

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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 4, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

J.D. Gibson, Traditional Healer, offered the Opening Prayer. Gibson said he was honored to come here and be able to say a prayer opening up this meeting here today. Gibson said he was thinking before he came here wondering what kind of prayer is he supposed to come over here and say. Gibson asked does he give thanks to the Creator or do they ask for guidance. Gibson said he was kind of thinking in that way that every day they come out and he tries to say his prayers every day for thanks towards the Creator and prayers for one another his friends, relatives and all the people on Earth, this Earth, and the sky. Gibson said he gives thanks to the Creator for this day that they share amongst all people on Earth. Gibson said he puts these things together in his mind how he feels at the time of prayer so at this time he will just do the best that he can and hopefully the Creator hears them. Gibson continued in Anishinaabemowin.

I ask Giizhemanidoo to bless us here and have pity on us.

I ask that you touch the hearts and minds of each one of us.

I would like to thank for the things that the Creator has put in place and gives us on this Earth so that they can live in a good way to be healthy and be able to continue on doing everyday things that they do.

I thank the Creator for our Elders, our children and thank them for the teachings that they brought to us each day.

I ask that you look upon us here and bless our families wherever they might be and our friends and our relatives.

We thank you for the life that you bring us and the nourishment of life that you bring us so that we can move on this Earth in a strong way, Heavenly Father.

Heavenly Father I ask that you bless those that need it at this time.

Heavenly Father some of them that might be suffering and maybe a lost one or some of their families.

We ask that you look upon them and bless them, Heavenly Father, so that they will be well.

Heavenly Father so that they will feel better.

Heavenly Father I ask that you take pity on me coming to you in these ways asking you of these things.
 Chi Miigwech, Giizhemanidoo.
J.D. Gibson continued in Anishinaabemowin.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Chuck Fisher, Frank Beaver, Robert Medacco, Robert Robles, Julie Wolfe, J.D. Gibson, Spring Howe, Diane Lonn, Marcella Leusby.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Officer from Public Safety, Rebecca Liebing, Kenny Pheasant.

Speaker Johnson said just for a quick heads up Councilor Di Piazza is up at the or heading up for the United Tribes Meeting up at Bay Mills and Councilor Riley is with the Commerce Director on a business call.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 4th WITH ONE CHANGE IN THE PUBLICATION ON NEW BUSINESS V B, DUE TO SOME CHANGES IN THEIR DONATION ORDINANCE, THEY ARE GOING TO TREAT THAT AS A RECOGNITION RATHER THAN A FORMAL ACTION SO THAT WILL BE MOVED TO CONCLUDING BUSINESS B, OGEMA WEEKLY STATUS AND BUSINESS UPDATE; by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

D. Tribal Council Minutes 4/27/16

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/27/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Johnson noted that they do not have anything under Item III for Continuing Business.

IV. Old Business

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

Speaker Johnson said he believed what they are doing with the Commission Reports is they acknowledged that they received them. Johnson said unless there is any action item required on that report they are just going to acknowledge to the public that they received the report.

Acting Recorder Burger said so noted.

V. New Business

- A. Consideration of Appointment of Chuck Fisher to the Enrollment Commission**

This appointment is for Seat #5 with a term ending 9/20/19.

Chuck Fisher asked if he had the floor.

Speaker Johnson replied that he has the floor.

Chuck Fisher said the Ogema is not here but he would like to thank him for putting his name forward and he realized that it probably took some confidence in him to do that and he appreciates that. Fisher said he would like to ask for the same support from the Council as he stands there before them. Fisher said he realizes that the commission is important and he does have a history of support for that in a number of different ways. Fisher said he was involved with the ___ prior to coming here to this Tribe and that was the organization that kind of kept all of the Tribes and Indian People together and did genealogies on a regular basis. Fisher said in fact he did write a grant and administered it and that was when Joan Spalding was still coming to the Tribe and she was very instrumental in making that a success. Fisher said that initiative actually accumulated all of ___ records, Genealogy Records, and they had those stored downstairs now. Fisher said it is a valuable reference and the State of Michigan funded that along recognizing its value at that time. Fisher said he is not sure how much it gets used right now but it is basis for a lot of things that happened here in the State before all the Tribes kind of came into existence. Fisher said he comes from a small family and doesn't have a lot ties or anything like that. Fisher said he has been on the Council and respects the confidentiality that is involved. Fisher said he guess he will answer any questions they may have.

MOTION OF CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CHUCK FISHER TO THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION FOR SEAT #5 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/19; by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

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

Councilor Crampton said to Chuck Fisher that although he has all the confidence in world in him and he does appreciate his service to the Tribe. Crampton said he has a reservation about moving forward with this because there was another applicant that the Council is aware of who has come here two or three times and they have received no documentation that would prohibit her from sitting on this commission and has had her application in for almost three months without any movement from the Ogema's Office. Crampton said so he is kind of surprised that they haven't received nothing that would prohibit her but now they get another applicant over her and with as much talk as they have around here about giving all Tribal members equal opportunity he doesn't see it happening. Crampton said he is probably not going to support this and he just wanted to make sure that he understands that it is nothing personal.

Chuck Fisher said that is fine and he understands that.

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

Chuck Fisher said he guesses just to respond to Councilor Crampton. Fisher said he doesn't know what the standard procedure is on the nominations or anything like that and doesn't know if it would be common for the Ogema's Office to put forth the reason why he didn't nominate anybody. Fisher said it almost seems like they would have to sit and make that determination on his own as to what he thinks is the best thing to do so he doesn't know. Fisher said he hopes that is the case and he hopes it turns out that way.

Acting Recorder Burger said she just would like to reiterate that the Tribal Council has a role in approval and ratification of names that the Executive Branch brings forward in appointments to special commissions, committees, and other bodies that are subordinate, created subordinately by the Council that require the Ogema's appointment of those individuals and that is, she thinks, their consideration is whether or not the appointment is in the best interest of the people that they represent. Burger called the question.

Speaker Johnson explained that the question has been called at this point and no further discussion will occur. Johnson said they have to do a roll call and vote.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Chuck Fisher said he thanks everybody and he means everybody.

Speaker Johnson explained to Chuck Fisher that there will be a process in which he will have to follow through on regards to his appointment on the commission and he believed that Kathleen Bowers will make sure that he will get that packet or Grace Hendler one of the two.

Chuck Fisher said okay.

Speaker Johnson said he can move forward on this position.

Chuck Fisher said looking forward to it and thanked them again.

B. Recognition of Ogema Donation of \$250 Little River Band Casino Resort Gift Certificate to the 15th Annual School Bus Driving Championship

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has donated a Door Prize for this event in Muskegon, Michigan.

Speaker Johnson noted Item B has been moved.

C. Authorizing release of Judgment Fund Monies held in Trust for certain Minors reaching the Age of Majority

Distribution of 80/20 Judgment Plan money released to minors turning 18 in January, 2016.

Councilor Crampton corrected Speaker Johnson that it was certain minors and not certain minorities.

Speaker Johnson apologized and thanked Councilor Crampton.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0504-127;
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF JUDGMENT FUND MONIES
HELD IN TRUST FOR CERTAIN MINORS REACHING THE AGE
OF MAJORITY IN APRIL, 2016;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

D. Adopting Amendments to Elder Protection Ordinance #11-900-03 to include a Section that addresses Attorney/Client Privilege

The Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct require an attorney to keep communications with the clients confidential under Rule 1.6. Violation of the Professional Conduct Rules can jeopardize the attorney's license to practice. Our Elders Protection Ordinance does not have an immunity from liability provision for Attorney/Client Privilege. We do have a provision in our Children's Protection Code. The proposed additional section mirrors the language currently law under our Children's Protection Code.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Liebing said this is the addition of one Section 7.03 to the Elders Protection Ordinance. Liebing said the language is immunity from liability and reads "*Any legally recognized privileged communication except that between attorney and client is abrogated and shall neither constitute grounds for excusing a report*

otherwise required to be made nor for excluding evidence in a proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to this Code.” Liebing said that is a lot of legalize but what it means is that the only privilege that exists to not report Elder Abuse is between an attorney and client that jibes with their Children’s Protection Code with the exact same provision in that code. Liebing said just to let everybody know that is.....falls along the lines of the Professional Ethics for Lawyers and the code that they are responsible to the State of Michigan. Liebing said there are exceptions to that if they know about future abuse or if their services are used in the furtherance of a crime so that is just to let everybody know that there are exceptions to that.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0504-128; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ELDER PROTECTION ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A SECTION THAT ADDRESSES ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE, ORDINANCE #11-900-03; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

E. Resolution in Support for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Relocation of their Chocolay Township Ojibwa Casino
 Tribal Council endeavors to support the advancement of all Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan.

Speaker Johnson said he sees that Councilor Di Piazza’s name is tied to it. Johnson said there was a request from the Ogema or the Chair from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Support to move their casino and is still within the general area of where their current one is but they would like to get support from Little River on this. Johnson said the Chair is Chris Schwartz.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0504-129; RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY’S RELOCATION OF THEIR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP OJIBWA CASINO; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

F. Approving Limited Authorization for the Sabercats Travel Softball Team to use Tribal Seal

The Tribal Seal Ordinance provides that Tribal Council may authorize use of the Tribal Seal in connection with private and commercial use. The Sabercats wants to recognize the Tribe for the donation they made to the team.

Speaker Johnson said this item was brought forward by Recorder Riley who is not here but again it is just to use the Seal on.....for promotions.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0504-130; LIMITED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SABERCATS TRAVEL SOFTBALL TEAM TO USE TRIBAL SEAL; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said just a quick.....as he said earlier there was a donation made by Council and the Ogema towards this team and they would want to recognize the donation they received from the Tribe and would like to use the Tribal Seal as part of that promotion to use their support for them.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 11, 2016**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Johnson noted the Ogema is absent for his Weekly Business and Status Update but they do have noted in the agenda Recognition of Ogema Donation of \$250 Little River Band Casino Resort Gift Certificate to the 15th Annual School Bus Driving Championship. Johnson said he just wanted everybody to recognize that it is sort of a School Bus Driving Championship. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Lewis said her and Councilor Burger had just went to the Self-Governance Meeting in Florida. Lewis said it was a very informative meeting. Lewis said the Budget's Priorities are that they go into Mandatory Funding for Contract Health Support Costs and they are trying to expedite the payments. Lewis said also they are to enact Advance Appropriations for Indian Health Services. Lewis said she knows that Councilor Crampton had just went to Washington D.C and he brought this nice button back for them and it says "*If the trust thing treaties are not discretionary.*" Lewis said not the big topic over in Self-Governance was how their funding is going from discretionary to mandatory for Indian Health Services. Lewis said she did like because a couple of people did get up and speak about this and they said that's in their treaties and they are obligated to give them this money. Lewis said the government puts aside \$19 billion for First Nations and it is up to them to go in and find the money which it should really be put right out there for them but there are things they have to do to be able to get that. Lewis said if they don't apply for that money then it is open to other entities to go in and get that money. Lewis said she knows that the Ogema is not here today but Mary Thomas is here if she could relay the message to him but sitting back and watching how things are working. Lewis said Councilor Burger had said before that they should really like mimic the Chickasaw Nation and that is so very true sitting back watching and seeing the things that they are doing. Lewis said if they can like follow suit with them and EDC-Economic Development it would be a really good thing. Lewis reiterated a really good thing for their Band here. Lewis said also the \$19 billion that is set aside for them is they have one grant writer and what she learned is that they should have a whole department that has grant writing because if they have a whole department then they are going in and actually getting utilizing accessing the funding. Lewis said when they have one person that is trying to do all that they are just not getting all the benefits that they could be utilizing.

Acting Recorder Burger said she can add a little bit to that too. Burger said she wanted to thank Councilor Lewis and their Historic Preservation Director for attending that Annual Consultation Session. Burger said every year Self-Governance holds a joint meeting between the Department of Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services and is called a Consultation Meeting. Burger said the thing about consultation between Tribes and she knows that Councilor Crampton is very involved with this as well in his role as a Federal Liaison. Burger said the thing with consultation between the U.S Government and Tribes is the consultation has to occur before the policy...the regulation or in some cases the idea floats out of some agency and then impacts Tribes in a negative way. Burger said what they have discovered over the years is that Tribes are very active and advocate for their selves and advocate for their communities with their issues and they have success in that advocacy and receive things like full funding for Contract Support Costs but it seems like no good deed goes unpunished. Burger said by saying unpunished she means that they got full

funding for Contract Support Costs which is several million dollars increase to the Appropriations Line Items in Interior and IHS but now they are squabbling over how this money is going to be released to Tribes and at the end of the day it is the Tribe's money. Burger said what Councilor Lewis said is exactly true it is \$19 billion that they are identifying as available to Tribal Entities comes through in the form of Competitive Grants, comes through in the form of State based programming, and it does not trickle down directly into the hands of Tribes unless it is coming through IHS and they happen to be a Contractor or Compactor or the Bureau and they happen to be a Contractor or Compactor with Bureau. Burger said the Competitive Grant playing field is not level. Burger said Tribes that have large Grant Writing Departments and have tremendous infrastructures seem to get the lion's share of the money and that holds true for State Programming as well. Burger said State Programs trickle-down theory is if there is 12 Tribes in Michigan and Michigan Tribes are writing to be a part of that State Funded, Federally Funded State Activity they might get \$12,000 out of the deal and it cost them that much to administer the program. Burger said so at the end of the day what does it take, it takes advocacy, it takes Tribal Leadership in front of Government Officials, Congressional Leadership, Senate Leadership saying they don't agree with it and they want it to go another way because that is the only way it is ever going to change for them. Burger said two things happened out at Self-Governance they had a Consultation Meeting with HHS and there was a Listening Session and they are not consultation but she knows how that works because it becomes consultation. Burger said Mary Smith who is the Deputy Director of the Indian Health Service posed a question to all of them that Indian Health Service was founded back in 1955 and it was originally under the Department of War and she said if they looked at 1955 when IHS was founded and thought about how they wanted the service to run and today they were going to take the same action and found the service how would that look. Burger said what they would do differently. Burger said a few people got up and spoke. Burger said she thought one of the things and she got up and spoke to that issue. Burger said she said that one of the things that would look different was they would have a Universal Healthcare System that is a full ITU Nation to Nation System and there would be no geography involved, they would be no Tribal boundaries involved, and they would just be Indian People and Alaska Natives seeking healthcare in a system that encompasses the best of the best between the Urban Centers and the Tribally Operated Centers in what the Indian Health Services has to offer. Burger said that the money would follow the Indian and she believes that and believes that is the way the system has to work. Burger said they had a nice Listening Session with Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary of Interior, and he talked about many things. Burger said one of the things that he talked about that Councilor Lewis didn't touch on was the Tribal 477 Program which was a Jobs Training and Education Program and also temporary assistance to needy families. Burger said that's going to be the focus of the next Legislative Session and the one thing that is not in their favor in regard to that and accessing those funds is they don't have a plan in place and haven't adopted a Social Services Plan per sae and they gone into a negotiation process just like Self-Governance is. Burger said they haven't done

that yet. Burger said she doesn't know what they would mean for the Tribe but could mean a few million dollars potentially if they had the Jobs Training and Education along with Social Services networking in place. Burger said she believed they do have that but it is a question of do they elevate it. Burger said their program here is called Zoogadawin which means they are helping each other up and giving everybody a lift up with a hand up. Burger said so the infrastructure is there but they just need to make sure they can act on it. Burger said they also had a small meeting with the White House, Karen Diver was there, who is from the Lacs Band in Minnesota and she held a Q & A Session that lasted about an hour and a half with Larry Roberts and some of the other Tribal Leadership in attendance, Jefferson Keal, Ron Allen, Chairman Tobias from the ____ Tribe and they had their Special Advisors for IHS and Bureau there as well. Burger said it was.....at the end of the day Councilor Lewis and she were there and the Historic Preservation Director was there but they could have used all of them there because that demonstrates not only asserts the needs of the Tribe but that demonstrates unity in the governance and the will and desire to hold the government accountable. Burger said it is not a discretionary thing to live up to a trust obligation.

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

Councilor Crampton said yes as mentioned before he did attend the MAST Meeting in Washington D.C. and there were several points that he would like to make. Crampton said first of all that on the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act there are 60 Senators needed for approval right now and they are within four or five so he targeted a few of those and made his visits to those because it is very close to going through. Crampton said the support is there and he would like to point out one standout and that is Dan Kildee who has gone against most of the things that the other Senators fear and the other Senators fear going against labor but he has. Crampton said he stuck his neck out there for them just in true fashion like his uncle so he would like to point him out. Crampton said an interesting thing is that Councilor Burger is right it's.....they need to get proactive not reactive to a lot of these issues. Crampton said right now the Federal Government is looking for money in every area, every area. Crampton said they were made aware that the arguments going to come up what was the original intent of IGRA and that was to let Tribes be self-sufficient. Crampton said so in making these grants competitive and this money competitive what they are looking for is the go-getters. Crampton said when that money runs out and when they finally come to them, which they will, and say that they can no longer support this obligation or not the money is just not there. Crampton said it is going to be the Tribes who champion economic development and move forward and that day is coming. Crampton said they really need to be proactive on that issue.

Speaker Johnson said that moves them on and he has a quick update also. Johnson said it is interesting last week and it had to been a crazy week for Larry Roberts because he was at Self-Governance and he was also at the MAST

Meeting then they also met with him on Friday to talk about a two-part determination so he has seen a lot of Little River lately and he will continue to see a lot of Little River. Johnson said he is glad that Councilor Crampton brought to his attention about the four votes that they need in the Senate because when they go to Martha's Vineyard they are going to be focusing on lasering in on getting those four votes that they need up in the Senate to help them move forward on that issue and he wanted to say Miigwech for that. Johnson said that is all he has to report in regards to Self-Governance.....he means in regards to his visit with Larry Roberts which was a very productive meeting. Johnson said they got to talk about the opportunity in Muskegon and how it is going to impact Little River and he appeared to be very supportive on this project to move forward on it. Johnson said again it was a very productive and good meeting.

Councilor Burger said just before Marcella Leusby comes up she wanted to thank Councilor Crampton for going out to MAST because she knows that is a big week and also these people are short-timers Larry Roberts and Mary Smith who are people that really have advocacy in mind. Burger reiterated they are short-timers and they have them until January so the more they are in front of them the better it is for their interests.

D. Public Comment Period

Marcella Leusby, Tribal #0133, said last Thursday she received a phone call from the Supervisor of Pinora Township in Lake County and is close to Reed City. Leusby said they said they found this cemetery in Pinora Township that is on the powerline area and they are working on doing a dedication and she was wondering if there was somebody that she can talk to about it. Leusby said also if they would be interested in attending the dedication when they get to setting a date and everything. Leusby said she told her yes and that she could put her through to Jay Sam who was their Historical Preservation Director and she asked if there was somebody else she could talk to and preferred not to talk to Jay Sam again. Leusby said she said she had contacted him several times and he never seemed enthused about it and kind of shrugged her off like he wasn't interested so she was wondering if anybody else in the Tribe was interested in it. Leusby said she told her yes that she would be as a Tribal Elder and very interested in finding out more about the cemetery and the dedication along with going to see the grave sites. Leusby said that is what she did yesterday. Leusby said she went and visited with them and she showed her the grave site and they had the land surveyed and went down in and found the graves and they did a head stone to it. Leusby said they dedicated a head stone already to the area but right now they are in the process of getting it ready for the dedication and wondered if they would be interested in attending or if they wanted to go and do a cemetery.....or a service for the Native Americans that were there. Leusby said they had already found out all kinds of information on the Native Americans that are buried there. Leusby said some of the families are from the Freesoil area in Mason County so that is why she thought about contacting their Tribe here because they are the Ottawa

Tribe and they are the closest one to them. Leusby said they said the Tribe is actually the only one in the area that she knew about so that is why she contacted them. Leusby said she told her that she would contact the Ogema and Council to see if they would be interested in it and that she would get back with her on it. Leusby said she went and seen the Ogema right after she called Thursday and he gave her the okay to go there and meet with them to visit the site which she did yesterday. Leusby said she wanted to give them the information on it and they can look it over then decide what they want to do or if they want to do anything. Leusby said she just wanted to bring it forward so everybody knew about it.

Speaker Johnson thanked Marcella Leusby. Johnson said what he has in front of him is the first time he has seen this and is sure it is the same for his colleagues also. Johnson said what he would like to do from this.....

Marcella Leusby interrupted and said she also has the information if they want it on a Memory Stick. Leusby said she gave her all the information.

Speaker Johnson said wonderful but what he was trying to say here though is Council normally operates.....they do a lot of their work through work sessions and have discussions on this. Johnson said he would invite their Council to set up a work session on this item and they can get.....have some discussion on it and they would invite her and the Ogema in that discussion to see how they can move forward on this.

Marcella Leusby said sure very good. Leusby said also if maybe the Supervisor may be interested in coming could she come to talk with them about it or not.

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't see a problem with that because usually work sessions are a public.....are open to the public and he would say yes especially if they need more information on it.

Marcella Leusby said like she said she does have all the information that she gave her on a Memory Stick if they would like that.

Speaker Johnson said let them schedule a work session and see if they can get her invited to it. Johnson asked if there were 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.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:43; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:16 a.m.

MOTION TO GO IN SECOND OPEN AT 11:16; by Medacco;
supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

**MOTION TO MOVE THE ROLL CALL VOTE FOR
RESOLUTION #16-0504-131;** by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The following motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0504-131,
AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF BIEWER
LUMBER CONTRACT;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 11:17; by Lewis; supported by Wabindato.

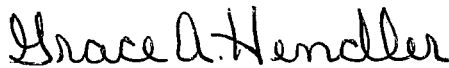
Roll Call #11

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

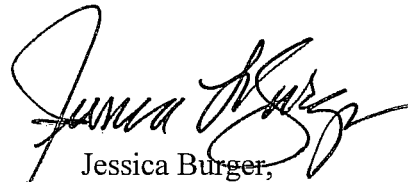
Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Jessica Burger,
Acting Council Recorder