



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Casino Resort on November 5, 2016 during the Elders Conference. Many Elders were in attendance that had already registered for the meeting but didn't sign in for the actual Tribal Council Meeting. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for bringing us safely here today.

Thank you for watching over us in our travels.

Please watch over us wherever our final destination is today.

Bless our Elders and their families.

Bless Tribal Council and the Ogema and their families.

May our meeting and gathering be a blessing to us all.

Be with us as we go through our business today.

May it be fruitful to us.

We say a special prayer for all of our Warriors that have already served, our Veterans so that we may meet here under a freedom flying flag.

Bless all of our servicemen and women wherever they are serving. Whether they are stateside or anywhere they are in this world. Keep them out of harm's way.

Bring them home to a grateful Nation and to their families who are serving with them.

Through our Creator's name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m.

Speaker Johnson noted that in absence of Councilor Riley they have selected Councilor Di Piazza to do the recording. Johnson asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to conduct a roll call for quorum.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Speaker Johnson said he will try to speak loud so everybody can hear.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IS; by Medacco;
supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted that the agenda for Saturday, November 5 is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 10/26/16

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
10/26/2016;** by Wabindato; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Ron Pete apologized and knows that the Speaker doesn't like it but he is going to say it anyways. Pete asked if everyone could have his attention real quick. Pete said he wanted to especially thank these Legislators because they came to him and said they can have a Council Meeting at the Elders Convention. Pete said some people can't hear and it is not only because of where they placed the microphones but because of some of the chatter that is going on here. Pete said there are people that are very interested in hearing Tribal Council do their legislation so could they be courteous to them please and allow them to do what they came here to do. Pete apologized to Tribal Council.

Speaker Johnson said to Ron Pete that is quite alright and thanked him. Johnson said Ron Pete is walking around, the General Manager, with a microphone so if there is any discussion period and they feel they want to speak on behalf of the item that is being presented they will make sure that microphone gets in front of them so they can talk and everybody else can hear. Johnson reiterated that they are still on the Tribal Council minutes and that it is still open for discussion.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted that Tribal Council minutes for 10/26/16 are filed.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the Environmental Protection Agency-Water Quality Program Budget, Program #4446 in the amount of \$47,000**

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

Speaker Johnson said he believed that their Natural Resource people are here to respond and talk about this and/or answer questions. Johnson said he invites them to come forward.

Allison Smart, Environmental Coordinator of the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Smart said today they bring forward a budget modification to their Water Quality Program Budget. Smart said this is due to this grant being extended, a no cost extension, from U.S. EPA and it is for a total of \$47,000 that had to be moved due to that no cost extension so that money can be spent down. Smart said it will assist in equipment repair, travel, and education outreach.

Speaker Johnson thanked Allison Smart. Johnson asked if there were any questions and/or a motion on this item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1105-331;
 APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-64,
 AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE EPA WATER
 QUALITY PROGRAM BUDGET, PROGRAM #4446 IN THE
 AMOUNT OF \$47,000; 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- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #16-1105-331 is passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure for Lodging during the 2016 Elder Committee Conference

Expenditure is in the approved Elder Committee Budget 1080 and requires a requisition to be completed not to exceed \$15,000.

Speaker Johnson said he guessed they are going to pay for it. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

**MOTION TO THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #16-1105-332;
 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR LODGING DURING THE
 2016 ELDERS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE; by Lewis; supported
 by Burger.**

Speaker Johnson said it was open for discussion but should have asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he sees there is a hand out there.

Ron Pete said first of all he wanted to thank them for doing that otherwise he thought to keep everybody happy he was going to have to max out every credit card he owns so he appreciates them doing that. Pete said their apologies for getting it in so late. Pete thanked them again.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #16-1105-332 is passed.

Speaker Johnson thanked Ron Pete for the apology and said they appreciated it.

2. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure for Meals provided during the 2016 Elder Committee Conference

Expenditure is in the approved Elder Committee Budget 1080 and requires a requisition to be completed not to exceed \$16,500.

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

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION #16-1105-333; APPROVAL OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR MEALS PROVIDED DURING THE 2016 ELDERS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said there is no food out here yet.

Councilor Burger asked if the food was good.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #16-1105-333 is passed and everybody will have lunch.

3. Authorization for Councilor Di Piazza to travel and attend Tribal Consultation Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 14-16, 2016

The Tribal Leaders have been invited to consultations to discuss how the Federal Government can better account for, integrate Tribal views, on future infrastructure decisions throughout the country.

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

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he was just going to explain this is for consultation. Di Piazza said they have a work session Monday to see all what they would like to discuss at these. Di Piazza said the government and the BIA

and such or even the Core of Engineers have not been consulting with the Tribes on a lot of things and they probably need somebody there to sit with them face to face.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other discussions and/or a motion on this item.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE BUDGETED ITEM FOR COUNCILOR DI PIAZZA TO TRAVEL TO THE TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA ON NOVEMBER 14-16; by Burger; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he was going to abstain.

Speaker Johnson said Councilor Di Piazza is going to abstain because he is the person travelling on this occasion and that it was open for discussion.

Councilor Burger said she just reviewed the topic matter for this particular consultation and it has to do with infrastructure. Burger said in particular, roads, and Roads Building Programs, there are several other topics of discussion. Burger said the Consultation Policy that was actually signed into law or signed into an Executive Order by a previous Administration reaches through all of the Federal Government's Programs with the exception of the Department of the Army. Burger said the Army Corp of Engineers is under no obligation to ever consult with Tribes on anything they do. Burger said however the Bureau of Indian Affairs is required to consult with the Tribes whenever they release land or take other Administrative Actions that could impact the Tribe and their surrounding community. Burger said she is glad that Councilor Di Piazza is going to go to this event and they will be formulating the Talking Points and hopefully they will be short and sweet.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted that he will be travelling.

IV. Old Business

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| A. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> September 2016 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| H. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Johnson said they do not have any reports to accept for filing under Old Business so they will move onto Section V, New Business.

Councilor Medacco said they do have something.

Speaker Johnson apologized and said they do have one, the Housing Commission for September. Johnson said of course their Recorder, normally he would ask him, Recorder Riley, because he receives the reports, and ask him if there was any action to be taken on this.

Councilor Medacco said there wasn't.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza agreed.

Speaker Johnson said there is no action so it is so noted it will be filed. Johnson said they don't need a motion to do that unless there is some action required on behalf of Tribal Council. Johnson reiterated that it is noted that the Housing Commission for September will be filed.

V. New Business

- A. Authorization to Prohibit the Allowance of Paid Time Off (PTO) Cash Out Policies at any Tribal Enterprise or Entity**
Tribal Council recognizes that employees need to utilize Paid Time Off and seeks to encourage employees to do so.

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

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #16-1105-334;
AUTHORIZATION TO PROHIBIT THE ALLOWANCE OF PAID
TIME OFF (PTO) CASH OUT POLICIES AT ANY TRIBAL
ENTERPRISE OR ENTITY;** by Lewis; 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- No	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #16-1105-334 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 9, 2016

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he has about four or five updates for them folks. Romanelli said he was talking to somebody earlier and he said he had about five updates and held up six fingers. Romanelli said that is a joke so anyway. Romanelli said recently they just purchased.....he just signed a purchase for 80 acres in Custer and that is the corner property, yes. Romanelli said that is one thing new. Romanelli said he received a call on some trespassers on their property in Muskegon in the woods there. Romanelli said that would be their 55 acre parcel. Romanelli said apparently some of the people that are out at the malls and asking for money have set up a little campsite in the woods there so they notified their Public Safety Department and that will be taken care of. Romanelli said he received a call from the Fruitport Public Safety Department who apprehended.....he doesn't know if they apprehended but they got the names and information so they are working on that. Romanelli said what else do they have. Romanelli said they have been working on the Budget for the Resort and the Government the 2016 trying to readjust the 2016 and also create the 2017 Budgets. Romanelli said that has been taking up a lot of their time. Romanelli said yesterday.....he believed it was yesterday there was a groundbreaking for the.....or Thursday for their Child Care Center here at the Interim Casino. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Director Jason Cross for his work on that project and he thinks they are moving ahead. Romanelli said it looks like the opening of the Child Care Center should happen at the first part of next year that they are working towards. Romanelli said they are also looking in and working on the Pharmacy Project and again, looking at some time next year to open the Pharmacy up and that is moving ahead as well. Romanelli said they....last week.....he is thinking it was last week they.....the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hosted the United Tribes Meeting and it was held right here and he wanted to thank everyone for their work adjusting. Romanelli said he thinks the Resort for accommodating the United Tribes Meeting. Romanelli said he thinks it went pretty well all things considered. Romanelli said at the meeting because the current President was Homer Mendoka from the Nottawaseppi Band of Ottawa or Nottawaseppi Potawatomi Band, he was not re-elected to office so they had to re-elect a President and a Vice President within the United Tribes for one year term. Romanelli said the President is now to take over that one year term is Aaron

Payment and the Vice President would be Jamie Stuck who is also from Nottawaseppi. Romanelli said he is the one that took over as Chairman of Nottawaseppi so he is now the Vice Chair. Romanelli said what else do they have and thinks that is pretty much it. Romanelli said he thinks they are good to go.

Speaker Johnson asked do they have any questions in regards to the Business Status Update that the Ogema has just presented. Johnson said they have a hand way back there.

Ron Pete asked where.

Speaker Johnson said wait a minute maybe he was waving to a friend.

Ron Pete said he has one here.

The following comments were made by a Tribal Elder that didn't state his name or give his Tribal I.D.

A Tribal Elder said he is just being kind of curious the Ogema said they.....

Speaker Johnson said please give their name and their Tribal I.D. so they can put it in their minutes, please.

Stan Bray, Tribal #2617, said he is kind of curious about the purchase that the Ogema talked about in Custer. Bray asked for what use is that land and is there a purpose for that land.

Ogema Romanelli asked Speaker Johnson if Council wanted to respond to that.

Speaker Johnson said it has to do with the purchasing of the land just recently.

Ogema Romanelli said the 80 acres in Custer. Romanelli asked if Council wanted to answer to that at all. Romanelli said he means it is picking up some property in the Custer area and it is in relationship to the property they already have there and establishing more of a base in that area if he is correct.

Speaker Johnson said that is correct and also what is in their Strategic Plan is they looked at the cemetery and it is going to give them a better access to the cemetery as they develop it. Johnson said it butts up right next to where the cemetery location is. Johnson said the price of the property was very, very good.

Stan Bray said they said that they had some trespassers in Fruitport area. Bray said now if Tribal members would they be trespassing by going to this Custer property.

Ogema Romanelli said without authorization yes they would be trespassing as well. Romanelli said in the form that this is.....what happened is they set-up little campsites and obviously there is no one that can set-up a campsite without authorization so anybody that was doing that would be trespassing.

Stan Bray said that is not what he meant by setting up a campground but he was talking about using the land for hunting or gathering or something like that.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks.....go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the Custer Property is open for hunting and the only thing is.....the only restriction is they need to be a hundred feet he believed away from the cemetery and they cannot for gathering and such not dig any holes. Di Piazza said that would be the Custer Property.

Stan Bray said okay and thanked them.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he doesn't know how that works down there.

Speaker Johnson said they are still in the Business Status Updates and asked if there were any other questions.

Ron Pete said okay he has one right here.

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, asked the Ogema if he could expand on the property and she doesn't know if she has missed it or not but the property that they are going to be building homes on. Thull asked how does that work are they developing a plan or are they putting in roads and everything. Thull said then are they contracting the homes to be built and then are they selling the homes. Thull said she was just wondering how....what is.....what are they actually doing with the land. Thull asked how much of the work are they doing.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Susan Thull for asking. Romanelli said what they are doing is.....and she is talking about.....what Susan Thull is talking about is they have 120 acre parcel in the Fruitport area, again, it is not the original 233 acres but another one that is about two miles to....he would say southeast if he is gathering it right. Romanelli said they purchased it from Fruitport Schools. Romanelli said they have been working on putting together a Housing Plan for 300 houses in that area for Economic Development reasons. Romanelli said the houses are a three are.....basically three different types of houses which can go from a one bedroom to a four or five bedroom if he remembers correctly. Romanelli said the intent is that they will develop the houses in a Three Phase Plan which would be a 100 houses at a time. Romanelli said the First Phase they will start, as a matter of fact, they are starting to clear the land here very shortly and they will act as basically the owner and general contractor. Romanelli said they will work with a contractor to have the houses

built and it is their intent to sell them and make a profit. Romanelli said there will be some....there is some wording in there where Tribal members will get some kind of a discount if they choose to want to buy some of the houses if he is correct.

Susan Thull asked will they be selling lots at all if somebody wanted to build a home there themselves. Thull asked again will they be selling lots at all or is it all going to be done 100 at a time by the contractor that they have hired.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, he believed there not going to be the opportunity to sell lots individually.

Susan Thull said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said there will not or they will. Romanelli said there will not.

Susan Thull asked are they using several contractors or is it just going to be one contractor for.....

Ogema Romanelli said they have one general contractor that they will be using and then there will be sub-contractors under them as a normal project would be, yes.

Susan Thull asked so will they be putting in the.....they will be putting in the roads.

Ogema Romanelli responded yes. Romanelli said all the roads and the clearing of the land will all be.....they will be doing that as well sub-contracting it out or contracting it out.

Susan Thull said so they will still be going through the City or the Village or whoever for the inspections and all of that.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Susan Thull said okay and thanked the Ogema.

Councilor Medacco said to Susan Thull he just wanted to comment to that also. Medacco said also through this whole process when they go and do the clearing and the infrastructure it is his understanding that Fruitport, the township itself, is going to reimburse them for their costs. Medacco said in that way there really is no cost to the Tribe but it is going to be a cost to the community down there because they are in such need of housing down there for the Fruitport School area. Medacco said so they will be getting reimbursed for everything they put in there for the infrastructure.

Ron Pete asked if there was anybody else.

Speaker Johnson said he would like to build onto that question also. Johnson said the Ogema shared very well what is happening in the Fruitport area and Councilor Medacco also backed up about some of the activities at the Fruitport but they are also for Aki. Johnson said they are looking at.....the Council and the Executive side are looking at a 184 Loan Process in which they are looking at building ten more additional homes and if it goes well they go on and build another ten homes on a 184 Loan in which it is going to be open to Tribal members. Johnson said so they are expanding the Aki opportunity for people to move in and have homes that they can own themselves at the end of the day. Johnson said that is a plan that they are moving forward on and it is very exciting. Johnson said they got a lot of support from Council and from the Housing Department to move forward in this area.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the question on the Custer Property in the Hunting Regs under closed area the Custer Property is closed within 100 feet of any land used for a cemetery no holes of any kind can be dug on the Custer Property for purposes of harvesting. Di Piazza said so it is open for hunting, trapping and gathering but not just 100 feet of the cemetery.

A Tribal Elder said so in reference to that if somebody wanted.....how does this work. Tribal Elder said in reference to that about the property trespassing or no setting-up camps or anything like that but if they wanted to go there and hunt for the weekend could they actually stay there or do they got to leave every day.

Ogema Romanelli said Natural Resource.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said there are Camping Regulations and most of the lands are open but they would probably still need a permit from Natural Resources because.....

Tribal Elder asked even on Tribal land.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes. Di Piazza said the Camping Regs usually are just addressing the camp grounds behind the C-Store by the Government Center but a lot of the Tribal lands they can still camp on them but they still need a permit to camp even if they are going to probably spend the night.

Speaker Johnson said they are still in the Business Status Update. Johnson asked if there are any other Business Status Updates. Johnson said okay let them move on.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any updates in regards to Legislative Affairs.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he had one that was related to the United Tribes. Di Piazza said David Neiberg which is the Governor's right hand man brought up again that the Governor put a prize out of a million dollars for anybody that can come up with an idea to help keep the Asian Carp out of Lake Michigan. Di Piazza said he is still waiting on the information of how to send their ideas but if there are some young pups out there, some young ones that are computer savvy and stuff, run it by them because it is a million dollar prize that the Governor is putting up.

Speaker Johnson said the Ogema came to him before the meeting started and there was a Tribal member from the Belding area that expressed concern about a High School Team using Redskin as their logo. Johnson said he knows that Council has passed a resolution opposing those kinds of logos and what he will do for the next meeting on November 9th he will get that resolution and make sure it is presented in Public Comments so them folks if they get on the computer they will see the resolution that they passed a few years ago in regards to this issue. Johnson said he thinks they have not changed and is sure they have not changed. Johnson said if they did change they would have to do it by resolution. Johnson asked if there was anything else under Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Burger said last Saturday there was a Get Out The Vote Rally in Muskegon and she went down to attend that. Burger said Chelsea Clinton came to speak on behalf of the Democratic Candidate for President. Burger said of course some of them know her as Hillary Robin Clinton. Burger said while she was at that meeting she had about ten to fifteen minutes with Senator Stabenow and they just talked basically about some of the things that are coming up in the Budget for the benefit of Indians and she is on a Natural Resources Committee on the Senate side so the other thing they talked about briefly was the Line 5 Oil Pipeline that is going between the Straits of Mackinaw underneath the water. Burger said her office is very supportive of the Tribe's position but she didn't want to go beyond that. Burger said she did speak with Chelsea Clinton and they got about ten minutes. Burger said one of the things they talked about was the future of Indian Health Care under a new Administration and she has advised her that her mother is putting together a Transition Team that is going to be comprised of Elected Tribal Leadership. Burger said so she is looking forward to the Tribe being a part of that process at some point in the future hopefully once they know the outcome of the Election. Burger said the other thing she will say is on Tuesday if they are a registered voter please go out and cast their ballot. Burger said this Election in particular for Indian Country is probably one of the most critical Elections in the history of the United States. Burger said they have one side of the fence an individual whose policies over time on the Democratic side of the House have been conservative in regard to Indians. Burger said they have another candidate whose policies on the Republican side of the House have been downright hostile. Burger said in fact she recalls him.....the Republican Candidate testifying before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs when the Indian Gaming Regulatory was being passed and his comments about Native

Americans during that session in particular were beyond comprehension to her. Burger said what she will say about that is he has not changed his view. Burger reiterated that he has not changed his view. Burger said so as they think about the role of the United States and world politics and think about the role of President and their domestic politics in particular the politics impacting Indian Country their life and livelihood she hopes they will go to the ballot box and keep in mind what the Republican Candidate said. Burger said what he said was "*Mr. Chairman those people don't look like Indians, they don't act like Indians, they don't sound like Indians so how can they be Indians.*" Burger said it is his position that there aren't any left in the United States because they all look like everybody else apparently. Burger said so cast their vote. Burger said polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Burger said let them put a good person in the White House who is going to support Indian Country's agenda. Burger thanked them.

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

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to let the Elders know next month in December he will be on travel. Medacco said he will be out in Palm Springs, California representing the Tribe on three separate conferences and consultations with the Department of Justice on Domestic Violence. Medacco said not just in Indian.....that affects Indian Country and the lack of funding that the Tribes get throughout the country and jurisdictions. Medacco reiterated that he will be out there representing the Tribe and just being a voice for the people when it comes to Domestic Violence and when it comes to their women and their children.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Medacco. Johnson said they are still in Legislative Affairs and do they have any other questions.

A Tribal Elder said through the Chair to the Council woman he does agree with her 100% but he does have a question for the Speaker. The Tribal Elder asked does the Tribal Council normally get involved in local politics and do they endorse any candidates normally or is there an avenue for doing this.

Speaker Johnson said that is a very good question. Johnson said on the seven and a half years being on Council and almost four years of being the Speaker he doesn't remember a time when they did a resolution or a motion of endorsement for an Elected Official. Johnson said that is how they act as Council is by motion or resolutions. Johnson reiterated that he doesn't remember of any at this point. Johnson said it doesn't mean that Council individually support somebody but usually for Council to act it got to be by motion or by resolution. Johnson asked anything else on Legislative.

Jacqueline Somerville, Tribal #1559, said if they are going to get political she doesn't like what was said personally but there two sides to everything and if they need more Tribal support then she feels that they need to go forward and say so.

Somerville said since they are talking about Republicans but there is a lady going....running for office who has done a lot of criminal activity. Somerville apologized and said regardless if she is Native American or not they have to think about Benghazi, they have to think about their military, there are a lot of things that are under issue here and at stake. Somerville said yeah sure a vote is important regardless whether its Republican-Democrat or other but she just can't accept what was said that's all because she is so sorry but they have a lot at stake and they have to look forward to the future for their children and grandchildren. Somerville said she is very passionate about this Election but she will not vote a criminal into office. Somerville thanked them, Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson said before they go down this road at this point he would rather say at this point enough on this issue. Johnson said all he can say is on Tuesday that is where they make their voice heard is when they vote and whether it is one side or the other he encourages them all to do their citizenship and get out there and vote. Johnson said okay and thanked them very much. Johnson asked anything else on Legislative Affairs.

C. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he would like to go into Public Comments at this point. Johnson explained Public Comments is open to the public to address issues outside of Legislative Affairs and outside of the Business Update. Johnson asked if there were any Public Comments.

Ron Pete said right here.

Speaker Johnson said they have a hand right here down in front.

Ron Pete said he's got it. Pete said he is going as fast as he can.

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, said this is just a comment. Thull said they are going to be heading into their own Elections and she would really like to see more attention paid to who they are electing. Thull said she feels like a lot of times they vote by name or just look at it and check it off. Thull said she thinks that they need to know more about the people that are running. Thull said she would encourage all of those that running to put together something that will tell a little bit about what.....what they.....about themselves. Thull said she talked about this on Face Book a lot last Election period and people did start giving a little bit more information about themselves and that was very encouraging. Thull said she knows that their Ogema had sent out a little letter about himself and that was the first time she knew....saw this and it was like it endeared him to her. Thull said she was thinking he has gone through these kind of struggles and he has done this and done that. Thull said she didn't know that because.....Larry as a friend....they look at him and he's up there talking and....he gives them a little bit of insight but not much about personal.....because he talking about the Tribe

but just get some of those insights was nice. Thull said she would like to know the people that she is voting for so she would encourage those that running to tell them what their work history is, tell them what some of their beliefs are, tell what some of the circumstances that they lived through and overcome, she personally likes somebody that has come from here.....up to here.....she likes someone that has some struggles and lived some life, okay, so she would just encourage those that are running for office to let the people know actually who they are and what they can bring. Thull said not everyone says "*Oh, I want to make the Tribe better*" well yeah right, come on, tell them what they want to do, okay, a lot of people have run on communication and asked has that gotten better no.....they really need to do something about getting the communication but tell them how they are going to do it then let them hold them to that. Thull said there is a lot of promises made and she shouldn't say a lot of promises there are some promises made that haven't been fulfilled. Thull said she thinks they should hold their people accountable....let them see some of the things they do and when....if they are on the board or on the Council now and they are running tell them what they have worked on. Thull said people are so concerned with how many workshops they have attended but sometimes they are off doing something here somewhere else. Thull said she means they could be working anywhere. Thull said they don't have to be right there in that office or right there in that work shop sometimes....they are going and talking to other Leaders of other Tribes and their getting information here and getting information there....they talking to....officials in the government.....so tell them what they are doing and what they have done for them, okay. Thull asked if she was running out of time. Thull said her sister is telling her she is running out of time. Thull said another thing that she really would like to see is a Meet and Greet with the ones that are going to be running. Thull said she doesn't think they had anything the last time and before the Elders have held a.....what's the word.....they know.....when they had them up.....*thanked the person who yelled out Candidate Forum*. Thull said she is starting to get dementia. Thull reiterated a Candidate Forum and thanked the person again. Thull said she thinks that should be monitored.....by someone that doesn't have any interest in running or before they had the Elders do it and they had the one that Glenn Zaring did what was it.....someone else did it too before she thinks.....but anyways she thinks they should have some Candidates Forums and record them and put them on so that everyone can know who is running.....the people that are out in Arizona and California and Texas.....they should be able to know who they are voting for too. Thull said that is her only comment and thanked them.

Speaker Johnson thanked Susan Thull. Johnson said they are still in Public Comments.

Ron Pete asked anyone. Pete said to Speaker Johnson that he thinks that is it. Speaker Johnson said at this point what time is it.

Ron Pete answered it is 11:00.

Speaker Johnson repeated 11:00. Johnson said he will entertain a motion to adjourn their Council Meeting at 11:00 but before he does that their next Council Meeting will be November 9 he believed on Wednesday and they have some follow-up items. Johnson reiterated at this point, at 11:00, he will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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