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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on November 13, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said Councilor Wittenberg is giving them the Opening Prayer.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaghaash.

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for all we have and all that we don't have.

We are grateful for all the things above us, with us, below us and that is what is within.

Be with us in our thoughts, our minds and help us think in a good way and walk in a good way.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said eight present and one absent they have a quorum at 10:01.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Jason Cross, Lyle Dorr, Bill Willis, Boo Battice.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 13, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS;  
UNDER NEW BUSINESS, A AND B TO POSTPONE;** by Di Piazza;  
supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked A and B to postpone.

Councilor Lewis said until next week.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any discussion.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn asked why they are being postponed.

Speaker Pete said he is not sure. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis explained that it was brought to her attention that a couple of people still had like a couple of questions.

Councilor Lonn thanked Sandy Lewis.

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

### Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor, one against and one absent. Di Piazza said the agenda has been approved for Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 11/6/19

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/6/19 FOR FILING;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

### Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Tribal Council Minutes for 11/6/19 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

## III. Continuing Business

### A. Grants & Contracts

#### 1. Approval to Apply for funding through Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY2020 Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program-Native Connections

The purpose of this program is to prevent suicide and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth through the age of 24 Years. This grant will be \$70,000 per year for each Tribal Sub-recipient for 5 years. There is no Tribal Match.

Speaker Pete said Jason Cross is here to represent this.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is a grant Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health would like to apply for along with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Cross said it is a five year grant and there is no match. Cross said the purpose of the grant is to prevent suicide, substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indians age 24 and under. Cross said like he said it is a five-year grant for those purposes.

Speaker Pete said okay, just.....Diane Lonn has a question.

Councilor Lonn asked is this available to descendants as well.

Jason Cross said no this is for Tribal members.

Councilor Lonn asked only Tribal members.

Jason Cross said yes, that is how this grant is written.

Councilor Lonn said she knows they don't have that many children living around here so.

Jason Cross said it is 24 and under so they have quite a few 20-somethings.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Speaker Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne asked is that just for the nine county area or just Manistee area or can it be for utilizing in other areas.

Jason Cross said he believed it is the nine county area but they offer those services to those outside of the nine county areas through their internal Budget.

Councilor Champagne said okay so this would apply to that and they just have to do it through their.....

Jason Cross said they do it on their own but there would be some bleed over for some of the resources they develop through the grant that can be used outside of that area too.

Councilor Champagne said okay and thanked Jason Cross.

Speaker Pete said okay once again this is just an application to apply for the grant.

Jason Cross said yeah at this point they are just applying for the grant.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked any further discussion. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-1113-300;  
APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH INTER-  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
(SAMHSA) FY2020 TRIBAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT  
PROGRAM-NATIVE CONNECTIONS; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-300 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-13 Moons Pilot Project and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$23,000**

The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Pete asked Jason Cross if he was here to represent this.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said yes, this is a grant through Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, it is a sub-grant. Cross said a grant that they get from the State of Michigan and they choose to use this grant through the 13 Moons Curriculum it is a Native Food Curriculum. Cross said for every one of the 13 moons they cook a different type of traditional meal for children. Cross said this grant supports the cost of those meals and it also supports \$12,350 of an employee.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete said okay, Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked on this 13 Moons whose going to run it he said they can hire someone right.

Jason Cross replied they already hired.....they have already have two current employees who are going to be running it. Cross said they are going to use the money to offset one of or some of their salaries of the one person. Cross said so this isn't a new hire.

Councilor Lonn said oh, okay so this is being run through Next Generation or....

Jason Cross said yes and the cost the money that they have they are going to use to offset the salaries and benefits of one employee.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Jason Cross said normally they would be paying for it.

Councilor Lonn said she apologizes that she wasn't at Agenda Review yesterday so she just.....

Speaker Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she was just going to ask where these meals were going to be served but he just answered it.

Jason Cross thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any other discussion. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-301;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-13 MOONS PILOT PROJECT  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2019-58 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,000; by Guenthardt;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-301 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-2019 Home Visiting Expansion and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$74,800**

The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Pete said Jason Cross.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is a Home Visiting Grant and is also a sub-grant through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Cross said this grant has existed for many years and this is the second year they have been involved with this grant. Cross said it supports an employee who utilizes the Family Spirit Curriculum and goes into homes of children five and under. Cross said it gives them a culturally appropriate guidance on raising their children and it could also help with women who are pregnant and are going to have children. Cross said this grant supports entirely an employee. Cross said that employee is dependent on the grant. Cross said so if the grant goes away the employee goes away as well. Cross said this grant funding is fairly stable and hasn't changed in quite some time. Cross said so this program is entirely dependent on the grant and it takes no Tribal Funds to support this.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete said he just once again though just for the record that's clear this employee is entirely supported by this grant. Pete asked is that correct.

Jason Cross said the entire program is, yes.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any.....can he have a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-302;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-2019 HOME VISITING  
EXPANSION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-59 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$74,800; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-302 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2019 Family Violence Prevention and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$45,830**  
The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Pete said once again, Jason Cross.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is one of the three grants that supports the Victims Services Program within Family Services. Cross said this grant helps victims of violence with emergency shelter, transportation, clothing, food and things they may need if they have to leave their home due to a violent situation. Cross said this is a grant that they have had for quite a few years as well.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-1113-303;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2019  
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND APPROVING A**



**MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-60 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$45,830; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-303 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

Jason Cross thanked them.

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of  
Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a  
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the  
amount of \$30,000**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis if he was here to support this.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said this represents Modification #9 to the 2019 BIA Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date including this funding brings them up to \$922,995 which is....he takes that back.....it brings them up to \$2,948,039 which is \$922,995 more than what they projected they would get from the Bureau in 2019.

Councilor Lonn said to Bill Willis that she is taking it.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis that is great.

Bill Willis said yes.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion on this. Pete asked is anyone prepared to make a motion. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-304;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2019-61 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000;** by Guenthardt;  
supported by Wittenberg.

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

Recorder Di Piazza asked who supported.

Speaker Pete said Ron Wittenberg supported.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-304 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**5. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of  
Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a  
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the  
amount of \$300,053**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Pete said Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #10 of the BIA Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau for 2019. Willis said year to date it brings them up to \$3,248,092 which is \$1,223,048 more than they projected. Willis said this funding is identified for a number of Natural Resources type programs. Willis said wild rice, Marten Project, Sturgeon related Project, Artic Grayling so there is a number of items this money will support.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete said he is really; really, glad from his chair is that the funding that they sometimes expected to go down actually really

significantly had gone up. Pete said it is really pleasant to hear that the government is providing these funds. Pete said the other thing is he did meet at one point with the Artic Grayling people and so he thinks this is going to be supporting that project here too. Pete asked is there any further discussions. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-305;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2019-62 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,053;** by  
Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

Recorder Di Piazza said it should be 306.

Speaker Pete said to Tom Guenthardt that it should be 306.

Councilor Lonn said she had 305.

Councilor Lewis said yeah she has 305 as well.

Grace Hendler said 306.

Councilor Wittenberg said 305 is what he has.

Speaker Pete said Grace Hendler said 306. Pete asked Tom Guenthardt does he still want to make that motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes, he has 305.

Councilor Lonn reiterated that she has 305 as well.

Speaker Pete said Grace Hendler is starting to help them out here.

Grace Hendler confirmed that it was 305.

Recorder Di Piazza asked it was 305. Di Piazza said to Tom Guenthardt that he was correct.

Speaker Pete said to Tom Guenthardt that he was correct. Pete asked Sandy Lewis if she supports that still.

Councilor Lewis said it is 305.

Recorder Di Piazza said his apologies it is 305.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza that his humble apologies are accepted.

Recorder Di Piazza said please don't whip him. Di Piazza said he will surrender his pen.

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

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-305 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Old Business**

**Monthly Reports that are due: September 2019**

**Reports received:**

**A. Health Commission**

☐ **None Submitted**

Speaker Pete said they have the Health Commission and none submitted.

**V. New Business**

**A. Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02 (Part 1)**

The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to address applying preference in promotions, recognition of nepotism policies for the government and enterprises, clarifying non-preference candidates, incorporating Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 Ordinance #10-100-06, Section 9.02 regarding rehire eligibility for noncompliance with auditing activities and correcting formatting and grammar errors.

Speaker Pete said A has been postponed.

**B. Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02 (Part 2)**

The Tribal Council has drafted an amendment to address preference levels moving from two levels to three levels.

Speaker Pete said B has been postponed.

**C. Approval of Modification to the Food Distribution Program Organizational Chart**

The Food Distribution Supervisor has submitted a Funding Request/Proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for FY2020 which includes an additional Part-Time Food Distribution Program Assistant wholly-funded by USDA.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis if he is representing this.

Bill Willis thanked them. Willis said as he shared with Council in Agenda Review on Monday about a month or so ago the Food Distribution Program submitted their 2020 Budgetary Request and in that request was a proposal for the program to hire an additional staff person which would be a part-time position. Willis said currently the current Org Chart for that department only includes the Supervisor.....the Food Distribution Supervisor and one staff person which is a Food Distribution Assistant which is currently a full-time position. Willis said that is paid for the most part from Tribal Funds because they are required to match the USDA Program Funds with 25%....20-25% match. Willis said in the proposal for 2020 they included a part-time Food Distribution Assistant which would be a third staff person. Willis said if they don't get funded with that they are not going to move forward with the position but they are wanting to "t" this up so if in fact they get awarded what they requested which includes that part-time position that they can post it right away and get someone in that position. Willis said if they don't get funded for it then it is irrelevant of course so. Willis said they are just asking for the modification to the Org Chart so like he said when and if they do get funded for that position that they are able to move forward with the posting. Willis said it is kind of a mouthful but that is kind of what the background is.

Speaker Pete asked so what this really is.....if he can just ask him some questions a minute himself. Pete said this is really a moving for the position and they are looking for a grant to pay for this part-time position and it is under 29 hours a week that he explained in Agenda Review. Pete said he is just saying he knows that he really hopes they get this funding for this position because there are people out there that need the food and they are doing a great job doing this but as he said from his chair, its only from his chair, that if they need people that need food and even if they don't get funded for the position he doesn't have any problem with this position so. Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there anyone else for the discussion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said if there is nobody else, she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-306;  
APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO THE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL CHART;** by  
Lonn; supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #19-1113-306 has been accepted.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

Councilor Lonn thanked Bill Willis.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he only has a couple of updates. Romanelli said last week he wasn't here because he was travelling to St. Paul, Minnesota with Speaker Ron Pete. Romanelli said they met with the BIA over.....primarily over their Muskegon Project but to meet with other Tribes as well. Romanelli said it is called the Partners In Action Conference and it happens every year. Romanelli said it is hosted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs so he thinks their trip went pretty well. Romanelli said a few minor glitches but they got through it.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said he is still getting surveys back. Romanelli said those surveys that were sent out. Romanelli said he is getting a couple a week. Romanelli said he still plans on turning them all over, copy, allowing Tribal Council to also get copies of that that they can do with what they want with them.

Romanelli reiterated they are still coming in. Romanelli said he did get a call from Cornelius Deverney out of Wisconsin he thinks over the weekend stating that he and his family never got copies of the survey along with the Dean Family. Romanelli said he mentioned a third family as well. Romanelli said whole groups of families. Romanelli said he is not sure how that happened because actually he was part of the whole process of putting.....labeling them and putting....stuffing envelopes. Romanelli said he doesn't know how that happens. Romanelli said he suggested that they really look at their Post Office Box or something.....

Recorder Di Piazza said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said.....because from his end they were very careful that they made sure everybody was included from the latest list. Romanelli said he is not sure how that would happen. Romanelli said the only thing he can think of is that the Post Office for some reason isn't delivering them. Romanelli said he asked him if he gets his Per Cap Check and he says he does in fact get that. Romanelli said other than that he doesn't know what to tell them. Romanelli said anyway they were all sent out where they ended up who knows but anyway they are still getting a couple in. Romanelli said he is more than happy to share with them. Romanelli said it has been a busy time but he is thinking at least by the end of the year he can share with the Council and then look forward to working with them on extracting the information so he thinks they are good.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Pete asked does anyone have anything for Legislative Affairs. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she got a notice from Senator Bergman she is on his postings. Lonn said his Bill was passed yesterday that give Veterans.....before it used to be the Veterans when they would go to the service they had two weeks while they were in training to apply for schooling if they wanted to go to school after they get out. Lonn said now the Bill passed they will have six months from the time they enlist so they can then sign up if they want to go to school or not. Lonn said the cost of going is a start-up of \$1,200. Lonn said if they sign up.....if they signed up now under the Bill if they didn't go to school they still would have to pay the \$1,200 and this gives them more time. Lonn said so she thought that was sort of good.

Speaker Pete said that was very nice and thanked Diane Lonn. Pete asked is anyone else have a Legislative Update.....recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she doesn't have a Legislative Update. Champagne said she just wanted.....she was going to say so at the beginning but she didn't do it. Champagne said Shannon Crampton is not here today because he has had the flu for the last few days. Champagne said he made a nice little comment that seeing that they have mostly Elders sitting there he doesn't want to bring it down to them.

Speaker Pete said well if she did talk to him, he thanked her. Pete said that is something that the nine of them here do not need to get right now.

Councilor Champagne said no they don't.

Speaker Pete thanked Cindy Champagne for that update. Pete asked anyone else for Legislative Affairs Update.

Councilor Lonn said she doesn't know if this is under Legislative but Sandy Lewis and her did go for training last week.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said it was really great. Lonn said they broke out in different sessions it was Enrollment but it wasn't just Enrollment. Lonn said she went to ICWA because she is on the Binojeeuk and it was half a day of learning all the different things about ICWA and how they talked about the SERA Clause. Lonn said how the Tribes with ICWA have a lot of pull and so it was very informative. Lonn said then the other one she went to was Fraudulent Documents and that was really good on how they check them and how they see them. Lonn said they talked about the borders and how the.....what I.D.'s will go and what. Lonn said they did say Michigan was on the list that their Tribe can go over to Canada with theirs so that was good. Lonn said the other one she went to was Sovereignty. Lonn said that was.....she talked about how they got sovereignty in her Nation and there are a lot of Tribes out there that aren't....don't have sovereignty so it was real interesting. Lonn asked Sandy Lewis if she wanted to bring up where she went.

Councilor Lewis said she went to the Beginning Enrollment breakout work session. Lewis said there was a lot of discussion....she guessed like the person would ask a question and then people would elaborate on that. Lewis said what she did like with Santo Domingo Tribe is that they require their members to be active in either language, ceremony or POW Wow or something. Lewis said she thought that was pretty unique and it does keep their ways with the people doing that. Lewis said another thing they discussed was opening enrollment to other Native Bloods like different Tribes because all the bloodlines are going but if they open it up to other Tribes or Bands also Canada. Lewis said she knows that is something Councilor Champagne had spoken about also before so she kind of thinks that is something they should probably look into.



Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Lewis said at least have a work session to discuss more on it so.

Councilor Lonn said the other thing that she liked too at the end, the last day, for about half a day they had questions and answers.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said it was wonderful. Lonn said they had a lot of questions and she wrote down some of their answers because she thought they were really good. Lonn said it was a really good group.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked them. Pete asked is there anyone else for comment. Pete said Larry Romanelli really summed it all up but he just wanted to say that their Partners In Action Conference that they had it was always important for them to go there. Pete said they get a private meeting, their Tribe, with the BIA and their entire packet without question Regional Office at the BIA supports their project in Muskegon 100%. Pete said so they got some really great news from them and with that, he will end this. Pete said if there is not any more discussion they will now open public comment.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he still wants to fish. Battice said hopefully they can figure something out. Battice said he knows they waited so long that his permit that he fought for five years next month is another thing taken from him. Battice said that is simply because he can't afford the safety equipment. Battice said they had lots of meetings sitting down but he would like to renew his permit here in a minute. Battice said he does like that they need safety but the thing is they could at least help him get his permit renewed and he needs safety equipment so he can get the Coast Guard inspection. Battice said it's a lot and he wants to be safe out there and it costs more than he can afford. Battice said he doesn't want to get into details but it is really saddening and sickening in front of his whole life. Battice said they are all accountable and his number is 231 233-8424 and has been for 20 years. Battice said these meetings he likes sitting in on them whether they want him to talk or not tell him don't talk. Battice said he does have lots of ideas and it ain't pulling a bar and a bunch of money falling out. Battice said not that kind. Battice said his is in his heart and it always will be. Battice said he will always be that whether they take his permit or not. Battice said he is asking for the assistance to at least be permitted for the rights his forefathers died for. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said to Boo Battice that he might want to check with either Dave Hawley or one of the departments if they will help him renew that. Lewis said yeah he might want to check with that and then also they do have an on-going work session each week regarding the 1836 Fishing so if he would like to check the schedule before he leaves. Lewis said it is open so he is welcome to come to that each week but that is at least a start for him. Lewis said she would check with Dave Hawley or one of the departments.....

Boo Battice said he tries his hardest.....

Councilor Lewis said.....if they can help him out.

Boo Battice said even the.....he doesn't get gas cards and he doesn't get all this because he is not trying to live off the.....when there is the ability for him right there. Battice said the thing is he doesn't want to play the tax game that is stolen energy. Battice said that is sacred ground since before that....hump placed their foot there and they know that. Battice said he knows this now they send a bill to everybody and everybody gets one. Battice said that is a monkey on the back that them guys don't even get.....they get a little bit of satisfaction but these energies are stolen and stuff. Battice said they pay for it kind of....it's a whole different but he will never not know what it is. Battice said he has picked up the plow long ago. Battice said there are ways in different things and lots of people and he would do.....he believes he has got.....people have taken some of his words and utilize them for the better of their own advantage. Battice said he would like someone to help him to just fish and feed the people because he is what he is. Battice said it is harder for a camel through a needle he will never be that camel. Battice said he wants to feed the people there is the ability there and there is there just from the way things worked out. Battice said they set it aside for their people because it was sacred ground right down to.....right down to Lincoln Hill's Golf Course this is where his people come from. Battice said it is a military strategic point since way before that is why the Rez don't start until Darell Road down there back to the lake \_\_\_\_\_. Battice said the thing is there is the ability and let's sit down.....because he shouldn't be starving and trying to find gas money to even talk to them guys or anything to make it to these meetings.....it's hard even if he has to walk. Battice said there is the ability with a million dollars for him to go out for five years he at least had his workers well paid for....he is safe and every fish can be divided equally between every member. Battice said whether they utilize it or whatnot they can.....that is where they need to work it out because they are going to have to adjust for different shippings and different things and....because it is not his it is theirs. Battice said there is the ability to do exactly what it was set-up for not drive cars.....he wants to go fishing for his people and he can't even.....it's hard to make these meetings so he needs the assistance to be able to provide. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice.

Boo Battice said he will look at.....hopefully he can get a copy and make it to these meetings.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Boo Battice that somewhat she doesn't understand what he is talking about energy because he jumped all over and so she is a little confused but.....

Boo Battice said that is okay she might never understand it.

Councilor Lonn continued on with.....excuse her.

Boo Battice said he apologizes, sorry he interrupted.

Councilor Lonn said that was rude and thanked Boo Battice. Lonn said she wanted to say Dave Hawley can get him a job that is what his ability is down there is to get their Tribal members jobs if he needs one but they can't.....

Boo Battice said he had one.....

Councilor Lonn said just a minute.....

Boo Battice asked does she want to get into that.

Speaker Pete said okay just a moment.....

Councilor Lonn said just a minute she just wanted to say.....

Speaker Pete said he is going to establish order here because she was in the queue and she didn't interrupt him.

Councilor Lonn said she is not trying to be negative but he can't live in the past....

Boo Battice said it is negative....if any of them.

Councilor Lonn said it is not negative sir. Lonn said she is trying to say that he....he is bringing.....

Speaker Pete said listen.....no, no he is going to end this right now.

Boo Battice said he will take it.

Speaker Pete said right now it is ended.

Boo Battice said excuse him.

Speaker Pete asked okay? Pete said they are going to move on to something else this is ended. Pete said okay and thanked them. Pete asked are there any other comments.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to make....not about this.

Speaker Pete said okay about something else.

Councilor Lonn said yesterday they had the Veteran Affair.....Veteran Group.....Celebration it went wonderful. Lonn said the sad part is they expected.....last year they had over five hundred and this year they expected six hundred but because of the weather they did still have a nice turnout probably 250-300. Lonn said they had a band and they gave Give-A-Ways. Lonn said she heard nothing but good comments, the food was excellent, and she had great help. Lonn thanked Speaker Pete and his assistant they were wonderful up there. Lonn said it went very well.

Speaker Pete thanked Diane Lonn. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she was just going to comment that she did hear people that they did appreciate it and were thankful.....

Speaker Pete thanked Sandy Lewis very much.

Councilor Lewis said.....for the Veteran's Dinner.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any other public comment. Pete said okay they are going to move into Closed Session.

***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 Pete said can he get a motion to move into Closed Session.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that he needs to end First Open.

Speaker Pete said okay he is sorry. Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza very much. Pete asked can he get a motion to end the First Open Session.

**MOTION TO END THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Lewis;  
supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned First Open at 10:40 a.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

Speaker Pete said to move.....

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a vote to go into Second Open.

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SECOND OPEN;** by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry, and thanked Recorder Di Piazza and Diane Lonn. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor they are in Second Open at 11:41.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza do they have anything to move into the Second Open.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes they do.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-1113-307; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

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

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent that item has been moved to Open.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1113-307,  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LARSEN'S LANDSCAPING  
FOR SNOW REMOVAL 2019-2020;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion failed (1-7-0-1)

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

**IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move them out of the Second Open.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF THE SECOND OPEN;** by Lonn;  
supported by Champagne.

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

**Roll Call #13**

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


Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor, one against and one absent. Di Piazza said they adjourned Second Open at 11:43.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace A. Hendler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Di Piazza". The signature is highly stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder