

Approved 9/25/19

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
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 18, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said Gary Di Piazza is going to lead them in their Opening Prayer today.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaganaash.

I pray to all Creation for all their relatives.
Show us a good trail.
Show us a good job for them to work together.
Bring them all together.
Give us a good way of life.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	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 nine present they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Julia Nickelson, Alyce Giltz, Darleen Martin, Tyler Leppanen, Jennifer Crampton.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Brad Pringle.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; UNDER NEW BUSINESS, A AND B HAVE BEEN POSTPONED; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor the agenda for Wednesday, September 18th has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 9/11/19

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE AND FILING FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 9/11/19; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any objections. 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 -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes for 9/11/19 have been accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Grant Application Request for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Annual Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2020

The Food Distribution Program is making their Annual Budget Request to USDA to manage their program. The Request is for \$243,145 of which there is a 20% In-Kind Tribal Match.

Speaker Pete asked Lyle Dorr if he was here to support this.

Lyle Dorr, Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Dorr said he is. Dorr said he is filling in for Ken La Haye who is on leave today. Dorr said this is just an annual submission to the Budget and it is considered a grant so that is why he can know about it and can fill in for him. Dorr said the match in it dropped from 25% this year down to 20% per legislation and so that is what the submission is for the \$243,145.

Speaker Pete thanked Lyle Dorr. Pete asked this is a 20% drop so roughly their obligation will be in the neighborhood of \$46,000 or something like that the rest would be grant funded for food right.

Lyle Dorr replied correct. Dorr said it is actually the Budget is a little bit more than last year but the match actually stays about the same because of the drop in the requirement.

Speaker Pete said yes and thanked Lyle Dorr. Pete asked are there any questions. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0918-241;
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)-FOOD
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS
(FDPIR) ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020;
by Lewis; 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 -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0918-241 has been approved.

Lyle Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Lyle Dorr.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Pete said Budget Modifications there is none.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval for Ron Pete to attend the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas, NV on October 13-18, 2019**
The Expo takes place at the Venetian & Palazzo Resorts.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone.....oh, he is sorry. Pete said he needs a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR RON PETE TO ATTEND THE
GLOBAL GAMING EXPO (G2E) IN LAS VEGAS, NV ON
OCTOBER 13-18, 2019; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just at first appearances it doesn't look like it's.....that it might be appropriate because it is a Council member going to G2E but the Council member in question is also a member of the Oversight Task Force, which would require him.....his attendance.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked is there any other discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete said in the tradition of Council he doesn't have to abstain but he is going to abstain just by following the tradition of Council just so that they know. Pete said he asked for discussion.....okay, and asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one abstention Ron Pete will be travelling.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Authorizing Payment of 2019 Dues to the National Congress of American Indians

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians meets all the requirements for Tribal Membership.

Speaker Pete asked does anyone have a motion on this. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0918-242;
AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO THE NATIONAL
CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS FOR 2019;** by Lewis;
supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0918-242 is passed.

3. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures During the 4th QTR of FY2019 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Tribal Council must appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each Fiscal Year.

Speaker Pete said Bradley Pringle he will be here representing this.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said yep that's right. Pringle said on behalf of the Business and Accounting Office he brought forward the resolution that was typically brought through in the past years by the Budgeting Department but this is actually an official business for him to perform for them. Pringle said this is his first resolution through that. Pringle said it is for the \$8,827,934 to continue through September through December 1, 2019.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bradley Pringle. Pete said to be clear this is really just a housekeeping measure right.

Brad Pringle said absolutely every quarter.

Speaker Pete said every quarter, okay. Pete asked is there a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0918-243;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FOURTH QUARTER OF FY2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF
2013; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete said seeing none. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0918-243 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Operations Report and Financial Report none were submitted.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> August 2019 |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> August 2019 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Binojeeuk Commission accepted for August 2019. Pete said Enrollment Commission none was submitted. Pete said the Gaming Commission August 2019 was submitted. Pete said the Health Commission, Housing Commission and Natural Resource Commission none were submitted. Pete asked is there any discussions on those reports.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Elders Committee Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> August 2019 |

Speaker Pete said the Elders Committee Minutes none were received. Pete said Little River Preference Report August of 2019 was received. Pete asked anything on the committee minutes.

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due: NONE

Reports received:

ALL REPORTS ARE UP TO DATE

VIII. New Business

- A. Affirming Right to Trial by Jury as previously adopted by General Membership Branch**

At a Membership Meeting where there was a quorum this Resolution was proposed and voted in.

- B. Maintaining Our Lands and Reservation for the Next Seven Generations**

The Little River Band is part of the Anishinaabeg Nation and traditionally our people did not sell or dispose of our lands without General Membership approval and consent.

Speaker Pete said A has been postponed and B for now has been postponed.

C. Request for Federal Trust Status for Ten Parcels of Land-Nine in Manistee County and one in Mason County

To put Tribally-owned lands into trust status.

Tyler Leppanen, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he get a mo.....pardon.

Recorder Di Piazza said Tyler Leppanen is here if he wanted to.....

Speaker Pete said he was sorry. Pete asked Tyler Leppanen if he was here to represent this if he.....

Tyler Leppanen said if there are any questions from Council sure.

Speaker Pete asked are there any questions right now. Pete said okay Gary Di Piazza has a question.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he doesn't have a question he will just read what parcels are going into trust. Di Piazza read into the record the following parcels:

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| 1. Parcel Bear Creek | acquired 9/14/1999; |
| 2. Parcel Griffith Road I | acquired 6/14/2018; |
| 3. Parcel Griffith Road II | acquired 6/14/2018; |
| 4. Parcel Griffith Road III | acquired 6/14/2018; |
| 5. Parcel River Road | acquired 9/14/1999; |
| 6. Parcel Kettle Hole | acquired 9/14/1999; |
| 7. Parcel Becker Road | acquired 9/14/1999; |
| 8. Parcel Rainbow Bend | acquired 9/14/1999; |
| 9. Parcel Indian Village II | acquired 5/12/2003; |
| 10. Parcel Custer 80 | acquired 11/4/2016; |

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said once again is there any discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0918-244;
REQUESTING FEDERAL TRUST STATUS FOR TEN (10)
PARCELS OF LAND-NINE (9) IN MANISTEE COUNTY, ONE (1)
IN MASON COUNTY; by Lewis; 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 #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0918-244 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Confirmation of the Existence, Need and Role of Little River Holdings, LLC as the Parent Economic Development Entity of the Nation

Recent Case Law articulated the importance of Tribal Councils recognizing their Economic Development Corporations as critical arms of the Tribe for Sovereign Immunity purposes.

Tyler Leppanen, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton in the body of the document itself the last “*WHEREAS therefore Tribal Council confirms its continued support for the actions, existence, need and role of Little River Holdings, LLC (EDC) as the parent economic development entity of the Nation, which acts as the direct link between related entities and subsidiaries including Little River Government Contracting, LLC, Little River Capital Management, LLC, Little River Real Estate Management, LLC, Little River Health Technologies, LLC, Little River Development, LLC, and the will of the Tribal Council and Ogema.*” Crampton said now his question is that doesn’t expand where they are supposed to be confirming duties that they already have that already exist. Crampton said this document does not expand any of those does it.

Tyler Leppanen said not to his knowledge. Leppanen said Tom St. Dennis’ intention was to mirror the case, recent case law, just to protect the Tribe’s sovereign immunity for the businesses that the Tribe owns.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum. Crampton said he just wanted to get that on the record because if it gets argued that they know the intent now if it gets argued later that it expanded duties. Crampton thanked Tyler Leppanen.

Speaker Pete said okay so.....he is sorry. Pete said specifically Tom St. Dennis intention was to also was to protect the sovereign immunity of the Tribe.

Tyler Leppanen said correct.

Speaker Pete asked is that correct. Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that.....

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0918-245;
TRIBAL COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF THE EXISTENCE,
NEED, AND ROLE OF LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC AS THE
PARENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITY OF THE
NATION; by Lewis; 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 -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0918-245 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**E. Approval of Appointment of Economic Development Corporation
Board Member Nominee, Stacie Bytwork**
Nomination Term is two years from date of resolution.

Tyler Leppanen, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked does he have a motion.

Councilor Crampton asked what is the number.

Recorder Di Piazza said 246.

Councilor Corey said 246.

Councilor Crampton said okay he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0918-246;
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE,
STACIE BYTWORK;** by Crampton; 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 #9

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

Motion failed (1-8-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight against and one in favor Resolution #19-0918-246 has failed and has not been appointed.

- F. Approval of Re-Appointment of Economic Development Corporation Board Member, Frank Lewis, Jr.**
Current term will expire on October 25, 2019 and the next Term will be for three years from that date.

Tyler Leppanen, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0918-247;
APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER, FRANK
LEWIS, JR;** by Crampton; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Frank Lewis has been re-appointed to the EDC.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

G. Approval of Re-Appointment of Economic Development Corporation Board Member, Jim Nedeau

Current term will expire on November 8, 2019 and the next Term will be for one year from that date.

Tyler Leppanen, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete said oh.

Councilor Crampton said if there is no discussion, he would like to make another motion.

Speaker Pete said okay if there is no discussion, Shannon Crampton wants to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0918-248;
APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER, JIM
NEDEAU; by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two against Resolution #19-0918-248 has been approved Jim Nedeau has been re-appointed to the EDC.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

H. Approval of Re-Appointment of Martha Howell to the Natural Resource Commission.

This re-appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said if there is no further discussion, he would like to make a motion. Crampton said he thinks this just requires a motion.

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is just a motion.

Speaker Pete said it's a.....

Councilor Crampton said all right he would like to make a motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARTHA HOWELL TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

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 #12

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one against Martha Howell is re-appointed to the NR.....Natural Resource Commission.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 25, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete said he is welcome.

Ogema Romanelli said he just has a few items again today. Romanelli said as Council knows the Council and the Ogema are working through the Budget, the 2020 Budget and thinks they are coming to some agreements on. Romanelli said there are not a lot of change on the income coming in nor the expenditures. Romanelli said he thinks there are natural costs that come up every year. Romanelli said the cost of doing business basically so they are looking at that and

trying to go through there. Romanelli said there was some discussion about extra monies that are not spent and looking at possibly using that to cover the overages so.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said that is the latest update they will have this done he believed in a reasonable order by the end of the year so.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said doing good there. Romanelli said they are looking at and they don't have this down in stone the Spring Membership Meeting, not the Fall but the Spring, next Spring they have to adjust the schedule because the second Saturday is the Easter Weekend.

Councilor Lewis said oh.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah that falls on Easter Weekend so they are looking at going ahead one week or after. Romanelli said the tentative look seems to be April 18th a week later.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said but again don't mark their calendars yet but just to give them a heads up that is what they will probably have to do. Romanelli said to change it one week. Romanelli said Mary Thomas is in discussions with the Resort now to finalize that so that there is not something happening at the same time so. Romanelli said then they have he guessed there is an Employees Appreciation Day is happening tomorrow afternoon.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said then Friday is off for Reaffirmation.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said then they have Line 5 issues are heating up tremendously they are really getting down to the wire here where it's the Tribes verses Enbridge verses the State of Michigan. Romanelli said he means there is almost a four way fight going on here because even the Attorney General, Dana Nessel, has a different opinion than the Governor at this time and it is just heating up so they are in negotiations and talks as they speak. Romanelli said then they have the CORA Meetings that are coming up so. Romanelli said other than that he thinks that is about it.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said they know he was he thought he was going to be privileged in sitting through one of those Line 5-CORA Meetings and he was pretty much at the end ready to pull the hair out of his head.....

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Speaker Pete said.....because they know there were five Tribes trying to work together and some of them weren't working together very good and he doesn't understand that is why he just don't get it. Pete said everybody wants to shut down Line 5 and there is.....oh well he can't go into it because he would probably go crazy if he went through all that so. Pete said he was looking at that and just a suggestion too if possible, they know, it's a dice throw in April either way but maybe a week later might get a little better weather than a week earlier but they know they don't know.....a snow storm.....he totaled his car in Muskegon on the way home from work one time then it was April 20-something snowstorm so.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete said so they never know but at any rate. Pete thanked the Ogema again.

Ogema Romanelli said they try and keep, they know, this same time every year so that people can plan their vacations and their travel. Romanelli said they always keep it after they receive their Per Cap because that was one of the main complaints if they had it before Per Cap was out they said they need their Per Cap to attend the meeting so. Romanelli said usually they go a little later and they are better off so that's what. Romanelli said maybe they need to think about doing the third week in October and the third week in April so they don't run into this again, he doesn't know but that is just discussion. Romanelli said he had to give the attorneys some credit because when they sit in on those meetings he doesn't know how they do it.....they know especially in and he is not dogging out Bill Rastetter but he has watched and it gets down to and or or or is and they have to break out into little groups to get past a certain word. Romanelli said he knows it is important but it can make them pull their hair out. Romanelli said he had to leave one meeting at about 9:30 at night he just couldn't take it anymore and the attorney said to stay there and fight it out. Romanelli said not pretty so. Romanelli said kudos.

Speaker Pete said but the postponed thing Easter is an important holiday.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah it is. Romanelli said it will probably be moved one way or the other and it looks probably the 18th is tentatively.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked is there any questions for Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Corey said he would just like to make a statement about the Line 5.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Councilor Corey said since they were talking about it.

Speaker Pete said yes, sir.

Councilor Corey said there is going to be an October 5th they are going to start lighting a Ceremonial Fire here for Line 5 and that is on Face Book if they share that on. Corey said October 8th there is going to be a Community Feast at Aki and then there will be a Line 5 Presentation and the people that are actively involved in the Line 5 are going to speak on it so if they want to get more informed that is an opportunity there for them.

Speaker Pete said well.....thanked Dave Corey. Pete said he does know that he has been very active in that and thanked him so much for doing that for them here at the Tribe. Pete thanked Dave Corey again.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked anyone for Legislative Affairs Update. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he was going to add to the Line 5 thing. Crampton said when them guys are up there sitting wait until the State comes in if they think it is insane now. Crampton said that is when it really gets insane is when the State comes in. Crampton said just listening to some of the things that are going on and talking about Line 5 it is an interesting fact and he would like to point out all Tribes in the United States have a prophecy in their culture which deals with the black snake that they will be confronted with that stretches across the Nation.

Speaker Pete said ____.

Councilor Crampton said here they are.

Speaker Pete said that's one. Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked anyone else for Legislative Affairs Update.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete asked anyone for Public Comment.

Councilor Lonn said Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete said to Ron Wittenberg that he is sorry.

Councilor Wittenberg said no that is okay he was just waiting if anybody else out there wanted to come up so. Wittenberg said this weekend down in Hopkins they are having the Eagle Staff Gathering. Wittenberg said it is estimated that there is going to be 70 plus Eagle Staffs down there and it starts Friday evening through Sunday noon. Wittenberg said staffs from all over Michigan and onward and also up in Canada they are coming on down. Wittenberg said it should be a real good weekend. Wittenberg said he himself is planning on attending with a few other people and bringing their people's staff and their Sobriety Staff down to represent Little River so Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg so much for that information. Pete asked anyone else. Pete said okay seeing no hands they will now 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.

MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor they have adjourned First Open at 10:32.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Mr. Recorder the speaker is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said they are back in open at 11:28. Pete asked can he get a motion to move into open.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said they are in Second Open Session at 11:28 with nine in favor.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza is there anything moved from Closed into Open.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes, there is. Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM #19-0918-249; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; ITEMS #19-0918-250, 251 AND 252; MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL CALL; 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 #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them items have been moved.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0918-249, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT FOR 2020-2021 WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD G. MCGEE, LLC; by Guenthardt; supported by Corey.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0918-250,
APPROVING THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO AUTHORIZE THE 2020
AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF SELF
GOVERNANCE AND THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020
REPROGRAMMING REQUEST;** by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0918-251,
RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE EMPLOYERS
ASSOCIATION;** by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0918-252,
RATIFICATION OF A CONTRACT TO USE THE VOGUE
THEATER;** by Lonn; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he needs a motion to close their Second Open at 11:30.

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN AT 11:30; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

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

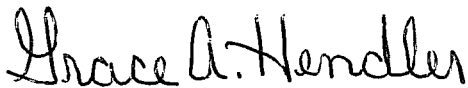
Roll Call #16

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


Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned Second Open at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder