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## Upcoming Events

Elders Meal  
Aki Community  
Center  
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class  
Every Friday  
10:30am

Elder Conference  
November 5-6, 2016

2017 Membership  
Meetings  
April 8, 2017 &  
October 9, 2017

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Local: 231-723-1535

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## Save Our Sturgeon (SOS)

by Archie Martell

This fall the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service collaborated on a new project to protect one of Michigan's most unique and oldest fish the lake sturgeon while controlling one of the States most destructive species the sea lamprey. Each year, rivers throughout the Great Lakes are chemically treated with the lampicide TFM (3-trifluoromethyl- 4'-nitrophenol) to kill larvae of the invasive and parasitic sea lamprey. These treatments are crucial to keeping sea lamprey populations in check and have greatly decreased their predation on many fish like salmon, trout, whitefish, and even adult sturgeon. Lake sturgeon occupy some of the rivers that are chemically treated to kill sea lamprey and they too can be affected by the chemical used to kill lamprey. Unlike sea lamprey the lake sturgeon is native to each of the Great Lakes, is very low in abundance, and is culturally significant and considered a Threatened species. Lake sturgeon are also an iconic and vital part of our heritage and environment, and is the largest fish in the Great Lakes, capable of growing to over six feet long and reaching ages of over 60 years. Beginning August 21st the Little River Band

of Ottawa Indians, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and dedicated volunteers spent a week on the Big Manistee River removing young lake sturgeon from the river prior to the sea lamprey control treatment. Biologists and staff from the agencies captured the young sturgeon by heading out at night in boats and scanning the river bottom with spotlights. When one of the 5-8" long lake sturgeon was spotted they were carefully collected with a dip net and transported to the Tribes sturgeon rearing facility that is stationed on the banks of the Manistee River at Rainbow Bend. A total of 117 lake sturgeon were collected before the sea lamprey control chemical was applied to the river. The sturgeon were protected in the rearing facility because they were held in water that had been collected prior to the chemical treatment. Once the chemical treatment of the river was completed the lake sturgeon were safely released back into the river at the point of their capture. Some of the sturgeon collected near the Sturgeon Rearing Facility were held and released back into the Manistee River on September 17 at the Sturgeon Release Ceremony. This collaboration is an example of how Great Lakes fishery management agencies are facing complex issues that balance the need to



control invasive species while protecting other valuable fish species. Sea lamprey treatments typically occur every 3-4 years and are largely selective for killing lamprey with minimal harm to other animals. However, because of the natural water chemistry found in two rivers, the Big Manistee and the Muskegon, fishery managers recently found that the treatment chemical used to kill lamprey can also kill young sturgeon in these two rivers. There was some mortality of young lake sturgeon observed during this year's treatment of the Big Manistee River, as not all of the fish could be found and removed from the river prior to the treatment, but the number lost was very low compared to what it might have been. The fish that were removed prior to treatment and protected in the streamside rearing facility represent a significant move forward in conservation of a threatened species. Fortunately, there is a commitment by all the resource agencies to work cooperatively on long-term solutions to protect the culturally and ecologically important lake sturgeon while effectively controlling sea lamprey populations and keeping our fishery healthy.



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The Enrollment Department would like to remind Tribal Members that the qualifying period to sign up or cancel the Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withholding from your PerCap payments is October 1st through December 31st. 15% federal income tax will be withheld from each payment if a Member decides to sign up. Once a Member volunteers to the withholding or cancels, it shall be permanent until April of the following year.

We would also like to remind Tribal Members that Direct Deposit is available for your PerCap payments. This will ensure that you get your payment on the day the payment is made. For direct deposits forms to be valid your address must be up to date with the Enrollment Department. Please make sure your routing/account numbers are correct with your financial institution before submitting a form. Remember this form has to be notarized and must be submitted 30 days before the payment date.

If you have any questions or would like one of the forms mailed to you please contact the Enrollment Department. We can be contacted by calling toll free at (888) 723-8288 or can be contacted directly at (231) 398-6712 for Diane, (231) 398-6713 for Jessica or (231) 398-6720 for Merri. All of the forms are also available on the website.

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## Community Voices

Friday, November 13, 2015 On lease land,  
Muskegon, MI 23 yards, 12 gauge  
Thanks for all my blessings,  
Lord Our Creator



Ben Ceplina's first hunt. 7 points.





# Election Notice

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## Date of Election: April 28, 2017

### Offices to be Elected:

*Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)*

*Office of Tribal Council - At Large District (one seat)*

*Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seats)*

*Office of Election Board (three seats)*

*Office of Appellate Judge (one seat)*

### Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

To Run for Office a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar.

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located

in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10am until 6pm. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12pm.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours has been included in this mailing and will be from October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and biography included in the Special Election Newsletter, the candidate must include the photograph and biography in their packet.

The Tribal Constitution has recently been amended by a vote of the Membership. The

Election Board will be posting revisions to the Chapter 3 and 4 Election Board Regulations to reflect the Constitutional amendments. If enacted, these changes to Chapter 3 and 4 will be in effect for this election.

One of the Constitutional changes is that the Election Board is required to perform background checks for the position of Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, and Tribal Judiciary. The background checks paperwork must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidacy Packet along with a fee to cover the cost of the background check service. The Election Board is researching check services and the amount of the fee will be included in the Candidacy Packets. Only cash and money orders will be accepted.

### Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets Available .....	Oct. 3, 2016	Deadline for Primary Recounts, Disputes, Challenges.....	Feb. 17, 2017
Declaration of Candidacy Packets Due .....	Oct. 28, 2016	Deadline for Candidate Withdrawal after Primary.....	Feb. 27, 2017
Background Checks Certified .....	Nov. 30, 2016	Ballots Mailed for General Election.....	Mar. 24, 2017
Slate of Candidates Certified .....	Dec. 12, 2016	Ballots Due and General Election Day .....	Apr. 28, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy.....	Dec. 19, 2016	Deadline for General Election Recounts, Disputes, Challenges..	May 5, 2017
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election.....	Jan. 13, 2017	Deadline for General Election Campaign Financial Report....	May 5, 2017
Ballots Due and Primary Election Day .....	Feb. 10, 2017		

**Please Note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations Chapter 2, section 19d: "If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election."**

**Last Day to register to vote for the Primary Election is December 13, 2016**

**Last Day to register to vote for the General Election is February 27, 2017**

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an Eligible Voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.

Registered voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/ mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in the Enrollment Department.



## Election Board

Recent amendments to the Tribal Constitution change the composition of the Tribal Council. Prior to these amendments, the Tribal Council seats were allocated as follows:

- Six of the members were elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine County Area (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford Counties)
- Two of the members were elected by all of the Members of the Tribe. These Council seats are known as “At-Large” seats.
- One of the members was elected by Tribal Members living outside the Nine-County area. This seat is known as the “Outlying” seat.

The proposed amendment would change the composition of the Tribal Council as follows:

- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area.
- One of the Council Seats will be At-Large
- Four of the Council Seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Outlying area.

Another way to say this is that two Nine-County seats are being change to Outlying seats, and one At-Large seat is being changed to an Outlying Seat.

The Election Board is charged with implementing this change. This includes determining when the seats should be switched. and in what order.

In rules that are being posted this month, the Election Board has decided to make the changes in two steps. First, one Nine-County seat that is up for election will be switched to an Outlying seat in the 2017 General Election. Then, one Nine-County seat AND one At-Large seat that are up in the 2019 General Election will be switched to Outlying Seats.

The Election Board’s main reason for implementing the change in this way is so that there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. If the At-Large seat was switched to Outlying in 2017, then there would be three Outlying seats up in one election and one Outlying seat in the next election with this pattern repeating in future elections. The lone At-Large seat would be up once every other election, just as the lone Outlying seat is now.

The following graphics illustrate the new changes to the Tribal Council election pattern.

### Government is closed for the following Holidays

New Years Day  
 Treaty Recognition Day  
 Memorial Day  
 Independence Day  
 Labor Day  
 Reaffirmation Day (9/21)  
 Veteran’s Day  
 Thanksgiving (Thurs & Fri)  
 Christmas Eve (Half Day)  
 Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.  
 Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities.  
 It’s always a good idea to call first.

### Tribal Council Seats up for Vote in 2017

Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County Seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County Seats
1 At-Large Seat	0	1 At-Large Seat
1 Outlying Seat	+1	2 Outlying Seats

### Tribal Council Seats up for Vote in 2019

Current	Change	New
3 Nine-County Seats	(-1)	2 Nine-County Seats
1 At-Large Seat	(-1)	0 At-Large Seat
0 Outlying Seat	+2	2 Outlying Seats

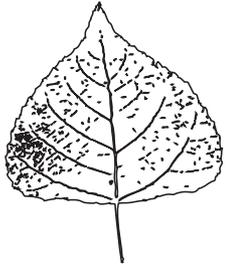
### Tribal Council Seats up for Vote in 2021 (2025)

2 Nine-County Seats
1 At-Large Seat
2 Outlying Seats

### Tribal Council Seats up for Vote in 2023 (2027)

2 Nine-County Seats
0 At-Large Seats
2 Outlying Seats

## Can you match the leaf to the right tree?



**Maple**  
(Anninaatig)

**Oak**  
(Mitigomizh)

**Birch**  
(Wiigwaasaatig)

**Willow**  
(Oziisigobiminzh)

**Poplar**  
(Azaadi)

**Spruce**  
(Gaawaandag)

## How many of these leaves can you find outside?

### How the Turtle Got a Shell

It was one of those days when Nanabozho was in a strange mood. He had just awakened from a deep sleep that was disturbed by the noisy quarreling and scolding of the blue jays. He was a bit cranky his sleep was disturbed and besides that, he was hungry. His first thought was to go down to the village and find something to eat.

Entering the village, he came across some men cooking fish. They had their camp located close to the water and Nanabozho spied many fish cooking over a fire. Now, being very hungry, he asked for something to eat. The men were happy to give him some, but cautioned him that it was hot. Not heeding their warning, he quickly grabbed the fish and burned his hand. He ran to the lake to cool it off in the water. Still unsteady from his deep sleep, he tripped on a stone and fell on Mishiike (Turtle) who was sunning on the beach. At that time, Mishiike was not as we know her today. She had no shell and was comprised of soft skin and bone.

Turtle complained loudly to Nanbozho to watch where he was going. Now, Nanabozho felt ashamed of his clumsiness and apologized to Mishiike. He wondered "What can I do to make it up for her?". He wanted to do something to help his friend. "I'll have to sit and think it over," he thought as he followed the path back to his wigwam.

Sometime later, he returned to the beach and called for Mishiike. Turtle poked her head through the soft beach mud. Nanabozho picked up two large shells from the shore and placed one on top of the other. He scooped up Mishiike and put her right in the middle, between the shells.

Nanabozho took a deep breath and began. "You will never be injured like that again," he said slowly. "Whenever danger threatens," he continued, "you can pull your legs and head into the shell for protection."

Nanabozho sat beside his friend on the beach and told Mishiike his thoughts. "The shell itself is round like Mother Earth. It has a round hump which resembles her hills and mountains. It is

divided into segments, like martyrizes that are a part of her; each different and yet connected by her."

Mishiike seemed very pleased with this and listened intently. "You have four legs, each representing the points of direction North, South, East, and West," he said. "When the legs are all drawn in, all directions are lost. Your tail will show the many lands where the Anishnabek have been and your head will point in the direction to follow. You will have advantages over the Anishnabek," he went on. "You will be able to live in the water as well as on land and you will be in your house at all times."

Mishiike approved of her new self, and thanked Nanbozho for his wisdom. Moving now in a thick shell, she pushed herself along the shore and disappeared into the water. So, ever since that accident long ago, Turtle has been special to the Anishnabek. To this day she continues to grace Mother Earth, still proudly wearing those two shells.



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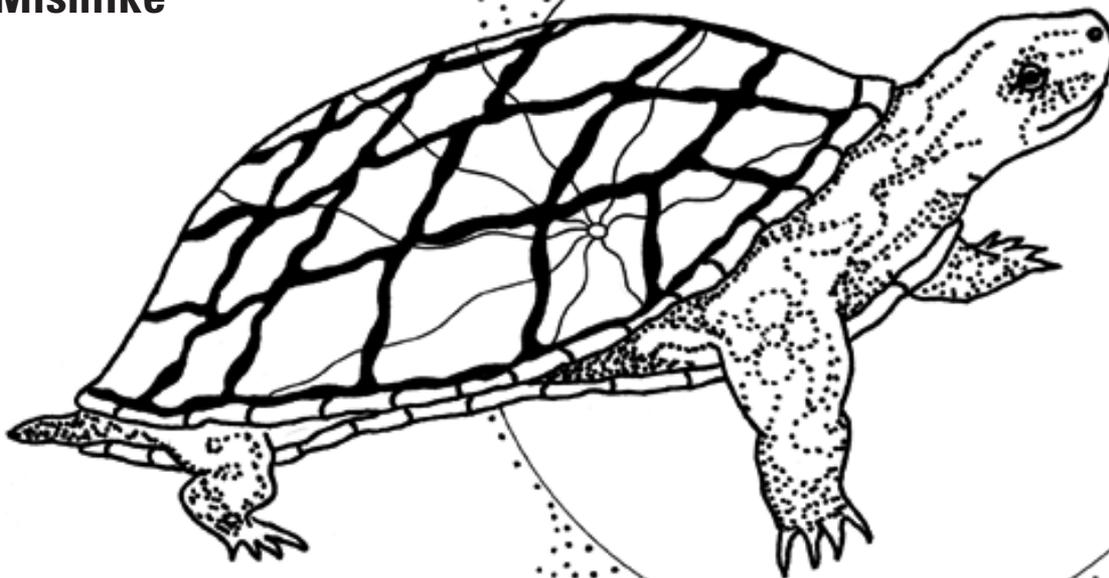
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## Mishiike





# Council Meeting

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## Council Meeting: September 7, 2016

### Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Manistee County Community Foundation - Live Well Manistee Collaborative Grant Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016 in the amount of \$10,000.

The Tribe has received a new Grant Award to assist in funding the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Child & Family Development Center.  
Motion by Madacco; Supported by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016; Authorizing the modification of the Utility Department Budget, Program #7500-703 in the amount of \$34,403

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.  
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

3. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016; Authorizing the modification of the Bank Building Budget in the amount of \$11,900 for costs associated with replacement of Roof Top Unit.

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget  
Motion by Meddacco; Supported by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2016-4th QTR to fund Child & Family Development Center Construction and Operational costs in the amount of \$660,330.40

This resolution will support the construction costs related to the Child & Family Development Center not currently covered by grants. It will also cover the costs of employees until revenue is generated.  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for Metron-Farnier VN Cellular Water Meter Registers with software integration in the amount of \$30,000

The utility department believes it is in the best interests of the Tribe to identify ways that they can control costs while continuing to provide high quality services by making continuous improvements to Water & Sewer Systems that are critical to the health, well-being and public safety of the community.

Motion by Madacco; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

2. Approval of Travel for Councilors Burger & Lewis to attend National Indian Health Board Annual Consumer Conference

The 33rd Annual Consumer Conference is being held on September 19-22, 2016 at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona

Motion by Crampton; supported by Medacco

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (7-0-1-1)*

### New Business

1. Approval of Donation to Homeward Bound Animal Shelter in the amount of \$500

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan provides for awarding of funds to charitable organizations as part of the plan. Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema wish to show their support by donating \$250 each.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

2. Approval of Donation to the International Down Syndrome Coalition in the amount of \$500

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan provides for awarding of funds to charitable organizations as part of the plan. Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema wish to show their support by donating \$250 each.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza.

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

3. Correction to Resolution #16-0829-250; Emergency Adoption of Amendments to the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03 to Gaming Enterprise Oversight Act, Ordinance #10-800-03

The resolution was passed by motion and a correction needs to be made to the title of the resolution

Motion by Riley; supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

# Council Meeting



## Closed Session

The following are motions and roll call votes that were moved from Closed Session to Open Session

### Bids & Contracts

1. Ratification of Contract with Grand Traverse Conservation District for Invasive Species Control on Manistee Lake

Assessment and treatment of invasive plant species around Manistee Lake

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

2. Ratification of Central Michigan University Wild Rice Genetic Contract

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

3. Ratification of the T.E.A.M.S. Contract

Motion by DiPiazza; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

4. Ratification of Business Voice over IP Contract with AT&T

New Voice Calling Contract

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

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

**Motion Carried (7-1-0-1)**

5. Authorization of Letter Agreement for Valliant Consulting for FY 2016 General Services to HR  
 The Tribe has an ongoing relationship with Valliant Consulting to provide Salary/Compensation review. This limited engagement is to provide review for any new positions created within Tribal Government  
 Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

6. Approval of Proposal from Valliant Consulting to Conduct Job Analysis and Job Description for 175 Positions within LRBOI Tribal Government

Valliant was engaged to create a comprehensive salary compensation administration plan; the completion of a Job Analysis inclusive of rewriting or updating 175 positions within Tribal Government is the next phase in improving the salary administration program of the Tribe.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

7. Approval of Contract with Data Works Plus  
 Data Works Plus provides the technical support and maintenance for Public Safety's Live Scan Fingerprint System (fingerprint for backgrounds that are submitted to the State of Michigan)  
 Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

8. Authorizing the Ogema to sign Contact with Seung-Ni Martial Arts Academy to hold three (3) Self-Defense Classes for Domestic Violence Awareness Events

The Tribe has received grant funds to enhance outreach to increase awareness of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

9. Approval of Contract Services with Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.

Enter into Contract for setting Water & Sewer Rates  
 Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

### Roll Call Voting Key

- Yes
- Abstain
- No
- Absent



# Council Meeting

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## Council Meeting: September 28, 2016

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 9/1/16 and 9/7/16 for Filing  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2016-4th QTR for \$11,525 for Stipends for the Election Board. Motion to postpone approval of this resolution until Second Open.  
This is the amount of money to cover 4 or 5 meetings a month, for September, October, November and December 2016  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)**

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Family Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVSPA) and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2016-47 in the amount of \$17,692  
Motion by Riley; Supported by Burger

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

3. Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS0-2017 Voca Crime Victim Assistance - Part 1 Grant and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-48 in the amount of \$149,418 with authorization for the Tribal Ogema to sign the award  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2016 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-49 in the amount of \$99  
Motion by Burger; Supported by Riley

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Approval of Budget Modifications

1. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the Fourth Quarter of FY2016 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Burger

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### New Business

1. Authorizing donation of \$1500 for the Little Manistee River Watershed Plan  
Motion by Burger; Supported by Medacco

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approval of Revised Gaming Commission Organizational Chart  
Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

3. Motion to Post for Public Comment the Proposed Amendments to the Housing Regulations, Chapter 6  
Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Approval of Tribal Ogema to Execute Tree Removal Agreement with the Manistee Blacker Airport  
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Burger

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

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5. Motion to approve for posting for 30 days the previously adopted emergency amendments to Housing Chapter 2 Regulations for public comment

Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

6. Approval of the Family Services Organizational Chart Update

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

7. Adopting Amendments to the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance to include a section for Pro Tempore Officers and to clarify the definition of a Majority Vote, Ordinance #06-100-03

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (5-4-0-0)**

8. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2016-05-4th QTR to Fund 5206-Election Board Board Stipends in the amount of \$6,025

Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

9. Motion to Move Items Closed Sessions C.6 and D.5 to Open Session

Motion by Riley; Supported by Burger

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

10. Approving the Tribal Ogema to authorize Calendar year 2017 reprogramming request and amendment No. 17-1 to the Multi Year Funding Agreement with Department of Interior Office of Self-Governance

Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

11. Acceptance of the Little River band of Ottawa Indians 2015 Financial Statements and Single Audit and the Independent Auditors' Report

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

## Adjourn

1. Motion to End Second Open at 1:41  
 Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

Roll Call Voting Key	
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes	<span style="color: black;">●</span> Abstain
<span style="color: red;">●</span> No	<span style="color: gray;">●</span> Absent



# Council Meeting

Bnaakwii Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)  
October 2016  
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## Council Meeting: October 5, 2016

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 9/28/16

Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016 in the amount of \$100,000

The Tribe has received a grant for the Lake Sturgeon within Manistee River Project  
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)**

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016; Authorizing the modification of the Environmental Protection Agency Performance Partnership Grant Budget ; Program #4445 in the amount of \$35,130

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

Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for Payment of Annual Dues to the National Congress of American Indians

The Tribal Ogema has budgeted \$25,000 for the purpose of making Membership Dues payment of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)  
Motion by Burger; Supported by Medacco

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approval for Recorder Riley to attend the RES Conference November 13-17, 2016

The Conference is at Buffalo Thunder Casino & Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Burger

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-1-0)**

3. Approval of Expenditure for Councilor Burger to attend the 73rd Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention & Marketplace  
The Convention will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona from October 10-14, 2016

Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-1-0)**

### Old Business

**Speaker Johnson said they had a work session on the Financial Report from the Government and believed there is no action required on that. Johnson said they also received the Commerce Commission Report for July 2016. Johnson said he believed there was no action on that so let it be noted to the public that they have accepted those and they will be filed.**

### New Business

1. Approval to post for 30 Day Public Comment the Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping & Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory

Four substantive amendments are suggested and must be posted for 30 days prior to permanent adoption to allow for public comment  
Motion by Di Piazza; supported by Riley

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approving and Authorizing the Re-Submission of the Tribe's Amended Sex Offender Registration and Procedure Manual to the Department of Justice for Review and Approval  
The updated Policy and Procedure Manual was forwarded to the Department of Justice who requested one amendment prior to giving their final authorization of it.  
Motion by Lewis

#### Roll Call

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

# Council Meeting



3. Approval to submit to HUD the FY2017 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department and Reviewed by the Housing Commission

The Report is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Elder and Low Income Housing Rent Approving Tribal Council Resolution establishing Minimum Monthly Rents for Low Income and Elder Homes at Aki Maadiziwin

Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

5. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Women's Information Service, Inc. (WISE), Every Woman's Place, Center for Women in Transition, and Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters (COVE)

Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema  
 Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

6. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Legal Aid of Western Michigan

Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema  
 Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

7. Motion to Table the Approval of Tribal Council Support of Standing Rock by designating Big Blue as Hub Donation Station & providing Transportation Costs

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe stands in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline as it threatens their way of life, water, people and their land and are in need of support.

Motion by Riley; Supported by Crampton

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

8. Replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day that will be on the Second Monday in October of every year

Indigenous People's Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples contribute to communities throughout Michigan, the United States of America and all of the world.

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

1. Motion to end first open at 11:25AM  
 Motion by Burger; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Motion to go into second open at 2:46PM  
 Motion by Crampton; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

## Items moved from Closed To Open Session

1. Motion to release the Moss Adams Report to Tribal Council in its entirety  
 Councilor Crampton said not to Tribal Council, but the report to Tribal Council in its entirety  
 Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

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

**Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)**

## Roll Call Voting Key

- Yes      ● Abstain  
● No      ● Absent



# Employability Services

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## CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Employability Services for American Indian and Alaska Natives

National Center for American Indians with Disabilities

SERVING RESIDENTS OF KENT COUNTY

### WE COMMIT TO HELPING YOU:

- Recognize and zero-in on your gifts and abilities
- Self-determine your short and long term goals
- Explore and choose job options and growth opportunities
- Honor and document your experiences  
(Résumé, cover letter, etc.)
- Connect with the greater community  
(employers/ job trainers)
- Continue your growth and success after hire



### CONTACT INFO:

Monique Jonaitis, Anishinaabe  
616.794.6653  
mjonaitis@ncaid.org

### LOCATED AT:

Steepletown  
671 Davis NW Rm #137  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking bids from qualified proposers to perform **Building Maintenance Services** for the Tribal Office located at 1101 Hackley, Muskegon, MI.

### PROPOSAL DUE DATE:

Request must be received no later than **Wednesday, November 4th, 2016.**

### CONTACT:

Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Manager by emailing [mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov).

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking bids from qualified proposers to perform **Grounds Keeping and Snow Removal Services** for the Tribal Office located at 1101 Hackley, Muskegon, MI.

### PROPOSAL DUE DATE:

Request must be received no later than **Wednesday, November 4th, 2016.**

### CONTACT:

Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Manager by emailing [mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov).

# Food Distribution

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

## USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,147.00
2	\$ 1,492.00
3	\$ 1,837.00
4	\$ 2,193.00
5	\$ 2,567.00
6	\$ 2,941.00
7	\$ 3,287.00
8	\$ 3,634.00

**For each additional member add \$347.00**

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M  
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson  
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program  
Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715



# Elder Meals

Bnaakwii Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)

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**Little Changes that can make a BIG Difference**

1. Drink More Water and Be Active
2. Eat Breakfast
3. Watch your Portion Sizes
4. Make Half Your Plate Fruits & Veggies
5. Prepare Healthy Snacks
6. Read Your Food Labels

**Meals Served at Noon**

**Monday-Thursday**

No Charge for Elders, Spouse and Handicapped/Disabled Individuals who reside with Elder

Guest meals are \$6.00

Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal

**Regularly Scheduled Activities**

Mondays - Language Class

Wednesdays - Wii Bowling

**Other Activities**

Birthday of the Month & BINGO

Menu Subject to Change. without notice.

Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1500-2000 Calorie Diet

## Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2016

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
						<b>Elder Committee Meeting</b> Lunch Served at Noon
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato Veggie Blend & Dessert <b>Language Class</b>	Taco Lasagna Dessert	Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Peas & Dessert	Vegetable Beef Soup Whole Wheat Bread Dessert		<b>Fall Membership Meeting at LRCR</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	Baked Fish Mac & Cheese Peas & Carrots & Dessert <b>Language Class</b>	Chef's Salad Breadsticks Dessert	Pot Roast Red Potato Corn & Dessert <b>Wii Bowling</b>	BBQ Chicken Tator Tots Baked Beans Green Beans & Dessert	<b>Muskegon Meal</b> Please RSVP with Noelle <b>231.398.6886</b> Lunch served at noon	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	French Dip Potato Wedges Veggie Blend & Dessert <b>Language Class</b>	Breakfast for Lunch	Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn & Dessert <b>Wii Bowling</b>	Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Broccoli & Dessert <b>BINGO</b>		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
	Fish Sandwich Sweet Potatoes Mixed Veggies <b>Language Class</b>	Tacos Beans Rice & Dessert	Bean Soup Fry Bread Coined Carrots & Dessert <b>Wii Bowling</b>	Chicken Salad on Wheat Bun Potato Salad & Dessert		
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
	<b>Halloween Party!</b>					



## Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

1. 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
  - Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.
  - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
2. Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
  - Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
  - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
3. 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
4. Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees  
 Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
  - Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.
  - Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the room.
  - No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.
5. In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
6. River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).
7. Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
  - Spring and Fall membership meeting
  - LRBOI Elders Conference
  - Elders Christmas Party
  - Tribal Members only
8. No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.
9. Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).  
 Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

Department	Location	Phone Number
Accounting	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	Little River Casino Warehouse	231.398.6716
Education	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	Interim Casino	231.723.7755
Grants Department	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	Government center -north end	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government center-lower level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	Justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6840
Public Safety	Justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Tribal Court	Justice center on M22	231.398.3406

## Upcoming Events

Call Little River Resort Hotel  
 US Toll Free: 1-888-568-2244  
 Local: 231-723-1535

**Elders Meal**  
 Aki Community  
 Center  
 Mon-Thur 12pm

**Language Class**  
 Every Friday  
 10:30am

**Elder Conference**  
 November 5-6, 2016  
**Elder X-Mas Party**  
 December 3, 2016

**2017 Membership**  
**Meetings**  
 April 8, 2017 &  
 October 9, 2017

**Wet • land (N)** areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season

- Wetlands provide food and medicinal remedies, habitat for wildlife and fish, and provide ecosystem services such as water quality mitigation, storm water storage, and groundwater recharge.
- Wetlands have been removed for purposes including agriculture, commercial and residential development, dredge disposal, and resource extraction (USEPA 1994) .
- Wetlands within the 1836 Reservation consist of primarily emergent wetlands (wet meadows, marshes) and forested wetlands (floodplain forests, treed swamps) (ITC 2000)

**Wet Meadow:** A poorly drained area of soil that except for periods of seasonal high water are typically drier than other marshes and often resemble grasslands.

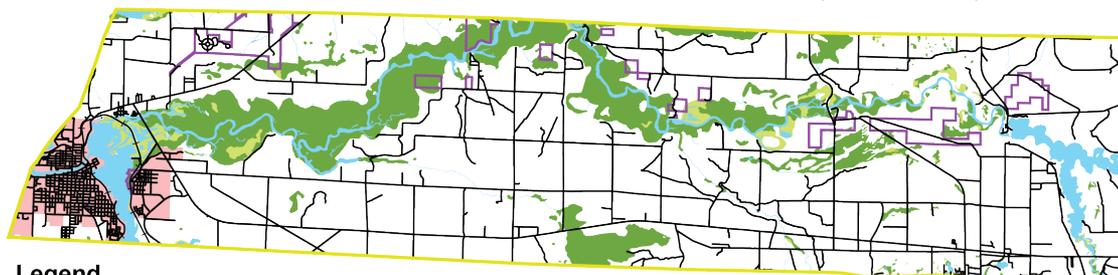
**Marsh:** Wetlands frequently or continually inundated with water, characterized by emergent soft stemmed vegetation adapted to saturated soil conditions.

**Floodplain Forest:** A bottomland forest community that occupies areas adjacent to streams and rivers, subject to periodic flooding and cycles of erosion and deposition.

**Treed Swamp:** an area of low lying wet or seasonally flooded land that is inhabited primarily by woody plants and trees, as opposed to a marsh that is inhabited by grasses, reeds and sedges.

(EPA.gov)

Approximately 17% of the 1836 Reservation and the State of Michigan are considered wetlands (MDEQ 2014) .



## Legend

- |                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1836 Exterior Reservation Boundary | Rivers/Lakes      |
| Tribal Parcels                     | Emergent Wetlands |
| Roads                              | Forested Wetlands |
| Railroads                          | City Limits       |

0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles



## Plants You'll Find In Wetlands

### Wet Meadows

Sedges, Cattails, Bluejoint, And Reed Canary-Grass

### Marshes

Cattails, Water-Plantain, Smartweed, And Wild-Rice

### Floodplain Forests

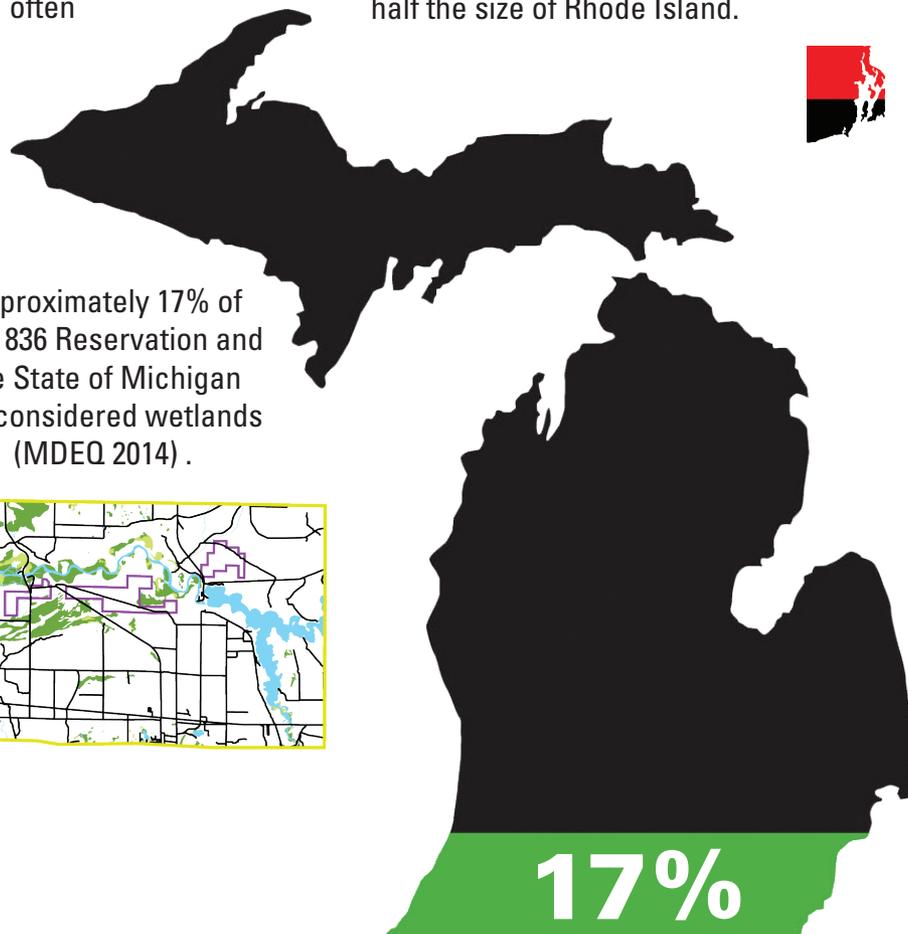
Black And Green Ash, Rice Cut Grass, And Reed Canary-Grass

### Treed Swamps

Silver Maple, Ash, Elms, And White Cedar

(ITC 2000)

Since European settlement, Northern Lower Michigan has lost a wetland area (387,000 acres) (MDEQ 2014) approximately half the size of Rhode Island.



## Watersheds. Why are they important?

A watershed is an area of land that drains rain or snow into one location such as a stream, lake or wetland. Watersheds provide water for drinking, agriculture and manufacturing, offer recreational opportunities (boating, fishing), and provide habitat for plants and animals (TNC, 2016).

The 1836 Reservation is located in the lower portion of the Big Manistee River Watershed. Upstream land-use activities can directly impact downstream water quality.

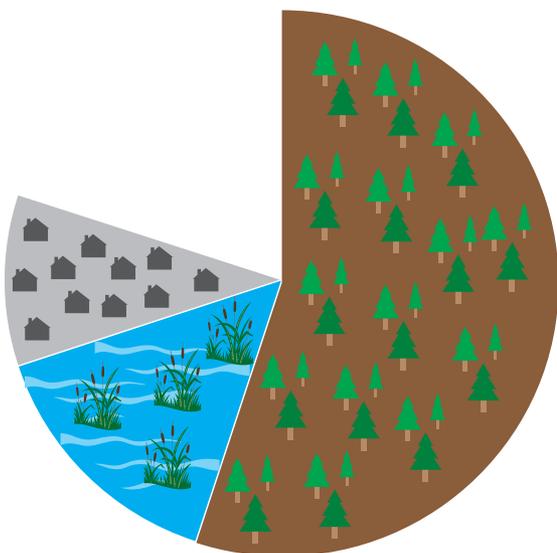


Our watershed contains **22** animals of conservation concern including Lake Sturgeon, Cisco, American Marten, Common Loon, Karner Blue Butterfly, and the Slippershell Mussel (MNFI 2016, MDNR 1998).

- Wetlands comprise 11 % of the watershed and are primarily located along rivers and lakes. This is important as natural areas, such as wetlands, prevent flooding and filter out contaminants and nutrients before entering a waterbody.
- Wetlands within the Big Manistee watershed provide necessary habitat and food for species such as Eastern Massasauga, Spotted Turtle, Wood Turtle, Blanding's Turtle, American Bittern, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Osprey, Wild Rice, and Northern White Cedar (MNFI 2016)

### Top 3 Land Uses on the Reservation

1. Forest (55%)
2. Wetlands (15%)
3. Developed (10%)



## The Big Manistee River Watershed Drains

**1900**  
square miles

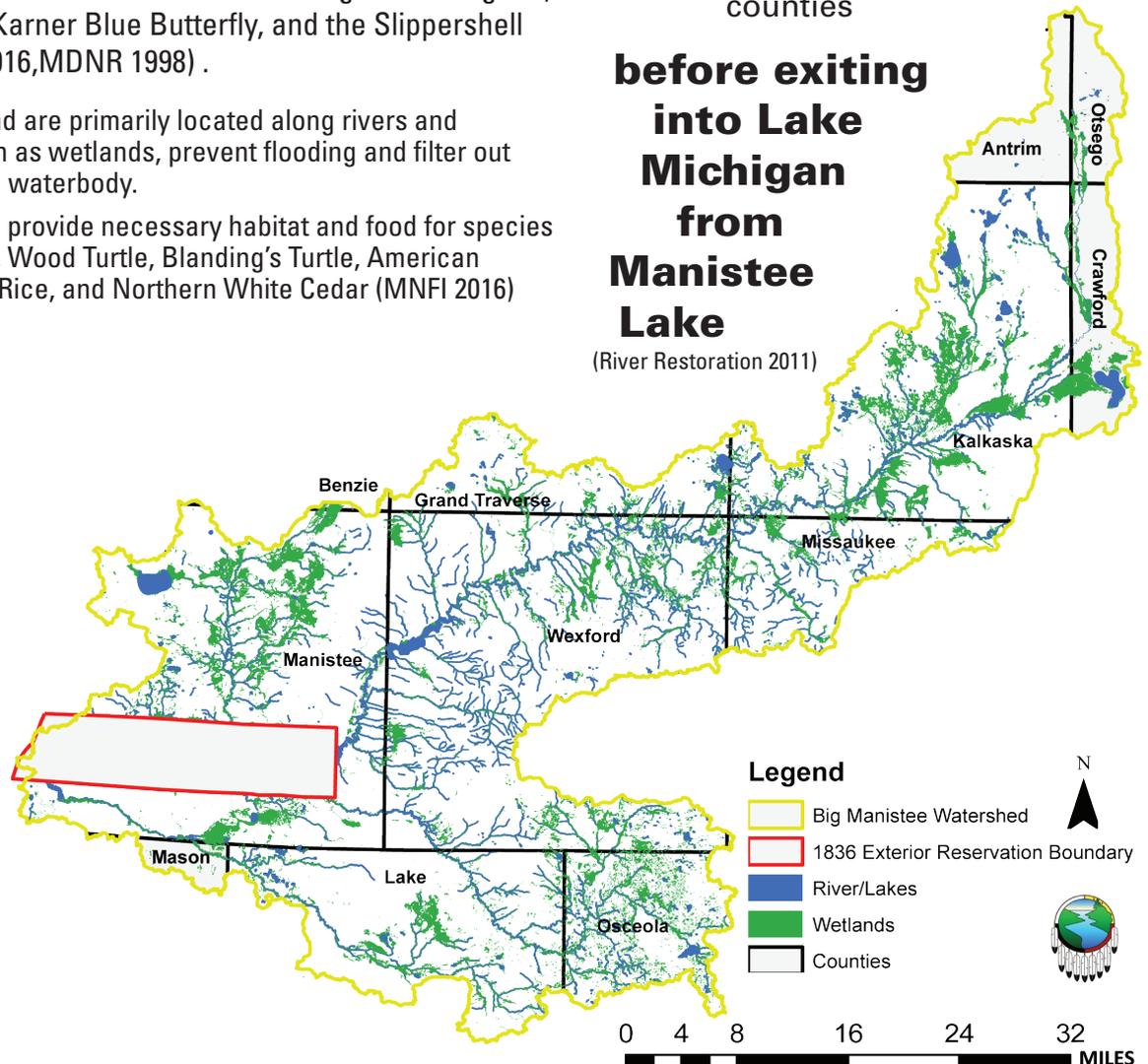
**250**  
miles of mainstream river

**100**  
tributaries

**12**  
counties

## before exiting into Lake Michigan from Manistee Lake

(River Restoration 2011)





# Community Events

Bnaakwii Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)

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The LRBOI Warriors Society would like to invite all Tribal Members and/or Descendants of LRBOI Members serving (active duty) in the service to submit information on where they are deployed, Rank, and Branch of Service.

With this information we would like to extend our appreciation by Honoring them in the Currents, River News and if they are present at LRBOI 2016 Pow Wow.

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Or Current Resident

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elder Conference

### Theme Health Fair

Held at Event Center & Conference Rooms

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling  
**231-723-1535** or **888-568-2244**

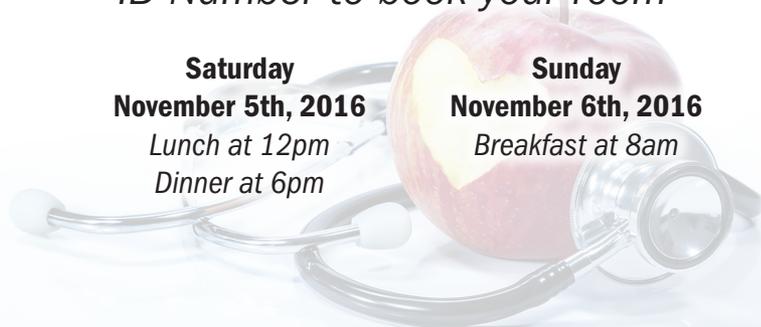
*Ask for the Elder Conference  
Block and provide your Tribal  
ID Number to book your room*

**Saturday**  
**November 5th, 2016**

*Lunch at 12pm  
Dinner at 6pm*

**Sunday**  
**November 6th, 2016**

*Breakfast at 8am*



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Christmas party

Little River Casino Resort  
Event Center  
Saturday, December 3rd, 2016  
Lunch at 12pm (noon)

*Items for the voluntary gift exchange may be labeled  
Man or Woman and placed on the tables provided*