

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 25, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Chuck Fisher, Tribal Warrior, offered the Opening Prayer.

It is kind of an honor to be here particularly at this time, Memorial Day, the weekend and everything that goes along with that. We do walk in two worlds and our battle grounds hold the graves of many people. Our Ancestors and other countrymen who have struggled, fought and died for what they believed in. And it is good to remember them and what they believed in and why they fought and struggled. Why we do as well. They fell because they believe in a way of life and that life is important. Those are values that I know we all hold close to our hearts too.

Chuck Fisher offered the prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

That is basically thanking the Creator for all that he has created and for allowing us to be a part of that creation. Thanking him for another day and another opportunity to take our journey. Ask him to look down on us and see us the way we want to be and help us be who we want to be.

Speaker Johnson thanked Chuck Fisher for those wonderful words. Johnson said this weekend is going to be the Memorial Day Weekend. Johnson said to keep in their minds, prayers and thoughts of all those Warriors and their families and the huge sacrifice they made so they can have this wonderful time and these moments together. Johnson reiterated his thanks to Chuck Fisher.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Robert Medacco, Frank Beaver, Allison Smart, Jonathan Robertson, Jake Kequom, Bill Willis, Pat Morris, Jennifer Crampton, Tom St. Dennis, Fran Pitts, Jason Cross, Gary Lewis, Julie Wolfe.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Officer Brandi Johnson, Chuck Fisher, Elaine Porter, Kenny Pheasant, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD; UNDER III A.1, APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION FOR GRANTS; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed the agenda is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 5/18/16

MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/18/16; by Riley; 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. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the minutes are accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. **Approval of submission of grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) containing Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP), Clean Water Act 106 (CWA 106), Clean Water Act 319 (CWA 319) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, and Compensation Act Section 128 (a) (Brownfields) Funds for FY 2017 & FY 2018**

Application for four EPA Performance Partnership Grants has funding available to establish and enhance a Tribal Performance Partnership Program that total \$818,588 for over two years.

Allison Smart, from the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Smart said this agenda item is the approval of a submission for a continuous funding or a grant application for continuous funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency for a Performance Partnership Grant. Smart said this grant will include funding from the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, Clean Water Act 106, Clean Water Act 319, and ___ 128 (a) which is their Brownfields Program so their water, their IGAP and Brownfields Programs. Smart said all the funding gets wrapped into one Partnership Grant that allows for continuous funding as well as a break on their match in In-Kind Funding.

Councilor Medacco asked what is the In-Kind Match, what is the dollar amount.

Allison Smart said it comes out to be for a two year grant, and let her double check it so she can give him a proper figure. Smart said it will be in total \$24,000 and they are only required to match she believed \$20,500. Smart said their electro-fishing equipment comes out to a little bit more than that.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-151; APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT (PPG) CONTAINING INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IGAP), CLEAN WATER ACT 106 (CWA 106), CLEAN WATER ACT 319 (CWA 319), AND COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, AND COMPENSATION ACT SECION 128 (a) (BROWNFIELDS) FUNDS FOR FY 2017 AND FY 2018; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Councilor Crampton said they heard the amount of the In-Kind Match but how much is it actually for that they will be saving the Tribe.

Allison Smart said the actual grant in total from EPA including the In-Kind will be \$818,558.

Councilor Burger said in the grant proposal itself they have a significant amount of money in here for personnel. Burger asked if those were additional staff members or are those existing staff positions.

Allison Smart said those will all be existing staff positions.

Councilor Burger said the reason she asked that question is because under the current Budget & Appropriations Ordinance any position that's funded by a grant the position's longevity is contingent upon either continued grants or the position dissolves when the grant ends so she just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention. Burger said they have personnel lines in here for existing staff that are dependent upon continued funding of those positions with grants or other sources.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-151 passes.

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of contract funds from United States Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-___ in the amount of \$9,451**
 The Tribe has received the final allocation of additional funding from EPA for the Air Quality Program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #1 is the acceptance of grant, additional grant funds from the U.S EPA Air Quality Program in the amount of \$9,451.00 and these funds are specifically awarded for Indirect Costs. Willis said they just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-152;
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,451; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

Councilor Burger said to Bill Willis just for the membership can he kind of describe what the Indirect Cost Line in their Budgets generally support in operations.

Bill Willis replied that Indirect, in and of itself, is designed to support or pay for the support of other ancillary programs such as Accounting Support, Human Resource Support, Maintenance Support, IT Support, and so those funds are derived through a negotiated rate through the Interior Business Center. Willis said those are typically negotiated every year and so the rate changes and the amount typically changes too. Willis said generally speaking the only agency that is really consistent aside from the major programs, IHS and BIA, the only agency that is really consistent with paying Indirect is EPA. Willis said unfortunately HUD doesn't pay Indirect and a number of the other Federal Programs don't so anyway the funds are designed to help support those other functions.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-152 passes.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$26,418

The Tribe has received a modification for the 2016 IHS Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #2 is acceptance of additional funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, IHS, in the amount of \$26,418.00. Willis said this is under the 2016

Self-Governance Compact so just additional funds that they need to formally accept and amend the Operating Budget.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-153;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A BUDGET
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-22 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$26,418; by Lewis; supported by Burger.**

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-153 passes.

The tape recording stopped at 14:50:6. The following description of the item was not recorded.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from United States Environmental Protection Agency-Water Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$82,500**
The Tribe has received a modification of funding from EPA for the Water Quality Program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item.

The tape picked back up at 15:31:2 for the motion and roll call vote.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-154;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED
STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-WATER
QUALITY PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$82,500; by Burger; supported by Riley.**

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-154 passes.

4. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the COPS Tribal Resource CTAS Budget, Program #4217 in the amount of \$27,419

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #4 is a request by the Public Safety Department to modify an existing grant that they actually had from what he can tell that goes back to at least 2010. Willis said what they are trying to do is basically move all the money that is unspent in other categories and move it to small equipment so that they can buy some updated equipment for the Patrol Cars specifically. Willis said Director Medacco is here and knows that he talked briefly in Agenda Review about maybe some Body Cameras and etc. that they want to try and spend out this grant.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-154;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-23;
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE COPS TRIBAL
RESOURCE CTAS BUDGET, PROGRAM #4217 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$27,419; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Councilor Medacco said he would like to amend the resolution.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-155;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-24;
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE COPS TRIBAL
RESOURCE CTAS BUDGET, PROGRAM #4217 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$27,419; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Johnson asked if they still have support on this motion. Johnson said yes they do and it is open for discussion.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-155 passes.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2016 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 requires that Tribal Council appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this is a request to appropriate funding for the third quarter of the 2016 Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,725,000.00 which basically represents ¼ of the Budget. Willis said it is adjusted for, also adjusted, for the number of Per Capita Payments that would happen in that quarter.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-156; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF FY2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-156 is passed.

2. Approval of Expenditure for the purchase of a Vector Jetter Vehicle for the Utility Department to provide needed Sewer Maintenance Services to the Tribe and Manistee Township
 The vehicle is needed to provide Sewer Maintenance for Tribe and required in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Township of Manistee.

Gary Lewis, Director of the Utilities Department, represented this agenda item. Lewis said this is a purchase of a Vactor Jetter Truck for jetting or cleaning the sewer lines and the sewer systems. Lewis said that is what it is for.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-157; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VACTOR JETTER VEHICLE FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NEEDED SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE TRIBE AND MANISTEE TOWNSHIP; by Burger; supported by Riley.

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked what does the truck do for the Tribal members other than vacuum.

Gary Lewis replied basically there is hose reel on the front where they slide that in there and it jets clean.....2,000 gallons per minute that sends a jet of water through the sewer system and cleans out any grease or rags or anything. Lewis said it pushes it to a Lift Station then they bring the truck over there and then they pull everything out.

Councilor Di Piazza said they were paying somebody to do that before, correct.

Gary Lewis said yes, so.....which they probably don't have.....in the packet the two halves and to pay somebody to do this annually it is \$52,730.00 if they did that once per year. Lewis said that should really be done in the spring and in the fall so if they doubled that number it would be about \$100,000.00 a year roughly to actually do this.

Recorder Riley asked what is the cost to the truck just to let people know that it not in the.....

Gary Lewis said \$196,400.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other questions for this item.

Councilor Burger said to Gary Lewis just so the membership has the information can he tell what parts the sewer hook-ups have come online. Burger reiterated if he could let them know where they are with the expansion in the Township and maybe some of the facilities that have ___ their utility.

Gary Lewis said as of yesterday they have had four connections tied in which is the Hospital, the County Jail, the Medical Care Facility, and the Professional

Building. Lewis said that is the two story building that is next door to the hospital are all tied in. Lewis said as of this morning they have taken in 53,000 gallons of sewage from them. Lewis said he thinks the next one is the airport is pending because their septic system is failing so they want to tie in and then Townline or Bargain Barn also wants an immediate tie in so they are waiting on those as well.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson said to Gary Lewis that his question to him is will this system be available to, he wants to say, help the township out then they would have to pay the cost for cleaning out their lines also.

Gary Lewis said that is factored into the Sewer Rates that they charge them for operation and maintenance costs. Lewis said they can contract the truck out if any of the other municipalities need this type of work done or anything like that they can contract that out.

Speaker Johnson said the reason he asked that question because he is going to be going to the Units of Government Meeting and they talk about things that they can share back and forth to reduce cost of doing business. Johnson said this would be an opportunity that maybe they can contract out and help pay for this system and make it economically more attractive for the Tribe to help out the community in pumping out the city and the other townships that may need some flushing. Johnson said he doesn't know if this will pass or not but if it does he would be happy to share this with the community. Johnson said it is open for discussion.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-157 has passed.

Speaker Johnson said in going back to what he said earlier and in their next meeting he will let Gary Lewis know when that is he would be very pleased if he could be in attendance in that meeting and to talk to the people in the Units of Government about the acquisition of this piece of equipment.

Gary Lewis said certainly.

Speaker Johnson said to Gary Lewis to put his sales hat on.

Gary Lewis said he might say that he is not his body guard but he actually went and inspected the vehicle so if there were any further questions that is why John Robertson was here.

IV. Old Business

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| A. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> April 2016 |
| D. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> April 2016 |

Speaker Johnson noted that they have nothing for the Financial Report or the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report. Johnson said they do have the Housing Commission and also the Commerce Commission Reports. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there were any action items that they need to do on these.

Recorder Riley replied nope.

Speaker Johnson said with that said they will note that they have accepted those reports and there is no action required as far as a motion to accept it so let it be noted that they do have it on file.

V. New Business

- A. **Adopting the Amendment to the Government Business & Accounting Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-100-06**
The Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 uses the title of Director for the position of Comptroller General. The current approved Budgeted Comptroller General has no employees reporting to the position.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to request Rebecca Liebing to explain what those changes may be. ...

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Liebing said okay this amendment is just really a deletion of the initial line from Section 4.02 Comptroller General. Liebing said the new Section just reads "*The Comptroller General shall be hired by the Tribal Council and shall be employed at the discretion of Tribal Council.*"

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-158; ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING ACT OF 2010, ORDINANCE #10-100-06; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-158 is passed.

B. Approval of Donation Request of \$1,000 for Coregonid Symposium 2017

This symposium is important to the CORA Tribes who have requested Tribal Support. Adikameg are an important species, culturally, economically, and biologically. Tribal Council has determined that support of the 2017 Coregonid Symposium is a valuable means of protecting these species.

Councilor Burger explained Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is involved in an organization called the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). Burger said the CORA Tribes will be participating in a symposium regarding white fish. Burger said in their language they refer to white fish as Adikameg and that is one of the oldest words in their language. Burger said white fish have been widely regarded as a staple in their diets and she knows there was a lot of traditional netting activities with white fish because they are one of the species that was so plentiful throughout all of the Great Lakes. Burger said they have been asked by their Natural Resources Department to assist with some of the costs with this symposium by giving a \$1,000 to that effort and this isn't an International Support Symposium that will be members, fisheries, biologists and other scientist from all over the United States and probably internationally attending. Burger said she is very happy to sponsor this item.

Speaker Johnson said his question on the donation itself and asked if this is going to be \$500 from the Legislative and \$500 from the Executive or just.....

Councilor Burger said this is actually a \$1,000 that comes right out of the Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0525-159;
AUTHORIZING DONATION FOR 2017 COREGONIDS
(WHITEFISH) SYMPOSIUM; by Crampton; supported by Riley.**

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0525-159 passes.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Speaker Johnson explained since there are five Wednesdays in June they have elected to not have a meeting on the first of June so they will have a meeting on the eighth of June.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Johnson noted that the Ogema is on vacation this week so he is not here to give a Business Update. Johnson said he can share a couple of things and he knows that they have a gentleman in the audience that would like to pass something on behalf of the Executive side and that is Jason Cross.

Jason Cross said he just wanted to provide a bit of information that he received Monday. Cross said the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was awarded a grant from the Kellogg Foundation for the Childcare Center for \$597,492.00. Cross said that is over half of the amount it will cost for the center. Cross said they already have two other grants out and two more they are going to put in so this is pretty much a reality at this point. Cross said he just wanted to share that good information with everybody.

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to add to it for the membership that he knows this took a lot of work. Johnson said the entire staff pulling together information to help support this request and he personally wants to thank Jason Cross for all the hard work and staying on point for this subject because it means a lot to the community and to their people as they move forward on this. Johnson said Miiigwech, Miiigwech, Miiigwech. Johnson said another update that is positive and they heard it earlier about the Sewer Project. Johnson said it is up and running and they have several hook-ups to it already and they are going to have a few more hooked up that they did not plan on so that in itself will add to the profitability of the unit but he expects that it is going to catch on very quickly because of the recent developments or the new developments that may occur in Manistee Township especially north of Manistee so that's very positive. Johnson asked if there was anything else in Business Updates.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Di Piazza said just again, Lon Johnson will be at Aki on June 4th at the Elders Meeting. Di Piazza said he has confirmation that he will be there. Di Piazza said he will be joining them for lunch then after that he will be opened up for questions then at 1:30 it will be opened up for all Tribal members to come in and see, hear and ask.

Recorder Riley said just to clarify can Councilor Di Piazza tell everybody who Lon Johnson is.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is running for the Michigan.....Benishek's old spot, District 1. Di Piazza said there is about three candidates. Di Piazza said he ran into.....

Councilor Medacco said Casperson.

Councilor Di Piazza went on to say....Casperson on Saturday at Tight Lines and he is running for that spot also. Di Piazza said that was not his discussion that they had with him but it was mainly that he tried to regress since he brought Bill 588 forward to also include all Law Enforcement and if they could something like that worked in.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to add onto that. Crampton said as a government they are not endorsing any particular candidate but just providing them the opportunity to speak to their membership. Crampton said he is a huge advocate for a successful and progressive templates. Crampton said their application allows them to move forward with ideas that are productive to the Tribe without having to go through the trial and error of finding out whether they are successful or not. Crampton said today one of their sister Tribes is opening up a Class II Casino in Mackinaw City. Crampton said they got denied a Class III License and they said okay they are just going to do it anyway and don't need it if they are a Class II. Crampton said so they moving forward with that and he is going to keep an eye on it and suggest that everybody else does too because they could be successful endeavor.

Councilor Burger said just to tag onto that because she thinks that one of the things that they made a decision to do was to pay the taxes based on their business income since that is required with that type of facility. Burger said she thinks those are decisions that if they did an evaluation and weighed the outcomes could be decisions they could entertain here and in all fairness with properties they own that are not presently in trust but are in other heavily populated areas. Burger said she knows at one time when she lived on the east side of the state there was an estimate on Memorial Day Weekend that through the Mackinaw City Interchange there was an excess of two million vehicles just on that holiday weekend. Burger said she guessed if they just consider how the traffic that is going to be in the area

and what that could mean there is probably an opportunity for them to take a look at that. Burger said not in Mackinaw City but definitely another venue.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she just has a question where would she address the Tribe if she wanted to get a Little River Flag donated to a BIE Indian School. Wolfe said her daughter wants.....she is attending Flander Indian School next year is graduating and she sees all the other Nation's flags there and Little River is not represented so she wanted to see about how they would get one donated out there to that school or if they just purchase it from the Warrior's Society.

Speaker Johnson said he can address that and knows that Councilor Crampton would like to. Johnson said what he will say is that the Warrior's Society has all the flags on behalf of the Tribe and they keep track of them however they usually sell them. Johnson said when it comes to donations, regarding donations, if this is a government request to do this on behalf of the Little River Government then the government would purchase it from the Warrior's Society and move it forward.

Julie Wolfe said no it is an individual Tribal member. Wolfe said she is a Tribal member asking for one to be donated to the BIE School on behalf of her children that attend there.....or her child that attends there. Wolfe asked what would be the proper way.

Speaker Johnson said he would say go to the Warrior's Society then make a request to the Warrior's Society that she would like to see something like that and they may either say yes they will donate it or this is the cost for a flags. Johnson said flags are usually \$50.00 but he knows that they have the ability to donate flags also.

Julie Wolfe said okay and the next Warrior's Society Meeting is.

Speaker Johnson said it will be before the Elder's Meeting on Wednesday at 10:00.....sorry not Wednesday..... Johnson said it is 10:00 before the Elder's Meeting on Saturday which would be June 4th.

Julie Wolfe thanked Speaker Johnson. Wolfe said just one other comment. Wolfe said they are getting ready for distribution of the maple syrup and they had 46 individual members that came out and participated in this Year's Sugar Bush Season. Wolfe said she thinks that is almost double from last year when they started so she just wanted to share.....it is 48 because 46 was the first count when she didn't count right but it is 48 actually.

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that it would be nice if somehow they could get.....maybe she has done this already but those people that donated if she had a list of the names if they could put it in the Currents and River News of people who were involved to help move this thing forward because he thinks this is a wonderful event and they need to continue doing this. Johnson said they need to recognize those people that help out.

Julie Wolfe said okay she will work on that when she gets back from vacation.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:41; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE VII C.1 AND C.3; MOTION AND ROLL CALL TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following items were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0525-160,
RATIFICATION OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH VDL,
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS; by Riley; supported by
Medacco.**

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0525-162,
AUTHORIZING OGEMA TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO THE
LEASE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LITTLE
RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND MUSKEGON BIKE
TIME; by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza.**

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

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

IX. Adjourn

**MOVE TO END SECOND OPEN AND ADJOURN AT 12:12; by
Burger; supported by Di Piazza.**

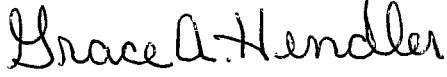
Roll Call #15

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

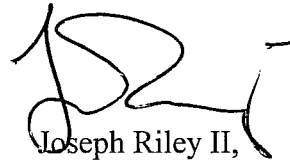
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder