

Approved 10/2/19

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 25, 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 Ron Wittenberg is going to lead them this morning in their Opening Prayer.

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, above us, with us, below us and that is what is within.

We ask that you lead us and guide us.

Help us to make the right choices and to continue on. Think of the people and not ourselves for generations.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

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.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said seven present and two absent they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said just to mention Sandy Lewis called in, she is sick today, and Dave Corey is on approved travel for the Tribe.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Ken La Haye, Allison Smart, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Boo Battice.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, 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 25, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; OLD BUSINESS IV, OPERATIONS IS AN ADD, REMOVAL OF NRC, H IS REMOVED, I IS POSTPONED, NEW BUSINESS, A IS POSTPONED, UNDER CLOSED, VII C.1. IS POSTPONED; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor, one against and two absent the agenda has been approved for Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 9/18/19

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 9/18/19; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

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 #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent the Tribal Council Minutes for 9/18/19 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Indian Health Services (IHS) 105L Lease Program to fund the FY2020 Clinic Overhead Costs

There is no match requirement for this grant.

Speaker Pete said Lyle Dorr will be here to represent.

Lyle Dorr, Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Dorr said yes this is an opportunity through IHS to have their current Clinic's Overhead Costs covered. Dorr said the maintenance, any pest control, the lights, the utilities that type of thing. Dorr said apportioned off from the main complex here that would be paid for by IHS as part of an obligation, they have but they would still have to apply for it. Dorr said so that is what they are asking is permission to do here. Dorr said the value of that at this point they will have to do their analysis and calculation based on what they have done but it is going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$528,000 give or take whichever direction it goes there.

Speaker Pete thanked Lyle Dorr. Pete asked any questions for Lyle Dorr. Pete asked can he get a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-253;
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS) 105L LEASE
PROGRAM TO FUND THE FY2020 CLINIC OVERHEAD COSTS;
by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

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

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to thank the Shakopee Nation.

Councilor Lonn said that isn't what this is.....this is.....

Speaker Pete asked is that one comes under Shakopee.

Councilor Lonn said no it's not.

Lyle Dorr said this is the 105L.....

Councilor Crampton said oh, that is the first one not donated funds.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Lyle Dorr said that is down just a little further.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete said that is welcome to thank them too. Pete asked is there any other discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #19-0925-253 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the FY2020 Tribal Indian Health Services (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP)

Tribal Council has established an Indian Health Services Joint Venture Construction Program Plan Initiative to provide expanded culturally and Tribally sensitive Health Services for the people of the Tribe.

Speaker Pete said Lyle Dorr is here once again to represent this.

Lyle Dorr, Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Dorr said this is another opportunity through IHS to attain funding for a 20-year period. Dorr said

which would cover staffing and overhead if Little River builds Health Facilities. Dorr said they are looking potentially for....it hasn't been finalized and this is a pre-application. Dorr said if the pre-application is approved at that point then they would work with the Construction Task Force and some others to fully develop a plan, come and bring that before them as Council to determine if they want to go forward with this opportunity. Dorr said that is the value there. Dorr said it appears that it is but he thinks until they do the application piece. Dorr said this is due October 11th the applica.....if approved then the application piece will be due December 20th and so they would hit the ground running in November probably to meet with people and get it sketched out and understand the value of it.....if it is then at that point they would put the application in and potentially for.....if they decide to build something over the next three to five years however long it takes the staffing and overhead just like the 105L Lease would be covered. Dorr said the potential is tens of millions of dollars coming back over 20 years.

Speaker Pete said okay, once again and thanked Lyle Dorr. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said so if they are approved and they continue on with this what is their costs going to be. Di Piazza asked is there a match with this.

Lyle Dorr said that is not completely known but in talking with Dale Magoon he....he ran over some numbers what would it cost to do matching or they can build new they can do it either way but it would cost somewhere between ten is what the potential is and it would take this group to probably come up with a more solid number than that. Dorr said Dale Magoon's done a lot of construction and that is why he brought it to him and he reviewed and he thinks he said they could do it for about this so that would be the construction piece. Dorr said let's go the high end and say fifteen million and then the payback when he did the numbers based on their current salaries and the overhead stuff in 20 years it came up with \$150 million paid back. Dorr said what is that ten to one ratio on their investment coming back.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Lyle Dorr didn't he also say during their meeting that if they wanted to pull out they could pull out anytime they wanted to.

Lyle Dorr replied they can pull out before they do the application and yeah, they would want to do it at that time. Dorr said they don't want to go forward with the project and then decide later to pull out because then they.....he doesn't know if it is monies.....they just don't want to do that they don't want to deal with any federal bureaucracy. Dorr said so they want to do it before they apply. Dorr said they want to make that determination do they apply or do they not. Dorr said that

is why he said he relies on the Construction Task Force, Gary Lewis and others that have they know.....Steve Parsons people who have done this to quickly develop that plan, get some better costs, estimates for everybody so that they can be involved in the decision. Dorr said like yeah this is worth it or not its not. Dorr said this is the pre-app and they are putting forward a general proposal here is what they are thinking they want to do and if they accept that then they will allow them to do the application phase.

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

Councilor Crampton said yeah he thinks he expressed his concerns in the work session the other day and that being this calculates 20 years for the return. Crampton said he is not sure that brick and mortar buildings within 20 years will be the norm or even be utilized so he sees a fault in that calculation. Crampton said now if they do apply for this he understands the standard of looking bad if they pull out but if they do apply for this and they are awarded the grant are there any penalties for pulling out and can they pull out at that time.

Lyle Dorr asked does he mean like after the grant is awarded.

Councilor Crampton answered yes.

Lyle Dorr said they can pull out but he thinks there is costs and what they can do is in the application phase is they can try to highlight that. Dorr said what is the obligation for the Tribe so them guys know that and he can get.....his thoughts are they don't want to apply if they don't want to do it.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Lyle Dorr said they don't even want to go down that road. Dorr said it looks good and the Accounting Staff looked at it, Steve Parsons looked at it and said none of this looks good and he wanted to make sure they knew and they understood because he does understand financials and stuff but all the gritty detail that is another beast. Dorr said so what he would like to do is if they do the pre-app then to really pull it together and get those answers. Dorr said he guessed what he would suggest is for Council to get a list of those type of questions that they really want to know so they start on it right up front then he can dig in and make sure that they get all those answered so that before they do this or if not then they just notify IHS that no they are not going to go forward with this program.

Councilor Crampton said it looks really well done and thinks the application and everything looks great it is just that when he is looking around common sense he is going through malls and stuff he is seeing buildings shutting down left and right. Crampton said he is going online and looking at most of the economic

indicators they are steering away from brick and mortar and going to online resources.

Lyle Dorr said right.

Councilor Crampton said so that his problem with it. Crampton thanked Lyle Dorr.

Lyle Dorr said sure.

Speaker Pete said he just has is he knows that they are steering away from the brick and mortar especially like in malls and things along that line. Pete said he doesn't include himself because he won't shop online but that is just him. Pete said he likes to go into a store and see what is going on but he also thinks that the Health Department is probably maybe something a little bit different. Pete said they don't know but this would be a good discussion for them to have in their Council Room is to talk about that and he is not going to go this out here. Pete said he does believe he always like to.....he likes to visit his physician, personally he does and he likes to visit his heart doctor. Pete said he wants to talk to them but they know there is a lot of people maybe especially younger people that maybe they could have things that would be they know tele-communications or whatever that is. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she ain't to a degree she agrees with Shannon Crampton. Champagne said the reason she agrees with Shannon Crampton is during their meeting the doctor also indicated that they are buying a certain machine that they can communicate through the computer with a doctor that might not be located in this building and stuff so he is even going in that direction. Champagne said so she understands the concern about a 20 Year Plan.

Lyle Dorr said yeah absolutely he agrees with.....he is glad they brought that up in the meeting. Dorr said they are really like in ten years they don't know what things will look like. Dorr said there is a difference in healthcare to some extent and what that will involve he doesn't know. Dorr said they will do their best with the calculations, they will answer questions, they will all work together hopefully and say yes or no to the whole process.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any further.....okay.

Councilor Crampton said oh, for further clarification he wanted.....his problem is that when he is looking at the return is calculated, on the 20 year return, and that is where he is having the problem is because he doesn't think that that's.....it is just his personal opinion but he doesn't thinks that's too sound.

Lyle Dorr said sure.

Councilor Crampton said if they don't know what it is going to be in 20 years or so and they are putting forth this expenditure there is no guarantee that this is going to be the return.

Lyle Dorr said right. Dorr said the one piece that is probably solid is staffing.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Lyle Dorr said even if they do.....

Councilor Crampton said that is costs.

Lyle Dorr said even if they do remote.....even if they do remotes stuff they will pay for the staffing of that so wherever that person is located. Dorr said the overhead stuff, the lights and stuff may change.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Lyle Dorr said so.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion.

Councilor Guenthardt asked this is just a pre-app, right.

Lyle Dorr said yes.

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

Recorder Di Piazza said there is no motion on it or anything.

Speaker Pete apologized. Pete said going back again; they don't have a motion on it. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-254;
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE FY2020 TRIBAL INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS)
JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (JVCP); by Lonn;
supported by Guenthardt.**

Recorder Di Piazza said they need one correction in the resolution.

Speaker Pete asked what is that.

Recorder Di Piazza said under Certification of Adoption Regular Session needs....they got closed in there.....Regular Closed Session. Di Piazza asked Diane Lonn if she wanted to remove that closed from her motion.

Councilor Lonn said yes she does.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other housekeeping on that.

Recorder Di Piazza said nope.

Speaker Pete said so they have support. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza said hold on.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor, one against and two absent Resolution #19-0925-254 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of Donated Funds from the Shakopee Mdewakenton Sioux Community and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$130,000**

The Tribe has received a funding donation to be used toward the Food Distribution Center.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said as he mentioned in Agenda Review these funds are being awarded in conjunction with and connection with the Food Distribution Warehouse which they have a grant as well for. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said Ken La Haye is here should Council have any specific questions regarding the donated funds but that is exactly what they are is donated there is no worry about having to repay them or anything so.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-255;
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FROM THE SHAKOPEE
MDEWAKENTON SIOUX COMMUNITY AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-49 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000;** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to.....
Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked these are designated for what.

Bill Willis said the Food Distribution Warehouse construction.

Councilor Crampton said yeah and thanked Bill Willis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker she has a.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said they should send the Sioux Tribe a letter thanking them.

Speaker Pete said he will have one sent out.

Councilor Lonn said Shakopee.

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

Recorder Di Piazza asked was there a motion on that.

Speaker Pete said there was a motion.

Councilor Lonn said yeah there was. Lonn said Tom Guenthardt made it.

Speaker Pete said Tom Guenthardt made it and Diane Lonn supported it.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #19-0925-255 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$392,897

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis that he is here again to represent this and thanked him.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these funds are actually part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Indian Health Service. Willis said why they are coming this late he is not sure but they know they are specifically earmarked for Contract Support or Indirect Costs if they will. Willis said it is a huge amount and it really helps so. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-256;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2019-50 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$392,897; by Lonn;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete said okay it was.....correction 897 dollars not 70.

Councilor Lonn said oh, she is sorry.

Speaker Pete said good and support from Ron Wittenberg. 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 #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #19-0925-256 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$92,912

The Tribe has received a modification for additional funding.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis that he is here again.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said it appears that they received one previous award or allocation.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Bill Willis said with this allocation that is before Council brings them up to a total of \$149,689 and it looks like the total project amount that they are due to receive is \$187,000 so it looks like they are still on target to receive additional funding.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Bill Willis said for the Air Quality Program.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he get a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-257;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE**

**OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-51 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$92,912; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #19-0925-257 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**4. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2019-__; Authorizing a
modification to the Clinic Operations Budget in the amount of
\$110,440**

Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a Program
such as the elimination of Program Activities.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis that he is here to represent this too.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said at Agenda Review, as Council is aware the Clinic currently utilizes an Agreement with the Locum Tenens Agency to staff the Physicians at the Clinic. Willis said they are in the process of trying to fill those positions permanently. Willis said they got some applicants who they are apparently working on they know interviewing, etc. Willis said they don't anticipate those Physician Positions will be filled and the doctors is ready to go prior to January 1 and so this proposal was to move existing salary money from Salaries to Professional Fees to maintain the Locum Tenens Agreement through the end of this year.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Bill Willis said so that is kind of the basis of this request.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he have a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0925-258;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2019-52;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE CLINIC**

**OPERATIONS BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,440; 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 #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #19-0925-258 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

Councilor Lonn thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: August 2019

- A. Operations Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Enrollment Commission**
- D. Health Commission**
- E. Housing Commission**
- F. Natural Resource Commission**
- G. Elders Committee Minutes**

Reports received:

- ☐ **August 2019**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **August 2019**
- ☐ **August 2019**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **August 2019**

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion on any of these reports. Pete said Financial Report none submitted, Enrollment Commission none submitted, Health Commission August 2019, Housing Commission August of 2019, and Elders Committee Minutes of 2019. Pete asked is there any discussion on any of those reports.

**H. 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. This item was Postponed from the 9/18/19 Agenda and then removed.

I. 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. This item was Postponed from the 9/18/19 Agenda.

V. New Business

A. Authorization for the Construction Project Task Force to Oversee the LRBOI Public Safety Garage Project

The Tribal Council desires that the body established known as the Construction Project Task Force be empowered with all project management and decision-making authority necessary to facilitate the completion of this project. This item was postponed during Agenda Review.

Speaker Pete said A has been postponed.

B. Approval of Re-Appointment of Chuck Fisher to the Enrollment Commission

This re-appointment is for Seat #5 with term ending 9/20/2023.

Speaker Pete asked is there any disc..... Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will just make a motion.

Speaker Pete said pardon.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion on it.

Speaker Pete said okay, go ahead.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHUCK FISHER TO THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION; by Lonn;
supported by Wittenberg.

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

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| T. Guenthardt - Yes | C. Champagne -No | D. Corey - | Absent |
| S. Crampton - No | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete - | Yes |

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| R. Wittenberg- Yes | D. Lonn - | Yes | S. Lewis - | Absent |
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Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said five in favor, two against and two absent Chuck Fisher has been re-appointed to the Enrollment Commission.

Speaker Pete said okay.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 2, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Pete said is Larry Romanelli.....he doesn't even think.....or Larry Romanelli is here. Pete said Ogema Romanelli Weekly Status.....he just saw him now.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said he is welcome.

Ogema Romanelli said he received several "*thank you*" from employees regarding.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said.....the picnic that the Council primarily initiated and he is just passing them on as he gets them. Romanelli said so he thinks everybody had a good time. Romanelli said he knows he talked to Mary Thomas about the games and stuff that they played too so. Romanelli said a nice time was had by all. Romanelli thanked Council very much.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said at Munson Hospital he met with former employee, Glenn Zaring, on a project. Romanelli said he is on the hospital Board of Directors. Romanelli said on a project that Munson is doing and basically it boils down to they are looking for donations. Romanelli said they are putting on a.....they are trying to he guessed reinvest in their Emergency Room. Romanelli said it is going to be a \$2 million project and he suggested that maybe the Tribe look at it so he is going to pass this down to Tribal Council to let them read the brochure so. Romanelli said if there are any more questions feel free. Romanelli said he thinks he might be able to answer them if they are looking for more information from them. Romanelli said that is all he knows. Romanelli asked now what else. Romanelli said he would like to ask the Speaker and maybe there is other Tribal Councilors to meet with him this afternoon. Romanelli said they are working on the Public Information and the new website. Romanelli said apparently one of the

contractors that they worked with Revel Marketing has not been able to fulfill what they need to do for the website information so their contract is ending and he would like to have someone from the Council represented in the meeting as they go forward because Council as they know submits a lot of the information from the meetings, etc. Romanelli said so he would like to have a meeting at about 1:30 if possible and he was thinking the Speaker and anybody else that would like to join in just to see what they can do going forward to make sure that it is in line with what Council is looking for too. Romanelli said he also has.....

Councilor Lonn asked where is it at.

Ogema Romanelli said just in the Executive Board Room.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said at 1:30 if that is okay with everybody.

Speaker Pete said 1:30 he can do fine or 1:00.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete said to Ogema Romanelli if he wants to do 1:00 that's great.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, maybe they could do the 1:00. Romanelli said he will send out an e-mail and.....

Speaker Pete said request for 1:00 would be fine.

Ogema Romanelli said.....go from there. Romanelli said he also had a video. Romanelli asked Grace Hendler if she is able to bring that up.

Grace Hendler responded that she doesn't have it.

Ogema Romanelli asked Grace Hendler that she doesn't have it.

Grace Hendler said if he were to send it to her prior, she could have put it up there.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks they did say they did send it.

Drew Jeurink said it is on a flash drive on her computer.

Ogema Romanelli said oh, it's on her computer someplace. Romanelli said that is why they have people like Drew Jeurink.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said it is a short one-minute video. Romanelli said he sent it to Council but he is not sure they got it because for some reason videos don't come across very good.

Speaker Pete said no he don't.

Councilor Lonn said she didn't get it.

Ogema Romanelli said he received it yesterday and he sent it on so. Romanelli said basically what it is is he can just tell them that the Governor, Governor Witmer sent them a congratulations on their.....on their Reaffirmation Day. Romanelli said there they go.

Drew Jeurink brought up the video on the overhead screen of Governor Witmer.

Ogema Romanelli said he thought that was kind of neat.

Speaker Pete said that's nice. Pete said ah-huh.

Ogema Romanelli said they know she has been pretty good as Governor. Romanelli said as they know she invited the Tribe.....she is the first one that he is aware of that invited the Tribes to Inauguration. Romanelli said Little River was represented there and carried their flag. Romanelli said beyond that she invited the Tribes to a Special Meeting shortly after Inauguration and at that time, the pipe was passed around. Romanelli said rather than taking she had the option of tapping her shoulder or taking the pipe and she took the pipe. Romanelli said that impressed the Tribes as well. Romanelli said she has also done things like this so. Romanelli said her support for the Tribes has been pretty good to date. Romanelli said he just thought it was nice that she actually took the time to make and send a video to them.

Speaker Pete said very nice.

Ogema Romanelli said he will probably be showing that at the Membership Meeting as well so.

Speaker Pete said great.

Councilor Lonn said great.

Ogema Romanelli said that is it.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked any questions.

Councilor Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli at the start of his....he started up he thanks the Council for initiating the Luncheon for the employees.

Ogema Romanelli said yup.

Councilor Crampton said they did initiate it but he had some members ask him how Council can do that. Crampton said Council can initiate it and donate the funds but they cannot give the employees a day off.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said there was no official action from Council.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete said well.....

Ogema Romanelli said well that is fine.

Speaker Pete said he personally had not heard one thing.

Councilor Lonn said neither has she.

Speaker Pete said he has heard one thing blow back from any Tribal member that said to him about the days off and they know what.....maybe he can't but he certainly thinks the employees enjoyed it.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete reiterated that he hasn't heard one blow back from anybody in the Tribe, not anybody.

Councilor Crampton said he was in the queue and he didn't.....

Speaker Pete said he thought maybe he was done. Pete apologized. Pete said to Shannon Crampton to go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't ask them to reaffirm whether they have heard people because it doesn't matter. Crampton said he heard from his constituents.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said Council cannot give the employees a day off. Crampton said this is where he is having a hard time because it was presented to them that the Ogema's Office was in agreement and that they were going to donate funds which is what he was in agreement with but Council cannot give the employees a day off. Crampton said it just cannot happen in any way, shape or form.

Ogema Romanelli said that is fine they know. Romanelli said for a little clarification when it started discussion regarding the 25th Anniversary to do something on behalf of the Tribe and it was presented by Council. Romanelli said there was some money that was going to be put in by Council and they asked.....they said that they would probably do something out back as far as a picnic goes. Romanelli said so the picnic happened somewhere along the line he was probably asked to give the employees a few hours off and apparently he said yes. Romanelli said he will take whatever responsibility that is and move forward, yeah.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said the second thing that he wanted to point out was when Mrs. Witmer was talking he appreciates her sentiments but they have to watch the language because twice she said recognition and once she said reaffirmed. Crampton said they were never rec.....was recognized they were reaffirmed and that is going to come into play with some of the recent rulings with the Supreme Court where they just announced Tribes have to go through a new process for Land into Trust those Tribes that were re-recognized. Crampton said they weren't they were reaffirmed so they skate around that language.

Ogema Romanelli said well, yeah, and Governor Witmer he must say he thinks it may have been an oversight at best.....

Councilor Crampton said oh yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks the Reaffirmation is very clear. Romanelli said it came from Congress when it happened and he thinks that was her intent so he takes no offense for anything to the way she said it or what she said. Romanelli said he thinks she tried very hard and she even spoke their language.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said they know he just don't take any offense to that at all whatsoever. Romanelli said it clearly mentioned the reaffirmation as well so, yup.

Councilor Crampton said all right.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't infer that there was anything wrong with their statements what he was saying is they as a people were reaffirmed.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Shannon Crampton. Romanelli said he appreciates it.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said he wasn't done with the queue but that is what he was just saying was when they discussed the picnic he said why do a picnic that is going to go until 2:30 or 3:00 then require the people to go back to work a couple of hours then it was.....he.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete said.....he has no.....he has no perceived or anything like that or ability to put the people off.

Ogema Romanelli said right. *Romanelli made a further comment but it was not picked up clearly on the tape recording.*

Speaker Pete said he means if that is the case then slap him down he doesn't care.

Ogema Romanelli said that would come from the Executive side for that.

Speaker Pete said it doesn't matter to him. Pete thanked Shannon Crampton for that. Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked is there anybody for Legislative Affairs. Pete said him.....he is sorry he lost his train of thought. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said no that's fine. Di Piazza said just to let the members know their Natural Resource Department will be taking the deer heads again and giving a \$10.00 reward. Di Piazza said there is a Michigan DNR Head Check-in Station there and they can get their deer patch. Di Piazza said at the end of the season he was going to give away a dinner for two and a room at the hotel. Di Piazza said that would be on him so it is not coming out of nobody's pocket but his own. Di Piazza said at the end of the season all the names put in that turned in deer heads a little extra for helping them out with these logistics to keep track of what is going on because it is awful close CWD is in their area quite a bit down south. Di Piazza said so is it going to help anything yeah, he doesn't know. Di Piazza said the State doesn't even know yet but get them deer heads turned in and get their.....the \$10.00 will come per head at the end of the season not as they turn them in so. Di Piazza said that is it.

Speaker Pete thanked Gary Di Piazza. Pete asked anyone else for Legislative Affairs. Pete said okay that moves them on.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete asked is anyone else.....is anyone interested in Public Comment Period.

Councilor Wittenberg said this past weekend he had the fine opportunity himself and Al Metzger to go to the Gathering of the Eagle Staffs. Wittenberg said there were 60-some to his recollection Eagle Staffs there and if one was there, they could see the beauty of it all. Wittenberg said he was also informed too that in the process that Ohio is trying to get their Eagle Staffs as their flag, the Anishinaabe people.....Anishinabek people to recognize that Eagle Staff as their flag. Wittenberg said they are trying to also get something going with the State of Michigan to recognize that that is their, Eagle Staff, Mequantek, is their National Flag. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Miigwech for all those that came there and he believed next year on September 17 up on Manitoulin Island there they are going to host Eagle Gathering of the Eagle Staffs so it was pretty awesome. Wittenberg said if anybody can make it there, that is there and the different stories on how it came to be with those staffs so. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Miigwech to all and Miigwech again.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked anyone else for Public Comment Period. Pete said okay they are now going to go into Closed.

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.

Speaker Pete asked could he get a motion to close the First Open Session.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Guenthardt;
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 #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent. Di Piazza said they have adjourned First Open at 10:44 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Pete said okay they are going back into Open Session at 11:55. Pete asked can he get a motion to go into Open Session.

Councilor Crampton said they need the Recorder to record.....

Speaker Pete said oh, that's right see that is why he is saying they need him. Pete said hang on.

Recorder Di Piazza said hum?

Speaker Pete said he just said that they are going back into Open Session at 11:55.

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said the recorder is on. Pete asked can he get a motion to move into Second Open.

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

Speaker Pete asked any discussion or any abstentions. Pete said all those in favor, okay. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said they are in Second Open at 11:56.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza are there any items to move from Closed into Open.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, there is not.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move out of the Second Open.

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

Speaker Pete asked any discussion or any abstentions. Pete said all those in favor.
Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

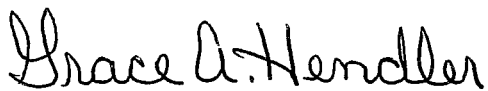
Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said they have adjourned Second Open at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder