

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 9, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Boo Battice, Tribal member, offered the Opening Prayer.

First of all I would like to ask the Creator of all from beginning to end to stand in this room with us and help us make the right decisions as there are processes that we must follow to try to better our future generations.

We all know tomorrow, there is always a tomorrow, it never really comes.

Let's worry about today and hopefully it betters tomorrow.

Thank you.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Boo Battice, Jason Cross, Jennifer Crampton, Tom St. Dennis, Diane Lonn, Robert Medacco, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jewrick, Mike Snyder, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Jason Holguin, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Shayne Machen, Joseph Genia.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAS; UNDER SECTION V, NEW BUSINESS, ADD A; AND UNDER SECTION VII, CLOSED SESSION, C. BIDS & CONTRACTS, ADD 8 AND 9; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted that Grace Hendler submitted electronic copy to everybody for their Council Meeting that they hosted Saturday but it is not here for approval but it will be available at their next meeting.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Government to Government (G2G) IRR Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$6,020**

The Tribe has received additional funding.

Speaker Johnson said he believed Bill Willis.....no he is not. Johnson said this is just acceptance of funds for the Roads Program in the amount of \$6,020. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1109-335;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO
GOVERNMENT (G2G) IRR PROGRAM AND APPROVING A**

MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-65 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,020; by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #2

J. Riley -	Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1109-335 is passed.

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Amending the CFDC Operations Budget, Program #1010-173 in the amount of \$110,000 in order to Supplement the Child & Family Development Construction Budget, Program #8012

Additional expenses related to the remodel of the Interim Casino to accommodate the Child & Family Development Center.

Jason Cross, Director of the Family Services Department, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is a budget modification to move some money that will not be utilized this year from the Child & Family Development Center Operations Budget into its Construction Budget in the amount of \$110,000.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1109-336; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-66, AMENDING THE CFDC OPERATIONS BUDGET, PROGRAM #1010-173 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000 IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT THE CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET, PROGRAM #8012; by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #3

J. Riley -	Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1109-336 is passed.

3. **Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Amending the Members Assistance Budget, Program #1080-137 in the amount of \$150,000 in order to Supplement the Child & Family Development Construction Budget, Program #8012**
Additional expenses related to the remodel of the Interim Casino to accommodate the Child & Family Development Center.

Jason Cross, Director of the Family Services Department, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is another budget modification asking to move the \$150,000 dollars from the Members Assistance Budget into the Child & Family Development Center Construction Budget.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1109-337; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-67, AMENDING THE MEMBERS ASSISTANCE BUDGET, PROGRAM #1080-137 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT THE CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET, PROGRAM #8012; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Recorder Riley asked what line item is this coming out of in the Members Assistance Budget.

Jason Cross replied that this is coming out of the Elders Insurance Budget. Cross said there is an overall savings projected this year of over \$470,000 so there is still going to be a significant portion left over at the end of the year so.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other questions on this item or discussion.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1109-337 is passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

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

Speaker Johnson said they have two reports submitted to them, the Financial Report and the Binojeeuk Commission Reports. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there is any action that they have to require on those two reports.

Recorder Riley answered no.

Speaker Johnson said okay with that said let it be noted that those reports will be filed and they can move on. Johnson said they are still looking for the Operations Report, and believed they did receive that electronically did they not.

Recorder Riley replied yes.

Speaker Johnson said so that will be next week. Johnson said the Health Commission, Natural Resource, Commerce and Tribal Government Preference Report.

V. New Business

- A. Adoption of Land-Use Guidelines for Tribal Lands, Designating Certain Tribal Lands as Restricted to Non-member and Member use**

This resolution will restrict access to properties with specific Strategic uses i.e. commercial, residential, etc.

Councilor Di Piazza said just so the membership knows this is the housing development down in Muskegon and also the Race Track or Muskegon Property and the Blueberry Fields. Di Piazza said the construction is starting down there soon and that is it.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1109-338; ADOPTION OF LAND-USE GUIDELINES FOR TRIBAL LANDS DESIGNATING CERTAIN TRIBAL LANDS AS RESTRICTED TO NON-MEMBER AND MEMBERS USE; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1109-338 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 16, 2016**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli said he just has a few items this morning. Romanelli said they had their Elders Conference that was held at the Resort last weekend and it seemed to turn out okay. Romanelli said there was pretty good attendance there and he thinks they wanted to pass on a thanks to the Council for holding their Council Meeting on Saturday. Romanelli said they have a couple.....they are still working on their 2016-2017 Budget for the Government and getting the numbers from the Resort. Romanelli said they are trying to make sure they come in with the most reasonable numbers so that continues. Romanelli said they have a couple of donation requests or requests for volunteers that he passed onto Council. Romanelli said one of them is a volunteers for December 10th which is to support Standing Rock and that has been passed on. Romanelli said he also has a hard copy if they need it. Romanelli said then there is another donation request which he passed on regarding help of the Tribe at Standing Rock with some of the issues that they are doing with the fight against the pipeline so that is all he has today. Romanelli said he thinks they have someone here to represent that last donation he spoke of so.

Speaker Johnson asked if there are any questions on Business Updates.

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to make a comment. Medacco said with the Election last night that their Tribe is in a unique position because they have one of their Lobbyists who was actually with the now President Trump last night. Medacco said that he was with him and the Trump Team in New York so the Trump could be in a good position and that would be the Lobbyists that has Presidential ties.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other Business Updates.

Ogema Romanelli said he got some information from the Political Insider Newsletter that basically said the same thing that this Lobbying Firm that they

have had ties to both candidates so they are in a kind of unique position so hopefully it is helpful as they move forward.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other Business Updates.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any Legislative Updates.

Councilor Crampton said there was an Election last night and they have a new President. Crampton said that is about it and he is still in shock a little bit but they got a new President.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any Legislative Updates.

Recorder Riley said also the Republicans maintain the majority in the House and in the Senate so there is that also.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any Legislative Updates.

Councilor Burger said she doesn't know if this is the place for her to do her update.

Speaker Johnson said they will get to that because he knows what she is going to say. Johnson said he wants to also say what Recorder Riley said in regards to at the State level as well the House and the Senate was still retained by the Republican Party. Johnson said there hasn't been that much change as well so they have both the Federal and State level unchanged at the House.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to add as much as a lot of people are in shock or surprised by this thing it is not really uncommon after a party holds the Presidency for eight years for everything to flip over. Riley said it is pretty much the status quo so.

Speaker Johnson said this part he is going to turn over to Councilor Burger.

Councilor Burger thanked the Speaker. Burger said on November 7th she tendered the following letter to the Chair of the Election Board and she would like to read that letter if she may. Burger read *"Dear Madame Chair, I write to inform the Election Board that with a mix of sadness yet happiness due to recent changes in my life take me into a new direction that she resign from her seat as a Nine County Representative on the Tribal Council effective November 18th, 2016. It is indeed my pleasure to inform the Board that on October 23rd, 2016 I was married and this change has brought a new dimension into my life as my spouse works in Cairo, Egypt. After considerable discussion we have determined that in the interest of family and their new marriage I will relocate to Egypt where he resides*

at this time. I am certain Creator has a new direction for my life guiding me in this change. I leave the Little River Band with a great sense of accomplishment for the many years of service I have had the privilege to give my people. I know there is more work to do. Perhaps with the decision it is Creator's manner of telling me it is time for new ideas and perspectives to rise in the form of a new person to fill the seat that I will vacate. I am sad to leave yet hopeful that a new creative voice will immerge with vision and creativity to lead in a new direction, our Nation. I wish to thank those who voted me into office and your trust has been humbling. I also wish those who come after me the best in their role as Leader and Legislator. (Burger spoke in Anishinabemowin) all of my relations Wiingaasiin, I will see you again. Jessica Steinberg

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Burger.

C. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said that moves them now into Public Comments and at this point he will entertain any Tribal member to come forward with their I.D. Johnson said at this point they are ready to accept those comments.

Ogema Romanelli asked if it was okay for their guest who made the donation request and he doesn't know what has transpired between Council and the person making the request to speak on that donation.

Speaker Johnson said normally it is Tribal members but yes, they can invite him to come forward to make that request.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Joseph Genia said Aanii.

Speaker Johnson said to Joseph Genia to please come to the microphone over there.

Joseph Genia asked if these lights mean stuff over here.

Speaker Johnson said there he goes.

Joseph Genia asked again if these lights mean stuff over here like quit talking when it becomes red. Genia said Joe Genia then spoke in Anishinaabemowin. Genia said he is from the _____ in South Dakota. Genia said he is also a member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa people. Genia said he has a membership card. Genia said being of two different Indian Nations sometimes as he comes to one group to the other that seems to be a problem but his mom and dad got along okay. Genia said she is a Sioux Indian and his father is a Grand River Band Indian. Genia said he has been to Standing Rock this past month and he is going

back to Standing Rock and will be there from the end of November until the beginning of December. Genia said now because he is half Sioux the people from his mother's reservation which is called the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. Genia said the people are Niobrara Sioux and Saante Sioux, those are the Bands that live on the ____ Reservation. Genia said they have a camp in Standing Rock and he knows many of them are not familiar with the way of a Sioux Encampment works but each of the Sioux Bands has an area where they take care of their own folks. Genia said they are self-sufficient within themselves because the Band, people within the Band, try to take care of them. Genia said the other day his niece called and the ____ people had five teepees sitting there and they took two of them, they marched, and took them down in front of the pipeline and set them up. Genia said they got torn down and burned and the one teepee that didn't get burnt was completely shredded. Genia said somebody had taken a knife and shredded the whole thing from the top to the bottom so they couldn't use it anymore. Genia said his request for them is that they could take and help Standing Rock and they could send some money to the Tribal Council in Standing Rock and that is all well and good. Genia said there are also a lot of Go Fund Me pages. Genia said when he was there he was privileged to stand on the front line and he was also privileged to sit with the Council because of his being the President of the Ottawa people. Genia said so he talked to the Ottawa people and the Sioux Council and they said the day he was there were a 132 Go Fund Me pages and no one saw any money. Genia said there were people at Indian Organizations like Pow Wows in South Dakota that were raising money for Standing Rock and they were not receiving anything. Genia said the day he was there they were trying to buy some bales of hay so they could line them up and make a wall for a wind break. Genia said this is at the whole Standing Rock Camp but the monies that are donated to Standing Rock Sioux via the Tribal Council that is well and good and fine that they are helping them but for the people in the camp to get that money out of the Tribal Council they have to make an appropriations to the Council and wait for the Council to meet. Genia said the Council then has to decide if the appropriation is right and he understands that process but winter is coming on the prairie and it snows out there by Thanksgiving. Genia said it is cold in the winter time and can get 40 below. Genia said he has been there when if they don't start their car up and they got out and try to start their car the hoses are cracked and the fan belt will crack because it is so cold. Genia said these Sioux Indian people are intent on living out there on the plains in the winter time because the pipeline knows that winter is coming and as soon as the people go home when it too cold they are going to put the pipeline through. Genia said the water is necessary because it is their only fresh source of water. Genia said if there is a leak in the pipeline it will run down the whole side of the reservation and it will destroy their fresh water source. Genia said the pipeline says it is safe but if it was safe they would have ran it through Bismarck which is a large populated area but in the documents that he has seen so far the reason they didn't run it North of Bismarck or through Bismarck was because if the pipe leaked it would damage or would cause a large community to be affected. Genia said so they didn't want to run it North of Bismarck because

of the potential for it leaking and damaging the water supply of the large population in Bismarck, North Dakota. Genia said there is very few Indian people live in Bismarck and it is the Capital of the State primarily white people are living there. Genia said he can understand them being concerned for their water but there is less people on the reservation and they are poor. Genia said they can't fight back except to stand there and let themselves get sprayed but it is not the pipeline, it's not the water that is the main issue for them. Genia said the main issue for them is that the burning of fossil fuels is bad science. Genia said the continuing to burn fossil fuels will destroy all of them. Genia said it is destroying the air and its destroying the water. Genia said 20 years ago he read in the paper that out of Lake Michigan they can't eat but one meal of fish a week and they recommended that women and children not eat any. Genia reiterated 20 years ago or 1981 this was in the paper. Genia said it is still that way today. Genia said the State of Michigan doesn't care if they invite people from Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to come here and to fish and to eat all the fish they want but they don't tell them about this restriction because the fish are poisoned in the water. Genia said if they weren't the Health Department wouldn't have put out the warning. Genia said because of the fossil fuels and the damage it is doing to the environment it is the intention that the Standing Rock Sioux where does it start and when do they start to wean themselves off of fossil fuels. Genia said that is the main thing that they are trying to get out. Genia said they don't hear.....because of the internet and news black-out on the area they don't hear that message trying to come out but he will tell them from attending the Council Meetings they are wondering when is it going to start. Genia said they are saying that the bees are telling them, the polar bears are telling them, the plants are telling them that it is killing them and there are a lot of health organizations around the world that will attest to the fact that the burning of fossil fuels is killing them. Genia said so that is the point they are trying to get out and he is trying to help them get that point out. Genia said his request is to help the Lake Traverse Encampment..... ____ Encampment mainly because that is where his brothers and sisters and his grandchildren along with nieces and nephews are at. Genia said although he lives here in Michigan he is still concerned. Genia said when they burned.....they had five tents they were living in, their group, and they burnt two of them down when they put them in front of the pipelines so they only got three left that they got to try and stay the winter in. Genia said when the ____ Camp got there in April all the provisions that they brought at that time have been used up and the only thing they are surviving on now is families from the reservation coming there and bringing them stuff. Genia said he comes today because as a Grand River Ottawa person and having been the Leader of the Ottawa Nation in the past he knows the generosity of the Grand River Band people and he knows that they will see the struggle and help. Genia said in 1972 when they....the Sioux Indian people were in Wounded Knee and they couldn't get their message out because the press.....because the Army and Bureau of Indian Affairs Police had them surrounded and they couldn't get nothing in or they couldn't get nothing out. Genia said a lot of them are too young to remember '72 but an airplane came in and it broke the ring that the FBI had

around the place and the airplane brought food and medicine to the Sioux people there at Wounded Knee. Genia said that airplane came from the Grand River Band. Genia said he had gone to Mennard's and he got some information on some pellet stoves and the reason he chose pellet stoves is because wood is hard to find on the prairie and if they could get their wood in 40 pound bags that would be a lot easier to find. Genia said this particular pellet stove that he researched can burn more than one fuel and doesn't only burn pellets but it can burn corn cobs, compressed bio-mass and has it has a number of fuels that it can burn so they won't be stuck with one. Genia said the other is he needs help in getting some winterized....well he needs help in getting some teepees with liners so that they could stay out on the plains and with the stove help them stay a little easier. Genia said it is not a question of rather they get this material or not whether they will stay or not they are going to stay. Genia said he is just trying to make it easier for them to stay this particular group. Genia said the ten thousand dollars that Sault Ste. Marie sent out there the other day to the Tribal Council that is all well and good and again, he is not saying anything bad about the Council or anything like that but the Sioux Encampments they go and he knows none of them are familiar with their set-up. Genia said they are set-up in such a fashion that they monitor each other. Genia said the people who are coming out there who are not Sioux Indian people, non-Indian people who want to help, they sit in a general camp and then all the Sioux people then go from their camps out to help those folks. Genia said initially the Sioux individual camps are responsible for themselves and that is why he asks for the Lake Traverse Reservation Camp to be supported. Genia said if they took ten thousand dollars and this is just an example and got stoves and got teepees and took them to this camp they know these people are going to stay and they are helping them stay. Genia said that helps the organization or that helps the cause because if they throw money at it and to help as many.....help the people that are out there, the non-Indian people that are there to feed them and to take care of all the trash fortifies everything else well them guys do Pow Wows and they know how public things happen there is a lot of cost. Genia said so the people that are coming they come out for a weekend or four or five days but they don't come out prepared to stay the night and they don't realize how cold it gets on the plains. Genia said they are unprepared for the three or four they come. Genia said the donations that do come in for the whole group for food, firewood, those people who come temporarily build big fires and the hoop and holler around out there and have these fires going till all hours of the night then when they leave the wood is gone. Genia said then they have to scrounge wood just to try and keep them going for the rest of the week until another donation can come. Genia said so there are little problems like that that he has seen out there that he has listened to the Council talk about. Genia said so he is requesting that they look into these pellet stoves and they can be used indoors and also the cost of his brother's tent along with the poles, pins, and the ropes was a little over \$2,500 so that is \$2,500 for one tent and about \$2,300 for the stove and some pellets, the stove pipes and the fire mats that they put under the stoves to block the heat but he doesn't know the name of it right now. Genia said so if they help this one Band, if they help his brothers and sisters out there,

that Band is going to stay there as he said. Genia said he is just asking them to help them stay there better this winter than they would if they have to continue to do on their own. Genia said his going back and forth to South Dakota costs him around \$1,500 a trip and he is not asking for any money for himself but when he takes his truck and he goes through South Dakota if they can work this out here to go to Mennard's and pick these stoves up. Genia said they also need like jackets, gloves, and the things they brought in April like he said are not lasting them through the.....going to last them through the winter. Genia said Mennard's has clothing there and if they got like a gift card or a money card they can track this money. Genia said it is not that they are going to give him this money and he is going to go out there and they are not going to see him anymore. Genia said he doesn't want any help but he is asking for them. Genia said he could go to Aberdeen, South Dakota and pick the stoves up and move them onto the reservation two or three at a time if he can because the reason he has to go through South Dakota and through the southern part to the protest is because in North Dakota the State Police have the access cut off. Genia said there was a guy going in there with some canoes the other day and they stopped him and confiscated all them canoes because he thinks they charged him with conspiracy to stop a federal project and they took his stuff. Genia said so they are going to have to try and sneak this stuff on and he is sure his cousins and his brothers are used to sneaking things on the reservation anyways so he thinks they can get them past. Genia said because of his unique position as the President of the Ottawa people he told that Council that he would come back here and ask them and so he is. Genia said this is a real effort to help a Band stay there, to help someone stay there, that is going to be there and he just asks them to help these young people not have it so hard by providing them stoves. Genia said they lost two of their tents the other day and they only have three that they are trying to live in. Genia said the government is making it as hard as they can well if they have to smuggle things on the reservation it is pretty hard. Genia said the information is not getting out and the times are hard there. Genia said they even have to go out and get bottled water just to sustain the camps so everything has to be brought in. Genia said so he will leave this packet from Mennard's so that they can see what it is that he has researched out and why. Genia said for those of them who don't know him he got some articles out of the Muskegon Chronicle last week when he worked with Robert ____ and he worked with him getting that airplane together. Genia said he got a letter from Rose Shalifoe that she sent out to the people asking them for help to do this. Genia said this was of course before they were Federally Recognized and had all this stuff here but he has some of these copies of this newspaper article that he will also leave here so that they can see who he is for those of them that don't know who he is. Genia said so they need clothes but if they could get it through a department store or from Mennard's that would be fine and they could go there to pick the stuff up, they need stoves, they need pellets and they need tents anything that they could help them with that he could get through there and he can make sure it gets through to the ____ Camp. Genia said that would be greatly appreciated. Genia said he will take any questions they have now either on his claim of being the President of the Ottawa people or what

he learned at the camp or if they are interested in how a Sioux Indian Camp sets-up he tell them if they have any questions.

Speaker Johnson said at this point he entertain both the audience and Council on the questions.

Joseph Genia said well he thanks them for their time and he hoped he has made himself clear enough for them to understand the gibberish because he is not a very good public speaker. Genia reiterated that he hopes he made himself clear. Genia thanked them again.

Speaker Johnson said he wanted to say that he felt his heart in his discussion, his passion on behalf of the Standing Rock people in this issue that is going on that impacts all Tribal members in their sovereignty and it is very important.

Comments were being made from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said to Joseph Genia Miigwech for coming and speaking. Di Piazza said it is always great to hear him speak, Miigwech.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion and this is 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.

MOVE TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION AT 10:39; by Riley;
supported by Medacco.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 2:04 p.m.

MOVE TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 2:04; by Riley; supported
by Lewis.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOVE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION; RESOLUTION #16-0120-021, #16-0120-022, #16-0217-047, #16-0217-051, #16-0427-124, #16-0427-125, #16-0427-126, #16-0504-131, #16-0518-146, #16-0622-180, #16-0622-183, #16-0810-233, #16-0817-241, #16-0907-259, #16-0907-263, #16-16-0907-264, #16-0907-266, #16-1109-343, #16-1109-344, AND #16-1109-345, #16-1109-347; by Riley; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the items are moved.

The following resolutions, motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0120-021, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GAMING COMMISSION INVESTIGATE WHETHER TRIBAL LAWS ARE BEING FOLLOWED; by Medacco; supported by Crampton.

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

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0120-022,
 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GAMING COMMISSION TO
 INVESTIGATE WHETHER ANY ALLEGATIONS LISTED IN
 THE ATTACHED COMPLAINT WERE PERPETRATED
 AGAINST THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT;** by Crampton;
 supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0217-047,
 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR INTERNAL CONTROL
 ASSESSMENT;** by Burger; supported by Crampton.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0217-051,
 APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR ANALYTICAL
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES;** by Riley; supported by Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0427-124,
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA AND TRIBAL PHYSICIAN TO
 EXECUTE THE PROVIDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
 PHYSICIAN GROUP PRACTICE PARTICIPATION
 AGREEMENT AND THE PHYSICIAN GROUP PRACTICE**

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS COVERING HMO, PPO,
MEDICAID, AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE;** by Medacco;
supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0427-125,
APPROVAL OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAMBRIDGE
RESEARCH CONSULTANTS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR
OGEMA TO SIGN THE SERVICES AGREEMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$159.622.00;** by Riley; supported by
Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0427-126,
APPROVING TIRBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF LETTER OF
INTENT WITH PLEVA INTERNATIONAL;** by Riley; supported by
Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

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

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0518-146,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE END USER
AGREEMENT FOR AGGREGATION SERVICES FOR TRIBAL
HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED DATA EXCHANGE
AGREEMENT AND HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE
AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE;** by Burger;
supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0622-180,
APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE TO ESTABLISH \$5,000,000
REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK;**
by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0622-183,
AUTHORIZATION OF LETTER AGREEMENT WITH
REHMANN TO COMPLETE THE FY 2015 401K AUDIT;** by Riley;
supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0810-233,
 AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO COMPLETE THE 80 ACRE
 CUSTER PROPERTY PURCHASE ON BEHALF OF THE LITTLE
 RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS;** by Burger; supported by
 Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0817-241,
 AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION TRANSFER OF \$1,550,000.00
 TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTING IN THE
 PURCHASE OF PLEVA INTERNATIONAL INC. AND
 OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2016;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0907-259,
 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH GRAND TRAVERSE
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR INVASIVE SPECIES
 CONTROL ON MANISTEE LAKE;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes

J. Burger - Absent	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0907-263,
 APPROVAL OF LETTER AGREEMENT WITH VALLIANT
 CONSULTING TO PROVIDE LIMITED GENERAL
 CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE
 DEPARTMENT FOR 2016; by Riley; supported by Wabindato.**

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

Roll Call #C-9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0907-264,
 APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH VALLIANT
 CONSULTING TO CONDUCT JOB ANALYSIS AND JOB
 DESCRIPTION FOR 175 POSITIONS WITHIN LRBOI TRIBAL
 GOVERNMENT; by Medacco; supported by Wabindato.**

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

Roll Call #C-11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0907-266,
 AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH
 SEUNG-NI MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY TO HOLD THREE
 SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
 AWARENESS EVENTS; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #C-13

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1109-343,
APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND CARPE DIEM GAMING, INC. FOR
RECRUITMENT REFERRALS;** by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1109-344,
APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DENNIS SWAIN;** by Riley;
supported by Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-10

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1109-345,
APPROVING CONTRACT WITH FREDERICKS PEEBLES &
MORGAN, LLP;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

Roll Call #C-11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1109-347,
RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH VSP, INCLUDING
ACCEPTANCE OF PRICING FOR CONTRACT/COVERAGE
BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018;**
by Riley; supported by Wabindato

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

Roll Call #C-13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Johnson noted during the November 5, 2016 Meeting that he would follow-up with the resolutions passed in regards to Team Logos. Those resolutions are attached to these minutes.

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

Speaker Johnson asked from today's meeting is there any items that they need to bring from Closed to Open. Johnson said to Recorder Riley that he just read off those from the sheet.

Recorder Riley replied that he moved out.....

Councilor Medacco asked today's.

Speaker Johnson said from today's here.

Councilor Burger said yeah he just read them all off.

Recorder Riley said he just moved all of it.

Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked him. Johnson asked anything else then. Johnson said at this point then he will entertain a motion to adjourn second open at 2:0.....then called on Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said they just had somebody walk in and the rules are suspended so see if he's got something to say and he is just throwing it out there.

A person in the audience asked if they were talking to him. The person said he just wanted to let them guys know that he guessed there was an issue with the boats that he had just purchased.

Matthew Stone, Tribal #1736, said his name and I.D. Stone said with the boats that he had purchased and it is not anything that.....he is trying to get it dealt with as fast as he can. Stone said the issue is this time of year there is a lot of boats being moved around and none of the Marinas is locally and don't want to have anything to do with moving them and so he has to contact a few outside companies to try and get them up here to move these things. Stone said some of these companies are booked well into December and he is waiting for a lady to

get back with him today on a cancellation to see if the cancellation.....and she can get them moved faster for him. Stone said it is not an issue of money or issue anything like that these are steel boats that take a special trailer, and hydraulic lift trailer to get them out of there and he is trying to get it done in a timely manner. Stone said trust him he would like to have them in the water and up in the U.P. and working on the one fishing and the other right now. Stone said they know and he is just trying to get it done and he wanted to let them guys know that. Stone said if there is an issue with it he guessed they will have to go from there. Stone said like he said he has contacted some companies from down in Florida all the way into Ohio.....and hopefully Boat Logistics out of Ludington hopefully they can get him squeezed in real fast to get them done. Stone said reiterated that he just wanted to let them guys know that.

Councilor Medacco said okay and thanked him.

Councilor Crampton said he appreciates him letting them know but he thinks the Ogema is the one who oversees the property and asked if he shared it with him.

Matthew Stone said yeah he contacted him and left him a message Monday and he will get someone to commit to it then they will call back saying they can't make it up here for two more weeks.....for the permitting because they have to have a special permit to get across Mackinaw Bridge and then he asked them that he don't even care about them moving them that far and if he could just get the one in the water here he will drive it there and get the other one to a storage unit ten miles down the road. Stone said so she is supposed to be getting back with him about that and he means he is trying to get them out of there and get them moved. Stone said it not nothing like he is blowing it off money is not an issue because he has the money to move them. Stone said anything like that is not an issue the issue is getting a company here with a trailer big enough. Stone said one of the problems is that the weight wasn't on one of the titles or two of the titles so knowing the weight for them....when he tells them and he calls them so they have to find a trailer big enough with guesstimation. Stone said he had two people come and look and they can't do it. Stone said they told him they can't get their trailer in there so he means with the whole guessing thing is an issue but Johnson Marine.....Todd from Johnson's Marine, Supreme Marine in Ludington, he's got a boat on his trailer right now and if he can get that off he can possibly do it soon so hopefully today he is going down to see if that soon can be Friday. Stone asked if they can understand.

Speaker Johnson thanked Matthew Stone along with rest of Council. Johnson said with that said any other discussions for second open. Johnson said he will entertain a motion to adjourn second open at 2:09.

IX. Adjourn

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 2:09; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

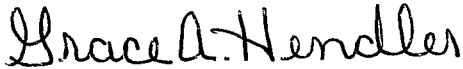
Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

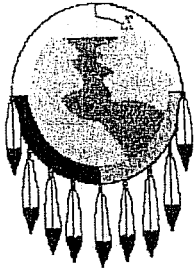
Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

ORIGINAL

Resolution # 01-04-04-08

Resolution Condemning the Use of Indian Mascots, Logos and Nicknames

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council condemns the use of Indian mascots, logos, and nicknames in any form for any purpose as being disrespectful and racist in implication and destructive of self esteem of Indian people and their children; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that continued use of Indian mascots, logos, and nicknames by professional sports teams, universities and colleges, promotes and maintains stereotypes of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by public schools within the State of Michigan and throughout the United States is a form of denigration of the self esteem, self confidence and emotional well being of students, both Indian or otherwise, by promoting stereotypes and suggesting the less than human nature of Indians;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby file and formalize its opinion and condemnation of the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by public schools in the State of Michigan and throughout the United States and urges members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to file protests, including this resolution, in all public schools requesting the school to change the Indian mascot, logo and nicknames; and

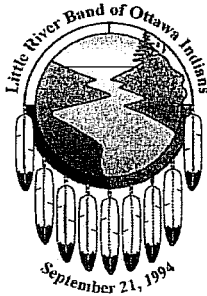
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby condemns the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by professional sports teams as denigrating the Indian community, culture and individuals.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on APRIL 4, 2000, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Lisa M. McCatty
Lisa M. McCatty, Council Recorder

Attest: Joan Spalding
Joan Spalding, Council Speaker



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
231-723-8288

Resolution # 10-0623-206

Approval for Ogema to sign United Tribes Resolution "Expressing Opposition to the Use of Native American Mascots by Public Schools and Sports teams"

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7 (a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

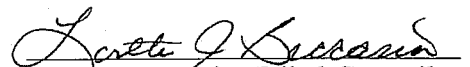
WHEREAS, the Ogema is authorized under Article V, Section 5 (3.) to manage the economic affairs, property and other interest of the Tribe, consistent with ordinances and resolution enacted by the Tribal Council; and

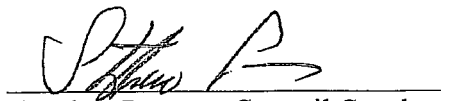
WHEREAS, the Ogema is requesting approval to sign a resolution with United Tribes of Michigan expressing opposition to the use of Native American Mascots by Public Schools and Sports teams; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Ogema to sign the agreement with United Tribes of Michigan expressing opposition to the use of Native American Mascots by Public Schools and Sports teams.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 23, 2010 at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Loretta Beccaria, Tribal Councilor


Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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