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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 25, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley said good morning and welcome to their October 25, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting. Riley said they will started with their Opening Prayer and that Chuck Fisher was going to do that for them.

I. Opening Prayer

Chuck Fisher, Warriors Society Chaplin, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, thank you for this day.
Thank you for all your gifts.
Especially thank you for this gift of life that we share.
Remind us what a privilege it is to be here.
Remind us of our own spiritual base.
Remind us of the spiritual reality that surrounds us.
Remind us of all the sacred and the good.
Remind us of the interdependence of all things.
Remind us of our rootedness to Mother Earth and nature.
And to our own nature, our own purpose.
Help us align our purpose with your purpose.
Help us remember and appreciate all these things.
Once again, thank you for this day and all your gifts.
Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said to Chuck Fisher Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Shanaviah Canales, Karen Love, Valerie Mc Donnell, Chuck Fisher, Jennifer Crampton, Shilo Crampton, Bill Willis, Tom St. Dennis, Matthew Chandler, Steve Wheeler, Frank Figgels.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing, Terri Burmeister, Tammy Burmeister.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley thanked and recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 25, 2017
WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF IV A. IS AN ADD, E. IS
AN ADD, I. IS AN ADD, V D. IS REVISED, H. ADD AND VII 4.
REMOVED; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for October 25, 2017.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 10/18/17

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

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR 10/18/17 FOR ACCEPTING AND FILING;** by Lewis; supported
by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said Tribal Council Minutes for 10/18/17 has been accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$8,509**

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

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is representing this and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #14 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date it brings them up to \$2,475,150. Willis said it quite a bit more than they projected so it is all good news.

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

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1025-364;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING**

BUDGET MB-2017-77 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,509; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any questions on this one.
Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-364 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Department of Justice-
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and approving a
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the
amount of \$450,000**

The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is also representing this item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Shanaviah Canales, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them again. Willis said Shanaviah Canales is here to answer any questions Council may have but this is the 2017 award for the Office of Violence Against Women Grant. Willis said it runs from October 1st of this year to September 30th of 2020.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Bill Willis okay just one quick question. Pete asked if this was about roughly what they normally receive or is this is a new.....

Shanaviah Canales replied it is an additional \$536 than the previous award.

Councilor Pete said okay so it is about the same then.

Shanaviah Canales said um-hum.

Councilor Pete said so it didn't go down is what he wondered.

Shanaviah Canales said no they went up.

Councilor Pete said okay great and thanked Shanaviah Canales.

Speaker Riley asked are there any other questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay he will make a motion if there is no other questions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1025-365;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN (OVW) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-78 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$450,000; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-365 has been approved.

- 3. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-__ ; Authorizing a modification to Election Board Budget in the amount of \$3,601**
Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.

Speaker Riley said it looks like they have some folks from the Election Board here and asked if anybody wanted to get up and represent this one. Riley thanked Terri Burmeister

Terri Burmeister, from the Election Board, represented this agenda item. Burmeister said they are just moving money around from Professional Fees to Stipends and Postage to get them through the end of the year.

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

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1025-366; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2017-79, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE ELECTION BOARD BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,601; by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-366 has been approved.

4. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__-4th QTR to fund legal representation for Tribal Council in the Ogema/Stone v. Tribal Council Case in the amount of \$50,000**
Funds will be used for expenditures through the end of year for 2017.

Speaker Riley said he thinks it is pretty self-explanatory by the agenda title. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1025-367; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-21-4th QTR TO FUND LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL IN THE OGEMA/STONE v. TRIBAL COUNCIL CASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-367 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: August and/or September 2017

Reports received:

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| A. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> September 2017 |
| B. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> September 2017 |
| D. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> September 2017 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| H. Elders Committee Minutes | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> August 2017
2. <input type="checkbox"/> September 2017 |
| I. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> September 2017 |
| J. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said they have reports received from the Operations Report, they have Binojeeuk Commission, Health Commission, Elders Committee for August and September, and the Preference Report for September. Riley asked is there any discussion on these items. Riley said okay.

V. New Business

- A. Acceptance of Revised Gaming Commission Organizational Chart**
Section 6.09 of the Gaming Commission Ordinance permits the Gaming Commission to employ such staff as may be required to fulfill their responsibilities.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody recalled the changes that was made to this. Riley asked was this the Internal Auditor Position.

Councilor Di Piazza said he believed so.

Speaker Riley said no this wasn't the Internal Auditor Position. Riley said this was just changing the title of the Executive Director back to what it was previously. Riley said it has went between the Executive Director of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs to the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission to another really long title and now it is just going to be the Executive Director. Riley said that is all it is the title change. Riley said it is a resolution. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said okay she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1025-368;
ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED GAMING COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-368 has been approved.

- B. Approve Investment Policy Statement with Wells Fargo Bank**
Approval required in order to better define the Tribe's Investment Goals with the bank. This will allow Wells Fargo Bank to invest funds already on deposit in an appropriate manner to achieve better results while maintaining a risk level acceptable to the Tribe with quarterly reviews to be scheduled with the Tribe's Elected Leadership.

Speaker Riley said Steve Wheeler is going to be representing this one and that he had the floor.

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Wheeler thanked him. Wheeler said per their last quarterly investment review with Wells Fargo Investment Representatives visited with Tribal Council in a work session and they discussed changing the Investment Policy Statement to a risk tolerance of more of an aggressive risk tolerance that would allow them to move more of their invested funds that are already there to equities up to 30%. Wheeler said that is their strategy. Wheeler said there is a give or take of 10% and he ____ with that. Wheeler said that would allow them to earn more money on the funds they have invested typically this was just pretty much a fixed income investment with a small amount of equity and this would allow them to transfer more into equities and gain more investment income for the Tribe. Wheeler said they also were going to move into a different fee structure and this would allow them to kind of control the fees charged by Wells Fargo to do this as well. Wheeler said it is just a little bit more advantageous for the Tribe overall for the future.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there are no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1025-369;
APPROVING INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT WITH
WELLS FARGO BANK; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any further questions on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-369 has been approved.

**C. Authorizing the Donation of \$1,500 to Onekama Consolidated School
for 8th Grade Class Trip to Chicago**

The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.

Speaker Riley explained that this is split amongst the Tribal Council and the Ogema. Riley said the Resort has also matched the donation on there so it.....they are almost able to give them completely what they asked for. Riley asked is there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,500 TO ONEKAMA
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS FOR 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP TO
CHICAGO; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Councilor Medacco asked resolution number.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis that it is a resolution number.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1025-370;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,500 TO ONEKAMA
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS FOR 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP TO
CHICAGO; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1025-370 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said also he just wanted to make a quick mention about Onekama Schools they are actually not considered in part of their Revenue Sharing but they do have many....many children in the community and Tribal Children that do attend school there that are going to benefit from this.

D. Acceptance of Final Report for 2017 Tribal General Election

The Election Board has certified the Office of Tribal Council Outlying.

Speaker Riley said to Terri Burmeister if she would please and thanked her again.

Terri Burmeister said the Election Board has finalized the 2017 Tribal General Election for Outlying so they are certifying Office of Tribal Council Outlying; Ryan Champagne and Shannon Crampton.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he wasn't here as they know Monday for Agenda Review. Pete said he just wanted to make sure, he believes in their Election Board process, and the Election Board but they are doing this knowing that there still is an on-going litigation in court over this. Pete asked if that was correct.

Terri Burmeister said there is still an appeal going on.....

Councilor Pete said in court.

Terri Burmeister went on to say.....but there is no stays saying they cannot certify the election, yes, they can go forward.

Councilor Pete said okay he just wanted to know that.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel. Riley said no it is not a resolution, they are not approving it but accepting it.

Councilor Friedel said he wanted to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there is no further questions that is.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT FOR 2017 TRIBAL
GENERAL ELECTION;** by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions.

Councilor Crampton said he should probably abstain.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton put his hand up.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Crampton that he abstained. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been accepted for Final Report for 2017 Tribal General Election.

**E. Consideration of Appointment of Thad Taylor to the Economic
Development Corporation for the Little River Band of Ottawa
Indians**

Confirmation of appointment to the EDC Board of Directors.

Speaker Riley asked Tom St. Dennis if he would like to get up and represent these upcoming ones.

Tom St. Dennis, Commerce Attorney, represented this agenda item. St. Dennis thanked them and said good morning. St. Dennis said this journey started probably five years ago with Robert Memberto. St. Dennis said he picked up the pieces three years ago and they then have been working hard to get themselves in position. St. Dennis said about a year and a half ago they approved their first version of the ordinance relating to the eventual Economic Development Corporation and about six months after that Tribal Council and Ogema went back and forth and they approved another version. St. Dennis said since then they have been kind of building the internal infrastructure. St. Dennis said last week Tribal Council and Ogema moved a resolution forward to have independent auditors kind of take a look at this to make sure they are building this correctly and that it runs correctly. St. Dennis said at this point after probably three months' worth of

postings and interviews they came down to recommending or moving forward several appointments. St. Dennis said requested appointments through the Office of the Ogema so that includes Thad Taylor, Andrew Gentile, James Nedeau and Frank Lewis. St. Dennis said other than that he doesn't have a lot to add and open for questions if there is any.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he knows some Tribal members had put their name in that actually work in the building here. Di Piazza said are any of these that are going to be appointed are they employees of the government.

Tom St. Dennis replied Andrew Gentile works for the Resort.

Councilor Medacco said Thad Taylor is the City Manager.

Tom St. Dennis said so that would be his answer that the only one would be Andrew Gentile who works for the Resort and he doesn't know if that is an employee of the government. St. Dennis reiterated that he doesn't know.

Councilor Di Piazza said also the General Manager of the Casino. Di Piazza said employee to run the casino.

Tom St. Dennis said right.

Councilor Di Piazza said he guessed the other question.....well they will get to it he supposed but technically that one; the gentleman was employed by Tribal Council, seated by Tribal Council so.....the Task Force in place. Di Piazza said just his observation.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Riley asked are there any questions. Riley asked are these done by motion or resolution. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said once again he apologizes he wasn't here Monday for any of this and he is not familiar, but of course he is familiar with Andrew Gentile, but just so he knows. Pete said to Tom St. Dennis Thad Taylor he's.....

Tom St. Dennis replied City Manager for Manistee.

Councilor Pete thanked Tom St. Dennis and said that he didn't know that. Pete said James Nedeau he is familiar with the name he believed.

Tom St. Dennis said James Nedeau of course he forwarded these resumes....

Councilor Pete said he just read it but.....

Tom St. Dennis said he is an experienced Real Estate Appraiser and a lot of what they do involves real estate.

Councilor Pete said correct.

Tom St. Dennis said he is certified and has maintained his certifications to this day.

Councilor Friedel said he is a spouse.

Councilor Pete said yes, right, and he is. Pete said okay and.....

Tom St. Dennis said Frank Lewis is a Tribal member who also has an impressive resume.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked Tom St. Dennis.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THAD TAYLOR TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley said use that motion that was written there.

Recorder Lewis asked this motion here.

Speaker Riley said yeah.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THAD TAYLOR TO LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON SWEARING IN WITH A ONE YEAR TERM AND ALL AUTHORITIES OF OFFICE AS A BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE UPON SWEARING IN BY THE TRIBAL COURT; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the Approval for the Appointment of Thad Taylor to the EDC Corporation for one year term has been approved.

F. Consideration of Appointment of Andrew Gentile to the Economic Development Corporation for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Confirmation of appointment to the EDC Board of Directors.

Speaker Riley asked is there a motion and recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW GENTILE TO THE LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF SWEAR IN FOR ONE YEAR TERM AND ALL AUTHORITIES OF OFFICE AS A BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE UPON SWEARING IN BY THE TRIBAL COURT; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted it has been approved for Andrew Gentile for the approval for the EDC Corporation for a one year term.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

G. Consideration of Appointment of James Nedean to the Economic Development Corporation for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Confirmation of appointment to the EDC Board of Directors.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there are no further questions he is going to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said hold on a second.

Recorder Lewis said the next two are two years.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES NEDEAU TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND HOLDINGS, LLC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF SWEARING IN AND ALL AUTHORITIES OF THE OFFICE AS A BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE UPON SWEARING IN BY THE TRIBAL COURT AND IT IS A TWO YEAR TERM; by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any further discussion on this. Riley said just to clarify because they know he was over there talking to Councilor Friedel off the mic. Riley said he was just clarifying how these motions are being made so. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the appointment for James Nedeau to the EDC Board for a term of two years has been approved.

H. Consideration of Appointment of Frank Lewis to the Economic Development Corporation for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Confirmation of appointment to the EDC Board of Directors.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said if there is no further discussion he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK LEWIS TO THE EDC FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND, LLC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AND ALL AUTHORITIES OF THE OFFICE TO

**THE BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMMENCE UPON SWEARING
IN BY THE TRIBAL COURT;** by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked again are there any abstentions.

Recorder Lewis said yes, she is abstaining.

Speaker Riley asked okay is there any further discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the appointment for Frank Lewis to the EDC Board for the term of two years has been approved.

Speaker Riley said right before he moves on just in closing on these items. Riley said this is a big deal for them and he thinks how they should move forward with this is they should do the Swearing In here and broadcast it to the membership as they do with the meetings and handle it that way. Riley said so everybody kind of look in the Rapid River and they will send something out.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Saturday, November 4, 2017

Speaker Riley said this is going to take place during the Elders Meeting. Riley said they are going to be going from ten to twelve. Riley said they are going to keep the agenda kind of light and make sure they have the ability to address any questions their Elders may have but even though this is during the Elders Meeting it is open to the membership as a whole.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said they have been working on their Budget 2018 going back and forth from Council to the Ogema. Romanelli said he is coming to Closed Session again so they can kind of clear it up. Romanelli said as they do bounce it back and forth to make recommendations but he thinks they are getting to the end because it looks pretty good overall so that is what they have been working on. Romanelli said the last few days have been several

employment matters within the Tribe which they have been trying to resolve so going through that. Romanelli said he just wanted to let them know that there is a continuous struggle to get appointments made to the commissions and committees. Romanelli said they don't get a lot of names in there for whatever reason. Romanelli said they advertise but it is really hard now they are putting together the Oversight Task Force, they are putting together the EDC, and they have the different commissions so anybody knows they can put their names forward please do. Romanelli said that should do it.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema. Riley said to the Ogema oh, the Pharmacy.

Ogema Romanelli questioned Pharmacy?

Speaker Riley said it opened this week.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, it is like a soft opening, finally, the Pharmacy is opened. Romanelli said they are going to try and tweak some things out of there but otherwise he thinks they are fine so. Romanelli said yup, that is good.

Councilor Di Piazza said the doors are opened and he was excited.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, exactly. Romanelli said yup, they will see how it goes but.....thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions for the Ogema on his Weekly Status and Business Update. Riley thanked the Ogema again.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked at this point do they have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton or Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Crampton said he will defer to his Elder.

Councilor Friedel said just an update, he did go to NCAI this past week. Friedel said they had a lot of good break-out sessions with a lot of learning. Friedel said there was a lot of Department of the Interior talkings, Department of Justice, talking about cutting the funds for the Tribal Police, the Tribal Courts, the Domestic Violence and letting them know. Friedel said they want to put 7% aside of the \$318 million coming down which that is about \$39 or \$38 million they want to set it aside. Friedel said that is going to hurt a lot of the littler Tribes not just littler Tribes but all the Tribes. Friedel said that funding is crucial but NCAI is working hard to do their part and help all the Tribal.....Tribes prosper. Friedel said he knows there was a 163 Tribes represented he does believe at that conference so it was a lot of networking with other Tribes and listening. Friedel said he thought actually everything had turned out very well.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Friedel. Riley asked anybody else and recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he was having a discussion with another Tribal Leader from another Tribe the other night. Crampton said they were discussing Ryan Zeke and he is proposing well, it is not a new notion but they are actually getting serious about it providing Tribes the avenue to become corporations rather than Tribes. Crampton said this will relieve the Federal Government of its obligation to that Tribe and although it looks good on its face with all the bright points that they are pointing out for everybody. Crampton said corporations can be taken over, they can be rated and they can have their interests bought up so it is just food for thought.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said Public Comment; does anybody have anything for Public Comment. Riley recognized Karen Love.

Karen Love, Tribal #2494, and she is also a member on the Election Board. Love said she had somebody call her the other day about she guessed it was posted on the Tribal Council Website about a concern that Shannon Crampton made about going to the FBI regarding election fraud. Love said now she wants to know is that for them or is just them two. Love said she wants to know what that means. Love asked what type of election fraud are they talking about.

Speaker Riley called upon Councilor Crampton and said he should respond to that.

Councilor Crampton said this is actually in a conversation that got blown out of proportion and he hoped to get that settled here very soon. Crampton said it was nothing aimed at them it was just an overall investigation.

Karen Love asked so are they calling any FBI in to investigate them or what.

Councilor Crampton said at this point he doesn't know whether they should or not but he thinks there should be at least a hearing by this body alone to see what happened during the election to discover to get the membership the true answer what actually happened because there is a ____ of questions right now.

Karen Love said okay so will they be part of that then.

Councilor Crampton said he has no idea at this moment.

Karen Love asked so do they know is anybody going to do anything about it. Love asked are they calling in the FBI or a special person to do this because her and the other three ladies that are involved they would like to have something like that done. Love said there was a lot of things that happened that they went by the regulations and everything that they had available to them and a lot of things that people didn't understand and weren't happy with and they know. Love said she is tired of getting called a cheat and a fraud and how they fixed the election. Love said it is not nice to go through.

Speaker Riley said if the Federal Authorities ever come in it has to be at the request of Leadership here. Riley said this was talked about briefly and like the context that she is talking about but he doesn't think they had any serious discussion about giving them a call and bringing them in. Riley said what they have had some discussions about is investigating it themselves or finding somebody to investigate it to kind of get to the bottom of what they can do to solve the problem because they know, they can point fingers all day and all this other stuff but really what they want is for the problem to be solved so they can have.....he means everybody's job around here is hard, they know, and it really does hit home when somebody says that they are not doing their job or they are lying to everybody or they are cheating or things like that. Riley said he doesn't think people realize that they are human too.

Karen Love said yeah, but they know when they put stuff like this out there like that, they know, her family reads this and her kids read this and they wonder *"What the hell is going on Mom are you getting sued again."* Love said so they know either they get it together, they know, don't put stuff like this in here if it is just a pissing contest between them guys. Love said that is all she has got to say.

Speaker Riley said to the Ogema does he got something.

Ogema Romanelli said he wanted to thank Karen Love for bringing it up because again when they are putting stuff like that in writing it is important. Romanelli said when they talk about things like election fraud, when they name names, when they talk about the FBI in a government like this it is very serious. Romanelli reiterated it is very serious. Romanelli said he came before this Council because it came up from a Council side is where.....it is his understanding where it was said the communication came from or started from or was a conversation and he wanted to know if they are going to say something like this he really thinks they should go through with an investigation. Romanelli said if it is through the FBI then call the FBI or don't make those kinds of assumptions because his name was brought up as well or his position or one or the other it was brought into the mix. Romanelli said he doesn't appreciate it and he knows what the Election Board has been going through and it is not an easy task is it.

Karen Love said no.

Ogema Romanelli said to be called on the carpet again if they are going to make those types of statements he thinks they should go through with an investigation and believe if they are calling the FBI then bring it to the FBI. Romanelli said they just may pooh pooh it. Romanelli said they have Jeff Davis also that works for the Attorney General's Office of the Western District he thinks if the FBI doesn't want to take it give it to Jeff Davis but this stuff has to stop. Romanelli said he again, they know, if something is found from this then let them act on it if it's something improper. Romanelli said if there is not then shouldn't there be some punishment from where this started to bring it out in the first place and his suggestion is yes. Romanelli said they can't keep doing this.

Karen Love said then shouldn't something like that after they do an investigation be put in something like this so people can read it because people out there don't understand it. Love said she can't even get on the website somebody called her and asked her if she read this and she said no. Love said they printed it off and sent it to her, they know, so.....

Ogema Romanelli interrupted and asked if he could get a copy of that as well.

Karen Love said sure and everything is kosher. Love said no this is on.....October 10th.

Ogema Romanelli said it is just the minutes.

Karen Love said so if everything comes back and everything is fine put that out there so that they know the Election Board is doing everything they can to do the job correctly and according to the Constitution and the Regulations.

Ogema Romanelli said completely exonerate them.

Councilor Crampton asked Karen Love if he can see those. Crampton said no this is just for clarification.

Speaker Riley said okay he thinks maybe they do need to sit down and have a work session to discuss this. Riley said to Councilor Crampton he will get to him in a second. Riley said the fact is there is a lot of questions out there surrounding this stuff and he thinks they just need to put this issue to bed for good because they have had.....this sort of stuff happen every single election due to the changes in the Constitution happening immediately before this election he thinks it is becoming even worse this time. Riley said now if they call the Federal Authorities they are a Sovereign Nation and they are not going to care at all about their election process or what is going on with their elections. Riley said he would be willing to bet they don't care. Riley said they know that is something they got to take care of themselves and they got to clean their own house with this so whether it is hiring somebody to look into this a little bit further or them looking into it themselves further by holding Hearings or doing something of that

nature he thinks it just.....they need answers and the membership needs answers. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to point out that this.....the original conversation was between Speaker Riley and himself and a few other Council members. Crampton said these are in the minutes because Ogema Romanelli brought this up in his Ogema's Status and Weekly Business Update.

Karen Love said to Councilor Crampton that it is still out there.

Councilor Crampton said he understands but he didn't put this out there.

Ogema Romanelli said the reason he brought it up is because this wasn't just a causal conversation this was something out of an open meeting. Romanelli said that was discussed during an open meeting and if it is an open meeting then it is out there for everybody. Romanelli said again if they believe the FBI won't take this under consideration he thinks they should at least ask and thinks they should ask Jeff Davis if the FBI and if not they need to get some kind of exoneration. Romanelli said they can't leave that out hanging because that is what they do too much. Romanelli said they put these things out there and then there is no answers, no apology, there is no answer and there is just an assumption that these things are going on. Romanelli said he has seen it for ten years. Romanelli said they know they are on the Election Board now which has been hammered before and now they get a lot of questions. Romanelli said Karen Love said she has to answer to her family he has to answer to his family when something is put out with their names on it he wants exoneration. Romanelli said if the FBI won't do it and Jeff Davis won't do it then let them get somebody that comes in and says let them look at it then get a yes or a no. Romanelli said let them not bargain outside the areas let them get a complete investigation that comes back with answers yes this happens or no it didn't happen and be done with it. Romanelli said if they are going to pull stuff like that which is in open session is where this started from that is exactly where the answers have to come to their membership as well to say they did an investigation and the Election Board did nothing wrong or the Election Board did do something wrong or the Ogema did something wrong or the Ogema did not or the Tribal Council. Romanelli said whoever they are talking about here they have to get some kind of clarity because they leave these things out on the internet and they just float into space and then there is the assumption that somebody "*You in this Case*" are doing something wrong as well.

Karen Love said that is why she is here today. Love said she wanted to ask about it. Love said she thinks there is nine good people sitting up there on the thing why they can't all sit down and discuss this and come up with a, they know, something to rectify this.

Ogema Romanelli said that is all he is asking for.

Karen Love said they got another election coming up here shortly, they know, and they are trying their best to make sure this is 100% correct. Love said they got people out there that are trying to sabotage what they are doing and it is hard so. Love thanked them. Love said she didn't want to throw any shade on the beautiful day out there. Love thanked them again so much.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Crampton has one more comment and he just wanted to point out they are going to end it with him this topic at least. Riley said if there is anything else for public comment they will move on but just one thing.....he just wanted to finish one thing because they could talk about this for hours, they know, there are a lot of things and this is a very ___ subject and he thinks they need to just do something, take action, not talk about it anymore. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he is correct about maybe the outside agencies might laugh at them but if they hold a hearing for them and come up with the information and ask Jeff Davis or the FBI then they will investigate. Crampton said much like that Dam Broaton Incident. Crampton said he just wanted to point out for a fact for a point of reference for the minutes coming out for the membership those statements were not made by himself they were made by the Ogema in the Weekly Status Update and he has already pointed out a couple of those statements that were attributed to himself were incorrect. Crampton thanked them.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he will honor his request.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will honor it this time.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Public Comment. Riley said alright they are going to go into Closed Session now.

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

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:49.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:49; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:47 a.m.

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

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:47.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:47; by Medacco;
supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

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

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

**MOTION TO MOVE MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE FOR
RESOLUTION #17-1025-371, ALSO 372 AND 373;** by Lewis;
supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #17

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

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

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #17-1025-371, 372 and 373 have been moved to open; roll call and motion.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1025-371,
AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR
PROSECUTOR THEREBY CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT
OF THE OGEMA'S NOMINEE FOR PROSECUTOR; by Pete;
supported by Friedel.**

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

Medacco noted that he is going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1025-372,
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
FOR WILLIAM GREGORY FOR PROSECUTOR TRANSITION
PERIOD; by Lewis; supported by Pete.**

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

Medacco noted that he was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1023- 373,
RATIFICATION OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS AND SUJEAN DRAKE, LMSW TO
COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TELE-PSYCHIATRY**

**SERVICE AND TO ALSO PROVIDE CLINICAL SERVICES
WITHIN BE-DA-BIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;** by Friedel;
supported by Pete.

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

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Friedel - 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 Riley said he is looking for a motion to adjourn at 11:49.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:49; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

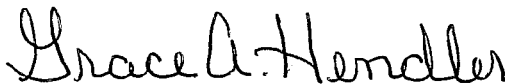
Roll Call #18

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

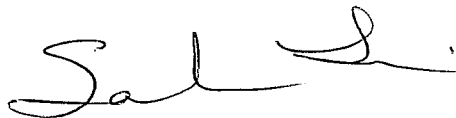
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder