

Approved 10/9/19

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019  
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 2, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said Gary Di Piazza will be leading them in their Opening Prayer.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.

Let us make good decisions with the membership in mind so we all can succeed in this world.

Stay out of the rain today.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Absent
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said six present and three are absent they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Julia Nickelson.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Officer Umlauf, Brad Pringle, Caitlin Rollins.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS POSTPONED; UNDER OLD BUSINESS, D AND E, UNDER NEW BUSINESS, B, AND UNDER CLOSED C.1; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey - Absent
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor, and three absent the agenda for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said under III Continuing Business, Grants & Contracts they have nothing. Pete said Budget Modifications they have nothing. Pete said oh, he is sorry he is getting ahead of himself once again.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes      ☐ 9/25/19**

**MOVE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 9/25/19 FOR FILING; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

### Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey - Absent
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three absent the Tribal Council Minutes for 9/25/19 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete said before they go on he does want to apologize to those in the audience and to his Tribal Councilors that he forgot to do the agenda. Pete asked is there approval to go onto C. or does he have to redo that again. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza. Pete said on to C.1.

### III. Continuing Business

#### A. Grants & Contracts

#### B. Budget Modifications

#### C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

##### 1. Authorization of Expenditure to pay 2019 Dues for Membership in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Tribal Council has determined that membership in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has been beneficial and will continue to be beneficial.

Speaker Pete said he believed the Ogema is up north he believes its Petoskey. Pete said he will be up there until Thursday night.

Councilor Lewis said if there are no questions she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-1002-259;  
AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURE TO PAY 2019 DUES FOR  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;** by  
Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

### Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey - Absent
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three absent Resolution #19-1002-259 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

*Councilor Corey entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.*

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

##### **Reports that are due: August 2019**

- A. Financial Report**
- B. Enrollment Commission**
- C. Natural Resource Commission**

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

- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **August 2019**
- ☐ **None Submitted**

Speaker Pete said the Financial Report is none submitted. Pete said the Enrollment Commission August 2019 has been submitted. Pete said Natural Resource Commission none are submitted. Pete asked are there any questions on those reports.

##### **D. Maintaining Our Lands and Reservation for the Next Seven Generations**

The Little River Band is part of the Anishinaabeg Nation and traditionally our people did not sell or dispose of our lands without General Membership approval and consent. This item was Postponed from the 9/18/19 Agenda.

##### **E. Authorization for the Construction Project Task Force to Oversee the LRBOI Public Safety Garage Project**

The Tribal Council desires that the body established known as the Construction Project Task Force be empowered with all project management and decision-making authority necessary to facilitate the completion of this project. This item was postponed from the 9/25/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete said these items have been postponed.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Approval of Re-Appointment of Marcella Leusby to the Housing Commission**

This Re-appointment is for Seat #4 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

Speaker Pete asked are there any questions. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said if there are no questions she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF  
MARCELLA LEUSBY TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION;** by  
Lewis; supported by Dave.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to abstain.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he was going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-1-1-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said five in favor, one against, one abstention and two absent  
Marcella Leusby has been re-appointed to the Housing Commission.

- B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Government Operations Budget**  
Tribal Council is authorized to approve the Annual Budget presented by  
the Tribal Ogema.

Speaker Pete said this item has been postponed.

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Pete said the Ogema is off property.

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Councilor Crampton said nothing this week. Crampton said he thinks it was late  
last night, he was checking a little bit more into it, Governor Witmer had  
potentially vetoed the \$37 million for their Pure Michigan.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said.....Campaign.

Speaker Pete said yes she did for sure.

Councilor Crampton said oh, she did for sure, okay. Crampton said some of the businesses are complaining that might upset their businesses. Crampton said the businesses wants the Tribe to bring in businesses to Michigan.

Speaker Pete said there is a lot of discussion that has been going on and he has been.....there is not many things but that is one thing he keeps up to date with.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Pete said it's.....he thinks they rejected the entire \$37 million.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said so there isn't going to be like \$10 million left or anything like that she line-itemed, redlined that.....40 redlines in that Budget so he doesn't know where it is going to stand but he personally thinks the Pure Michigan Campaign has done a lot of business.....

Councilor Crampton said oh yeah.

Speaker Pete said.....for the especially for the west coast.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said he thinks so. Pete said that be it as it may.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Pete said he is just going to do one and that is they got an e-mail this morning, received it this morning, is that Nikki Bailey is going to be doing the Trick or Treating thing again. Pete said if there is anything they want to donate like candy or anything along that line. Pete said she said if there is anyone else that would like to volunteer for that she said there is room for everybody. Pete said he is just passing that along for everyone to think about it if they want to. Pete asked is there any more public comment. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to jump back to Legislative Updates because there was something that he did forget. *The rest of Councilor Crampton's comments are under Legislative Affairs Updates.*

Speaker Pete asked okay anything else on 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 Pete asked can he get a motion to close the First Session.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE FIRST SESSION;** by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent they have adjourned First Open at 10:11.

**VIII. Open Session**

Speaker Pete said they are moving back into open at 10:41. Pete asked can he get a motion to move back into open.

**MOTION TO MOVE BACK INTO OPEN;** by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked any further discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent they are in Second Open at 10:41.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if they had any items to move into Open Session.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes they do.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-1002-260; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said that item has been moved.

*The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1002-260, APPROVAL OF SENSAPHONE AGREEMENT AND UPDATING EXISTING VERIZON CONTRACT;** by Lewis; supported by Corey.

**Roll Call #C-3**

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonn - Absent	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne –	Yes
T. Guenthardt - Absent	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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

**IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move out of the Second Open.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN;** by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.



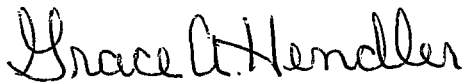
**Roll Call #8**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent they have adjourned  
Second Open at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder