look at all the employees and see whether they were being underpaid, overpaid or fairly paid. Romanelli said then they did one for the Elected Officials so he thinks it is time to look at all their contracts and see where they are at and see if they want to go forward, resolve them or whatever they want to do so.

Speaker Riley said he is in agreement with that and thinks that they do need to have some meetings and look at this and maybe potentially re-evaluate and see where they want to go individually as an organization because when they reach out and do a Wage Study they are not reaching out to have somebody tell them how to run their organization. Riley said it is so that they have a basic idea of, they know, some pretty rudimentary framework to follow. Riley said he thinks they have gone overboard and basically they have tried to let Valliant write their complete Compensation Policy for them. Riley said he doesn't necessarily think that is the way to go so he is in agreement that they should take a second look.

Ogema Romanelli said agreed and, they know, so he thinks they will look at it together. Romanelli said they can set-up a couple of work sessions if they need to and again, there is some clarity that needs to happen because they are also putting together, finally, after so many years the new Personnel Policy Manual and he knows they have a group including their Legal Team is helping to put that together and they put a lot of work into it. Romanelli said they have taken all the ideas from their employees, the staff, their Lead Staff, and so that has come about. Romanelli said Council also at the end of last year.....Councilor Lonn that is what she was talking to him about through e-mails this morning, is that there has been some changes with the resolution that was done at the end of last year. Romanelli said that changes the whole dynamics of how they go forward so with all those four things if they put them into place he thinks they can come out of this real clean real quickly. Romanelli said hopefully.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked where are they with the Employee Manual, is it half way done, is it.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is guessing about 80% done by all accounts. Romanelli said 93% he is seeing.....

Attorney Liebing made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah he knows they are pretty close. Romanelli said the hardest part was the PTO and all that going through it but he knows that they have been working very hard and he was given kind of a rough idea of a few weeks.

Attorney Machen made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording. Machen said there is 133 comments that they have gone through.

Speaker Riley said oh, wow.

Attorney Machen continued to make comments from the audience

Ogema Romanelli said if he heard right they had 133 comments that they had to go through and they do they listen to the employees so yeah.

Councilor Lonn said another question on that is she knows the new Employee Manual refers constantly to HR Policies and are they going to be attached to the Employee Manual so that the people that get.....how are they going to say refer to the book.....to the thing.....

Attorney Machen continued to answer questions from the audienceand did not step up to the podium and they were not heard clearly.

Speaker Riley said yeah he agrees.

Attorney Machen continued to make comments from the audiencethe Legal Department is working on it

Councilor Lonn said oh.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis if she would put together a private meeting for them to discuss that so they can get some advice from their Legal Counsel. Riley said okay anything else for the Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update. Riley asked if there are any more questions or comments.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley said okay Legislative Affairs Update. Riley asked if anybody from Council have any updates on Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to welcome Councilor Pete and Councilor Lonn to the circle here.

Councilors Pete and Lonn thanked him.

Speaker Riley said yes, welcome. Riley said okay and if.....

Councilor Wittenberg said and Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said they didn't know about the sleeper.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to mention that yesterday, he believed it was yesterday or the day before, that they passed the Horseracing Bill. Crampton said they need to take a definite look at that. Crampton said that is going to be on the forefront real quick as they were discussing. Crampton said out of New Mexico Laguna Pueblo has a female leader running for Congress. Crampton said Debra Holland is her last name and he would greatly.....he thinks they should support her. Crampton said something to support her. Crampton said he thinks that if the Tribes really get together and unite behind people like this which they haven't done in the past if they actually start getting some people into Congress and the Senate.

Speaker Riley said he thinks that is a great direction to go in and they need to start having serious discussions about finding people within their Tribe that may make solid candidates and trying to promote them within the parties.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't say their Tribe.

Speaker Riley said oh. Riley said okay onto Item D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked anybody have any Public Comment. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say Tight Lines was.....well just happened. Di Piazza said there was like 50 boats with 800 signed up. Di Piazza said it was a great event as usual. Di Piazza said yeah there was a lot of people. Di Piazza said they missed out on a couple of things but what is new. Di Piazza

said he is looking forward to next year. Di Piazza said getting their presence there horrendously so.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he attended last Friday up in Phesabetown at the casino they had the Water Ceremony going on and had a few.....a couple of Senators up there and it was pretty awesome. Wittenberg said it was more than what they thought it was because if that line goes it going to hurt all of them. Wittenberg said these little problems that they have sitting around here ain't nothing if that should break and he feels that all of them in different Tribes should turn around and try to make more awareness of that to see if they can't get it shut down. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said okay Wednesday she attended down in Mt. Pleasant the Water Walkers were coming through there. Lewis said what they are doing to bring awareness to Line 5 they went from the straights and they are going down to Lansing and they will arrive in Lansing on Saturday but she did want to say that one of their Tribal members, Mark Cole, is one of the Water Walkers. Lewis said he is the son of Pam Johnson so to just to update everybody the walkers are doing very well. Lewis said Mt. Pleasant got them situated for the evening, fed them, and they had a Sacred Fire going on down there. Lewis said the only reason they didn't come through this area is because that would have been even further out of their way so that is kind of the trail they took. Lewis said so she just wanted to say "thank you" to Mark Cole and all the Water Walkers out there.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs Updates.

Councilor Medacco said they are in Public Comment.

Speaker Riley said oh, they are on Public Comment, okay, he thought Councilor Di Piazza was pulling them back. Riley said alright Public Comment any more public comments. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh with all these events being mentioned he just wanted to mention that Friday he attended the Graduation Pow Wow in Suttons Bay. Crampton said he thinks they hosted every Native American Student that had entered.

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

Councilor Crampton said 100% Graduation Rate in Suttons Bay of Native American Students.

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

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to mention that.

Speaker Riley said that is very impressive considering their rate of High School drop-outs amongst Native Americans in this country so he thinks whatever they are doing he hopes they keep it up they are doing a great job of it. Riley asked any more for Public Comment.

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.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 11:48. Riley said they are going to do the Travelling Song when they adjourn. Riley repeated that they are going to end first open then do the Travelling Song.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED; by Friedel; supported by Crampton.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 motion has been approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session and the time was not noted.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Roll Call #11

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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)

Speaker Riley asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open Session. Riley said Recorder Lewis needs the resolution numbers there.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has a question. Di Piazza asked if they are going to be advised of things coming.....that is going to be moved out and such before they are put in front of them since they are going to be the new Speaker and the new Recorder. Di Piazza asked are they going to be abreast of everything that is going on.

Recorder Lewis said oh yes, of course.

Speaker Riley said yes. Riley said he was looking through the quarter.....actually at the beginning of the week end of last week he was looking through the quarterly list of items that are to be moved out of Closed and into Open and these three stuck out.....well the list isn't completed yet he has Legal reviewing some of them and three stuck out because they have been a hot topic of discussion lately so he wanted to make sure that they were out there so people had correct information in the interest of transparency.

Councilor Di Piazza said no that's fine. Di Piazza said all he was requesting is they are coming in front of them all of a sudden when was the decision made to bring them things out. Di Piazza asked today?

Speaker Riley said ahh.....

Councilor Di Piazza said all his request is is to keep the rest of them informed of what's going on. Di Piazza reiterated that is his request.

Speaker Riley said yes of course.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #16-1214-396, AND ALSO RESOLUTION #16-1214-395 AND RESOLUTION #16-397; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 all in favor. Lewis said Resolution #16-1214-396 and also Resolution #16-1214-395, Resolution #16-1214-397 has been approved.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1214-395,
APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO NATIONAL REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND
TRIBAL OGEMA; by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.**

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

Roll Call #C-12

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1214-396,
APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO DEMOCRATIC
SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL
AND TRIBAL OGEMA; by Riley; supported by Medacco.**

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

Roll Call #C-13

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1214-397,
APPROVAL OF LRBOI TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ONE
MICHIGAN FROM THE STRATEGIC GAMING RESERVE; by
Medacco; supported by Riley.**

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

Roll Call #C-14

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

Vacant	M. Wabindato– Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (7-0-0-1-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

Speaker Riley said okay at this point then he will entertain a motion to end second open and adjourn the meeting at 12:41.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AND ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:41; by Friedel; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

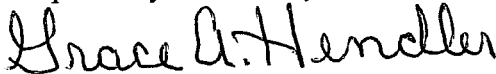
Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder