



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 28, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome everyone to Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to their Regular Tribal Council Meeting via ZOOM. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if he had somebody in the audience or would he like to give them their Opening Prayer.

Recorder Di Piazza said well, he can do it.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

I. Opening Prayer

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

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.
Let us stop and help one another.
We are in some trying times.
The world is changing amongst us as we look and see it is changing.
Be as kind as you can.
Help somebody up.
As you go through these days.
Look after our First Responders and our Frontline people that serve us and take care of us.
Serve us our meals or get us our products that we need.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Gary Di Piazza.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call please of Tribal Council.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Ogema Romanelli said see none of them shows up.

Recorder Di Piazza said five are present and four are absent. Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete they do not have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked everyone. Pete said there is no more comment on any of this because they no longer have a Tribal Council Meeting for the 28th of October. Pete thanked everyone for joining them today. Pete said they just don't have a meeting. Pete said have a nice day.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Others Present: Sandy Mezeske, Laura Echelbarger, Allison Smart, Breanna Knudsen, Corey Jerome, Susan Thull, Julie Wolfe, Lyle Dorr, Martha Howell, Archie Martell, Jamie Friedel, Rebecca Liebing, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Connie Waitner, Jason Cross Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli.

C. Approval of Agenda

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 8/12/20

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Approval of Grant Application Request to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) H-B1 Rural Healthcare Grant Program to alleviate healthcare workforce shortages by creating sustainable Employment and Training Programs in Healthcare Occupations (including Behavioral and Mental Healthcare) serving rural populations**

The DOL has release rural healthcare work force development funding with awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million to use over a 4-year period. Funds can be used to hire and train Behavioral and Mental Healthcare Workers. There is no cost share

(match) required.

2. Approval of the Natural Resources Department Grant Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Community Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant for Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2023

The Natural Resource Department is submitting a grant application for Brownfield Assessment Funding for a funding total of \$71,200 to assess a minimum of 3 parcels in Manistee County. A part of this grant includes redevelopment plans for each of the parcels proposed and these plans will be developed through community wide outreach.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Authorization of Expenditure for Annual Dues to the National Congress of American Indians

The Tribal Ogema has budgeted \$20,000 for the purpose of making the Tribal Membership Dues payment.

IV. Old Business

A. Housing Commission ☐ August 2020

V. New Business

A. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Staff Attorney Employment with Caitlin Carey

This is a review of the Staff Attorney Employment Contract for approval.

B. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2020 by the Cancellation of the Saturday November 7, 2020 Meeting and Reschedule for Wednesday November 4, 2020 Meeting

The Elders Conference was cancelled for November 7 & 8 so
The Tribal Council Meeting will need to be cancelled for
November 7th and rescheduled for November 4th.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 7, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

C. Legislative Affairs Update

D. Public Comment Period

VII. Closed Session

A. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes ☐ None Submitted

B. Submissions for business matters that are Confidential

1. Enterprise and/or Reservation Development matters

2. Legal Updates

C. Bids & Contracts

- 1. Ratification of Contract with Van Dyken Mechanical, Inc. for upgrading HVAC with air purification systems at several remaining Government Buildings not to exceed \$50,00**

For Tribal Council authorization for Tribal Ogema to execute the Agreement with Van Dyken.

- 2. Authorizing the Ogema's Execution of a Contract with Foam Works, LLC for insulating the Sturgeon Rearing Facility**

Utilizing the Tribe's Master Service Agreement for the insulation that will provide better climate control for regulating the temperature in the facility and enhance the rearing of juvenile sturgeon.

D. Acceptance of Submission from Tribal Entities requiring action in Closed Session

E. Litigation

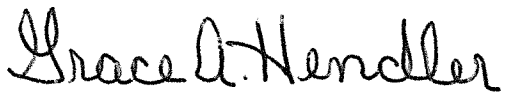
F. Personnel

VIII. Open Session

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

IX. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder