



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 7, 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 asked Recorder Di Piazza will he please ask someone to do an Opening Prayer.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will do it.

I. Opening Prayer

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

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

Let us stay safe.

Take the precautions that you need as your out into this world whether it is physical or emotional or spiritual.

Keep them close to you.

Look after our front-line employees and Responders as they have to deal with these things every day.

Keep us all safe.

Let us all help one another as we go through these days.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder 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.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said eight are present and one is absent they have a quorum.

Others Present: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Delia Ross, Daryl Wever, Sandy Mezeske, Kathleen Bowers, Laura Echelbarger, Valerie Chandler, Steve Parsons, Robert Mc Caslin, Frank Beaver, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Jamie Friedel, Connie Waitner, Julie Wolfe, Chelsea Densmore, Al Metzger.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is going to lock it down so they can keep track.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR 10/7/2020; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent the agenda for Wednesday, October 7, 2020 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 7/29/20

Speaker Pete said he needs a motion and support.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion for Tribal Council Minutes there were none submitted.

Councilor Guenthardt said 7/29/20.

Speaker Pete there are 7/29/20. Pete said right here.

Councilor Lonn said she has got the wrong one. Lonn said she is sorry she will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
7/29/20 TO BE SHELVED;** by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Tribal Council Minutes for 7/29/20 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said there is none submitted.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$15,000**
The Tribe has received additional funding.

Speaker Pete asked is Bill Willis on to represent this.

Bill Willis responded yes he is.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

Bill Willis said yeah, Bill is on the call.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis again.

Bill Willis said this item is simply additional funding they received from EPA for the Performance Partnership Grant. Willis said the money is dedicated....going to be dedicated to salaries, fringes, and Professional Fees. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any further questions for Bill Willis. Pete said not hearing anything....

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1007-282;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-73 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$15,000; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #20-1007-282 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Pete said there is none shown.

IV. Old Business

Speaker Pete said there is none.

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of Tax Department 2019 Annual Report

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance requires that an Annual Report of Tax Revenues be submitted to Tribal Council.

Speaker Pete asked Valerie Chandler if she was on to represent that.

Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer, represented this agenda item. Chandler said yes she is.

Speaker Pete thanked Valerie Chandler. Pete said that she has the floor.

Valerie Chandler said she had submitted to Council the report. Chandler said basically it is all the tax revenue that was collected last year. Chandler said they had a total of \$699,158 and the tax ____ out for the State of Michigan was \$56,457.

Speaker Pete thanked Valerie Chandler. Pete asked is there any further questions of Valerie Chandler. Pete said not hearing any. Pete asked does he have a motion and support. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1007-283;
ACCEPTANCE OF TAX DEPARTMENT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT;
by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #20-1007-283 is passed.

Valerie Chandler thanked them.

Speaker Pete said pardon.

Valerie Chandler said she just thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Valerie Chandler.

Councilor Guenthardt thanked Valerie Chandler.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Brad Pringle said they don't have a meeting on October 14th, correct.

Speaker Pete said Wednesday, October 14th or is it November.

Brad Pringle made another comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Di Piazza asked what.

Brad Pringle said it is November then.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, the 14th at 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Pete said to Larry Romanelli that he had the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said he only has one update and that is for the Fall Membership Meeting happening this weekend at 10:00 a.m. Romanelli said the agenda has been posted and it is going to be partially ZOOM and call in. Romanelli said they are going to do the best they can. Romanelli said they are going to have a question and answer period. Romanelli said they are going to have three or four departments that are going to give updates. Romanelli said that's it.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked does anyone have anything for Legislative Affairs. Pete said okay he is not hearing anything.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete asked does anyone care to be in Public Comment. Pete said okay he is not hearing anything so.

Robert Mc Caslin said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said pardon.

Robert Mc Caslin said he would like to say a few words here.

Speaker Pete said okay they do have their timer back on for five minutes. Pete asked Robert Mc Caslin to go ahead.

Robert Mc Caslin, Tribal #0748, said Little River Band of Ottawa Indians member. Mc Caslin said he would like to get some feedback in from him, Mr. Speaker. Mc Caslin asked what does it take.....create to create a Bill.....to create Tribal Law. Mc Caslin said as he has been to New York, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida, and D.C. Mc Caslin said he looked at.....and he sat with different Governors and different cabinets but he wanted to know what makes the Little River Laws. Mc Caslin said there should be ah, um, they know, something in place to make a law.

Speaker Pete asked Robert Mc Caslin if he was speaking to him specifically for membership to make a law. Pete said Tribal Council makes the laws for the ordinances.

Robert Mc Caslin said yeah, well.....

Speaker Pete said the Ogema enforces it so he doesn't know really what he is getting at.

Robert Mc Caslin said yeah, he was just asking about what does it take to create a law through Tribal Council.

Speaker Pete said he, he, he.....

Councilor Lonn asked Robert Mc Caslin if he was trying to change the Constitution or.....

Robert Mc Caslin said no he is not trying to change the Constitution he is just looking at the steps that they take to create a law from Tribal citizens.

Speaker Pete said he guessed if he has a law that he wants proposed to them they can propose it to the Tribal Council and then if the Tribal Council deems it necessary to have work sessions and this goes on like that they would get it on a schedule. Pete said then if they would seem necessary they would get the votes the votes would have to be a majority of Tribal Council and then they would put the law out for a 30-Day public discussion. Pete said once the discussion comes down then Tribal Council votes on it again, people have a chance to comment, therefore that is what it would take to make the law. Pete said he believed that is what he is asking.

Robert Mc Caslin said yeah, pretty close. Mc Caslin said he was just wanted to know the steps to like creating of a Bill and then a committee action then their floor action for a vote and then their conference committee then the proof of that would be their Presidential action. Mc Caslin said he was just looking at what

steps do they do to create that law right. Mc Caslin said so he just wanted to share and to understand a little bit about this circle of his Legislative Body. Mc Caslin said that is what he was trying to point out. Mc Caslin said what do they do to create Tribal Law from Tribal citizens.

Speaker Pete said okay and he hopes he answered that. Pete asked is there anybody else that has anything for Public Comment. Pete said okay and thanked them.....

Councilor Crampton asked can he get back.....Ron....Ron Pete.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he was just sitting back and listening to that um.... Crampton identified himself. Crampton said he has some comments on it.

Speaker Pete said to Shannon Crampton to go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said well, yeah, they all have been out to Washington and they draft the legislation that has been adopted by the Federal Government. Crampton said they are all aware of the process....he thinks the membership is aware of the process....he thinks Lee Mc Caslin just got aware of it and he applauds him for learning it but they have all been through it with the Federal Government and they have a process here at the Tribal Government that is a little bit different. Crampton said the governing documents are different.

Speaker Pete said hold on.....

Councilor Crampton reiterated the governing document is different. Crampton said the Constitution is different than the Federal Government's and ___ for this Tribe. Crampton said as it is for 570 others....some of the other Tribes have different individuals governing documents of....it varies from Tribe to Tribe and for the Government to Government. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said yes, and that is correct. Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked does he have any further comments. Pete said okay can he get something to....

Councilor Guenthardt asked Speaker Pete if he needs a motion....he will make a motion.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned First Open Session at 10:18 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked can he get someone to make a motion to move them into their Second Open.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they are in Second Open at 10:43 a.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza is there anything they have to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Di Piazza responded yes there is.

Speaker Pete said okay.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM, RESOLUTION #20-1007-284, 285 AND 286; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent them items have been moved.

The following items were moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-1007-284, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 WITH ELMER'S CRANE & DOZER, INC. FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-1007-285, APPROVAL OF MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #1 WITH LARSON'S LANDSCAPING; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-1007-286, RATIFICATION OF LITTLE VALLEY MODULAR HOMES NEW HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND SITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE NEW MODULAR HOMES IN AKI MAADIZIWIN; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete said now he needs a motion to take them out of their Second Open.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

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


Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned
Second Open at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder