

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 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 3, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Johnson said he wanted to welcome everybody to their Council Meeting for May 3rd and at this point they will start the meeting off with a prayer and believed that Jay Sam will do that for them. Johnson said Miigwech.

I. Opening Prayer

Jay Sam, Tribal Historic Preservation Director, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and English.

Anishinaabemowin:

Ngiizhemanidoom zhinoomooshiang miikanhs waaninaagidooyany
Zhiwenmishinaang nangwaa maanpii yaayang
Nmishoomisak miinawa manidook miinawa
Kiiwediong nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'naadmaagewin.
Miigwech Shkakamik kwe kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang
Miigwech Giizhemanidoo kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang.

English:

My Creator show us what path we are to follow.

Bless us that we are here today.

Grandfathers and Spirits in the four directions come and bring us your assistance.

We thank the Mother Earth for all that she gives us.

We thank the Creator for all that he has given us.

I ask that they look in on those who have relatives who need help with their health.

And the families with the same help.

I ask that they look in on the people at their new daycare or Child Development Center and look after all the youth that are there for that is our future.

I ask that you look in on the families and the people in uniform no matter which uniform it is that serve the people. Be it the Military, the Police, the Fire or even Ambulance Drivers.

I thank you for this day which is a good day.
Ahaaw.

Speaker Johnson said to Jay Sam Miigwech for those wonderful words.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

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: Mike Walter, Diane Lonn, Dave Corey, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebng, Tom St. Dennis,

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said just for the record Councilor Wabindato called in saying he was not feeling well today. Johnson said with that said he will entertain a motion for Item C approval of the agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD-ON OF III C.1; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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 anyways they will move onto Tribal Council Minutes for 4/26/17 and he will entertain a motion to accept them at this point.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 4/26/17

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/26/17; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

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 please.

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 that the minutes are accepted.

Speaker Johnson said okay that moves them into section three, Continuing Business.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$40,000**
The Contract Funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis said as he explained to Council in Agenda Review Monday Item 1, 2 and 3 under B are all associated with funding that they received under the 2017 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said Item #1 is specifically being funding received for Indian Village Youth Camp which runs through January through December of this year in the amount of \$40,000.

Speaker Johnson said the item is open for discussion and/or a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0503-160; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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 #3

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 confirmed Resolution #17-0503-160 passes.

Speaker Johnson said that brings them to B.2.

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$642,012**
The Contract Funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item B.2 is funding specific to the Rights Protection and Implementation which is typically Great Lakes Enforcement and Great Lakes Assessment Programs. Willis said this funding is in the amount of \$642,012.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0503-161; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$642,012; by Crampton; supported by Riley.

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked what is the total they received so far.

Bill Willis said he thinks he had that.

Councilor Di Piazza asked 1.6 is that the amount.

Bill Willis said year to date they have received \$1,658,794. Willis said of that amount \$475,780 was Contract Support Costs leaving a balance of Direct Cost dollars of \$1,183,014.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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 confirmed Resolution #17-0503-161 is passed.

Speaker Johnson said that brings them onto B.3.

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$1,065**
The Contract Funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this funding is specific to the Education Department for Scholarships in the amount of \$1,065.

Speaker Johnson recognized Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Lewis that she had the floor.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0503-162; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,065; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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 #5

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 confirmed Resolution #17-0503-162 is passed.

Speaker Johnson said that moves them into Continuing Business C and they have an add.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Di Piazza to attend the United Tribes of Michigan Meeting

The meeting will be hosted by the Sault Saint Marie Tribe at the Kewadin Casino Conference Center on May 10-11, 2017.

Speaker Johnson said he believes it is up in Bay Mills.....oh no, Sault Saint Marie. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion. Johnson recognized Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN MEETING IN SAULT SAINT MARIE MAY 10-11, 2017; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will be.

Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said it was open for discussion. Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

Reports received:

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| <p>A. Financial Report
January-March 2017</p> <p>B. Enrollment Commission
March 2017</p> <p>C. Housing Commission
March 2017</p> <p>D. Natural Resource Commission
February & March 2017</p> <p>E. Commerce Commission
May and June 2016
January-March 2017</p> <p>F. Elders Committee Minutes
March 2017</p> <p>G. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
May-December 2016</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> |
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Speaker Johnson said that takes them into reports that are due and they have nothing at this point to accept. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if he was correct in that.

Recorder Riley said correct.

- H. Elected Official Compensation-Tribal Judges**
 Tribal Council held a work session on March 30, 2017 to review the compensation levels of Elected Officials and is required to set those levels by resolution. This item was postponed at the April 26th Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Johnson said so they will move on into.....and they did.....are holding off on Item H for the Elected Officials Compensation for next week, right.

MOVE TO POSTPONE; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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 #7

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
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted the item is postponed.

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted that they will have this on next week Wednesday but they need to hear from Judge Sherigan.

Recorder Riley said yes, yes.

Speaker Johnson said so they can move forward on this.

V. New Business

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything in New Business.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 10, 2017

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Johnson said with that he will turn it over to the Ogema for the Weekly Status and Business Update.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said he didn't catch that last thing he was in some side bar.....

Speaker Johnson said about the Elected Officials.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah. Romanelli said it wasn't an add but what is going on with that.

Recorder Riley said it is being postponed they are still waiting to hear back from Judge Sherigan.

Ogema Romanelli said oh, okay, alright. Romanelli said just a few updates. Romanelli said they have roof repairs being done if anybody is hearing thundering and everything, it is shaking all the way down to the bottom floor from what he understands from employees so hopefully.....at least it is getting done and he is happy about that. Romanelli said as they can see the Gathering Grounds are bring updated and graded with a lot of work going on over there. Romanelli said the Early Childhood Learning Center opened and it seems to be going.....doing good. Romanelli said early reports say everything is on track there so happy to hear that. Romanelli said happy to welcome Shayne Machen. Romanelli said congratulations to the newly elected.....tentatively newly elected Council. Romanelli said he is glad the elections went through. Romanelli said he thinks that is it.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any questions for the Ogema on the Business Update. Johnson said alright they will go into Legislative Affairs Updates.

C. Housing Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson asked if there is anything on Legislative Affairs. Johnson recognized Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said okay, herself and Councilor Wittenberg they attended the Tribal Self-Governance Annual Meeting. Lewis said it was April 23rd through April 27th. Lewis said when she was out there, she means, Standing Rock is a really big issue and she thinks what the good that it did for them was that it brought a lot of unity to the people. Lewis said they witnessed that at MAST and then also Self-Governance. Lewis said Healthcare Reform was something that they are going want to keep an eye out and keep watching that as of now, she means, it doesn't have too much effect on them because they are Federally Recognized but it is something that they want to keep track of. Lewis said also she thought something interesting that a lot of issues were brought up to the Department of Interior and some of the discussions were, they know, it was brought to them that they should be mandatory and not discretionary. Lewis said also somebody had brought up suing the United States on the 14th Amendment regarding taxation of Tribal People. Lewis said really they are not supposed to be taxed so she just thought that was something really interesting that was spoken of. Lewis said she does have to say that their EDC is right on track. Lewis said there was a Tribe from the southwest that present what they are doing with their EDC. Lewis said the things that they are doing they are accomplishing some really good things and she is very proud of everybody that has been a part of that. Lewis said yeah she guessed that is it. Lewis said she just wanted to say that they did see the.....no, no there was something.....okay.....she looked at some of the issues that were brought to the Department of Interior, she means, there is a lot of Alaskan Tribes that still do not have water in their homes. Lewis said what they are doing with their Water System is just amazing with Aaya and Odeno. Lewis said some really great things that they are accomplishing so that is it.

Speaker Johnson asked anything else on Legislative Affairs Updates. Johnson recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah himself he truly enjoyed Tribal Government. Wittenberg said it turned around and they did have a lot of issues talking about the Indian Care Reform and then they did have a lot on Alaska. Wittenberg said they talked about the water and actually there were issues talked about the whole Tribe on addiction and suicide. Wittenberg said how they were talking about more awareness and the many himself that he got to meet and talk with it was a good week. Wittenberg said it was an awesome week so he just wanted to share that and turn around and bring that out even more so. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs Updates. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just some troubling things that are going on and he is not sure if everybody is aware that Mr. Zinkie's assertion that maybe Tribes should privatize. Crampton said then there is also the Supreme Court is looking at the Lewis & Clark determination at which lies in the face of the Bay Mills decision that they handed down last year or in previous years. Crampton said it seems like sovereignty is becoming a real issue but it is not really a forefront thing they are kind of going around all ends to attack it all at once in different places so it is kind of troubling.

Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs Updates. Johnson said he took the liberty as Councilor Crampton said about the....Zinkie and so forth he forwarded that information about privatization of Tribes to their Legal Counsel and Tom St. Dennis to ensure that they are on board and understand fully what is going on here on what they are trying to attempt here. Johnson said especially if they need some feedback from the Unified Legal Department they can help them through on their decision-making process as they engage in this discussion more thoroughly. Johnson said also there was Gun Lake he sees that their case is now being presented in the Supreme Court again so that is another thing they need to watch very closely. Johnson said that is all he has in regards to Legislative Affairs Updates. Johnson said they can go into Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he invites any Tribal member who has any comments in Public Comments to come forward at this point. Johnson recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would just like to say Miigwech for the members that voted him back in for another four years. Di Piazza said he understands what their.....some of their things are that they would like to see happen. Di Piazza said he is going to work to get them in place to the best of his ability. Di Piazza said also like he said there is a lot that happened with this cycle and like he said he moved beyond that so what happened in the past has happened. Di Piazza said he knows the membership wants everybody to work together and that is what he intends to do. Di Piazza said like he said he had a lot of mornings when that sun comes up when he has forgiven these people and these things that he heard and seen but needs to walk past that and move on. Di Piazza said again, Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson asked any other public comments. Johnson recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he wasn't here last week for the dedication of the Children's Center he was at a CORA Meeting in Gaylord. Crampton said he just wanted to mention, he doesn't know if it was mentioned before, but he really wanted to mention people like Sandy Mezeske, Pat Ruiter and Mike Ceplina who were here at the inception of that. Crampton said a lot of the times these things happen years after people are off of Council and some people forget where it initially started. Crampton said he remembers back in 2013 they broke out their priorities and their goals list and that was one of the things they put on there and those people were at the table. Crampton said that is where that idea was born and he would just like acknowledge them.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Crampton. Johnson recognized Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said yeah just to add on to what Councilor Crampton said that they did have the Ribbon Cutting for the Child Development Center last week. Riley said it is open and operating everything is going great. Riley said they had several speakers at the Ribbon Cutting and there was refreshments and everything. Riley said there was a lot of community support there. Riley said there was a great event and a great showing of community support and unity.

Speaker Johnson said okay any other public comments.

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

Speaker Johnson said at this point he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:21.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:21; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:48 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 10:48; by Lewis;
supported by Friedel.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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)

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they had any items to move from closed to open.

Recorder Riley responded just the one and he will make a motion.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

**MOTION TO MOVE MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL CALL
VOTE FOR #17-0503-163 TO OPEN SESSION;** by Riley; supported by
Di Piazza.

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.

Recorder Riley asked if Councilor Di Piazza did that.

Speaker Johnson replied yes.

Roll Call #10

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 item is moved to open.

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0503-163,
ADOPTING A QUALIFIED ROLL OF TRIBAL MEMBERS**

WHOSE FILES WERE SUBJECT TO, AND CONFIRMED BY, AUDITS CONDUCTED IN 1996, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 AND 2016 AS SUBMITTED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT WITH TOTAL NUMBER OF 4,184 LIVING TRIBAL MEMBERS AND 336 RECORDS FOR DECEASED; by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from closed to open session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Johnson said that moves them onto the last item and that is the adjournment of Second Open at 10:50. Johnson said he will entertain a motion on that.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:50; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

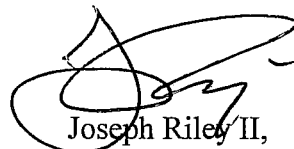
Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder