



Approved 10/18/17

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017  
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 October 11, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said everybody welcome to their regular meeting for Wednesday, October 11. Riley said they are going to get started with their opening prayer and thinks Councilor Medacco is going to do that for them.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Frankie Medacco, Tribal Councilor, offered the opening prayer.

We just thank you Father God and thank you Creator for this day that you have given us.

We just thank you for this opportunity that we have just to come together and to make the decisions that we have to that is going to better the Tribe in a good way.

We just thank you that everybody that is here to present their items, Lord, that you just look over them and protect them.

Protect us as a Nation and as a Tribe.

Give us the wisdom to speak the words that we need to speak and just to give us a clarity in our minds so when we leave we know we have done the right thing and the best thing for the Tribe.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**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**

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| J. Riley - Present    | J. Friedel - Present | F. Medacco - Present |
| S. Crampton - Present | G. DiPiazza - Absent | R. Pete - Present    |
| R. Wittenberg-Present | D. Lonn - Present    | S. Lewis - Present   |

Quorum established.

Others Present: Steve Parsons, Jason Cross, Jess Wissner, Bill Willis, Frank Figgels.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Caitlin Rollins, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebing.

### C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; III C.1 ADD, V F. REVISED, V G. REVISED, AND V I. ADD; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

#### Roll Call #1

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| J. Riley - Yes    | J. Friedel - Yes     | F. Medacco - Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Absent | R. Pete - Yes    |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes | D. Lonn - Yes        | S. Lewis - Yes   |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 10/4/17

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 10/4/17 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he doesn't know if this was appropriate but he was not here on the 4<sup>th</sup> and was off property so he would like to abstain or are they just approving for filing.

Speaker Riley said they are just approving for filing.

Councilor Pete said okay then he will vote.

Speaker Riley asked any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted Tribal Council Minutes has been accepted for filing for 10/4/17.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

Speaker Riley noted nothing under Grants & Contracts.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services- Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-\_\_ in the amount of \$2,245**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is representing this for them.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #8 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date that brings them up to \$2,674,363 which is about \$154,000 more than they projected to get in 2017. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there are no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-340;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN  
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO  
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-72 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$2,245; by Friedel; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any discussion on this item.  
Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-340 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of  
Education-Great Start Readiness Program and approving a  
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-\_\_ in the  
amount of \$110,112**

The Tribe has received a new grant from the Michigan Department  
of Education/Wexford-Missaukee & Manistee ISD.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Director of Family Services,  
represented this agenda item. Willis said he will just quickly say that, yeah, these  
are funds that they received from the.....grant funds that they received from the  
Michigan Department of Education for the Great Start Readiness Program which  
is designed to complement the Child & Development.....the Family  
Development Center and Jason Cross is here to add whatever else Council may  
have questions on.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley  
recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1011-341;  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-GREAT START READINESS**

**PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-73 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$110,112; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any discussion or questions on this one. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said just one question. Medacco asked if this was just a one year grant.

Jason Cross answered it is renewed every year and is a type of grant that they would get every year also.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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|----------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-341 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

- 1. Approval for Councilor Friedel to travel and attend the  
National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention  
and Market Place**  
The "We Are Strong Nations" Event takes place in Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin on October 15-20, 2017.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR FRIEDEL TO  
TRAVEL AND ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
AMERICAN INDIANS ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MARKET  
PLACE OCTOBER 15-20, 2017; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions.

Councilor Friedel said yes.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Friedel is abstaining. Riley asked any questions on this one. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said when it comes to these travels is there a way that they can.....the Council members that are travelling can put this in further in advance than just the same week that they are travelling in.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well actually this has been with them for a while and has been contemplated and they were looking at what was going on and when the menu came out just recently what they put on their consultations for what their.....for the new legislation for land acquisitions. Crampton said so it is really important that somebody be there.

Councilor Medacco said he knows it is something important but this should have been discussed, they know, prior to than five days before somebody is going on travel to it.

Councilor Crampton said they really can't order up one of the Legislative Liaisons.....

Councilor Medacco said NCAI they have delegation that should be there anyways to it that this travel should have been a month ago is all he is saying.

Speaker Riley said he can agree with that. Riley said okay any further discussion on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

#### **Roll Call #5**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Abstain | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent  | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | No      | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (6-1-1-1)

Recorder Lewis noted travel for Councilor Friedel has been approved for October 15-20<sup>th</sup> for NCAI.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **Reports that are due: August 2017**

- A. Financial Report**
- B. Binojeeuk Commission**
- C. Enrollment Commission**
- D. Housing Commission**

##### **Reports received:**

- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **August 2017**
- ☐ **August 2017**
- ☐ **August 2017**

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| <b>E. Natural Resource Commission</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>F. Commerce Commission</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>G. Elders Committee Minutes</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said under Old Business it looks like they received August 2017 Reports for Binojeeuk, Enrollment and Housing. Riley asked is there any discussion or questions on those. Riley said onto New Business.

**V. New Business**

- A. Adopting the Enrollment Commission 2017-2018 By-Laws**  
The Enrollment Commission approved their 2017-2018 By-Laws and request that Tribal Council formerly adopt them by resolution.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-342; ADOPTING THE 2017-2018 ENROLLMENT BY-LAWS;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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| J. Riley - Yes    | J. Friedel - Yes     | F. Medacco - Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Absent | R. Pete - Yes    |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes | D. Lonn - Yes        | S. Lewis - Yes   |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-342 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

- B. Approval to Post Proposed Amendments to the Enrollment Regulations (Chapters 1-4) for 30 Day Public Comment Period**  
Tribal Council has approved a 30 Day Public Comment Period after the 9/26/17 Work Session on the Proposed Amendments.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on these. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL TO POST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ENROLLMENT REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTERS 1-4 FOR A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by  
Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions and any further discussion.  
Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said the question is what is going up for public comment on that.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks he is asking what the changes are.

Councilor Friedel said yes, what are the changes.

Recorder Lewis asked does somebody want to.

Speaker Riley said yeah, could someone please come up and answer that question.

Caitlin Rollins, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said so quite a few changes actually because it hasn't been updated for a number of years. Rollins said basically it reflected changes to the Constitution and changes to the ordinance. Rollins said it will be up for 30 days and nothing is permanent. Rollins said they will have a final work session. Rollins said there are so many changes that she is not going to go through every single one.

Councilor Friedel thanked Caitlin Rollins.

Speaker Riley thanked Caitlin Rollins. Riley asked any further questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the motion is carried for approval to post proposed amendments to the Enrollment Regulations Chapter 1-4 for 30 day public comment period.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**C. Approval to Submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development the FY2018 Indian Housing Plan for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department and Reviewed by the Housing Commission**



The Tribe is required to submit a Tribal IHP to HUD on an annual basis which provides allocated NAHASDA Funding. The IHP Submittal is due by October 18, 2017.

Speaker Riley said Frank Figgels is representing this and that he had the floor.

Frank Figgels, Housing Director, represented this agenda item. Figgels said good morning to Council and Ogema. Figgels said what they have is each year they are required to submit a plan as to how they propose using their Indian Housing Block Grant for that coming year which in this case would be the year 2018. Figgels said what they are proposing to HUD is that they would use the funds that are being provided through the Indian Housing Block Grant for maintenance and upkeep of the existing NAHASDA Units. Figgels said as in the purchase of some equipment as well.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there is no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-343;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FY2018 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN  
FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS  
DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND  
REVIEWED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION;** by Friedel;  
supported by Wittenberg.

Recorder Lewis said isn't the resolution number 343.

Councilor Friedel clarified the resolution number was 343.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-343 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis and Frank Figgels.

**D. Support for the Development of an Economic Development Corporation built under the Sovereign Laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

The EDC Development be supported by all appropriate departments and entities necessary to build this entity under the Sovereign Laws of the Nation.

Speaker Riley explained this is just basically a statement from the Council saying that they support this going through and they are open to dedicating resources to make sure this gets off the ground. Riley said if at any point if some of the departments or whatever that are assisting in this are having issues don't be afraid to come to them and ask for assistance because they are committed to getting this thing off the ground. Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-344; SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATON BUILT UNDER THE SOVEREIGN LAWS OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions on this one. Riley asked any further questions or discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-344 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**E. Approve \$5,000,000 Revolving Line of Credit Renewal with Wells Fargo Bank**

Approval needed for Summary of Terms and Conditions in order to provide an alternate possible funding source for Tribal Economic Opportunities.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there are no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-345;  
APPROVAL TO RENEW \$5,000,000.00 REVOLVING LINE OF  
CREDIT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said he just wanted to say this is an existing Line of Credit that the Tribe already has and it is just a renewal of that Line of Credit. Riley said currently they have no balance and don't anticipate having a balance on there. Riley said it is just there in case they need it. Riley asked any further questions or discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | No  |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-345 has been approved.

**F. Authorization to increase the Rental Rates for Low Income Housing up 5% to a total of 20% of eligible income**

This increase will take effect February 2, 2018 and a letter describing the change will be sent to all tenants upon the passing of this resolution.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he just wanted.....because part of this is.....clar.....if the income.....if this is passed the increase will take effect February 1, 2018. Pete asked if that was correct.

Speaker Riley said that is correct.

Councilor Pete said he wanted to make sure that was in here. Pete said okay then if there is no other discussion then he is prepared to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-346;  
AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE RENTAL RATE FOR  
LOW INCOME HOUSING UP 5% TO A TOTAL OF 20% OF  
ELIGIBLE INCOME; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Ogema Romanelli said Speaker Riley?

Speaker Riley said yes and apologized.

Ogema Romanelli said on these next two regarding the rental rates for Low Income Housing shouldn't there be some abstentions if anybody is living in those.

Speaker Riley said he imagines so.

Ogema Romanelli asked if it was a Conflict of Interest or not.

Speaker Riley asked is anybody up here living in Income Based Housing.

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn't know and if there was he just wanted to make.....put it on the record so okay.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema.

Councilor Wittenberg said he lives in Income Based and is in.....

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Wittenberg he is in the Elders Housing so that is a separate classification.

Recorder Lewis agreed and said that is different.

Speaker Riley said just for the record to clarify if people didn't hear Councilor Wittenberg does live in Income Based Housing but it is the Elders Income Based Housing which is a different classification than this one currently so it doesn't impact him. Riley said to Recorder Lewis please do a roll call. Riley apologized and recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he has a question on that because when he recently he .....it looks like that would be.....it would be a conflict if it was a personal need that is above and beyond what the Tribe needs. Crampton said but this is for everyone and isn't just a sole person \_\_\_\_.

Councilor Pete and Lonn said they didn't get it.

Councilor Crampton explained well if they had a personal interest other than voting on something that is going to benefit the whole Tribe. Crampton said if they are voting that is just going to benefit themselves then it is a conflict.

Councilor Pete said oh, okay then, alright.

Councilor Crampton said if Council members had children and they vote on something for the children.

Councilor Lonn said she didn't hear the sidebar. Lonn said okay.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis to please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | No     | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No  | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | No  |

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-346 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**G. Authorization to increase the Rental Rates for Fair Market Homes by \$75.00 managed by the Housing Department Except the New Homes at Aki Maadiziwin known as the Aki 10**

This increase will take effect February 2, 2018 and a letter describing the change will be sent to all tenants upon the passing of this resolution.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley if there is no questions he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-347;  
AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE RENT BY \$75.00 ON ALL  
FAIR MARKET HOMES MANAGED BY THE HOUSING  
DEPARTMENT EXCEPT THE NEW HOMES AT AKI  
MAADIZIWIN KNOWN AS THE AKI 10; by Pete; supported by  
Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions. Riley said Councilor Friedel will be abstaining. Riley asked is there any discussion. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said just so that everybody is aware of this also takes effect February 1, 2018.

Councilor Pete thanked Councilor Medacco.

Speaker Riley said alright if there are no further questions.

Councilor Crampton said oh, they are in discussion.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Crampton to go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said usually he wouldn't support something like this but it.....they are still offering the lowest amount than most of the Tribes in Michigan and giving the biggest break to their members. Crampton said the problem that he is having is that when that break becomes something that the rest of the Tribe is not enjoying but instead are paying that is where he has the problem. Crampton said if they give them a break are just a few people which he would love to do but then verses on the backs of 3,000 other members. Crampton said that is not right.

Speaker Riley said alright anything further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

#### **Roll Call #12**

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| J. Riley -       | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Abstain | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -    | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent  | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-No |     | D. Lonn -     | Yes     | S. Lewis -   | No  |

Motion carried (5-2-1-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-347 has been approved.

#### **H. Authorizing an Easement for Consumers Energy**

Consumers Energy needs an Easement in order to connect new Electrical Service to the Gathering Grounds and since the easement is on Trust Land, the BIA will need to approve the ROW request.

Speaker Riley said Steve Parsons is here to represent this.

Steve Parsons, from the Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons said good morning. Parsons said he kind of has been over this with different members of Tribal Council depending on which work groups they have been on and he will try to make this as brief as he can and if they have any questions they can deal with those later. Parsons said essentially what this is Consumers Energy is requiring an easement to do a primary electrical hook-up for the Gathering Grounds for some of the improvements they made this summer. Parsons said that would include the lighting for the parking lot and the electrical outlets and lighting for the new campsites that were put in as well. Parsons said those are the two main things that need to happen. Parsons said unfortunately they didn't get around to this until right before it was necessary. Parsons said the other monkey wrench that got thrown into this was the BIA now has new.....a new application and a new process by which anyone who is requesting an

easement on Tribal Trust Land must now complete a form application process. Parsons said with all that happening Consumers apparently wasn't familiar with the process and it got delayed by their Legal Staff along with a number of other delays that happened. Parsons said fortunately they got the completed application from Consumers on Friday and he wanted to thank the Council for allowing him to get this on the agenda today. Parsons said what they are hoping is going to happen is this resolution is approved by Tribal Council they will send it up to the Michigan Agency Office in Sault Ste. Marie. Parsons said they will approve this and get the Right-of-Way Easement back to the Tribe to Consumers Energy and then they can come in and basically do what they have to do which he understands shouldn't take them more than a couple of days. Parsons said hopefully they can get this done before the weather begins to turn on them which will probably happen in another month or so. Parsons said so again his apologies for the delay on this it should had been done long ago. Parsons said his hope is now that they have done this with Consumers if they have other similar situations in the future it will expedite the process and it should go a lot quicker and a lot smoother. Parsons said that is pretty much it and he will see if they have any questions for him and he will be happy to answer those if they do.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1011-348;  
APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR  
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES  
ON THE GATHERING GROUNDS TRUST PARCEL;** by Medacco;  
supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any abstentions and any questions or discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #13**

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| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-348 has been approved.

- I. **Approval of Designating half of rent collected from the Aki 10 Fair Market Rentals to be deposited back into the Housing Stock Reserve**  
The Final Resolve in Resolution #12-0905-240 designated that one half of the rent collected from the seven (7) two bedroom units of the Fair Market

Rentals be deposited back into the Housing Stock Reserve Fund to assist in rebuilding the balance of the Fund for future Housing Projects for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Speaker Riley said just to make a note that this is already happening with some of their Fair Market Rentals and the idea is to build, what, another ten houses over the next few years or so. Riley said it is a goal but it hasn't been finalized or anything yet. Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1011-349;  
APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING HALF OF RENT COLLECTED  
FROM THE AKI 10 FAIR MARKET RENTALS TO BE  
DEPOSITED BACK INTO THE HOUSING STOCK RESERVE;** by  
Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any further discussion or questions on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call then apologized.....oh, recognized Frank Figgels. Riley said he didn't see him out there. Riley further explained that he is not wearing his glasses so he is just kind of a blur in the back.

Frank Figgels thanked them for allowing him to ask a question. Figgels said his question is reading the description at the very last sentence it says the balance of the Fund for future Housing Projects for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Figgels asked is this all Housing Projects such as Odeno or is it the intent since the funds are coming out of Fair Market Housing at Aki then they would be reinvested in Aki.

Speaker Riley answered that it is specific to Aki. Riley explained that Odeno isn't necessarily a Housing Project for the Tribe but an Economic Development Project because it is there for the purpose of bringing in revenue. Riley said this obviously their Housing Stock Reserve is to provide housing for their people not housing to sell.

Frank Figgels said miigwech for the explanation.

Speaker Riley thanked Frank Figgels. Riley asked any other questions or discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #14**

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|---------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| J. Riley -    | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |



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|--------------------------|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| R. Wittenberg-Yes        | D. Lonn - | Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |
| Motion carried (8-0-0-1) |           |     |            |     |

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1011-349 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

## **VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

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

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he had the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he thinks everybody knows they held their meetings over the weekend for the membership. Romanelli said the attendance seemed to be pretty good and the response to the meetings seems pretty favorable all things considered. Romanelli said it has been brought to this attention that once again there is a concern of the Ogema's Duties and what he is doing or not doing brought forth by Councilor Crampton in an open meeting regarding going to the FBI, regarding election fraud committed by the Ogema and possibly Israel Stone. Romanelli said they all know there is an 18 month rule that goes, he doesn't know, everybody knows but at 18 months before an Election if a person is removed.....an Elected Officials is removed there needs not be an Election all they have to do is Council can appoint a person in that place so they are right there. Romanelli said November basically makes that rule valid. Romanelli said he can make this real easy for everyone he thinks. Romanelli said what he thinks is Councilor Crampton he should go forward to the FBI and he would encourage the Council to also support that because he would support it and follow through. Romanelli said if he is found guilty they wouldn't even need to remove him he will automatically resign from his seat. Romanelli said if he is not found guilty then he would suggest that Councilor Crampton do the decent thing and immediately resign from his seat.

Councilor Crampton said it is not possible.

Ogema Romanelli repeated that it is not possible and he kind of figured that but if he is not found guilty then that allows him to move onto a fourth term as Ogema if he chooses to run so. Romanelli said so he guesses that is where they go. Romanelli said they know this gets old after a while, it gets real old, because there had been tens of things put out from Council about the Ogema and he doesn't know what they have that comes forward so this is a new allegation. Romanelli said he just thinks it is appalling and thinks they need to go forward and if Council refuses to go forward to the FBI then he will and they will get some resolution to this but he would suggest that Council takes some action because if Councilor Crampton refuses to resign after that the decent thing for the Council to

do is say they are going to stop putting up with this nonsense and remove him. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright and recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli he doesn't know who told him that but what he did was went to Councilor Riley who he talked to and said he would like him to request an FBI Investigation on behalf of the membership in what has transpired in their Election. Crampton said since the Ogema might actually be named in it that the Councilor/Speaker do it which he is allowed to. Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli that nobody needs him as doing anything. Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli whoever told him that.....who told him that.

Ogema Romanelli said he has been told by several people.

Councilor Crampton asked which ones.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks one has his hand up right now.

Councilor Pete said right now.

Councilor Crampton said oh, okay.

Councilor Pete repeated right now and can he get in the queue.

Speaker Riley said absolutely.

Councilor Pete said okay because that he specifically said, Councilor Crampton, that Ogema Romanelli and Israel Stone were guilty of Election Fraud. Pete said he is not going to get into this anymore so he is going to bow out.

Speaker Riley said alright.

Councilor Pete repeated that he is going to bow out.

Councilor Crampton said Councilor Pete is lying.

Councilor Pete said he is not lying, it is one thing that he not, and don't he ever call him a liar because he is not a liar. Pete said he said it.

Speaker Riley said okay this is not productive at all anymore at this point so.....

Councilor Crampton said he was asking the Speaker for clarification and he was there. Crampton said he was there.

Speaker Riley said yeah, it was in a meeting, at the Round Table where he said it.

Councilor Crampton asked did he say that anybody was guilty.

Speaker Riley said he doesn't believe the word guilty was used.

Councilor Pete said but he accused him.

Councilor Lonn said he accused him.

Councilor Crampton said no. Crampton said he said there might be a possibility for solicitation from the Speaker.....

Councilor Pete said he is a liar.

Ogema Romanelli said okay he.....

Councilor Lonn said to Councilor Crampton in that meeting he did say that he went and spoke to the Election Board's new attorney.

Councilor Crampton said no she said that in the Membership Meeting.

Councilor Lonn said the new attorney said that she was \_\_\_\_ and that he said that there may be allegations against the Ogema as well as Israel Stone. Lonn said she heard it right there and that he said he was going to get the FBI to look into.....looking at getting the FBI involved. Lonn apologized and that she sat right there and listened.

Councilor Crampton said no.

Councilor Lonn said okay whatever.

Councilor Crampton said he asked the Speaker for clarification.

Councilor Pete said okay can he get into something though that doesn't have to do with this.

Speaker Riley said alright.....

Councilor Crampton said no, no, no, no. Crampton said he is asking for clarification from the Speaker.

Speaker Riley said clarification from this he don't remember word for word every conversation that goes on in there. Riley said he believes to the best of his recollection that Councilor Crampton brought forward an allegation and asked that the FBI be involved. Riley said he was on his way out of the room and he kind of half heard him so he can't, he knows, go 100% accurate because he was standing behind his chair getting ready to.....

Councilor Crampton said all the other Council was there too. Crampton said so he is not worried about what was said.

Ogema Romanelli said that answers his question though and he appreciates it.

Speaker Riley said alright moving on.

Ogema Romanelli said he is done with his.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete that he had something.

Councilor Pete said no he is going to be the bigger man and just be quiet.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Pete said even though he snickers he is going to be the bigger man and be quiet.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked them. Riley asked any questions for the Ogema.

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

Speaker Riley said okay Legislative Affairs Update and recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said yeah he just wanted to say that he just spent an exciting week out in Las Vegas. Pete said out there he was able to meet at three different occasions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and they wanted to discuss where their Muskegon.....asked him specifically to stay afterwards at one session so they could discuss the Muskegon Project. Pete said they assured him that they are virtually.....their entire office not virtually but their entire office was behind their project in Muskegon. Pete said they are happy to see the progress that they are making on it. Pete said in addition he attended a couple of I-Gaming Conferences because he wanted to see because of new Senate Bills and Legislative Bills have been introduced in Lansing. Pete said the next one that will probably come on line he believed right now there is New Jersey, Nevada and Delaware and he believed the next state to come online is going to be Pennsylvania. Pete said to Speaker Riley and Ogema that he had mentioned that especially about the I-Gaming is it looked like they were pushing to get this done in 2018 and the panel up there was very knowledgeable about Michigan and they were very knowledgeable about Attorney General Shutte is very much against I-Gaming. Pete said he mentioned that they would be lucky to have I-Gaming by 2019 or 20. Pete said so he is just saying or just letting them know an update on it because remember they were talking about maybe it would be hitting in 2018 and they felt very strongly that was not going to happen.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Councilor Pete. Riley said for Legislative Affairs what is going on here they are working on finishing up their Budget Meetings and are running a little bit behind. Riley said they will be getting their letter to the Ogema within the next couple of days with their recommendations. Riley they have obviously been working on this issue with the Housing problem that they have in the local area specifically and with their Housing Community in Aki. Riley said they have talked about different ways to replenish the Housing Stock Reserve and this was one way in order to build more houses so that they can get more of their people home and make sure that the ones that do already live in the community have an opportunity to move into their community at Aki also by building houses out there. Riley said it opens up the option for the IHS Grant to open up the other loop out there, the far one out there. Riley said he thinks right now that is all he can really think of that they have been working on for the last week or so. Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said the United Nations has transferred the assets of the Indian Country Today Media Network over to the NCAI for obvious costs that are hitting all major newspapers and news outlets and the internet.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked anything further for Legislative Affairs.

**D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Riley said he will open it up for Public Comment at this time. Riley said alright no public comment.

***The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.***

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:40.

**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:40;** by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

|                |     |               |        |              |     |
|----------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

## VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:13 a.m.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:13.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:13;** by Lewis;  
supported by Lonn.

### Roll Call #16

|                |     |               |        |              |     |
|----------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted they are in second open.

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they had anything to move.

Recorder Lewis responded no.

Speaker Riley said okay nothing to move.

*There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.*

## IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 11:14.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:14;** by Pete; supported by Medacco.


### Roll Call #17

|                |     |               |        |              |     |
|----------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| J. Riley -     | Yes | J. Friedel -  | Yes    | F. Medacco - | Yes |
| S. Crampton -  | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Absent | R. Pete -    | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | D. Lonn -     | Yes    | S. Lewis -   | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "L".

Sandra Lewis,  
Tribal Council Recorder