

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 5, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Johnson said anyone who is not signed in to please take a few moments. Johnson said outside the door is a place where they can sign in to ensure they have the correct roster or registration of their Tribal members attending this meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Lee Mc Caslin, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer and song in Anishinaabemowin.

As we walk in the garden God's Garden, or the Creator, the Great Spirit and even the Great Mystery.

I ask permission to use this song as the wakening birds from their Mohawk Council at the Anasazi Dona carver giving me permission to sing this.

And it is for as we connect one heart, one mind and that is what the intention was when this song was gifted to me to be able to share.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Peggy Derouin, Frank Beaver, Boo Battice, Shanaviah Canales, Jennifer Crampton, Diane Lonn, Charles Shaw, Andrew Ridge, Ashten Ridge,

Anthony Sprague, Frank Figgels, Al Metzger, Jamie Friedel, Bill Willis, Andrea Waitner, Al Patricio, Marcella Leusby, Darleen Martin.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety, Elaine Porter, Lee Mc Caslin, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins, Jason Holguin.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Johnson said he will entertain a motion at this time to approve the agenda with the add of C.3, Approval of Expenditures for Councilor Burger to attend the 73rd Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention & Marketplace.

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016 WITH THE ADD-ON OF C.3, APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR COUNCILOR BURGER TO ATTEND THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Lewis that they also have a revision in regards to New Business D and apologized for not bringing it to their attention earlier. Johnson said it has to do with the Elders Low Income Housing Rent. Johnson asked Councilor Lewis if she wanted to amend her motion.

Councilor Lewis responded yes to amend the motion to include New Business D, Elders and Low Income Housing and Rent.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Wittenberg if he still supports.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted that the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 9/28/16

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
9/28/16; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Great Lakes Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$100,000**

The Tribe has received a grant for the Lake Sturgeon within Manistee River Project.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item is funding that the Tribe recently received from the U.S. EPA for the Lake Sturgeon. Willis said the project runs through August of 2018. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said this money is specific to the Manistee River he believed but is for the Lake Sturgeon. Willis said Frank Beaver is here should Council have any specific questions.

Speaker said well he doesn't believe.....he would invite Frank Beaver to come forward to share especially with the community here that they have in wonderful attendance, to talk just briefly about what that funding is going to be utilized for if it is accepted.

Frank Beaver, Natural Resource Department Director, said yes this is for the next phase of their Sturgeon Rehabilitation Project. Beaver said they have doing the Sturgeon Rearing and working with Juvenile Sturgeon for several years now, over a decade. Beaver said this phase is to move into Adult Sturgeon work so this will get them more information and data on the Adult Sturgeon and population which they have only had antidotal information from up till now. Beaver said this will

allow them to do a more scientific research and get some more information on what the Adult Sturgeon population is looking like in the river.

Speaker Johnson thanked Frank Beaver and said now it is open for discussion or a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-285;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-GREAT LAKES
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-50 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$100,000; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

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

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he just has a question on what Frank Beaver stated that mainly on the Manistee or if he could answer that and is this something they can get annually. Battice asked if it was just a start or are they going to be able to keep going with this project and keep using this resource.

Speaker Johnson said before Frank Beaver answers this question and he realizes they are important questions for the public to fully understand. Johnson said Boo Battice is also the Chair for the Natural Resource Commission and thanked him for coming forward. Johnson called on Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver said to Boo Battice certainly and thanks for that question. Beaver explained they don't have any guarantee of continued funding obviously, but this program has a lot of start-up costs and after that maintenance costs and continued collection of data will be primarily staff time which they will use. Beaver said this is just for the first part of his question he thinks was about the Manistee so yes, that is where they have doing their collection and to make that comparable with the data they have collected so far this will be placed in the Manistee working closely with the Forest Service on some of their property to help them get this information.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other questions on this item.

Councilor Burger said just a couple of things, looking at the Budget, for the membership's information. Burger said part of this award is going to support some personnel costs here and it looks as though there is going to be some equipment outlay purchased possibly for an ultrasound as they are doing fish counts and that kind of thing. Burger said the other piece of it they are going to establish a spawning area or resistance board at the weir, at the local weir in the little river.

Frank Beaver said it will be to create a weir so that is why they are working with the Forest Service so that they can entrap and train rather, which is probably the more proper word, Adult Sturgeon but let the other species through, right. Beaver said so it will be.....won't be at the Little Manistee Weir but it will be a Temporary Weir that they put in and a resistance board means that the river, the flow of the river, will help to establish the flow because of the current will push to make sure that the weir is at the proper level. Beaver said there primarily, of course, the bottom feeding species so they are working to concentrate more along the bottom part of the river but he suspects they will go through, actually he knows, it will go through the entire water column but they will allow the other fish species to pass through and only catch and count along with measure and take other data for the Adult Sturgeon, yes.

Councilor Burger said Environmental Protection.....one last follow-up. Burger said the EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, is one agency that still awards indirect costs in its grants and their Indirect Cost Rate at 24.17% takes almost \$20,000 out of the award to support the ancillary cost which is accounting and human resources along with the other cost cutting functions of the government so that is helpful for the government's purposes but not necessarily directly to the project purpose. Burger said she just wanted to point that out.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-285 is passed.

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the Environmental Protection Agency Performance Partnership Grant Budget; Program #4445 in the amount of \$35,130

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this is a modification that the Natural Resource Department requested of EPA several months ago closer to four or five months ago and the EPA just kind of dragged their feet. Willis said finally got around to approving the mod and the problem is the grant has ended on September 30th but it still allows them to cover some costs that were kind of hanging out there so they won't be able to spend all the money that has been authorized to be moved but it will give them a good handle on closing out the grant the best they can. Willis said the EPA has already approved

the mod they just need Council to ratify it so they can move the money and cover whatever remaining costs they can.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion or a motion. Johnson said okay he has a person in the audience here, Mike Ceplina.

Mike Ceplina, Tribal #0692, said just wondering because they said that they didn't use all the money for the grant and how much money are they returning.

Frank Beaver said so he.....because there are some costs that are out there that they already incurred like the costs that Bill Willis said was hanging out there. Beaver said he believed the majority of that \$35,000 that they are talking about today is being used for that he suspects they will have, unfortunately, in the neighborhood of about \$10,000 that is not actually being able to be spent at this time.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Burger if she had her hand up.

Councilor Burger said yes she did.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-286; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2016-51, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT BUDGET, PROGRAM #4445 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,130; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-286 is passed.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Burger if there was something she wanted to share at this point.

Councilor Burger said she just thinks and it is something that she has discussed in previous capacities with Council, the Ogema and with other Directors that they need to really establish a budgeting process here that absolutely takes projects out of the realm of Grants Administration and puts them in the functions of the

government. Burger said then she doesn't believe they will have issues where they are sending money back under granted programs because they are administering little grant projects instead of supporting a government's function with the dollars that they receive in the grants. Burger said they have to take a little different approach as to how they can incorporate grants into the overall government programs, functions, services and activities to spend all the money and not send it back.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Burger.

D. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

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

The Tribal Ogema has budgeted \$25,000 for the purpose of making Membership Dues payment to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Speaker Johnson noted is this something they do annually when it becomes due. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-287; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR 2016 ANNUAL DUES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI); by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

Councilor Burger said just for the membership's benefit that are in attendance today. Burger said the National Congress of American Indians is one of the oldest.....it is the oldest.....let her rephrase that. Burger said it is the oldest Tribal Advocacy Organization in the United States in addition to having Tribal Governments and Tribal Organizations be a part of the Congress individual Indians can be a part of the Congress and be part of the voting voice of NCAI. Burger said she would encourage that if they have an interest in Indian Issues that they take a look at their website at NCAI.org. Burger said think about perhaps becoming an individual voting member and they will send them information regarding all of their meetings and the issues at hand in Washington, D.C. Burger said they presently operate the only embassy for Native American Tribes in Washington, D.C. and if they are ever there as a visitor she encourages them to go take a look at their embassy because they are operating the embassy for them. Burger asked Councilor Medacco if he wanted her to mention the Youth Council. Burger said NCAI also has Youth Congress and they meet every year at their Annual Conference. Burger said the Annual Conference this year will be out in Phoenix, Arizona. Burger said there are a lot of issues particularly west of Mississippi that are occurring and impacting Tribes as a whole across the country.

Burger said some of them may have heard about them. Burger said Standing Rock they may have heard about some of the issues that are occurring in IHS where Indians are dying in IHS run hospitals for no apparent reason. Burger said it is good that the Youth Congress meets because they also discuss those issues and bring recommendations back to the full body when the voting membership is there and they have a voice. Burger said a very strong voice in the policy mandates in the National Congress.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-287 is passed.

2. Approval for Recorder Riley to attend the RES Conference November 13-17, 2016

The conference is at Buffalo Thunder Casino & Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Recorder Riley said that is actually a typo it should be the 13th through the 17th.

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

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RECORDER RILEY TO ATTEND THE RES CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 13-17, 2016;
 by Lewis; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said they have Recorder Riley abstaining from this. Johnson called on Recorder Riley.

Recorder Riley said just a quick run-down that this is because it doesn't really say but this is an Economic Development Conference so it will be several days of training in Economic Development, Tribal Economic Development, 8A, Entrepreneurialship.

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson called on someone from the audience and asked them to come up to the microphone and give their name and Tribal I.D.

Anthony Sprague said his former Tribal I.D. was #2149 and is now a Gun Lake member. Sprague said the only.....his only.....

Speaker Johnson said with that said this is not related to.....since he no longer is a Tribal member here he can't.....he apologizes.....he can't do that but on Standing Rock is a different issue, okay. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved.

Speaker Johnson said again, he apologizes for that he should have caught that before he even raised his hand.

3. Approval of Expenditure for Councilor Burger to attend the 73rd Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention & Marketplace

The convention will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona from October 10-14, 2016.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR COUNCILOR BURGER TO ATTEND THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONVENTION AND MARKETPLACE; OCTOBER 10-14th; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Burger said she will abstain. Burger apologized because she was looking at the agenda.

Speaker Johnson said he could see that she was tentatively reading. Johnson said that is fully understood. Johnson said it is open for discussion.

Councilor Burger said just looking at the agenda for this particular meeting this is the annual meeting that covers many issues across Indian Country. Burger said there are consultations that will be taking place and that is the Tribe's opportunity to dialogue directly with Federal Decision Makers. Burger said that is a requirement under Executive Order, Presidential Executive Order, that the government consult with Tribes before they implement a policy that is going to impact Tribes. Burger said there will be a few consultations at this particular week. Burger said the mid-west region has a cactus every day in the morning and that is the Tribes in their region. Burger said they will bring up issues that are

important to them probably Enbridge 5 will have another resolution out of committee while they are there in support of stopping or removing that particular pipeline. Burger said she knows there will be lots of discussions about Tribal Water Rights and Water Protections. Burger said it is a pretty busy agenda. Burger said she thinks she is the only one going.

Recorder Riley asked Councilor Crampton what ever happened to him making it there in eight hours.

Councilor Crampton said he can still do it and asked Recorder Riley if he wanted a ride.

Recorder Riley said no.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Riley noted that travel was approved.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Operations Report** None Submitted
- B. **Financial Report** July 2016
- C. **Health Commission** None Submitted
- D. **Housing Commission** None Submitted
- E. **Natural Resource Commission** None Submitted
- F. **Commerce Commission** July 2016
- G. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report** None Submitted

Speaker Johnson said they had a work session on the Financial Report from the, he believed, government and believed that there is no action required on that. Johnson said they also received the Commerce Commission Report for July 2016. Johnson said he believed there was no action on that so let it be noted to the public that they have accepted those and they will be filed.

V. New Business

- A. **Approval to post for 30 Day Public Comment the Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping & Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory**

Four substantive amendments are suggested and must be posted for 30 days prior to permanent adoption to allow for public comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said just so the membership knows there was a couple of typos that were missed and his apologies also. Di Piazza said so some things are not brought over from when they scan documents in they need to be moved into word sometimes word does not do that. Di Piazza said there are couple of indexes that need to be corrected and then also when trapping for some reason the snares were missing and the size of the traps. Di Piazza said also with the Otter and Beaver.

Speaker Johnson said it was the Otter and Bobcat wasn't it.

Councilor Di Piazza agreed.

Councilor Burger said Bag Limits.

Councilor Di Piazza said Bag Limits and also the early hunting because they took out the asterisks on the bottom of the original one and tried to get them all into a little manual and evidently it didn't get brought from when it was scanned in. Di Piazza said other than that if are there any questions this is up for a 30 day comment so get their comments e-mailed in or sent in.

Speaker Johnson said he has Mike Ceplina raising his hand.

Mike Ceplina said to Councilor Di Piazza that he was just wondering because he brought an issue to him about the size of the shotguns. Ceplina said he was wondering if that was going to be rephrased in there.

Councilor Di Piazza responded to be honest he reads it as correct with the gauge of the shotgun but they can look at it. Di Piazza asked Mike Ceplina to send the comment in.

Mike Ceplina said yeah because it just matches the State of Michigan so that it isn't more restrictive or anything like that.

Councilor Di Piazza said like he said the way he reads it ten gauge and below would eight or six for pump gun. Di Piazza said the last time he shot a pump gun it hurt like Heidi-hoo.

Mike Ceplina said just to look at it and thanked them.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any more discussion on this or a motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there is no more discussion he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TO POST FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC
COMMENT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HUNTING,**

**TRAPPING AND GATHERING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1836
CEDED TERRITORY; by Di Piazza; supported by Riley.**

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the regulations are posted.

**B. Approving and Authorizing the Re-submission of the Tribe's
Amended Sex Offender Registration and Procedure Manual to the
Department of Justice for Review and Approval**

The updated Policy and Procedure Manual was forwarded to the Department of Justice who requested one amendment prior to giving their final authorization of it.

Mike Ceplina asked if they could let them know what the one amendment was that they requested.

Speaker Johnson said sure and he is going to ask Shane Machen to come forward so he gets the legal description of it.

Shayne Machen, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Machen said just for some background on it this is actually not the SORNA Ordinance but this is the SORNA Policy and Procedure Manual. Machen said the Policy and Procedure Manual is what governs the way the Department of Public Safety registers people so it gives them step by step processes for what information to collect, forms they sign, and also gives samples of all the forms. Machen said in addition to that it states the purpose and intent of the Tribe's Enforcement of this ordinance so it actually not an amendment but rather just a clarifying paragraph that the Department of Justice require that they add. Machen said all it is a more thorough or more encompassing paragraph explaining the difference between a juvenile offender, adjudicated as a juvenile, and a juvenile offender tried as an adult so that is the only clarification that it provided.

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

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTON #16-1005-290;
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-SUBMISSION OF**

THE TRIBE’S AMENDED SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; by Lewis.

Councilor Burger said she thinks it is Resolution #288.

Councilor Lewis said she rescinds that to Resolution #16-1005-288.

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTON #16-1005-288; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-SUBMISSION OF THE TRIBE’S AMENDED SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-288 is passed.

- C. Approval to submit to HUD the FY2017 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as Developed by the Housing Department and Reviewed by the Housing Commission**
The Report is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Frank Figgels, Housing Department Director, represented this agenda item. Figgels said what they have is that each year they receive an Indian Housing Block Grant from NAHASDA and in order to be eligible for the grant or approved for the grant they need to submit an Indian Housing Plan which is how they propose using those funds that they are providing to them. Figgels said therefore that is what this resolution is today for them to be able to submit that plan to ONAP in Chicago for their review and approval in anticipation of receiving the grant.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-298; APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE FY2017 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND REVIEWED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Recorder Riley corrected Councilor Di Piazza that the number is 289.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what did he say.

Recorder Riley responded 298.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will revise that to 289.

Speaker Johnson said he has a support down there and who was it.

Recorder Riley said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-289;
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE FY2017 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND REVIEWED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-289 is passed.

D. Elder and Low Income Housing Rent

Approving Tribal Council Resolution Establishing Minimum Monthly Rents for Low Income and Elder Homes at Aki Maadiziwin.

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

Mike Ceplina, Tribal Member & Aki maadiziwin Resident, represented this agenda item. Ceplina said he brought this forward to help their people out in their

rent. Ceplina said he feels that they need help out there because they don't make a lot in wages and if they are not making that much, Tribal Council, then they know how it affects them who are making a lot less. Ceplina said he is here today to just ask Tribal Council to consider it and keeping it at 15% which he thinks is a fair percentage until the other 30 homes can be built that people can move into. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Johnson thanked Mike Ceplina. Johnson reiterated it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

Councilor Crampton said if there is no other discussion he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-290;
APPROVING TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
MINIMUM MONTHLY RENTS FOR LOW INCOME AND ELDER
HOMES AT AKI MAADIZIWIN; by Crampton; supported by Burger.**

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-290 is passed.

E. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Women's Information Service, Inc. (WISE), Every Woman's Place, Center for Women in Transition, and Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters (C.O.V.E)
Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema.

Shanaviah Canales, from the Family Services Department, represented this agenda item. Canales said she is asking for a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the Ogema for the shelters in the nine county service area that the program covers.

Speaker Johnson said to Shanaviah Canales that he would invite her to share with the public what the program does on behalf of the membership so they have a better idea of what they are trying to do here.

Shanaviah Canales said the Domestic Violence Program is now kind of the Victims Services Program. Canales said the reason why is they need to receive the VOCA Funding which will help all victims so not just intimate partnership violence as well as robbery, if they had been robbed, if they had been in an accident where it was a DUI and they hurt them. Canales said also all sorts of things like identity theft so things like that. Canales said the program helps with advocacy, helps them with court and finding them services. Canales said the collaboration with this MOU is collaborating within the nine county service area so collaborating with the other shelters and agencies who are helping to provide those services much quicker so if there was an immediate need or crisis she is able to call them right away because she has developed those relationships and able to get those services. Canales said they also help with financial needs so it depends on the financial needs in each program and funding has its own criteria so she would have to determine what that would fall into. Canales asked if there were any other questions.

Speaker Johnson said no that was very good. Johnson said it is open for discussion and/or a motion.

Councilor Crampton said if there is no more discussion he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-291;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WOMEN'S
INFORMATION SERVICE, INC. (WISE), EVERY WOMAN'S
PLACE (EWP), CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION, AND
COMMUNITIES OVERCOMING VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS
(COVE); by Crampton; supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-291 is passed.

F. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Legal Aid of Western Michigan
Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema.

Shanaviah Canales, from the Family Services Department, represented this agenda item. Canales said this is another Memorandum of Understanding with Legal Aid of Western Michigan which covers the nine county service area but just seven of them. Canales said this is basically the same thing, collaboration. Canales said she knows how frustrating it can be if she says call Legal Aid and they go on the waiting list on that 1-800 number well this provides that they go to the top of the list if she makes a referral and to get immediate services. Canales said they are doing it as of right now so in the funding that is coming because it is coming out the actual grant itself. Canales said they have a Legal Aid.....apologized.....Legal Assistance Services that is provided so she is able to pay for the legal services. Canales said this is for the Intimate Partnership Funding.

Speaker Johnson asked if there are any questions or a motion on this item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-292;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LEGAL AID
OF WESTERN MICHIGAN;** by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Lee Mc Caslin said it is just in the scope of the Legal Aid and asked if it covered like Social Security. Mc Caslin said they know if they had a Tribal member say that they are not getting any help from anywhere maybe just a little does it cover.....because the system is broken in the Social Security, right, so there is a long drawn out portion does it cover Legal Aid to help with getting Social Security getting provided to an individual member.

Shanaviah Canales asked if the victim falls under the Intimate Partnership Violence then yes so if they come to her because it was an Intimate Partnership Violence then she would be able to make a referral over to Legal Aid because it is out of that funding and out of that program so the funding is different. Canales said she can because she has been in talks with Legal Aid they do help with Social Security and one of their areas.....

Speaker Johnson interrupted and said to Shanaviah Canales.....both Lee Mc Caslin and Shanaviah Canales please try to speak into the microphone which helps out Grace Hendler on recording. Johnson said to Lee Mc Caslin that also before he leaves would he please leave his Tribal I.D. on the recording also to help Grace Hendler when she does her recordings also.

Shanaviah Canales said so the Legal Aid is for the Intimate Partnership Violence Program so if there was a victim that was in an Intimate Partnership Violence they would be able to come in and she would be able to make that referral over to

Legal Aid so this is what this MOU is for. Canales said as for Legal Aid they do have for.....they do Social Security and they also help with.....they also have funding to help with if they fall within a certain age group they can fall into that depending on their income. Canales said they can do all that but this MOU is under the Intimate Partnership Grant.

Lee Mc Caslin said his name and Tribal #0748.

Speaker Johnson thanked them and asked if there were any other questions on this item. Johnson asked if they had a motion on this already.

Recorder Riley yes they do.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-292 is passed.

G. Approving Tribal Council Support of Standing Rock by Designating Big Blue as Hub Donation Station & providing Transportation Costs
The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe stands in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline as it threatens their way of life, water, people and their land and are in need of support.

Speaker Johnson said to Andrew Sprague that he is more than welcome to come up on this item.

Councilor Lewis asked if she can speak now or wait.

Speaker Johnson said just wait. Johnson said first of all he would invite the three.....he guessed they have been going by the three A's. Johnson said he would first invite them to describe what this is all about to the Tribal members then he has Councilor Lewis in the queue.

Andrea Waitner said Anthony Sprague and asked him to stand up. Waitner said they have Andrew Ridge. Waitner said what they have been doing is working on an effort to bring together with their Tribe the support of the other Tribes in Michigan and around the Great Lakes to take a delegation of Warriors, Singers, people that can help, also supplies and donations out to Standing Rock, North Dakota to be able to help the folks out there develop more suitable structures for winter because they will be out there until spring time fighting the building of the Access Pipeline. Waitner said the Dakota Access Pipeline is still under

construction despite the fact that President Obama has asked them to cease. Waitner said there is a lot of violence out there not from their people but from Private Security Companies, from Police, because there has been dog attacks on the peaceful protestors and there has been cop action where they have let off tear gas. Waitner said all kinds of things are going down out there so what the people out there are doing is bringing awareness to the fight for their water. Waitner said they would like to see that fight come here and eventually to Washington, D.C. Waitner said so what they have done is started using their contacts and their networking to be able to kind of impassion people so they can get folks out there to help out because they all.....they know they can't put a dollar value on water and that is a fight in all of their best interest for everyone. Waitner said all the four colors of people. Waitner said so far what they have gotten is to for them to have a building designated for storage area for donations that are coming in. Waitner said first of all does anyone.....did that cover it enough and are they good.

Speaker Johnson said he believes so and called on Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said okay she herself have been to Standing Rock a couple of times and she was approached by these three and asked to support them in their efforts. Lewis said her understanding, yes, them Council members really need to focus on Washington, D.C. and she is in total support of three of them and anybody that helps them. Lewis said she is very proud of all of them for standing up and helping the people. Lewis said her understanding also is that if the voice is heard over in Standing Rock their voice is going to be heard everywhere for all pipelines throughout the United States. Lewis said now if their voice is not heard none of them are going to be heard. Lewis said she has been there and has been a part of the unity of the people and that is all nations in America, New Zealand, Hawaii, people from Hawaii came in. Lewis said there is so many people involved and it is not just Native Nations many other Nations are coming together and helping and they have that understanding that they do need to protect Mother Earth. Lewis said she herself, the couple of times that she has been there she has been able to talk with Congress people, Senators, Chiefs, it's a prayer camp so it is all prayer inside that camp. Lewis said they know if they want to go to the frontline they can get trained to go to that frontline. Lewis said it is not necessary and they don't have to but if they just wanted to go there for just prayer they can also do that. Lewis said she would have to say too that she was honored because she got to spend the afternoon with Joan Biaz who is in full support of them and she understanding that Enbridge and a need for that everywhere. Lewis said she is standing with them so with that said she just wanted to say she commends them all for stepping up and supporting Mother Earth and all of the people on Earth regardless of color.

Andrea Waitner said also they have their.....have a huge battle on their hands protecting the Great Lakes and she is talking Pipeline #5 that is almost shot. Waitner said in their hearts the believe that if they can let people know and

educate other people about the Great Lakes and their fresh water supply then they will be able to come here and help them with their continued battle for clean water here in the Great Lakes area. Waitner said so what they are really doing is collecting Three Fires support. Waitner said they have talked to the Hannahville Community, the Saginaw Chippewa Community, the Gun Lake Community and all are willing to donate supplies as well as transportation help. Waitner said what they will ask them is to support future trips to Standing Rock so that the Little River Community isn't on the hook for a repeated supply line where they know in terms of their part.....what they are asking for.....is for now a Letter of Support from Tribal Council from Ogema Romanelli so they can communicate with other Tribes that says Little River stands in support and this is what they are doing. Waitner said once they get to the brass tacks of their logistical, they know, the logistical information. Waitner said this is their designated drop-off point for supplies and so first the question is if they can get the Letter of Support and they can work on that this week in terms of actual writing. Waitner said she would be happy to write up a draft and she does have a computer to use now so. Waitner said that David Hawley hooked her up. Waitner said there is that so she would ask for comment on that she guessed.

Speaker Johnson said he has a couple of hands going up here on this item. Johnson said he has Councilors Riley and Crampton.

Recorder Riley said the question that Council is presented with on the agenda is the use of Big Blue and help with transportation costs. Riley said now he thinks they came to the conclusion on Monday that Big Blue isn't the most appropriate place due to the rodents, no heat and things like that because it's getting later in the year and some supplies could freeze or get wet or things of that nature. Riley said he thinks in his opinion what they should be doing here is they should probably table this item, remove it, then sit down and have a work session sometime this week.

Andrea Waitner said that would be a good idea.

Recorder Riley said then get something on the agenda for next week that actually addresses what they are talking about here.

Andrea Waitner said she thinks that would give them time to get more things together in terms of actual research costs for transportation and give everybody a chance as well to gather their resources or make contacts with other folks. Waitner said they are probably getting ahead of themselves but they are not familiar with the process either. Waitner said that is a fantastic suggestion.

Recorder Riley said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to assure them that he thinks they already sent a Letter of Support.

Andrea Waitner said oh okay.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks they were one of the first Tribes to do so and other Tribes asked for their letter as a template. Crampton said he supports what is going on at Standing Rock but there are successful templates have already been laid out on how to defeat these guys and one of the people they should be looking to Wynonna La Duke and protecting Mother Earth on the webpage that she has. Crampton said in Minnesota they knocked off the Sand Piper Enbridge Pipeline and they are looking to do so and are now joining with Standing Rock. Crampton said Line 5 is well known and well into.....its way past the drawing attention to it stage. Crampton said they are in litigation right now, in fact, two of their people just met with the Army Corp of Engineers talking about it and they are looking to going back into some negotiations tomorrow.

Andrea Waitner said that is fantastic.

Speaker Johnson said he is going to put himself in the queue here and just wanted to add another item. Johnson asked if somebody else raised their hand in the audience.

Recorder Riley said Al Metzger.

Speaker Johnson said Al Metzger, okay. Johnson said to Al Metzger to please come forward.

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said he just has a couple of comments. Metzger said on the agenda would it be possible on the second sentence it says "*Access Pipeline as it threatens their way of life*" could they change "*their*" to "*our*" because it is our way of life also. Metzger said it affects Turtle Island. Metzger said also he doesn't know what type of resolution if this could take effect but on their Tribal Government Letterhead and he is not exactly sure of the hashtag Dakota Pipeline if they could have that up on top of their Government Letterhead to actually get it out there every time they are sending out a letter. Metzger said he is in full support of what they are doing out there and any Tribal member that wants to assist in the need to keep Mother Earth clean.

Speaker Johnson said what he had to respond to also earlier. Johnson said it appears that there is some discussion about tabling this until next week and they are going to have a work session on this however, he knows that the three of them came to the Warrior's Society on Saturday requesting utilizing the Warrior's Society as a focus point to accept the donations. Johnson said the Warrior's Society past a motion that they would do that on behalf of them. Johnson said he shares what Andrew Sprague said that the Warrior's Society is not a 501C3 however they are a separate entity from the Tribal Government and they can receive donations but he is just going to say that the Warrior's Society because they are not a 501C3 that when they receive the donations those people who are

making them cannot utilize the Warrior's Society as a tax deduction because of that, okay but they can still receive the donations. Johnson said with that said go ahead Andrew Ridge.

Andrew Ridge, Tribal #5138, said he talked to Dave Anthony last night from Hannahville and he is willing to make a cash donation to their specific trip as far as Hannahville Tribe themselves. Ridge said the one thing is he doesn't know where to tell him to send it. Ridge said that is one of this questions as far as not being able to use that through the Warrior's Society. Ridge asked are there any other answers of where he could possibly have them donate. Ridge said they are willing to donate materials, money right now to the trip same as Brian Stevens from the Oneida Tribe as well.

Recorder Riley said that is what he is actually in the queue for. Riley said they might want to look up and see about just registering their own 501C and may want to do it as C4 which is a Social Welfare Organization and a little bit looser on some of the requirements other than a C3 but just look into it because they might be able to set it up pretty quickly as long as they get their mission, goals and everything with place of meetings. Riley said they are really not that stringent on it but.....

Andrew Ridge asked what is it called again.

Recorder Riley said.....yeah she has it.

Andrew Ridge said that is one of the biggest questions there is. Ridge said they already have people willing to donate to their cause because they started two weeks.....two and a half weeks ago. Ridge said they want to get this going as fast as possible and next week they are talking Wednesday of having another Council Meeting. Ridge said he can't wait for them to be able to have a sit down and a work.....a work shop to be able to figure out exactly what they are going to be able to do.

Recorder Riley said they can contact Mary Witkop and she would be able to help them.....

Andrew Ridge said with that.

Recorder Riley said yes.

Andrew Ridge said okay.

Speaker Johnson said with that said he knows there is discussion about tabling this so he will entertain a motion at this point to table this and have a work session. Johnson said he can do that he believes. Johnson said he can entertain a motion.

Recorder Riley said he can make that motion.

Councilor Crampton said what is the date. Crampton asked do they have a date.

Recorder Riley said till next week.

Councilor Crampton said okay he supports that.

MOTION TO TABLE STANDING ROCK; by Riley; supported by Crampton.

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

Andrew Ridge said the only question he has as far as doing a work shop when do they think they would want to do that.

Recorder Riley said as soon as they are done with first open they can go back and look at the calendar and see when they can get them in.

Andrew Ridge thanked them.

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

Lee Mc Caslin, Tribal #0748, said two years ago when he was out there for ceremony for Standing Rock they only have a little office and probably have a Laundry Mat then they have a little Tribal Office and that is it. Mc Caslin said he looks at that and see it.....he was able to speak at the University of Dayton Ohio and he is going back November the 14th and Phyllis Young will join him from Standing Rock. Mc Caslin said they will put a presentation together. Mc Caslin said his topic this year will be Oil Field Trash and the Woodland. Mc Caslin said so that is what he wanted to touch on is the basis that it is about the beginning of the Northern Ottawa Association before it became that name it was The Ottawa Defense or The Dakota Defense. Mc Caslin said that is when all the others came together at one time in life and he looks at history repeating itself so right now they are right there in them times. Mc Caslin said the Longest Walk will continue for the next three years so that is futuristic so they will be walking across and bringing more awareness to all people in all forms. Mc Caslin said he would like to just share that a little bit of time in November 14th with Standing Rock coming into Dayton, Ohio University. Mc Caslin said they will put on a presentation.....a nephew of his won an award over there on the East Coast about going beyond the Call of Duty and he is trying to get him in to speak on what he has done for the _____ The Keepers of the Past. Mc Caslin said so it is affecting the whole United States then beyond that and the whole world is watching. Mc Caslin said so he thinks that the Spirit Camp is good if anybody gets an opportunity to share and be out there. Mc Caslin reiterated that he thinks it is good as a whole. Mc Caslin

said history.....they are making history and it is going to change. Mc Caslin said so he stands totally in support of this way of life and to remember the ___ that they carry is very sacred before making any decisions and is always in ceremony. Mc Caslin said so if these guys allow him to catch a ride he has his work boots on and is ready to go with them.

Andrea Waitner said they already saved a spot for him.

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

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the item is tabled.

Speaker Johnson said until next week.

Recorder Riley repeated until next week.

Speaker Johnson said they will let them know later this afternoon when the work session will happen.

H. Replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s Day that will be on the Second Monday in October of every year

Indigenous People’s Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples contribute to communities throughout Michigan, the United State of America and all of the world.

Councilor Di Piazza represented this agenda item. Di Piazza said this is just to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s Day. Di Piazza said just take Columbus Day off the books.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-1005-293;
REPLACING COLUMBUS DAY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S**

DAY-SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Councilor Burger said she just wanted to offer an amendment to the resolution to correct a typographical error in the 8th WHEREAS. Burger read "*WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa, Ojibwe, and Botawmine Potawatomi and other Indigenous People's contribute to the communities throughout Michigan, United States* instead of United State of America *and all of the world.* Burger said a correction to the State to States.

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted. Johnson asked the motion maker if they would amend their motion to accept those. Johnson asked Councilor Lewis if she still supported this action. Johnson thanked Councilor Burger for bringing that to their attention. Johnson asked if there was anything else on the discussion of this item.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to clarify that the intention of this resolution is not to make it a holiday where the government closes it is just changing the name of their calendars from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

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

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-1005-293 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 12, 2016**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli said the three persons that came forward, the three A's, he appreciates their getting involved with these issues. Romanelli said as they know these pipelines throughout the United States are a concern and their closest one that is an immediate need is Pipeline #5. Romanelli said that is the one that runs along the Mackinaw Bridge and they are fully aware of it. Romanelli said two

weeks ago Councilor Di Piazza and himself met with the Governor at the Summit with the Tribes in Mt. Pleasant and they did have the opportunity to speak directly to the Governor to let him know of their concerns with Line 5. Romanelli said as well as every other Tribe that was there. Romanelli said basically from the Unified Agreement that needs to be looked into along with the Army Corp of Engineers so that was a positive thing. Romanelli said last week he was in Washington, D.C. and again, this was the last of President Obama's Meetings with the Tribes. Romanelli said they don't know that the in-coming President is going to do the same but President Obama had eight actual meetings with the Tribes again, they are very favorable. Romanelli said they get to speak not only with the President, sometimes they get to speak to the President, but they get to speak with the top Directors of the different departments directly and that is helpful too. Romanelli said he was able to have a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior and other officials. Romanelli said while he was there they were very supportive of the Standing Rock issue was front and center and on his first day they.....he made a sign that "*We support Standing Rock*" and invited other Tribes to join in and show their support. Romanelli said a group picture was taken and it just happen that he had been talking with the Chairman of Standing Rock, David Archibald, prior to that so when they took the picture Little River is actually standing right next to Standing Rock so their support was absolutely shown there. Romanelli said he is a very delightful person and a very serious person that related a lot of the things going on at Standing Rock. Romanelli said they also noted that Line 5 in Michigan is an issue too so the information goes both ways and while they have some media attention on pipelines it is a good time to keep pushing the Line 5 issue. Romanelli said not only in Standing Rock but again in Washington, D.C. Romanelli said those two things happened. Romanelli said what else do they have and believed that was it. Romanelli said it just has been real busy because there are a lot of things going on within the Tribe. Romanelli said the other thing that was.....keeps getting mentioned and he is sure that Jessica Burger will talk about it at NCAI again is consultation. Romanelli said not only consultation because the Tribes have been fighting for that for a long time whereas they are notified only after a decision has been made. Romanelli said whether it be the States or the Federal Government they call it consultation if they notify them of what they have done and the fact of the matter is they should be brought in prior to and that was even talked about at the State Summit. Romanelli said then there has been consultation but it isn't really meaningful consultation there is some verbiage going out prior to making a decision and they are calling it consultation. Romanelli said they are talking about deep, meaningful, consultation and they are really pushing it at the Federal Level, thank goodness. Romanelli said at the State Level to make sure that Tribes are included and he thinks they are winning that war where he thinks it is finally happening. Romanelli said he wishes Councilor Burger luck out in NCAI. Romanelli said the only thing else they have the Membership Meeting coming up on Saturday and the Ogema's Meet-n-Greet at 7:00 and he is understanding that Council has a meeting prior to that in the same room where the Ogema's Meet-n-Greet.

Recorder Riley said 5-6:30.

Ogema Romanelli repeated 5-6:30 in the same room so let him write that down because he has been getting some questions. Romanelli said he thinks that is it. Romanelli said everything is on a roll. Romanelli said he does invite Council always to go to the Ogema's Meet-n-Greet as usual and they are welcome to come, everybody is. Romanelli said let them keep going. Romanelli said the Membership Meeting is 10:00 and they are also going to feature, and he sees Diane Lonn is here, a couple of their departments are going to give a brief ten minute to fifteen minute he guesses a little discussion on what they do. Romanelli said he thinks they are very informative because they did that at the Director's Meeting. Romanelli said he thinks each Director learned a little bit about the other ones, how much work goes into each department, so they are going to have the Enrollment Commission.....excuse him.....the Enrollment Department and the Utilities Department give a little thing in the morning on Saturday. Romanelli said he thinks that will be informative and he really does. Romanelli said they have on the agenda is that there is a recent purchase made by the Tribe that will be highlighted as well. Romanelli said he thinks they are good to go.

Recorder Riley said that was just what he was going to say was that Council will be having a Meet-n-Greet 5-6:30 same room immediately presuming. Riley said the Ogema is welcome to attend.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Johnson said there is also going on today at 2:00 this afternoon a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on M-22 in Arcadia. Johnson said there is going to be people from the Resort is going to be there and Steve Parsons is going to be there but it is recognizing M-22 as one of those designated scenic trails on the map of Pure Michigan. Johnson said all the Units of Government have signed onto it with no obligations.....financial obligations by any of the Units of Government it is just recognizing this road as a very unique special one. Johnson said so they are going to have that ceremony he believed at 2:00.

Ogema Romanelli said he hasn't asked but are they going to have that on the sign at the Resort. Romanelli said he knows there was some mention of it but it would be nice to show that pretty much as much as they can to say *M-22 starts here*. Romanelli said what a nice little marketing tool. Romanelli said he won't be able to make the 2:00.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said just one thing he wanted to make everybody aware of. Crampton said yesterday at he believed at 2:00 on the Mackinaw Bridge they released a Bald Eagle named Mighty Mac who had been rehabilitated. Crampton

said it was captured in Manistee County and it had West Nile Virus and they released it 2:00 yesterday and everything went fine.

Councilor Burger said she just has a question for the Ogema. Burger said since she is going to National Congress and the Ogema has the official voting proxy for the Tribe. Burger asked is she going to have a letter from him to be his voting proxy.

Ogema Romanelli said she absolutely will. Romanelli said thanks for the reminder and she should have it by the end of today.

Councilor Burger thanked the Ogema.

C. Public Comment Period

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said he would just like to offer an open arms and invite them all to come share teachings and knowledge with them behind the Government Center tomorrow actually it should be starting today because he is going over there later on. Metzger said he would like to see all of them over there if possible to share some of what they have for the people. Metzger said Miigwech.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is standing there as a Commercial Fisherman and just going to ask for assistance and is looking for guidance. Battice said he has been there for a long time and has asked a couple of times. Battice said he would like to be on the water. Battice said for 16 years that he has owned his boat and that is half of his life. Battice said he was 16 years old when he got on the boat and that is all he knows. Battice said that is what he wanted to be growing up. Battice said a lot of things have happened and misplaced but he is still standing there with them as a team and that is what he wants to be. Battice said in 2020 they renegotiate rights with the State and they have to put their foothold as Little River that they have interest in those things. Battice said he is saying that there is at least one guy still here not pointing fingers because he has taken his lumps and bruises with the rest of them. Battice said he just doesn't want to be kept.....nobody knows anything. Battice said hopefully he can sit down with some people that can help him out which will eventually help them all out because it is not a lottery ticket. Battice said when he sees a post that they are sending fish to Little Rock and he should be doing that. Battice reiterated that he should be doing that. Battice said it saddens him that he should be feeding his people. Battice said that is the whole.....he didn't never want to fish to make money but wanted to fish to feed the people just like they went and got the fishermen off the lake and brought them in. Battice said he also fished the _____ and that is why he is standing there and playing the position that he is in. Battice said he is a fisherman of both the lake and of the people and he wants to feed their people. Battice said so he is just a public comment asking for guidance. Battice said he knows a couple of people he can go talk to. Battice said he is just saying

to guide him through it guys because they are all on the same team. Battice reiterated that he should be sending fish and it saddens him. Battice thanked them and said no comment necessary.

Speaker Johnson said he is going to try to respond to that very well because this was brought up at the Membership Meeting last spring. Johnson said it was very clear that the commission in which Boo Battice serves and sit on needs to rewrite and look at the regulations on that to allow their fishermen go out there and hold them not necessarily accountable but more to make sure they are protecting the environment so they don't have wanton waste on those nets and other things. Johnson said until the commission can come back with the regulations to ensure they are protecting the environment and the fishermen both it is going to be at a standstill. Johnson said so it is really sitting on their doorsteps in those meetings. Johnson said he would invite them to put that on their agenda and have the discussion on the commission and rewrite those regulations and look at them very carefully so he can get out on the water to fish. Johnson said that, he thinks, is a good start in the system. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Councilor Burger said she is glad that Boo Battice came up to highlight that because they will be renegotiating the Ceded Territory Agreement coming up soon in 2020. Burger said she for one as a Tribal member would wholly advocate that the Tribe's be taking a unified voice with the State and tell the State that they have no jurisdiction over their hunting and gathering processes or rights. Burger said let them follow the lead of the Alaska Corporations and take the State right out of the mix in their jurisdiction and regulatory process. Burger said she thinks it is high time and it is beyond time for them to continue to negotiate with the State and give them credence over their fishing, hunting, and gathering rights. Burger said it doesn't sit well with her as a Tribal person because they didn't have to do that previously before they were reaffirmed so she thinks they are pushing the envelope a little bit.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Burger. Johnson asked if there were any other discussion on this item.

Boo Battice said he would like to respond to Speaker Johnson's comment. Battice said that is why he is looking for guidance of what they perceive as wanton waste and what level they want to put on it because it is really an opinionated.....personally just for information of the situation that he went through he called his people for help. Battice said they came out the next day and it cost him \$20,000 for wanton waste and there was no evidence saying that it was there, pictures and estimations for \$20,000 when he called for help saying that his fuel pump went out. Battice said they have to give 24 hour's notice and they never did that to where.....he is trying to get on their.....he understands where they are coming from trying to move money around but he is trying to be on the same team here and he will.....he wants to work with them to write something

that isn't.....that is right for them guys because he knows that it is independent and they want to keep them outside that way they are responsible for their own actions but also like he said he would like to be able to feed the people. Battice said he would like to say there is always fish and this guy brings it to them and anybody anytime can come pick it up. Battice said that is where the team.....the separate.....they are all separated because he fishes with a net commercial and he doesn't use a pole. Battice said they can have an argument all day long about this but his fore fathers died for this and that is what he is going to die doing.

Speaker Johnson said to Boo Battice that he has two people in the queue. Johnson said he has Councilors Crampton and Riley.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks what is going on is a misunderstanding of the process so all Boo Battice has to do is set up a work session if he is looking for guidance from Council on what they want. Crampton said that is all he has to do.

Boo Battice said it will be done.

Recorder Riley said that is what he was going to say.

Councilor Burger said not to put too fine a point on it. Burger said that the Natural Resource Commission is a regulatory body appointed by the Tribal Ogema and ratified by Council. Burger said as a regulatory body they have authority to set forth those levels and those parameters that would in the definition of wanton waste and bring that forward as a regulatory recommendation that can be adopted by the legislative body which is them. Burger said so she thinks that there needs to be a discussion amongst the Natural Resource Commissioners first who are Tribal members, have a vested interest in the preservation of their habitat and their fishery, and reach some conclusion as to what that level would be and set forward in a regulatory recommendation.

Councilor Di Piazza said that was next on their agenda as soon as the Hunting Regs were done and the Inland Fishing along with their By-Laws so that will be coming real soon.

Speaker Johnson said he is going to build onto what Councilor Burger is saying about the make-up of the commission. Johnson said it was brought to their attention the last time they had a work session with the commission that the commission made it clear to Council that they had more expertise in the areas of hunting, gathering, and fishing than Council did. Johnson said because of that in that discussion and he agrees with that because they are out there trapping, they are out there hunting, they are out there fishing, and they have Commercial Fishermen sitting on that and none of these people sitting around this table are Commercial Fishermen but the commission has a Commercial Fisherman on it and had in the past. Johnson said the expertise really lies within the commission. Johnson said he would also suggest that as Councilor Burger said and his

colleagues had said here come up with a draft because all those regulations, bottom line a draft they adopt them into final law. Johnson said they look at them and tweak it _____. Johnson said they have to come up with the draft because they are the guys with the expertise. Johnson said until they come to them with that it is going to sit there. Johnson said for them to do it initially up front then why do they need a commission. Johnson said that is why they appointed them folks to the commission to bring this work forward to them to look at, okay. Johnson said he can't say it any clearer than that.

Boo Battice said he would just like to make a statement that referring back to what Councilor Di Piazza said and they plan on working on this next ___ but had a few mishaps with the hunting so it postpone and another 30 days and they want to work on it. Battice said when they work on it he wants to have more work sessions with the Council in general when they are working on it because he wants it to be worded right and both work together. Battice said he there for nature too to feed his people and to do it the best cleanest way possible and he has patience. Battice said he has been in this position for a year and with not fishing he doesn't make money and it takes a lot of time to do all this paperwork and everything so he is starting to understand what they go through so really it's hard to keep on keeping on. Battice said that is why he is going to push this and look for guidance as much as possible because like he said he was 16 years old when he got on a boat. Battice said this is what he wanted to be and he is 32 years old now so that is half his life.....33 now and that is half his life so that is his life. Battice said hopefully they can sit down and work things out. Battice said he understands it is a process and thanked them for the consideration. Battice said he is going to work with Councilor Di Piazza a lot bit closer.

Speaker Johnson thanked Boo Battice. Johnson asked if there was any other public comments.

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

MOVE TO END FIRST OPEN AT 11:25; by Burger; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 2:46 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 2:46; by Crampton;
supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #17

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they have any items that they need to move from closed to open.

Recorder Riley replied that he doesn't anything from closed session that needs to be moved but believed Councilor Crampton wanted to make a motion.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he has the floor.

MOTION TO RELEASE THE MOSS ADAMS REPORT TO TRIBAL COUNCIL IN ITS ENTIRETY; by Crampton; supported by Burger.

Councilor Crampton said not to Tribal Council but the report to Tribal Council in its entirety.

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

Roll Call #18

J. Riley - No	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- No
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted that the items were moved to open.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session except the Moss Adams Report in its entirety.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other action items they have to do in second open.

Recorder Riley answered no.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:48; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

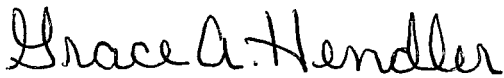
Roll Call #19

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

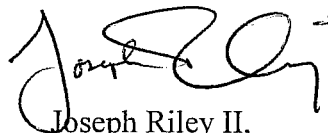
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder