

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 16, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Chuck Fisher, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Miigwech Giizhemanidoo kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang.

Nmishoomisak miinawa manidook Waabinong nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'nbwaakaawin.

Nmishoomisak miinawa manidook Zhaawanong nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'dbaadendiziwin.

Nmishoomisak miinawa manidook Epangishmok nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'gwekwaadeziwin.

Nmishoomisak miinawa minidook Kiiwedionong nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'mndaadenmowin.

Miigwech Shkakamik kwe kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang.

Thank you Creator for all that you have provided us.

Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the East come and bring your wisdom.

Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the South come and bring your humility.

Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the West come and bring your honesty.

Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the North come and bring your respect.

Thank you Mother Earth for all that you have provided us.

Chuck Fisher said he would kind of like to leave it at that but something has kind of come up too that really deserves to be mentioned. Fisher said it is somebody's last day here and we would really be remised if we didn't give our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many years of service and efforts that were made on behalf of the Tribe by that person. Fisher said like we said we don't have a word for good-bye so good luck. Thank you and Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:12 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 - Absent

Quorum established.

Others Present: Ron Pete, Kelly Maser, Noelle Cross, Diane Lonn, Frank Beaver, Jennifer Crampton, Jason Holguin, Dottie Batchelder, Chuck Fisher.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jewrick, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Director Medacco, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins, Elaine Porter.

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to make sure everybody is understanding that two of their Tribal members both Councilors Di Piazza and Councilor Riley are on business and Councilor Lewis is on vacation. Johnson said with that said let them move on to Approval of the Agenda, there are a couple of late adds, to be considered. Johnson said at this point he will turn it over to Council for a motion on this item.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS; UNDER CONTINUING BUSINESS A.3; AND IN NUMBER VIII, NEW BUSINESS D; by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he will say on one of the adds for A.1 or A.3, and apologized, is that they need to get this done because of the deadline for the grant application is going to be like the first part of December. Johnson said their last or next meeting is the 30<sup>th</sup> so it doesn't give them much time to turn this around. Johnson thanked Chuck Fisher for bringing this forward. Johnson asked if there is any other discussion on the agenda.

**Roll Call #1**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger noted the agenda is approved.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**     11/05/16     11/09/16

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/5/16 AND ALSO 11/9/16 FOR FILING;** by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger noted the minutes are accepted.

Speaker Johnson said for a quick business consideration for his colleagues here, Council, because they have six Council members they are at the bare bones for quorum. Johnson said if they have to excuse themselves for a moment or something please let him know and they will go into recess and reconvene after recess.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for 3-year funding through the Community Services Block Grant for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Zoongaadiziwin Program**

The Tribe currently has a MDHHS grant that expires on March 1, 2017 and there is a continuing need to address efforts for self-sufficiency issues.

Chuck Fisher, from the Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Fisher said when they were in Agenda Review Jason Cross indicated that he wasn't going to be able to be here today so that is why he is here alone. Fisher said this is continuation funding and it was based on the matrix Transitions to Success Program. Fisher said he can't believe it has been three years now but it is up and due for renewal. Fisher said it is a Community Block Grant through the State of Michigan that addresses Self-sufficiency issues of Tribal members. Fisher said it was discussed in Agenda Review the people who were present had the opportunity to ask Jason Cross questions and he encouraged that so kind of to relieve him here today. Fisher said so if they would take it easy on him he would appreciate it but he will answer questions.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-348;  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES (MDHHS) FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FOR LITTLE RIVER  
BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS FAMILY SERVICES  
ZOONGAADIZIWIN PROGRAM;** by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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

**Roll Call #3**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-348 is approved.

- 2. Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Administration for Community Living (HHS) Grants to the Native American Program (Older Americans Act) Title VI for 3-years of continuation funding for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Elders Meals Program**  
The Tribe currently has a Title VI Grant that operates an Elders Meals Program and there is a continuing need to address efforts for multiple food insecurity issues of Tribal Elders.

Noelle Cross, Elders Meals Program, and Chuck Fisher from the Grants Department represented this agenda item. Cross said this is for the continuation.....to re-apply for the grant for the Title VI. Cross said it is three years of continuation of the funding for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Elder Meal Program.

Chuck Fisher said that program does allow for some additional services and they are going to look through those possibilities and add this into the Meals Program as they are able and as it is doable.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-349;  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (HHS)  
GRANTS TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS PROGRAM (OLDER  
AMERICANS ACT) TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR CONINUATION  
FUNDING FOR LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL ELDERS MEALS PROGRAM; by Medacco; supported by  
Crampton.**

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

Councilor Burger said just make sure to put more fish on the menu. Burger said two Elders that enjoy the meal most really like the fish.

Noelle Cross said she knows.

Speaker Johnson asked is there any other discussion on this item. Johnson said he will say that he really appreciates Noelle Cross and what her and her staff do on behalf of the.....for the Tribe to cater these wonderful meals for the Elders. Johnson said he knows that they appreciate it and it is well appreciated by Council.

Noelle Cross said it is her pleasure.

Councilor Wittenberg said SUPPORT.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson said in the background, Diane Lonn.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she thought about it and discussed it with the Elders Committee. Lonn said maybe they should think about servicing and doing like Meal on Wheels for 65 and above. Lonn said she did an analysis for just Manistee County to start with and there is like 25 within Manistee County that are 65 and above that maybe they could take a lunch to them. Lonn said just an idea that is out there because there are people and she can name five right off the bat that have come but are not able to come anymore. Lonn said they don't have transportation and maybe she is thinking they could use the van for.....that Robert Battice uses and if he isn't using it to maybe take food meals to them. Lonn said Leonard Rittenhouse used to but she understands that he is in the hospital and they did it for Aki. Lonn said she knows there are some others that are in the city that could probably use the same nice warm meal that Noelle Cross provides. Lonn said that is a thought that they could maybe work on.

Noelle Cross said when Chuck Fisher discussed the additional funding transportation is part of that additional funding.

Diane Lonn thanked Noelle Cross.

Noelle Cross said that is something they are looking into but that would be a volunteer basis so it is difficult to.....when they send somebody out to do that they would have to be employed by their program because what they are doing is very serious by sending those meals out they would have to temp it and deliver it.....they would have to be an employee. Cross said it is something that they are looking into and there is additional funding for transportation for like a Meals on Wheels unfortunately right now they don't have the funding to do that so the Elders that aren't able to come they have helped them sign up through Meals on Wheels through the Council on Aging downtown.

Speaker Johnson thanked them. Johnson said he wanted to respond on the same thing about the Council on Aging because they do have a program available. Johnson said he does know that they serve to the community in the course of a year about 49,000 meals. Johnson reiterated in the course of a year. Johnson asked anything else on this item.

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-349 is approved.

- 3. Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for funding through the Adult Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Program to enhance the integration of healthcare services targeting clients with serious mental illness**  
Grant application as indicated will be completed and submitted to the funding agency on or before the Submission Deadline of December 1, 2016.

Dottie Batchelder, from Be-Da-Bin and Chuck Fisher from the Grants Department represented this agenda item. Fisher said on this they haven't had the benefit of discussing at all and it came up very late. Fisher said they were on the phone yesterday still trying to piece together how they were going to try to address this. Fisher said it is a funding opportunity for six months with the possibility of extending for another year. Fisher said it is aimed at mental health and servicing people with serious mental illness. Fisher said what they are proposing to do is set-up a system of Tele-psychiatry and it is like a Telemedicine Program but it accesses psychiatrist along with that system of care as opposed to

normal healthcare. Fisher said it is probably enough funding to get them established to get that system established where they would be better able to serve the mental health needs of Tribal members. Fisher said this includes people with substance abuse and issues as well so that is kind of where they are aimed at but still have a lot of details to fill in. Fisher said the Health Director is on board, Be-Da-Bin is on board and Sujean Drake will probably be the person who will be on this with a hands on in doing this. Fisher said he will try to answer questions and asked Dottie Batchelder if there was anything she wanted to add.

Dottie Batchelder said what this is.....is the very beginning of this to help them coordinate and develop this. Batchelder said if they have been around for a while they heard her talk about how they have been trying to get a Psychiatrist contractually and they were really close this last time and the individual decided to take a job in a different area so trying to find a Psychiatrist that will come in this area for a period of time is really difficult. Batchelder said they haven't had a lot of luck with the Tele-Psychiatry and the.....a lot of the Tribes are starting to use it and there might be funding later through Indian Health Services because they are also looking at that but at the moment in their Budget they have put it as Professional Fees. Batchelder said after the grant that would be something that they would look at too. Batchelder said mainly this so they can apply for it and it is going to be a combined effort with the other Tribes too through Inter-Tribal Council kind of tweaking it so that it helps them to get the funding because as a uniform Tribal Nations going for it would be easier for them to get this grant. Batchelder said she guessed that is what she wanted to say because if it is just their data they don't have enough data to go up against everybody so as they put all the Tribes together that is going to help them get the grant. Batchelder said if that makes any sense.

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

Councilor Crampton said just a couple of questions. Crampton said this says Adult Mental Health Block Grant and asked would that be available for like Tribal youth.

Chuck Fisher said it is adult and he doesn't know where they draw that line but it is probably 18 and over but they could check on that.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton asked would that be localized and would it be available and accessible by members like in Muskegon.

Chuck Fisher replied they are going to draw from their service area whether how much they are able to expand beyond that is the question but they will identify their members in the service area for sure and serve those members.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other questions on this or discussion or a motion. Johnson said he has a quick one. Johnson asked is this going to be a match requirement.

Chuck Fisher said there is no match requirement and the funding levels are at about \$87,000 if he recalls correctly for the first six months and then the second year of funding, pending its availability, will be another opportunity to apply for the following year which would be \$187,000 or something like that.

Councilor Medacco said \$175,000.

Speaker Johnson asked any other discussion on this item or a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-350;  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES (MDHHS) FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE ADULT  
MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT TO ENHANCE LITTLE  
RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS' INTEGRATED  
HEALTHCARE EFFORTS TARGETING ADULTS WITH  
SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS;** by Medacco; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he would say if they are successful on this grant it would help them fill an important void to take care of on behalf of Tribal members so let them be hopeful. Johnson said with that said any other discussion on this item.

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-350 is approved.

Speaker Johnson said he wanted to thank both Dottie Batchelder and Chuck Fisher for bringing this forward.

- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Johnson noted that they don't have anything under Budget Modifications and they don't have anything for Budgeted Expenditures so that moves them into Section IV.



**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
- 1. Operations Report**  None Submitted
  - 2. Financial Report**  None Submitted

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. Binojeeuk Commission**  October 2016
- B. Enrollment Commission**  None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission**  October 2016
- D. Health Commission**  October 2016
- E. Housing Commission**  None Submitted
- F. Natural Resource Commission**  October 2016
- G. Commerce Commission**  None Submitted

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- A. Elders Committee Minutes**  October 6, 2016  
 October 12, 2016
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  None Submitted
- C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Johnson said it has not been brought to his attention of all of the reports that have been submitted requires any action on behalf of Council so it is so noted that they will be accepted and filed under Council. Johnson said that covers all the way down through.....that covers Section IV, V, and VI which is the commissions and committees so that moves them into Old Business.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Operations Report**  August 2016
- B. Financial Report**  None Submitted
- C. Binojeeuk Commission**  None Submitted
- D. Health Commission**  None Submitted
- E. Natural Resource Commission**  None Submitted
- F. Commerce Commission**  None Submitted
- G. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted they have received the Operations Report and he believes there is no action required there as well so they will move into Section VIII.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Approval of Little River Casino Resort Liquor License for Calendar Year 2017**  
The Liquor Control Ordinance establishes Tribal Council as the licensing authority to issue Retail On-Site and Retail Off-Site Liquor Licenses.

Speaker Johnson noted this is a standard item and they do this every year. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-351;  
APPROVAL OF RETAIL ON-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE  
AND RETAIL OFF-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR  
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017;**  
by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-351 is approved.

**B. Acceptance of the Prevailing Wage Study**

The Prevailing Wage Study has been completed and the Tribal Council needs to accept the study by motion.

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

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PREVAILING WAGE STUDY;** by  
Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

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

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger said motion only but why does she have a resolution then.

Councilor Medacco said he doesn't know but there is no resolution on this.

Speaker Johnson said yes it is motion only. Johnson said this moves them onto Item C.

- C. Approving Amendments to Housing Regulations, Chapter 2- Admission Procedures for Low Income and Tribally Owned Homes**  
 Previously emergency amendments were adopted to address the housing eligibility requirements. Those amendments have expired and this resolution seeks to make those amendments permanent.

Speaker Johnson said he believes this has been posted for 30 days and they are ready to move onto the final phase.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-352; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING REGULATIONS CHAPTER 2-ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR LOW INCOME ELDER AND TRIBALLY OWNED HOMES;** by Medacco; supported by Crampton.

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

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-352 is approved.

- D. Authorizing the Donation of \$5,000 to the Muskegon Museum of Art and allowing Tribal Logo to be used**  
 Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognize the importance of this endeavor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1116-353; AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$5,000 TO THE MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF ART AND ALLOWING TRIBAL LOGO TO BE USED;** by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

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

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Burger confirmed Resolution #16-1116-353 is approved.

## **IX. Concluding Business**

### **A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

Speaker Johnson noted that the next meeting will be November 30<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> is on the day before Thanksgiving so they elected not to have it then and do November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Ogema Romanelli said he really has very little this week. Romanelli said most of what has happened in the last week there are a lot of employee issues and they are working still through the Budget and things like that. Romanelli said he would suggest that if they could they might want to have a meeting with the Resort Directors going forward. Romanelli said it has been three months and the Directors usually would report to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis. Romanelli said he would suggest that maybe if they could get together and hold a meeting to receive those reports. Romanelli said the other thing is they did have a Director's Meeting at the Resort last week and they are trying to hold those on a fairly regular basis. Romanelli said that is it and he noted earlier they are having a hard time.....it is hard attracting employees to this area at times and as it was noted earlier that is something they always have to deal with but working through that too. Romanelli said as they know they have a few Director level positions open and they hoped to get them filled so he just wanted to note that. Romanelli said he thinks that is all he has today.

Speaker Johnson asked are there any questions on the Business Update. Johnson said Business Status Update.

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

Speaker Johnson asked is there anything in Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton said he has nothing this week and asked Councilor Burger if she had anything.

Councilor Medacco said everybody knows that in December he will be travelling to Palm Springs to give oral and written testimony on Domestic Violence and he submitted the recommendations on the three questions they asked to the Department of Justice that came from the Domestic Services.....the Victim's Services Task Force that they have. Medacco said he got the recommendations from them, Shanaviah Canales, that works.....their DV Coordinator and also their Police Department also gave input on those that he submitted. Medacco said he will be out there to represent the Tribe and he will send the responses to the

Elected Officials so they can see what he is going to be out there doing representing the Tribe.

Speaker Johnson said okay anything else. Johnson said he has a quick update and it has to do with the recent election. Johnson said what happened is he had the opportunity to meet with the Governor's Liaison, Mr. Nyberg, and in a discussion where all 12 Tribes were invited he has a Consultation Meeting once a month with all 12 Tribes. Johnson said in that meeting one of the people that represent the Governor and his staff made it known to all the Tribes that they are getting a significant amount of phone calls from the various schools and so forth about potentially racial issues that is occurring in the school systems. Johnson said they felt from this discussion it was because of the election and what he did from that discussion he sent a note out to everybody in the Tribe here and when he says everybody to Law Enforcement Director Medacco, to Director Cross and the Ogema to make sure that they all are aware of this issue that is at hand. Johnson said also to make sure that their children are being protected because of what has happened. Johnson said he is sure as this thing shakes out and the dust settles it will be back to normal at least he is hoping it will. Johnson said he does know that the President Elect even made it clear on 60 Minutes Sunday night. Johnson said he told his constituents or told the people to stop it and he is just saying that they need to be aware that of this and watch it very closely, their children, as they move forward. Johnson said that is all he has for Legislative Affairs Update.

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

Speaker Johnson asked are there any Public Comments. Johnson said before they go any further he wants to recognize Councilor Steinberg for her contribution to both the Executive and Legislative side and they have a little something they want to share with her at this point. Johnson said they ask her to come forward. Johnson said on behalf of Council and the Tribe they want to say "Chi-Miigwech" for her service to the community and to their Tribe because they really appreciated it. Johnson said he wanted two of their Traditional Elders to help.

Acting Recorder Burger said it is very humbling, knowing the history of the Tribe, and to work on behalf of the people. Burger said it is a very hard thing to walk away from. Burger said she feels that she was groomed to work for her people for a very long time in this Tribe. Burger said she helped to facilitate a few things that have been beneficial to their hosts over the years and it is not just her it takes everybody. Burger said their initiative, ingenuity and dedication. Burger said she was trying to light a fire under a few folks which is hard to do but she really hopes one day to move forward. Burger said to remember that they are all Anishinabek people and all Grand River people and they are all Little River people. Burger said they only had nine Chiefs so somehow they are all related. *Burger made a further comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.*

Speaker Johnson said he has one final announcement also. Johnson said on Friday at 11:30 they are going to have a caterer in here for a Going-Away Luncheon for Councilor Burger and he wanted to invite anybody and everybody to be there.

Councilor Medacco said she won't be there.

Acting Recorder Burger said she is going out of the country.

Councilor Medacco reiterated that she won't even be here Friday.

Speaker Johnson asked on Friday.

Acting Recorder Burger said she won't be here Friday.

Speaker Johnson said oh boy!

Ogema Romanelli said that could be a problem. Romanelli said they will have to eat for her.

Acting Recorder Burger said she will tell them what, have the Luncheon, and have the Luncheon to honor all the people that held any of the Council seats and have moved everything forward. Burger said they couldn't be where they are today without that for the people here in these seats where they could move things forward.

Speaker Johnson said okay they will do that.

Acting Recorder Burger said she is very humbled but frankly it's not.....a lot of people worked very hard so she hoped that they would be recognized.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Burger. Johnson asked if there was any other Public Comments.

Councilor Crampton said usually he doesn't say things like this but it has been long perceived that he had something personal against Councilor Burger's family and he always tried to maintain that was never the case. Crampton said in fact he always told his wife out of all the people down there he respects the Sam Family because there are some many things that go on where people come up and shake their hand and be nice to their face and then turn around and stab them in the back. Crampton said he always told his wife that he respects the Sam Girls and the Sam Family because they come right up to them and tell them "I don't like you" and that's the way it is but working with Councilor Burger in Council has been an amazing surprise and he is going to be very sad to lose her as a comrade.

Acting Recorder Burger thanked Councilor Crampton. Burger said it has been a lot of fun.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other Public Comments.

Ogema Romanelli said on behalf of the Executive Branch which she served as Tribal Manager for many years they want to thank her too. Romanelli said working with her as a Tribal Council person, as a Tribal Manager, and as they know it is not easy on either side of the fence. Romanelli said he appreciates her work for the Tribe and wishes her the best of luck going forward wherever that takes her and apparently it is taking her quite a ways away but really their thoughts and prayers will be with her. Romanelli said Chi-Miigwech.

Acting Recorder Burger thanked Ogema Romanelli and said she really appreciates that.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was 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 10:47;** by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

**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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:27 a.m.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:27;** by Medacco; 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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

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

**MOVE RESOLUTION, MOTION, AND ROLL CALL VOTES TO MOVE ON THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS #16-1116-354, 355, 356, 357 AND 358; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

**Roll Call #12**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1116-354, APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND LARSEN'S LANDSCAPING FOR 2016/2017 SNOW REMOVAL AND SALT; by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1116-355, RATIFICATION OF CROSSMATCH CMT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT; by Medacco; supported by Burger.**

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)



**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1116-356,  
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT EXTENSION TO THE SPECIAL  
COUNSEL ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE  
OF RICHARD G. MCGEE LLC THRU YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2017; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #C-5**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1116-357,  
RATIFICATION OF SIXTH CONTRACT ADDENDUM WITH  
RCA, LLC FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES NECESSARY  
FOR THE BIA ROADS PROGRAM; by Medacco; supported by  
Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #C-6**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1116-358,  
APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO  
RESORT AND CASINO CAREERS, LLC FOR JOB POSTING  
SERVICES; by Medacco; supported by Burger.**

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

**Roll Call #C-7**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

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

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 11:29;** by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

**Roll Call #13**

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 - Absent

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

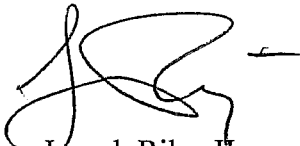
The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

Jessica Burger,  
Acting Council Recorder



Joseph Riley II,  
Tribal Council Recorder