

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 23, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Councilor Guenthardt said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete said good morning. Pete said welcome to their Tribal Council Meeting for Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza that the recorder is on, it was called. Pete said this morning, Opening Prayer; he believed is going to be.....who is giving the Opening Prayer. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza if he was going to give the 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 for our members and their Tribe and move forward.  
Keep in your thoughts and prayers a couple of Tribal members.  
Marty Trevan is in the hospital and they had one of their employees hit a deer and is in the hospital, Mark Jespersen.  
Keep them all in their thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.  
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.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to include a patriarch from the Kelsey Family is also in the hospital too.

Speaker Pete said oh, okay, keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Councilor Crampton aid it is Joe Kelsey's wife.

Speaker Pete asked Joe Kelsey's wife. Pete said oh, okay so just keep all of their members that are ailing or anything that is with them. Pete said keep them in their thoughts and prayers today. Pete thanked them. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Speaker Pete said just before they go onto Approval of Agenda, he would like to wish Councilor Dave Corey a very Happy Birthday today.

Councilor Guenthardt said Diane Lonn's Birthday was two days ago.

Speaker Pete said Diane Lonn's Birthday was two days ago.

Councilor Guenthardt said Happy Birthday.

Speaker Pete said Happy Birthday.

Others Present: Steve Parsons, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Nikki Nelson, Stephanie Dysard.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Coppola, Rebecca Liebing, Brad Pringle, Caitlin Rollins.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Lewis said Gary Di Piazza.

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: UNDER OLD BUSINESS H IS REMOVED AND NEW BUSINESS B IS REMOVED; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

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

Councilor Champagne said she would like to say something.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Champagne said on removing.....under Old Business removing H, Maintenance of Our Land and Reservation for the Next Seven Generations. Champagne said it is being removed from the agenda but it going on a work session as an ordinance. Champagne said so she doesn't want people to think that it is just being taken off and forgotten about. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Cindy Champagne. Pete asked is there anyone that is going to abstain. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

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

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor, one against and one abstention the agenda has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes    ☐ 10/16/19**

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
FOR 10/16/19; ACCEPT FOR FILING; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

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

Recorder Di Piazza said he was sorry who made the.....

Speaker Pete said Sandy Lewis made the motion and Diane Lonn supported.

Recorder Di Piazza thanked Speaker Pete.

### **Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes for 10/16/19 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

### **III. Continuing Business**

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Pete said nothing under Grants & Contracts, nothing under Budget Modifications and nothing under Approved Expenditures.

### **IV. Old Business**

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

- A. Operations Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Enrollment Commission**
- D. Health Commission**
- E. Housing Commission**
- F. Natural Resource Commission**

#### **Reports received:**

- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- ☐ None Submitted
- 1. ☐ August 2019
- 2. ☐ September 2019

Speaker Pete said Operations Report is none submitted, Financial none submitted, Enrolled Commission none submitted, Health Commission none submitted, Housing Commission none submitted and Natural Resource Commission August 2019 and September 2019. Pete asked is there any discussion on those. Pete said okay so they have been accepted.

- G. Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services-VOCA Tribal Victim Services and approving a**

**modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$244,493**

The Tribe has received a new grant award. This item was Postponed from the 10/16/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-277;** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion.

Councilor Guenthardt said let him finish reading it.

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-VOCA TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-55 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,493;** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked Diane Lonn if she still supports.

Councilor Lonn said support, yes.

Speaker Pete said okay and apologized to Tom Guenthardt. Pete thanked Tom Guenthardt. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-1023-277 was passed.

**H. 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 since the

9/18/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete said this item was removed.

- I. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Government Operations Budget**  
Tribal Council is authorized to approve the Annual Budget presented by the Tribal Ogema. This item has been postponed since the 10/2/19 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes, they held a meeting on this yesterday but after the meeting there was some Narratives that were missing. Crampton said Mr. Pringle was so good to get a hold of them so he would suggest another meeting so they can discuss these because he is looking at EHAP right now. Crampton said from all indications it looks like it has been zeroed out.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any other further discussion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to make a motion if there is no other further discussion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-278; ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET; by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out again, once again, the Narratives that they did not have that Council did not know about at the meeting as a Council so they did not have Narratives on four of the things that they are voting on right now. Crampton said one of them that was just nominated by an At Large Outlying Representative is the zeroing out of EHAP from all indications of the Narrative.

Speaker Pete said okay does.....

Councilor Guenthardt asked did they not get the Narratives.

Speaker Pete said they did get the Narrative.

Councilor Crampton said after the meeting, Council could not discuss them as a body and could not take action on them.

Speaker Pete said ah.....

Councilor Crampton said as individuals after the meeting.

Speaker Pete said okay he met with Mr. Pringle after that and he asked is there any reason they shouldn't pass this Budget and he said absolutely not. Pete said he said they are just going up on these last couple of Narratives and he believed this Budget needs, his personal opinion, as he does have the right to speak as the attorneys pointed out, is that they do need to pass this Budget and there was just a couple of Narratives. Pete said he reread the Narratives twice yesterday after they were sent out and that is just his opinion. Pete said and so.....

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said so.....just a moment, Diane Lonn, is in the queue.

Councilor Lonn said she also read the Narratives and they were minor. Lonn said they were about supplies and other things that.....there is no reason not to pass this.

Speaker Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said if they zeroed out the EHAP that's for their voting population. Champagne said they are taking away a benefit from their people and she started to read it but she didn't have time to really go into detail on it. Champagne said she thought they were going to meet as a Council to make sure they all agreed on this and now it is on the agenda and out here for approval.

Speaker Pete said this thing.....okay.....this thing has been on the agenda since they had the.....since they had the Agenda Review on Tuesday. Pete said it was never taken off. Pete said he did go and talk, once again, with their Comptroller and said is there any reason for them not to pass this Budget and he said absolutely not. Pete said he said there was only a couple of things and he resent them yesterday so right now does he have any motion on the floor. Pete said he has one motion for them to pass the Budget. Pete said he has no support for it. Pete said Councilor Crampton he was going to say did he have a motion that was on the floor to cancel this.

Councilor Crampton said he has one right now but until they deal with that they can't put another one on. Crampton said he would make a motion for it.....

Speaker Pete said so what he would then do is do they have any support for Diane Lonn's motion. Pete said Tom Guenthardt supports it.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-278; ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET;** by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yes there is.

Speaker Pete said yes there is.

Crampton said just so the membership understands they had a meeting yesterday all the Narratives were not there when Council needed to be as a body. Crampton said after the meeting they got Narratives that did.....were all....would indicate there were some cuts that they should have looked at. Crampton said they did not discuss them as a body before they got here now there are people wanting to move forward without knowing exactly what they are voting on. Crampton said yes they can ask Mr. Pringle what they want Mr. Pringle was not elected to be the representative of the membership.

Speaker Pete said he would also say.....he would also like to make a comment on Mr. Pringle. Pete said Mr. Pringle has be.....was duly contract was approved by this Council and he also goes to him when he is their Comptroller. Pete said he thinks.....he believes in what he says.....he told him and he also believes in the Narratives that he sent out so.....okay Shannon Crampton he is going to him.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton thanked Mr. Speaker and he would just like to point out that he had every, every single confidence in Mr. Pringle's and that is not a game that should even be played. Crampton said but he would like to point out that he is not the elected representative of the people.

Speaker Pete said okay point duly taken. Pete said yes.

Councilor Champagne said to Ron Pete as he does she goes to Mr. Pringle and she asks him for advice or his opinion on things but she is also aware that as a Council, nine member Council, it is those nine members that are supposed to be voting on this and supposed to be making a decision. Champagne said like she said she wasn't even aware of that particular thing. Champagne said she had read three of the four of the ones brought back to them and that was not one of them unfortunately so no she doesn't feel this should be on the agenda. Champagne said not until they all meet as nine people.

Speaker Pete said okay he does 100% agree that it is the nine people sitting up here that represent this Tribe and they were duly elected. Pete said so in the meantime.....Mr. Ogema sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said yes he was watching the e-mails and the discussion on the Narrative but they, he believed, they Council had the opportunity yesterday afternoon to meet and discuss. Romanelli said they met at 1:00 on their Shoreline



Meeting and there was plenty of time at or after that to have the discussion. Romanelli said the Narratives are really minor so it wouldn't seem like it would take more than 20 minutes or a half an hour to go through them. Romanelli said just his opinion.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Crampton said all right he has a question for the Ogema.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete said that is Shannon Crampton in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said so EHAP is in place.

Ogema Romanelli said huh.

Councilor Crampton said EHAP the one the insurance to the outlying members and the Extended Healthcare is in place and those guys all know that.

Speaker Pete asked in place.

Councilor Guenthardt asked what is that.

Councilor Crampton said it is in place and those guys.....they are all confident that insurance will be applied to their.....that they can give to their Elders that are outlying members is there right.

Councilor Guenthardt said they are not taking it away.

Councilor Crampton said oh, okay. Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any other discussion.

Councilor Crampton said whatever.....

Speaker Pete said there is one motion that they have on the floor and it has been seconded. Pete asked is there any discussion on that. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

#### **Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three against Resolution #19-1023-278 has been passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**J. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2020 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013**

Tribal Council appropriates funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each Fiscal Year. This item was postponed since the 10/9/19 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is more of a maintenance item and needs to be done before that quarter. Di Piazza said make sure there is funding available even for the Per Cap. Di Piazza said with that being said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-279;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE  
FIRST QUARTER OF FY2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF  
2013; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one against Resolution #19-1023-279 has been passed.

**V. New Business**

**A. Approval of Re-Appointment of Teresa Callis to the Housing Commission**

This re-appointment is for Seat #5 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is a motion only.

Speaker Pete said this is motion only.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF TERESA CALLIS TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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 #6**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two against Teresa Callis has been re-appointed to the Housing Commission.

**B. Approval of the Disbursement of the Fisheries Trust to all Tribal Members**

Disbursement of the Fisheries Trust to all 4,183 Tribal members to exercise their Treaty Rights.

Speaker Pete said Item B has been removed.

**C. Adoption of the Revised FY2020-2023 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan**

The TTIP needs to be updated and submitted to the BIA Roads Program to identify projects that are scheduled for Calendar Years 2020 to 2023.

Speaker Pete asked did somebody's hand go up over here.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he was going to say Steve Parsons is here.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he apologizes he will start again. Pete said he believed Steve Parsons is here to represent it. Pete said to Steve Parsons to take it over.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons said um good morning. Parsons said before he gets too far into this he wanted to apologize for not being able to make it to Agenda Review on Monday he had a previous doctor's appointment that he couldn't cancel so he wasn't able to be there. Parsons said so he guessed in lieu of that he would be happy to answer any

questions that they have today if they have questions on this particular item. Parsons said this is sort of a housekeeping item it is kind of a regulation that every year they have to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs a Tribal Transportation.....oh yes, Ron Pete, he is sorry.

Speaker Pete said he is not asking a question can he just time out for just half a second here because he can't hear him.

Steve Parsons said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said it blinds the camera.

Speaker Pete said okay he is sorry.

Steve Parsons said okay he will.....

Recorder Di Piazza said his apologies.

Steve Parsons said that is okay he will rewind a bit just to start over again. Parsons said essentially this is a housekeeping item they are required every year to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs a Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan. Parsons said it is essentially a list of any Tribal Road Construction Projects that they have scheduled or that they would like to do for the following four years. Parsons said this would cover the years 2020 through 2023. Parsons said realistically it hard to plan that far out so they basically focus on their plans for next year and that is what is included on....in this document. Parsons said he won't get too far in terms of the explanation of the items they have on the list but essentially three of those were items that were postponed from this year primarily because they weren't able to go further on those simply because they were missing a key element that is required to be able to act on these items which is environmental improvement.....environmental clearance he guessed from the BIA. Parsons said the reason for that is because they had their primary person that approves these was out on a medical for most of the summer. Parsons said the only actual approval they were able to get was for the Public Safety Parking Lot which they are going to reconstruct but that came so late in the year it was a couple of weeks ago that there was realistically no way to start that project this year. Parsons said so that is why they see those on the list. Parsons said again this goes to the BIA they need it by October 31<sup>st</sup> which is why it is on the agenda for now. Parsons said that gives him time to get it submitted to them. Parsons said the other thing he will just mention briefly is that they are very good at amending this document if they need to do it so if something comes up in the next year or so he will need a Council Resolution to be able to modify this but they can certainly do that. Parsons said they are open to any changes that they might consider. Parsons said he doesn't know of anything at this point but they never know so if things come up and if that does they have the opportunity to amend

this document accordingly. Parsons said he will leave it there and see if anyone has any questions.

Speaker Pete said he does and thanked Steve Parsons. Pete said he remembers not too long ago they were talking about the BIA Road Funds and something and he thought that he had said there isn't really anything coming up in this year but something like that would come up is that when they can amend this then at the same time.

Steve Parsons replied absolutely.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Steve Parsons said one of the....he will just mention briefly and that is that their relationship with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the roads funding.....

Speaker Pete said uh-huh.

Steve Parsons continued.....is under what is called a G2G their Government to Government Agreement. Parsons said they are one of the few Tribes in the Nation that actually has an agreement like that and what it allows them to do is to carry funds over from year to year without permission. Parsons said they can just do it. Parsons said so essentially they have enough money banked right now particularly these three projects not being carried out last year that they can move that money forward.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Steve Parsons said they can that for next year. Parsons said part of the problem and he is not trying to sound any alarm bells necessarily but part of the problem is that they have not been notified and this is not all that unusual they have not been notified as to what their funding will be for 2020. Parsons said part of that is because appropriation issues with the Federal Government they don't actually know what is going to be available so they can't tell them right now but they are in good shape because they have enough money to carry over that they can pay for these three projects in particular and he is assuming anything else that might come up so they should be in good shape. Parsons said what he has heard is they should be getting notification of the appropriation sometime soon in the next couple of months but that is because of issues in Washington in terms of the overall Budget.....the Federal Budget is just short of in limbo right now and they are not doing much with it. Parsons reiterated that they should be in pretty good shape because even though this has happened in years past they have always gotten through it. Parsons said they will get the funding common short of small amounts that they get throughout the year but they typically they will receive their funding by the end of the year and have it available for that so financially they are in good shape.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any other discussion or questions of Steve Parsons. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said if there is no other questions she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-280; ADOPTION OF THE FY2020-2023 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TTIP); by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

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

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-1023-280 is passed.

Steve Parsons thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Steve Parsons.

Councilor Lonn thanked Steve Parsons.

**D. Approval to Post the Housing Commission Ordinance #04-700-01 for 30-Day Public Comment Period**

After Tribal Council Work Session on 10/14/19 proposed changes to the ordinance are posted for 30 days before final adoption.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked does he have any support.

Recorder Di Piazza said these are only motions.

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry this is a motion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST THE HOUSING COMMISSION ORDINANCE #04-700-01 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.**

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

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor and five against motion failed.

**E. Approve Posting Amendments to the Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04 for 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Tribal Council has drafted Amendments to this ordinance and seeks public comment on amendments.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION ORDINANCE #04-400-04 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.**

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 #9**

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor and five against that motion has failed also.

**F. Approve Posting Amendments to the Health Commission Ordinance #06-150-06 for 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Tribal Council has drafted Amendments to this ordinance and seeks public comment on amendments.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
HEALTH COMMISSION ORDINANCE #06-150-06 FOR A 30-DAY  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he was going to make up a name but.....thanked Speaker Pete for getting it right. Crampton said he would just like to point out when they post this is to get membership input. Crampton said this is to allow members to comment on these laws. Crampton said that is it.

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

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor and five against that motion has failed also.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Speaker Pete said they are meeting for Tribal Council at the Elders Conference in the Event Center.

Recorder Di Piazza said it will be at 10:00 also.

Speaker Pete said he is also announcing that the Council Meeting will be at 10:00 in the Event Center.

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

Speaker Pete apologized to Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said they held their Membership Meeting and everything seemed to go well. Romanelli said they got a little information back from the membership on several issues and he will be sharing that with Council as they go forward. Romanelli said as they can see they are working through their Budget. Romanelli said he had the opportunity to attend his first G2E Meeting last week and found out what it was about. Romanelli said interesting, interesting. Romanelli said now that he is on the Oversight Task Force felt he should after 13 years attend. Romanelli said ah,



what else is going on. Romanelli said they are hosting CORA Meeting this.....he thinks tomorrow and so unfortunately he won't be able to attend but that is what is going on. Romanelli said they have a Partners In Action Meeting that they are going to be attending. Romanelli said this is from the BIA and that will be happening in a couple of weeks as well but other than that that is the news.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any questions of Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

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

Councilor Crampton said for this week he has nothing. Crampton said it seems impeachment is rolling forward and taking up all the action. Crampton said nothing is moving forward. Crampton said this is an Election Year and it is going to be very slow everything they are going to put forward is going to be hard fought.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said to garner their attention so.

Speaker Pete said yeah and he thinks they should be attending whatever they can attend.

Councilor Crampton said oh yes, yes.

Speaker Pete said in terms of grants and things that especially good for the Tribe especially since they are self-funded. Pete said they are.....it seems like that Budget is always in the squeeze and that is almost likely never going to end. Pete said so that is just the same thing actually. Pete asked anyone else for Public Comment. Pete said he is sorry.....for Legislative Affairs Update. Pete said he is getting ahead of himself.

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

Speaker Pete asked is there anyone who would like to bring public comment. Pete recognized Boo Battice. Pete said oh, he.....

Councilor Crampton said go ahead he will defer to his Elder.

Speaker Pete said pardon.

Boo Battice said he would just like to say “thank you” for at least holding that meeting the other day and a few that did attend, very few, thanked Shannon Crampton for showing up and a couple that were showing interest. Battice said it was a real quick all of a sudden he learned right....the day before but he is glad the discussion started hopefully they can keep moving forward. Battice said he would like to see Larry Romanelli in there too and the rest of the people because he actually does have ideas. Battice said get a hold of him because his idea....he doesn't want to get too far into it because there is a lot to it. Battice said when it comes to going out and doing it for all it can be caught and stored for all and they can make decisions.....they can make decisions, costly, on if they want it shipped to them or different things but that is going to be out of their or overall it would be put back into an account for them because they don't want the fish so it is being utilized here. Battice said then they are feeding them through the fish. Battice thanked them. Battice said hopefully they can move forward and he would like to see more of them guys in the meeting.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said in all fairness and the interest of truth he would just like to point out that the Speaker and Ogema were on travel during the work session.

Speaker Pete said he was drawing a blank because.....what meeting.

Councilor Crampton said it was Thursday he thinks Mr. Di Piazza had scheduled it for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Speaker Pete said oh, okay and was it here.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Pete said oh, okay, all right. Pete said okay, well....thanked Boo Battice for that. Pete asked anyone else want public comment. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out since he been on like this is his third Council now he has never seen a Budget process go like this. Crampton said he cannot express to the membership how unprofessional this was. Crampton said he remembers himself sitting with Mr. Koon and Mr. Parsons when they sit one night when it was just the three of them and they went through the Budget and the Narratives to squeeze out every little savings that they could. Crampton said he thinks it took them six or seven hours and they got the Final Draft back. Crampton said to actually adopt something when Council has not met or gotten the information the night before he just.....he has never seen anything that unprofessional in his life. Crampton said he is sorry and he apologizes to the membership.

Speaker Pete said just a minute. Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he was finished.

Councilor Crampton said yes, he is.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he was going to say it has been postponed since it was put on the agenda, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Di Piazza said that Budget and Narrative not the Narrative but the responses were all in everybody's packet since October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Di Piazza said until last week he didn't know anybody really had a massive problem with any of it so they had a work session Monday on it. Di Piazza said so....yeah.

Speaker Pete said okay and recognized Shannon Crampton he had his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said Council for those that actually know the law Council can only act as a body. Crampton said Council members getting this individually on their own makes no difference whatsoever if they actually know what they are doing. Crampton said Council as a body needs to meet on this \_\_\_ issue so to say they had a meeting on this Wednes....Monday, yes they did and they didn't get the Narratives....the other Narratives until after the meeting. Crampton said so no, Council did not convene as a body after all the Narratives were turned in.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said just one moment okay, so he didn't see her hand first but he saw his and then Cindy Champagne then it will be her. Pete said then he is going to make a comment too. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said well she is going to sit....she is going to contradict Mr. Recorder.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Champagne said they did meet like he said on the work session however they did request the Narratives and she knows Mr. Pringle was working on that with the Executive side but in order for the Council to have met she would say that Mr. Recorder should have scheduled another final meeting for this Budget. Champagne said she was expecting that and then she found copies of the Budget corrections in her e-mail. Champagne said it still would not have mattered because they didn't meet as a whole they didn't discuss anything. Champagne said she never did a Budget like this.

Speaker Pete asked is that it for her. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said the bad part and she will say this too are Tribal people. Lonn said the bad part is they spent two weeks every day going over every Department's Budget and the sad part was like three, four people not the whole nine so don't sit there and say they didn't meet on this. Lonn said every day they met on this and it is sad that their Council members cannot show up for Budget Meetings.

Speaker Pete said okay just a moment. Pete said he has a queue. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said okay he would like to state that a meeting could have been called even as late as yesterday afternoon to do this.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said a meeting can be called if they look in the Constitution an Emergency Meeting if this is of that importance an Emergency can be called by the Speaker or the Ogema and any two Council members can also request a meeting. Romanelli said so he is not sure why that wasn't done by two Council members or by the Speaker but they could have requested that to happen. Romanelli said everybody that was here yesterday could have met and think most of them were here because they were at the.....they had the Round Table Meeting. Romanelli said so immediately following that anybody that is voting....voted no on this Budget could have automatically said they want to request a meeting. Romanelli said they had the Narratives let's meet as a Council. Romanelli said that is what they do and he remembers in the old days when they would continue....do continuing resolutions until they go into the next year on these Budgets so he appreciated it getting done on a timely manner.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he just wanted to reiterate that yes that could have been done but that is not the normal process and it never....has always been the Speaker or the Recorder that put the Budget on the table. Crampton said they didn't even have a Budget on the table to look at. Crampton said yeah when they are talking about people not....he really hates the fact that the Speaker would allow somebody to take a cheap shot like that when she wasn't even here the last week for the Fishing Meeting or any other meeting.

Councilor Lonn said excuse her she was in the hospital.

Councilor Crampton said to Diane Lonn that she is not in the queue.

*Both Councilors Lonn and Crampton were speaking at the same time and no one comment could be made out clearly.*

Speaker Pete said wait a minute. Pete said listen he has got.....

*Both Councilors Lonn and Crampton continued speaking at the same time and no one comment could be made out clearly.*

Councilor Crampton said to keep her quiet.

Councilor Guenthardt said they will go back at it.

Speaker Pete said listen he is.

Councilor Crampton said okay she is not in the queue and she was not here at those meetings so that is disingenuous. Crampton said he doesn't think that is his place to tell him every time she is here but if they want to stoop to that childish level, he will.

Councilor Lonn said to Councilor Crampton that he is disgusting.

Speaker Pete said okay.....

Councilor Crampton said please keep her from making the \_\_\_\_.....

Speaker Pete said no.

Councilor Crampton said that is how the table keeps making unprofessional comments. Crampton said they get comments all the time on how unprofessional they are at that side of the table. Crampton said please control them.

Speaker Pete said he has been controlling them.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Pete asked Councilor Crampton if he was finished.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said yes, sir, he is.

Councilor Lonn said she has heard and they can look at the Recorder all meetings this time about them not knowing the information, not knowing what they are doing, they don't understand and this came from Councilman Crampton. Lonn said she is sorry that they are so stupid except that he is so smart. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete asked anyone else.

Councilor Crampton said she is welcome.

Councilor Lonn said whatever.

Speaker Pete asked does anyone else have anything to say.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will take a little cheap shot here.

Speaker Pete said huh.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will take a little cheap shot. Guenthardt said okay, three weeks ago he wanted to talk about coming to work he was here one day, Wednesday for three hours. Guenthardt said the day before....the week before he was there what not even two days.

Speaker Pete said just a moment.

Councilor Guenthardt said he wanted a cheap.....he opened it up. Guenthardt said he will tell him and he will tell everybody that he doesn't show up for work. Guenthardt said tell all his constituents what he is doing.....that is horseshit.

Speaker Pete said okay they got to.....

Councilor Guenthardt said all right.

Speaker Pete said please no. Pete said yes....

Councilor Guenthardt said he has to show up for work. Guenthardt said he is getting paid.....

Councilor Crampton asked Councilor Guenthardt if he was finished.

Councilor Guenthardt said....he shows up for work. Guenthardt said yes he is done.

Councilor Crampton said this is coming from the man who leaves after every work session and goes home and comes in at 11:30 on the last Wednesday to report that he is here and doesn't even come in on a Wednesday when he is supposed to be here.

Speaker Pete said they know what he is going to tell them something. Pete said now it is his turn. Pete said there is lots of cheap shots been going on around here. Pete said there is on both sides.

Councilor Crampton said the Speaker should stop it.

Speaker Pete said ah, ah, just a moment. Pete said he is in the queue. Pete said he is doing his best to stop all this thing.....these things like that. Pete said he doesn't like it and personally what he said was he was going to talk and be in the queue. Pete said he will really, really take with one statement that Mr. Crampton made and he called Mr. Crampton because he did it that he takes a lot of umbrage to calling and he is going to say just him unprofessional in passing something like that. Pete said he has never, ever, ever, ever and there were times when he might have been able to do it ever called him unprofessional in any one of the meetings that has ever been in here and he has been here for two and half years. Pete said he has never done that and he has passed a lot of Budgets in his life.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said from the Resort to before the Resort and also this is the third one he voted on. Pete said he just look.....they started meetings on Monday....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said they started a meeting on Monday since he became Speaker and he got these meetings at 9:00 in the morning so they can have.....when they are in a closed room.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said things can get a little....but at least that is better than having it out here in front of the membership.

Councilor Crampton said he agrees.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't like this in front of the membership from either side. Pete said they got to be able to control this thing with some dignity. Pete said he will get to him. Pete said he will not.....he will not see himself labeled as unprofessional and he really does take very deep umbrage to that....for doing that. Pete said right now he has the queue then Cindy Champagne but he has it.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out that if they go back and look at his statement he has always been professional and he appreciates that in his conduct unlike some others but he does appreciate that. Crampton said what his exact statement was he has never been involved in a process like that and he singled out no one, absolutely no one. Crampton said if he took that personally he is sorry that was not the intent.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she hasn't been on Council that long but she will tell them it was a shock to her system the way this Council behaves and she agrees that having this kind of behavior in the Open Session is not good. Champagne said she also thinks that the membership should know what is going on with this Council. Champagne said this Council doesn't work together, they undermine each other and if they want to talk about who is here and who is not here. Champagne said she is here almost every single day. Champagne asked they want to keep a timecard she could keep a timecard and she will tell them what there is very few of them here every single day. Champagne said she could point them out right now but she is not going to do that because she doesn't think that is what they are here for. Champagne said they are here to pass legislation for their membership to do what is right for them. Champagne said the way they are behaving they are not behaving like professionals or adults. Champagne said when they are undermining each other and they are saying "*oh, I'm not going to pass anything you put forward*" that is absolutely unprofessional. Champagne said so she is bringing that out because she thinks the membership needs to know that even though she doesn't think this is the forum but why keep all the fighting in the Closed Room so people don't know why they don't get anything done. Champagne said why there is no legislation going forward and why everybody is at each other's throat. Champagne said she means it shouldn't be this side of the table or that side of the table it is supposed to be a group working together for their membership and she is ashamed to say that she sits on this Council. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Cindy Champagne. Pete said just remember that she included herself.

Councilor Champagne said she did include herself.

Speaker Pete said she absolutely did include herself and right now the way this thing is going right now, they are going to end this. Pete reiterated that they are going to absolutely end this. Pete thanked them very much but they are meeting again on the.....what date.....

Recorder Di Piazza said to Ron Pete that he already did it Saturday.....

Speaker Pete said Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Event Center.

Recorder Di Piazza said look for a motion to end this.

Speaker Pete said also one more thing he is going to announce:

***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 Open Session. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION;** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked okay does he have support.

Councilor Lewis said Ron Wittenberg supported.

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 #11**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor they have adjourned Open Session at 10:45.

**VIII. Open Session**

Speaker Pete asked does he have a motion to go into their Second Open.

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they are in Second Open at 11:53.

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move from Closed into Open.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes they do or no they don't but yes, he does.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-1023-281, 282 AND 283,  
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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 #13**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent those items, motion and roll only, have been moved.

*The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1023-281,  
APPROVING CONTRACT NTE INCREASE BETWEEN LITTLE  
RIVER CASINO RESORT AND HANNA AND ASSOCIATES TO  
INCLUDE MEDIA BUYING SERVICES;** by Lewis; supported by  
Lonn.

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1023-282,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE FIFTH  
AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
THROUGH CY2020 WITH CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH  
CONSULTANTS;** by Lonn; supported by DiPiazza.

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1023-283,  
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT; by Lonn; supported by  
DiPiazza.**

**Roll Call #C-6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

**IX. Adjourn**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN; by Champagne;**  
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 #14**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

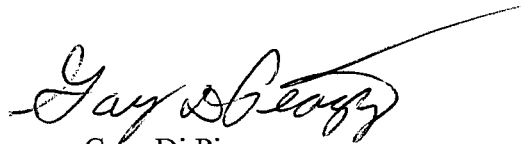
Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned  
Second Open at 11:55.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder