



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 12, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Boo Battice, Chairman of Natural Resource Commission, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, our Father in Heaven, Great Designer, I ask of you to spread your love upon us as yours is the greatest.

As we come to compromising and better understanding for all of us, for human beings, as we are all equal and of the same height.

We are trying to bring balance here and it is very difficult _____.

I pray for all of our families, our children, our Elders, everyone standing in this room that hears this.

I hope their energies goes to the heavens and it comes back ten-fold.

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

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Frank Beaver, Corey Jerome, Allison Smart, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Robert Medacco, Spring Howe, Erford Edmondson, Kelly Maser, Steve Parsons, Jason Holguin, Tom St. Dennis, Bill Willis, Diane Lonn, Ari Cornman.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH UNDER OLD BUSINESS; ADD FINANCIAL REPORT, REMOVE H, THE SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK, AND UNDER CLOSED C, ADD CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH RON PETE; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Councilor Medacco noted the add of the Financial Report.

Councilor Di Piazza asked if had he said that, did he not.

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't believe so. Johnson asked Councilor Di Piazza if he would change his motion to accept that add.

Councilor Di Piazza said add Financial Report under Old Business.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Lewis if she still supported.

Councilor Lewis responded yes.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson thanked Councilor Medacco for catching that. Johnson said with that said it is open for discussion.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 10/5/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 10/5/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley said the agenda is accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$342,279

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said the first item is the Tribe has received the 2016 EPA Performance Partnership Grant in the amount of \$342,279. Willis said this program now includes the GAP Program, Brownfield, Tribal Response and Clean Water all rolled into one. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said Natural Resource Personnel is here should Council have any specific questions related to this program.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-297; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-52 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,279; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-297 is passed.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$323,761

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this funding is from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is actually modification number five to the 2016 Self-Governance Compact in the amount of \$323,761 of which \$308,278 is base funding. Willis said the remainder is for pay costs increase itself. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-298; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-53 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$323,761; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-298 is passed.

3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a

modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$1,814

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item three being additional funding they have received from Indian Health Services specifically modification number eight to the 2016 Self-Governance Compact in the amount of \$1,814. Willis said the money is awarded for hospitals and clinics along with dental type activities.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTON #16-1012-299; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-54 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,814; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-299 is passed.

4. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__; Authorizing the modification of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Government to Government Maintenance Budget, Program #4085-743 in the amount of \$1,500

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this is a request that was made by the.....by Steve Parsons to modify the BIA G2G Maintenance.....Road Maintenance Budget to move money from Supplies into Travel in the amount of \$1,500.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-300;
 APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-55,
 AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE BUREAU OF
 INDIAN AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
 MAINTENANCE BUDGET, PROGRAM #4085-743 IN THE
 AMOUNT OF \$1,500; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-300 is passed.

5. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the Restricted Timber Sales Budget, Program #6050 in the amount of \$20,000

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item was specifically requested by the Natural Resource Department to modify the Restricted Timber Sale Budget to move money from Salaries into Professional Fees and Rental and Leasing. Willis said he believed that Natural Resource personnel are here to answer any questions.

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked if they can elaborate a little more on this. Di Piazza said where it is going to be utilized, what is left in the account and.....

Ari Cornman, Senior Wildlife Biologist, said this money will be.....is.....will be used to support on-going work in projects that they have at the Highbridge and Old House Properties and the Custer Property. Cornman said some of it will be used to complete work on a prior contract that they have with the Natural Resources Conservation Services to plant native grasses and native trees at Custer.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussions or questions on this item or a motion. Johnson said he has Councilor Lewis and asked Boo Battice if he saw his hand. Johnson said he would invite Boo Battice to come forward then he will get Councilor Lewis.

Boo Battice said he is just wondering if this work is going to consist of signage because there has been a lot of discussion on signage or some kind of posting. Battice said if they are going to be able to try and work some signage or better posting in their areas, he guesses.

Ari Cornman said this money isn't going to go for any signage but they have actually had discussions, Natural Resources and Public Safety have had.....have talked about jointly walking the boundaries of Tribal Properties and fixing signage where it needs to be and cleaning up some areas that currently need signage and don't have it. Cornman said so they have had discussions and it doesn't have.....it is not related to this budget mod but they have had those discussions and probably will be embarking on that sometime in the spring he would guess.

Speaker Johnson thanked Ari Cornman and said to Boo Battice if he could please come up and just give his Tribal I.D. so they have it for the record.

Boo Battice apologized and said Boo Bear Battice, Tribal #2644.

Speaker Johnson thanked Boo Battice. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if he had a motion on this yet.

Councilor Medacco replied no.

Recorder Riley responded no.

Councilor Di Piazza said Councilor Lewis had her hand.....

Speaker Johnson repeated that Councilor Lewis had her hand up.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL FOR RESOLUTION #16-1012-301;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-56,
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE RESTRICTED
TIMBER SALES BUDGET, PROGRAM #6050 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$20,000; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-301 is passed.

6. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$17,758

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item is additional funding the Tribe has received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the 2015 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said these funds are specifically awarded for Contract Support Costs.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-302; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-57 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,758; by Burger; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-302 is passed.

7. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a

modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$13,750

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item being additional money that the Tribe has received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under modification number six of the 2016 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said the money is specifically awarded for Tribal Scholarships and Social Service Activities.

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

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-303;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-58 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,570; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

Councilor Burger said just reminding everyone that since the Little River Band is an official Self-Governance Tribe under the Bureau of Indian Affairs that even though they provide the modifications with an earmarked line item if the Tribe so chooses they can redesign, redirect, and reallocate those funds to their priorities for the community as long as they are under the Bureau's Agreement and part of the Bureau Function.

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-303 is passed.

8. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and

**approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__
in the amount of \$185,000**

The Tribe is authorized to contract for federal funds under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to implement and administer services for their members.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said last but not least this item is additional funds they have received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a program called the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Willis said this is also part of modification number six to the BIA Self-Governance Compact. Willis said he believed the funding helps support Sturgeon...the Sturgeon Project specific. Willis said once again Natural Resource personnel is here to explain and answer any questions.

Councilor Di Piazza asked if he could have somebody from the department elaborate a little more on where that may be going or spent mainly for the membership since the Sturgeon Program is.....

Corey Jerome, Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist, said this specific request for funding is in conjunction with their Adult Sturgeon work. Jerome said they are looking to reassess the Manistee population and see kind of the status of the Adult population within the Manistee River and update their numbers and see where this population is at. Jerome said they haven't done that since the early 2000's. Jerome said it goes towards that next phase of the Rehabilitation Plan that was created back in 2007.

Councilor Di Piazza asked if this was part of the.....he thought it was going to be a Weiring System.

Corey Jerome replied this specifically is going towards adult research and some additional funding toward the Streamside Rearing Facility. Jerome said it does have a couple of different components and the large portion of it is adult work on this one.

Speaker Johnson thanked Corey Jerome. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item or a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #16-1012-304;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GREAT LAKES RESTORATION
INITIATIVE (GLRI) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-59 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$185,000; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-304 is passed.

Speaker Johnson said before they move onto area C, he just wanted to remind and thank, on behalf of and he sees Councilor Medacco's hand here on Self-Governance and he knows that and apologizes in advance to Councilor Burger. Johnson said he just wanted to remind everybody of all the hard work that Councilor Burger and Janine Sam did in regards to getting Self-Governance moving forward for them and they can see the example when they get Self-Governance with all this money they get moved into their accounts and it looks like they can do this year after year. Johnson said it was a lot of work that they had some of their people and at that time Councilor Burger was the Tribal Manager and not on Council. Johnson said they do appreciate that hard work and thanked Councilor Burger.

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to make a comment that today after all the money that they received just today from the Federal Agencies was \$884,362 they accepted into their Budget.

Speaker Johnson said it short of gives them goosebumps doesn't it.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for Purchase of 8 Mobile Data Terminals, Equipment & Installation Services

This is a collaborative quote spearheaded by Manistee County Dispatch and will include the Manistee County Sheriff's Office, the Manistee City Police and Little River Band Public Safety Department. Current technology will be incompatible with the new area-wide system.

Robert Medacco, Director of Public Safety, represented this agenda item. Medacco said now is the time to spend some of the money. Medacco said this is for eight in-car computers that the Police Officers use inside their Patrol Units. Medacco said as a group Manistee County Sheriff's Department, City Police, Manistee County Dispatch and themselves are all switching to a new system, a new and updated system. Medacco said basically if they don't switch over they will be obsolete in all of their equipment will be rendered useless so they decided

to jump on the train. Medacco said back in 2010 they were awarded \$2,000.....or Tribal COPS Grant and in the original grant they were going to purchase new in-car computers and they updated that Purchase Agreement or those items with the Department of Justice. Medacco said they were approved at least on that end to go ahead with this purchase. Medacco said \$43,000 will be utilized out of the grant hopefully closing that grant out and the rest will be taken out of Small Equipment on the Great Lakes side for a total of \$46,950 he believed.

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

Councilor Di Piazza said he has one question. Di Piazza asked how far away are they from the Biometric Scanning that would interface.

Robert Medacco said he doesn't know on that.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is okay and fine.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-305;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8)
MOBILE DATA TERMINALS, EQUIPMENT AND
INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENT; by Medacco; supported by Burger.**

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-305 is passed.

IV. Old Business

- A. Operations Report July 2016
- B. Financial Report August 2016
- C. Health Commission None Submitted
- D. Housing Commission None Submitted
- E. Natural Resource Commission None Submitted
- F. Commerce Commission None Submitted
- G. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report None Submitted
- H. Approving 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 our way of life, water, people and our land and are in need of support. This agenda item was tabled to a work session at the 10/5/16 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Johnson noted they have the Financial Report and that they had a meeting on that yesterday and also the Operations Report. Johnson asked if there were any actions that they have to do on these items. Johnson said let it be noted that they have been accepted and filed. Johnson noted that they did remove Item H so it moves them on.

V. New Business

A. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute the Agreement with Stringfellow Consulting Services Unlimited

Stringfellow Consulting Services Unlimited will provide the Gaming Commission Department with BSA/AML Compliance Training on December 5-7, 2016.

Erford Edmondson, Compliance Manager for the Gaming Commission, represented this agenda item. Edmondson said they are asking the Council to authorize the agreement with Stringfellow Consulting Unlimited to present to them a training workshop on Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-money Laundering. Edmondson said it is specific training for the regulatory staff to be able to ensure the Gaming Commission that obligations are met underneath Title 31 and the Patriot Act. Edmondson said it is very specific training for their staff.

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

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-306;
RATIFICATION OF STRINGFELLOW CONSULTING SERVICES
UNLIMITED AGREEMENT; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-306 is passed.

B. Approval of Donation to Michigan Indian Legal Services in the amount of \$500

The Michigan Indian Legal Services assists many of the Little River Band Tribal members and the Tribal Council would like to make a donation to show their support.

Recorder Riley explained they were approached about this donation and they agreed that due to the number of Tribal members that do access help from Michigan Indian Legal Services it would be good to donate to them.

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

Recorder Riley reminded Speaker Johnson on the Ogema's half.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks the Ogema would be willing to do a match on it as well.

Recorder Riley asked if that was in the resolution. Riley asked if it was \$250 and \$250.

Councilor Medacco said it is just \$500 from the Council.

Recorder Riley said so let them just up it to \$1,000 with half coming from the Ogema then.

Speaker Johnson said okay the motion has not been made yet.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1012-307;
APPROVAL OF DONATION TO MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL
SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 AND IS BEING SPLIT
\$500 FROM COUNCIL AND \$500 FROM THE OGEMA;** by
Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1012-307 is passed.

Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked them. Johnson said he wanted to thank the Ogema for supporting this action by also contributing to it.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 19, 2016

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said well as everyone knows it was a busy weekend. Romanelli said they had their Fall Fire Teachings, Fall Membership Meeting, Council held a Meet and Greet, and the Ogema held a Meet and Greet. Romanelli said they were all done this last weekend along with that they also had an Auction on Friday that held to dispose of some of the equipment and extra parts that they had in Big Blue. Romanelli said he guessed that went over pretty good with a total of about \$15,000 or in that ball park and that is to the Tribe. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Jason Holguin and the Economic Development Department for putting that together so well because they did a good job with getting the Auctioneer. Romanelli said he guessed they only paid a small percentage, in his opinion, for the Auctioneer from the way it usually goes. Romanelli thanked Tom St. Dennis very much for that. Romanelli said he just received an invitation and this comes from Kim Crampton who called him a while back about working with the Michigan History Center out of Lansing and they want to do some video-taping of Tribal citizens sharing stories about the Tribe's History, culture and traditional values, etc. Romanelli said they are going to be at their Muskegon Office on October 28th from 1:00-5:00. Romanelli said if they would like time to be taped or have any questions feel free to call Kim Crampton at 517 580-8339. Romanelli said he can pass this onto Tribal Council as well because he just got it ten minutes before he came into the meeting. Romanelli said they will be at the Muskegon Office during those times and that might be who just called him but anyway he will pass this onto them. Romanelli said they are currently posting for the Human Resource Director position. Romanelli said they are hosting the United Tribes Meeting next week at their Resort. Romanelli said Little River will be hosting them he believed Wednesday and Thursday but he may be wrong because it could be Tuesday and Wednesday.

Councilor Di Piazza said mainly Wednesday.

Ogema Romanelli said Wednesday and thinks they have something going a little dinner the night before for Elected Officials and then on Wednesday they have the actual meeting.

Speaker Johnson said it is Thursday, sir.

Councilor Burger said Wednesday is the meeting.

Speaker Johnson said Wednesday they start at 3:00 because he looked at.....at least from his memory and if it serves him right because it has been playing games with him lately but it is 3:00 on Wednesday then the regular meeting will be on Thursday.

Ogema Romanelli said okay good.

Councilor Di Piazza said Wednesday and he should know this since he set most of it up but he doesn't remember.

Ogema Romanelli said again they are still going.....looking over the 2016 Budget and the 2017 Budget they are looking at potential shortfalls in the 2016 Budget from revenue and they are looking at how they are going to deal with the 2017. Romanelli said again Council, Ogema and the Resort are all working through those. Romanelli said he wanted to thank the Public Safety Director for being at the Membership Meeting and letting them know about the Officers and the Cross Dep. and where they are with that. Romanelli reiterated that thanks to Director Medacco. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Jeanie Gibson for giving the Presentation along with Cindy Webber on PLEVA International their newly acquired business. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Gary Lewis from the Utilities Department and Diane Lonn from the Enrollment Department for educating their membership on their departments. Romanelli said he thinks those are really good to know all the work that goes into the different departments and those two were especially highlighted and he wanted to thank them both for doing that. Romanelli said it lets the membership know just how much is involved with each department. Romanelli said he also had the opportunity to attend the Audit of the Enrollment Department he thinks it was last week and the accolades that went out to Diane Lonn and her staff for such neat clean records. Romanelli said they said that it is a pleasure to work with Little River because many of the Tribes do not have their Enrollment Records in order and that is kind of scary when thinking about it. Romanelli said he will send his thanks out again to Gary Lewis because he did a wonderful job presenting for the Utilities Department. Romanelli said he thinks that is it for business.

Councilor Di Piazza said he remembers now. Di Piazza said Tuesday the 25th it is dinner from 4:00 to 9:00 with the United Tribes and the meeting is Wednesday the 27th or 26th for United Tribes then Thursday's an off-shoot meeting from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Building Strong Sovereign Nations Training. Di Piazza said so actually United Tribes is Wednesday.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Johnson asked if there is anything else on Business Status Update.

Recorder Riley asked Councilor Medacco if that was the same training they had come here.

Councilor Medacco asked what was that.

Recorder Riley said the Building Strong Sovereign Nations is the same one they had here for Council.

Councilor Medacco said yes it is from MSU Extension.

Ogema Romanelli agreed.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else on Business Updates.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson asked if they had anything on Legislative Affairs Updates.

Councilor Burger said she didn't have anything. Burger said actually she does, she has one thing. Burger said earlier this week one of the members of well.....she doesn't think it is Legal Staff but is a Contacted Staff Member on the Airline Project sent an e-mail with a report from their Lobbying Firm in Washington, D.C. only the report didn't attach to her e-mail. Burger said she didn't see the report properly so she was wondering if maybe the Ogema might ask if they could get a copy of that report.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, a copy from their Lobbying Firm in D.C.

Councilor Burger said yes from Sonosky-Chambers. Burger said Mary Poval sent a.....Payol sent a forward and there wasn't an attachment with it.

Ogema Romanelli said with the attachment.

Councilor Burger said yes an Issues Report from the firm so.....and she knows they have.....the other thing she would request is a formalized discussion with probably Councilor Crampton and herself can be a part of that to start looking at the issues that they want that particular firm to work for or work for them on for the upcoming Legislative Sessions in particular. Burger said after the Election all bets are off. Burger said as they know they are going to be voting in 3-4 weeks.

Councilor Crampton said four weeks.

Councilor Burger repeated four weeks. Burger said so yesterday was the last day to register prior to the General Election so if they had not registered to vote before yesterday in the General Election for the United States they will not have an opportunity to vote. Burger said they had to be registered by yesterday.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Burger.

Ogema Romanelli said yes he can look at his e-mails and make sure that is done. Romanelli asked Councilor Burger wanted the attachment with it.

Councilor Burger said yeah she would like to read the report.

Ogema Romanelli said yep can do.

Councilor Burger thanked the Ogema.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to let everybody know they had some pretty good work sessions on their Oversight Act and that should be up for Public Comment within a couple of weeks.

Speaker Johnson repeated that it will be up for Public Comment to vote on next Wednesday because he just signed the paperwork to put it on the agenda. Johnson said so they are moving forward on it. Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs.

C. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he would invite any Tribal members to come forward in Public Comments at this point.

No public comments were offered.

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

MOVE TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:37; by Medacco; supported by Burger.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:41 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN at 11:41; by Lewis; supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOVE TO MOVE RESOLUTIONS #16-1012-308, 309 AND 310; RESOLUTION ONLY, MOTION AND ROLL CALL TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1012-308, ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCESS TO HIRE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GAMING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT ACT OF 2010, ORDINANCE #10-800-03; by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1012-309, AUTHORIZE THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP; by Medacco; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-1012-310, AUTHORIZE THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE PRE-DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; by Riley; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

IX. Adjourn

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 11:42; by Riley; supported by Burger.

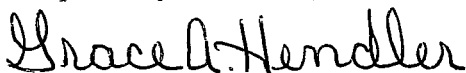
Roll Call #17

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder