

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
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 September 12, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said he would like to welcome everybody to their Tribal Council Meeting for September 12th. Riley said they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Councilor Wittenberg is going to lead them in that.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for all we have and all what we don't have.

We ask that you guide our minds, our hearts, and our Spirits so that we may walk in a good way.

Be with us throughout the day and everywhere as we walk.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis confirmed that they had a quorum.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Frank Beaver, Bill Willis, Peggy & Jim Derouin, Julia Nickleson.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Alan Tyler, Mayor of Manistee, Brandon Popp.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III C.1. IS REVISED, III C.2. IS AN ADD, IV A. IS AN ADD, AND IV E. IS REVISED; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for September 12, 2018.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 9/5/18

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 9/5/18; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley said he has a Ron there, one of them.

Councilor Wittenberg said it don't matter, not to him.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said approval for Tribal Council Minutes for 9/5/18 have been accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts this week.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of 16,835**

The Tribe has received a modification.

Speaker Riley said their Budget Coordinator, Bill Willis, is representing this item and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said these are simply additional funds they have received for this particular Air Quality Program that runs through March 31st of next year. Willis said they just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley okay if there are no questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0912-268;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY**

**PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-56 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$16,835; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked budget modification number 65. Riley asked Councilor Pete if he said that.

Councilor Pete said he said budget modification number 56.

Speaker Riley asked is it 56.

Councilor Friedel answered yes.

Councilor Pete thank them. Pete said unless he.....

Recorder Lewis said it is.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he could have dyslexia so he never knows.

Speaker Riley asked are there any discussion on this one. Riley said EPA budget modification accepting money, okay. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0912-268 has been approved.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval for Speaker Riley to travel & attend the Small Business Council Meeting and Dream Big Gala September 30 through October 4, 2018**

The Meeting & Gala takes place at the U.S. Chambers in Washington, D.C. The Economic Development Corporation has submitted businesses for consideration of awards.

Speaker Riley said meeting is to take place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building and this year they have a couple of entries into the Dream Big Awards from their EDC so he will be there to attend his meeting and to represent if they happen to win that vote. Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make a motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR SPEAKER RILEY TO TRAVEL AND ATTEND THE SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AND DREAM BIG GALA SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2018; by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley said he will be abstaining from this vote. Riley asked is there any discussion on this.

Councilor Pete said he is just going to say he wishes their two nominees the best of luck and they are going to certainly be praying and pulling for them.

Speaker Riley said he is not going to say that he didn't vote for them.

Councilor Pete said he better have.

Speaker Riley said if there is no further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Recorder Lewis said approval for Speaker Riley to travel and attend the Small Business Council Meeting & Dream Big Gala September 30 through October 4, 2018 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

2. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures During the Fourth Quarter of FY2018 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Tribal Council appropriates funds for expenditures for the following Fiscal Quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each Fiscal Year.

Speaker Riley said to Bill Willis that he will turn it over to him again.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said this item represents the fourth quarter appropriation request to fund the Tribal Government. Willis said the amount of the appropriation is \$8,958,957 which represents ¼ of the projected or anticipated distribution from the casino and also represents ½ of the projected Per Capita Distribution for the year.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have any questions or a motion on this. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley if there are no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0912-269;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FOURTH QUARTER OF FY2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF
2013; by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on this. Riley said he actually has a question. Riley asked is this based on the approved Government Budget or is it based.....

Bill Willis said yes it is.

Speaker Riley said.....on the reforecasted distribution numbers.

Bill Willis said no it is simply based on the originally approved Budget.

Riley asked any other questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0912-269 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Operations Report
- B. Financial Report
- C. Binojeeuk Commission
- D. Health Commission

Reports received:

- July 2018
- July 2018
- July 2018
- None Submitted

Speaker Riley said they have received their Operations Report, Financial Report, and their Binojeeuk Commission Report for July and they are still waiting on the Health Commission Report. Riley asked is there any discussion on any of the reports received.

E. Approval for Councilor Di Piazza to travel and attend the Pre-2020 Strategy Session on October 17-19, 2018

The Pre-Strategy Session takes place at the West Bay Beach Holiday Inn Resort in Traverse City, Michigan.

Speaker Riley said this was specifically for CORA and Pre-Strategy for the Inland Consent Decree, was it.

Councilor Pete said yes.

Speaker Riley said alright do they have any questions or a motion on this. Riley recognized Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver, Natural Resource Department Director, said he is sorry to interrupt but he sees on the agenda this says that it is scheduled for Traverse City. Beaver said there has been a last minute change at the last CORA Board Meeting to move that to Bay Mills Indian Community so that may change his travel plans. Beaver said he had to make arrangements with their Travel Department too. Beaver said Michelle Lucas fixed his travel form to get that to Bay Mills but that is the new location for this Pre-Strategy Session. Beaver said it is for.....it is not for the Inland Consent Decree it is for 2020 Negotiations for the Great Lakes Consent Decree.

Speaker Riley said oh, the Great Lakes Consent Decree. Riley said he knew it was one of them.

Frank Beaver said yeah, for sure.

Councilor Pete thanked Frank Beaver.

Speaker Riley said alright so he guess that makes more sense. Riley asked Frank Beaver if CORA picks this up. Riley said he knows they pay mileage or part of it.

Frank Beaver replied yes, so for each of the regular Board Meetings this is not one of those but for each of the Board Meetings if they drive their vehicles there then they will give them mileage reimbursement forms. Beaver said they have them centrally located so that no one has to have hotel costs they are usually Petoskey or Gaylord where everybody all the five CORA Tribes can make it a day and back travel. Beaver said this again is not a Board Meeting so this is up to the individual Tribes however to get back to the original question they do have funding from CORA and there is a travel line item for that and so yeah that could be used for this travel. Beaver said they just have to change the program number on the travel authorization form to have it come out of that program number as opposed to whatever is on there now. Beaver said sure.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Pete said he has a question for Frank Beaver.

Speaker Riley said alright go ahead.

Councilor Pete asked Frank Beaver that yesterday he remembered they were discussing some of this and even though this isn't a Regular CORA Meeting he asked him specifically some of these should they attend or some they should not attend. Pete said since this is a Strategy Meeting it would seem to him if he is getting this right session would this be one where it might behoove them to be there.

Frank Beaver said absolutely he thinks that attendance at this meeting is going to be critical. Beaver said anyone who was around in the 2000 Consent Decree knows that they were attacked and assailed by outside groups, they know, and agencies that wanted to remove their right and not allow them to exercise the right but also in addition to that he thinks it is fair to say that there are some inter-Tribal conflicts between different CORA Tribes as to what people think so he thinks attending a Strategy Session where they can hear what others have to say and to get themselves prepared for what they think their goals and their main asks for are requirements through this next negotiation. Beaver said he thinks they can't start too early in that process.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked Frank Beaver.

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley said he just wanted to say that he thinks that now it is in Bay Mills he is a little more he guessed accepting of it because getting a hotel room in Traverse City when they have two Council members that drive to work further than that on a regular basis it seems like he could have went back and forth but that is an opinion he has and a couple of people share he supposes. Riley said alright is there any other discussion or questions. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that he needs to ask him a question. Pete asked can they amend this on the fly or can they do that and get this now so they can vote on it now because it is up in Bay Mills.

Speaker Riley said the motion itself doesn't specify where it is at.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Speaker Riley said they are authorizing the travel and he thinks the record will reflect that they are all aware it is in Bay Mills and not Traverse City at this point.

Councilor Pete said he didn't know if that was a point of order that's all.

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion, anybody. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR DI PIAZZA TO TRAVEL AND ATTEND THE PRE-2020 STRATEGY SESSION ON OCTOBER 17-19, 2018; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said approval for Councilor Di Piazza to travel and attend the Pre-Session 2020 Strategy Session on October 17-19, 2018 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

V. New Business

A. Authorization to Publish the Wage and Salary Information for Employment Positions at the Little River Casino Resort

Publishing this information will allow members a more informed decision making process when determining to apply for employment as well as incurring costs related to moving to the Tribe's Reservation to accept such employment.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion, questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley as he knows he was not here Monday for Agenda Review because he and the Speaker had another commitment so he is going to be just adding a few comments on this right now. Pete said he thinks this is he guessed he doesn't know why this on the agenda because these are questions he would have asked Monday. Pete said he thinks it is just a little bit redundant he means last....yesterday he stopped downstairs and looked at the Bulletin Board and there may be a dozen casino jobs posted down there. Pete said all the jobs are the jobs descriptions and the wage on them so he does know for a fact when the casino publ.....when the casino is looking for a position and it is posted either on the website or downstairs or any of the Government Buildings everywhere they post it they already got the wage on there. Pete said so that is why he saying he thinks this is a little bit redundant that they do this but if that is the case then from his understanding then each job description will be printed whether it is the Currents or whatever and they have the wage that it starts at. Pete said so if that is the case he just like he said they already do that but the other thing is he believed that this should be an addition to this thing then if they can't do that now then he will bring that forward next week is that he also thinks that should include the government unless they can add that now. Pete said the government jobs are jobs here too that people would move here for and he thinks every position that they have that is in.....that has a job description in the government that those positions should also be posted too and publically printed because people would maybe want to come over here to be.....he can't think he has a little stuffy head cold so he can't think but for whatever they wanted to apply for whether it be for the Maintenance Department over here or wherever they would want to go a Directorship or whatever. Pete said he thinks if they are going to do the one he doesn't know how they can do the one and not do the other along-side of it because that would make more sense to him than just doing the one but again he believed he hasn't never looked at a government posting. Pete said he just had no desire to do that but he is guessing that if they posted for a position in the government whatever that would be he would also think they would also post the wage on the position whatever the government be. Pete said so once again what he is proposing would also be redundant so in any event those are his comments because he would have made those same comments on Monday had he been here and he guessed that is all he has to say.

Speaker Riley said alright and with the government specifically, and he is not entirely sure that it doesn't apply to the casino, as an enterprise of the government is Constitutionally the information for the government and he is not real clear on the casino but definitely the government is available for anybody to come in and view it as a Tribal member any Tribal member can come in and say they want to see the Budget and they have every right as a citizen to view where every penny in this government is going. Riley said they don't get many requests for it if any

he thinks they had one in like the last two years but it is something that is available to anybody that wants to come here.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Speaker Riley said he thinks actually he is looking at the language in the resolution here and he does have a couple of concerns with this. Riley said one of the WHEREAS says *Tribal Council has determined that as a government enterprise consistent with other governmental enterprises employee's salaries and wages are not considered confidential information and that should be the standard and should be corrected by resolution of Tribal Council.* Riley said then down the IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED *that the Little River Casino Resort should publish all positions regardless if the positions are on a contractual basis or permanent basis.* Riley said he is just wondering if that would be in violation of some of the contracts there and if it would also not put them at somewhat of a disadvantage competitively because all contractual positions are negotiated and if the person can look at the previous person's contract then it kind of puts them at a disadvantage when they go into salary negotiations.

Councilor Pete said he thinks it would.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to Speaker Riley that he was just wondering why he didn't bring this up the other day when they were discussing it and he would entertain putting this off.....postponing this until second session until they can get a legal review because he believes he is incorrect.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL SECOND SESSION FOR
LEGAL REVIEW;** by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Recorder Lewis asked until second open.

Speaker Riley said yeah they can do that if somebody wants to make that motion. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Councilor Crampton said he just did he thought.

Speaker Riley said oh, okay, alright. Riley said they have a motion from Councilor Crampton on the floor to table this until second open. Riley asked is there any further discussion on this. Riley said to Boo Battice that this doesn't involve fishing at all he is just saying.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said his concern is when it is posted they get how many days.....when they post them jobs they get what a month to post it up for that is when they are actually striving for that because that is when they first seen it when they should be striving for way before that and actually know the competition as they're going to school or whatever for them jobs that way when they do get up that far those going to be a competition for whoever is in that because this person has strived for so long to try to get there. Battice said he is going to, he is sorry, bring competition to the person who is already there. Battice thanked them. Battice said he is just saying when they post it it's not enough for them people to strive for that.

Speaker Riley said yeah exempt positions are he believed 30 day postings and non-exempt are 14 day postings he believed. Riley said that is the way it is.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't remember.

Speaker Riley said he knows that the Director Level Positions are longer than the front-line positions because there is always an immediate need to fill the position but the length of time isn't indifference to their Tribal members to get the information out there. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is willing to wait until second open because this has already been done before and has been posted in 2007 with the exact same resolution just the dates have been changed and there was no legal ramifications.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked any other discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Councilor Pete said he just has to ask a question.....is he voting to postpone it to the second open.....okay because he alrea.....yes.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said authorization to publish the wage and salary information for employment positions at the Little River Casino has been moved to second open.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 19, 2018**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he will turn it over to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he is going to go through his regular presentation. Romanelli said first he wanted to welcome their three guests sitting in the front row and as usual nice to see them here. Romanelli said his update is very short. Romanelli said they are working on their 2019 Budget and they are still doing that on his side as well. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Council for their work so far. Romanelli said he attended the Sturgeon Release this weekend unfortunately the Sturgeon were released prior to the Sturgeon Release so there was no fish. Romanelli said they had to do it because of the storms that created an electrical problem so they wanted to make sure that the fish survived. Romanelli said actually it wasn't bad it was a kind of nice turnout and the people were very respectful and they still enjoyed themselves. Romanelli thanked Frank Beaver and his staff for doing a good job and they appreciated it. Romanelli said that happened and also he attended the Elder's Meeting on the same day. Romanelli said ah, what else is going on here. Romanelli said oh they have been doing a little bit of golfing. Romanelli said he thanks Joe Riley and Ron Pete for putting up with him on the course. Romanelli said he is not much of a golfer but he is learning. Romanelli said if he can stay in the cart next time that would be a big improvement. Romanelli said he blames his driver he guesses.

Speaker Riley asked the driver of his cart or his driver.

Ogema Romanelli said both. Romanelli said yeah it is like he didn't know which driver he was supposed to work with. Romanelli said anyway they made it through. Romanelli said he called his wife to tell her that they got the high score out of the 17 teams and she said that was great. Romanelli said he told her no that is not great they were in the 80's and everybody else was in the 50's. Romanelli said he will take the blame for that and a little more practice is needed. Romanelli said one of the guest that they have today is Mr. Brandon Popp and is a Democrat and is running for City.....County Commissioner, excuse him. Romanelli said Brandon Popp has been a friend of the Tribe for years and goes way back to Robert Memberto days and he just.....he wanted to speak to the Tribe. Romanelli said he knows that they have their things that they can and can't do but he thinks, again, he met him at a Democratic Fund Raiser that happened last week too. Romanelli said he thinks it was after the Sturgeon Release and then after the Elder's Meeting his friend Tony Melteosis invited him to come to he thinks it is Pat's Road House because Gretchen Witmer was going to be in town. Romanelli said so he invited him but he didn't make it in time to speak with Gretchen Witmer. Romanelli said he did have a chance to meet up with other people and Brandon Popp was there. Romanelli said he thinks they just had time to shake hands and he was spinning around saying hello to everybody because it was a short time frame. Romanelli said he invited Brandon Popp here to speak, again, they have to be careful of what they can and can't do but he thinks they owe him the opportunity to speak to their Tribe. Romanelli said to Brandon Popp that he can.....sure take the microphone.

Brandon Popps said well first thank you for the opportunity to speak with them all today. Popps said like Larry Romanelli said his name is Brandon Popps and he is the Democratic Candidate for District 5 Muskegon County Commission that encompasses Fruitport which is very important to the Tribe Sullivan and Ravenna. Popps said like Larry Romanelli said he has worked with the Tribe on the Second Generation Operating Engineer Local 324 Construction Workers so he is a part of the Building Trades. Popps said he is now employed by the Union itself and a Business Representative that covers West Michigan all the way up to Manistee so he is very familiar with the Tribe and their construction projects and everything else. Popps said because of his day job he has had to attend several County Commission Meetings over the past three years and realized the District 5 Commissioner not only is just not available to his constituents but he is just not involved. Popps said he never wanted to be an Elected Official and this has never been a goal of his but he felt that somebody needs to step up and make a difference. Popps said he hopes that he is that person. Popps said he fully supports the Casino Project in Muskegon. Popps said that will save he and wife from having to drive up here because she really likes their casino.

Ogema Romanelli said they appreciate that.

Brandon Popps said he is sure. Popps said he is basically here today to answer any questions and hopefully he doesn't know what they can and can't do but he would love their endorsement going forward. Popps said he really doesn't feel that his opponent if they did some research would be an asset to this community, one, and secondly to the Tribe as a whole. Popps said he doesn't think.....he thinks that their most important values is their membership, not the casino, and that is where he kind of strive to as a representative. Popps said they represent 14,000 members in the State of Michigan and he is member-driven. Popps said all he does is wake up in the morning and try to better the lives of the people he works for and he feels that this body probably does the same thing. Popps said he doesn't feel that his opponent brings that to the table so he just hopes that like he said he doesn't know what they can and cannot do but he would really appreciate their endorsement and support.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Brandon Popps. Romanelli said he sees that he has left them flyers as well for each of the Council members.

Brandon Popps thanked them for their time.

Speaker Riley said thank you for coming.

Councilor Pete thanked Brandon Popps.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Brandon Popps. Romanelli said he thinks with that that's what he has on his agenda. Romanelli said they have a few other things

going on that are coming up but he will save that for another day so he thinks they are good.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions for the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything at this time for Legislative Affairs. Riley asked Councilor Crampton if he is talking with his hands or is his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said he is talking with his hands. Crampton asked did anybody mention where Gary Di Piazza and Diane Lonn were actually at.

Councilor Pete said no.

Speaker Riley said no. Riley said yeah, Councilors Di Piazza and Lonn are on Mackinaw Island right now attending a conference on Violence Against Women. Riley said he thinks it was already stated when this was passed that it is being paid for by their OVW Grant and it is just to give Leadership kind of a better grasp on what their OVW Workers do. Riley said they have Shanaviah Canales who works in the Muskegon Office on a regular basis and she is also up here he thinks two days a week.

Councilor Pete said three sometimes.

Speaker Riley said so she splits her time between the two but they are doing a lot of stuff and trying to move in the right direction so if anybody has any questions or any suggestions feel free to approach anybody on the Council or talk to Shanaviah Canales. Riley said she is very personable and easy to talk to so. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Riley. Crampton said all he heard was that they were absent and they didn't give an explanation and they usually give an explanation. Crampton said for Legislative he would like to say that on March 13, 2017 President Trump signed an Executive Order #13781 which was the reorganization of the Department of Interior. Crampton said that is going to actually include the BIA and a lot of Tribes are upset about this because the Consultation Process wasn't really a Consultation Process it was more like they send in their paper or they come and they listen to their gripe. Crampton said so they are actually arguing for a more meaningful Consultation Process. Crampton said the deadline has been extended to Saturday, September 22nd and he already

has a resolution written that would oppose most of this without consultation so he will be bringing that forward next week.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he did forget one little thing. Romanelli said he was put on a committee to look at partial reorganization of the Department of Interior's Indian Affairs and he guessed it is a small round table group and he had to make his travel arrangements pretty quick. Romanelli said he thinks it is happening next week. Romanelli said he looks at his calendar two days out. Romanelli said he thinks it is kind of a nice thing that they can do. Romanelli said they are looking for information on what the Tribe is looking for from that department and they, as they know, have Tara Sweeny that was just put on. Romanelli said she is an Alaskan Native and they are trying to reorganize that department so he will be going to that next week for a couple of days. Romanelli said he will report back. Romanelli said he won't be at the Council Meeting next week obviously because of that but he will give a report back when he gets back.

Speaker Riley said okay, great.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked do they have anybody else for Legislative Affairs Updates.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked do they have anybody for Public Comment Period. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said hi he is Boo Bear. Battice said he is going to state the same thing he stated last week and he said he was going to be here every week until and he is going to talk at the Membership Meeting. Battice said they sat down and discussed a lot of things but there is going to be a lot of paperwork. Battice said he would like to be on the water and he's got to wait for Coast Guard checks and different things so even if they do start moving forward it is still going to be approximately a month after that because of waiting for these paperworks so if they sat....go right now he still has a month out before he can even leave the dock because of paperwork. Battice said time is of the essence and the fish are coming in right now and he would like to fish. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley asked do they have anybody else for Public Comment. Riley said alright now they will be going into closed session.

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.

Tribal Council recessed at 10:34 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:53 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis confirmed that they have a quorum.

Speaker Riley said they will kick back to New Business Item A. then.

B. Authorization to Publish the Wage and Salary Information for Employment Positions at the Little River Casino Resort

Publishing this information will allow members a more informed decision making process when determining to apply for employment as well as incurring costs related to moving to the Tribe’s Reservation to accept such employment.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #18-0912-271; AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH THE WAGE AND SALARY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0912-271 has been approved.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Recorder Lewis said she is adding to this the donation that was supposed to be by motion but it was resolution so they have to verify that here.

MOTION TO VERIFY RESOLUTION #18-0905-264 AMENDING INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION AND MOVING INTO OPEN RESOLUTION #18-0912-270; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The following motion, roll call and vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0912-270, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE CONTINGENT AGREEMENT WITH SOL EXECUTIVES; by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said before they adjourn he just wanted to let everybody know that next Wednesday is Pirate Day so he expects none of them to break character during the meeting next week.

Councilor Pete said Pirate Day, really.

Speaker Riley said yeah, it is talk like a Pirate Day.

Tribal Council said Aye and Yaar ___ Matey.

Speaker Riley said alright he is looking for a motion to adjourn at 11:56.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:56; by Friedel; supported by Crampton.

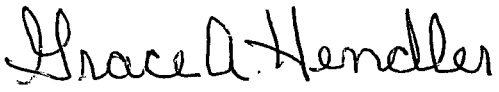
Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder