

Approved 9/20/17

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
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 6, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley said okay they are going to get started at their Wednesday, September 6th Meeting with the Opening Prayer. Riley said Chuck Fisher is going to do that for them.

I. Opening Prayer

Chuck Fisher, Warriors Society Chaplin, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, thank you for this day and the opportunities that we have.

Help us make the most of those opportunities.

Help those who have suffered a loss of their opportunities in so many ways and so many places ending disasters that are gearing up to add more difficulties to our Nation. Not our Nation but the United States, our Nation.

Help the Tribal Members who are in harms way in those ways and everybody else as well.

Help us here too to do what we can to help in those efforts and to help the people here that we need to as well.

Help us do better.

Help us to find ways to do that.

We focus on Tribal members and we try to focus on Tribal Members.

Help us to strengthen that focus and put them foremost in our hearts as we go forward.

Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Jason Cross, Shanaviah Canales, Allison Smart, Dottie Batchelder, Frank Figgels, Gary Lewis, Bill Willis, Kelly Maser, Chuck Fisher.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins, Elaine Porter, Ben Hamilton.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 6th, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; ADDING III B.6 AND V G IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for September 6, 2017.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 8/23/17

MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/23/17; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and 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	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis noted Tribal Council Minutes have been approved and acceptance for filing for 8/23/17.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted they have nothing under Item A. Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$141

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis said this item represents Modification #12 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said these funds are awarded for road maintenance and these funds are typically used to buy road salt and stuff like that so. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley said so a full tank of gas in the salt truck.

Bill Willis said yeah.

Speaker Riley said he is looking for a motion or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0906-288; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-56 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-288 has been approved.

2. **Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-__; Authorizing the modification of the Crime Victim Assistance (VOCA) Budget in the amount of \$5,100**

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said a request was made by Shanaviah Canales he believed it was to modify this Budget from the agency. Willis said the agency approved the modification because this Program Budget has been modified previously they are over the 10% so it requires Council approval. Willis said so the request was to move \$5,100 from Client Services to Supplies.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-289;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2017-57;
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE CRIME VICTIM
ASSISTANCE (VOCA) BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,100; by
Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley said it is 57. Riley asked Councilor Di Piazza if he still supported that.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item or questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-289 has been approved.

3. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-__; Authorizing the modification of the Utility Department Budget-Lagoon Project in the amount of \$500

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said request was made by the Utility Department to modify, he thinks, it was all three of their Budgets but this one in particular they had already exceeded the 10% under the Tribal Law and so that is why the \$500 approval is before Council. Willis said it moving \$500 from Rental Leasing into Capital Outlay.

Speaker Riley asked is there a motion or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0906-290;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2017-58;
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE UTILITY
DEPARTMENT BUDGET-LAGOON PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$500; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-290 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$128,126

The Tribe has received funding notification and acceptance will require a modification of the Operating Budget for 2017.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes this is additional funding they received from U.S. EPA under the Performance Partnership Grant. Willis said since the program began, at least this round of funding, in October 1st of 2016 including this funding they are up to \$621,691 in total. Willis said he thinks Allison Smart indicated in Agenda Review they do anticipate maybe in the spring of next year to receive one last round of funding under this program which ends 9-30 of 2018. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked is there a motion or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked on the Brownfield, is that just for.....can they explain that please to the membership.....128a or Brownfield. Di Piazza asked was that just to clean it up or just to survey it or.....

Allison Smart, from the Natural Resource Department, said that is.....that is their base program funding that pays for the Brownfield FTE and some base assessment work so if they need to do some small scale sediment testing on some of their properties they can do it out of that. Smart said they are currently looking at competitive funding for any of their scale clean-up they may have to do.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay and miigwech.

Speaker Riley said okay are there any other questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-291;
ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-59; by Pete; supported by Crampton.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked is there any further questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-291 has been approved.

5. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__-3rd QTR to fund Legal Representation associated with the Election Board in the amount of \$50,000

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board needs representation for ongoing matters for the Board.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-292;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-60-3rd
QTR TO FUND LEGAL REPRESENTATION ASSOCIATED
WITH THE ELECTION BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000;** by
Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any questions or discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-292;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-17-3rd
QTR TO FUND LEGAL REPRESENTATION ASSOCIATED
WITH THE ELECTION BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000;** by
Pete; supported by Lewis.

A clerical error happened in the above motion that was corrected and is included in the roll call record.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-292 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

6. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__-3rd QTR to fund Temporary Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Program of 2017 in the amount of \$100,000

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognizes a need for disaster relief for certain Tribal Families residing in FEMA declared disaster areas. These funds will be allocated to Members Assistance to be administered through a program described by Tribal Council Resolution: Temporary Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Program of 2017.

Speaker Riley asked if there was any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-293; IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF 2017 SPECIFICALLY THIS FUNDING WILL BE DIRECTED AT ANYONE THAT IS IN THE DISASTER DECLARED AREA WITH FEMA TO HELP SUPPORT TRIBAL MEMBERS; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion or questions on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he does have a question. Medacco said according to this resolution right here this program ends December 31st of this year. Medacco said so these funds that they are appropriating are they going to be able to stay in that same funding period for the next year.

Speaker Riley said he thinks for now, no, but he thinks based on the researched that they have done they got 15 impacted households and they are only half-way through their list of members down south. Riley said so likely he thinks they will revisit this item and maybe increase the funding amount and extend it through whenever they feel, they know, the area is back to normal.

Councilor Medacco said the reason he asks that is because they have another hurricane that is going to be hitting shortly and if this carries over until next year then is the government prepared to make this supplemental every year because if this is going to be their program and if they are going to revisit this next year, if it is not budgeted for, they are going to be appropriating money again. Medacco said they got to make sure the government and the Elected Officials are going to be in agreement that if does something happens from FEMA next year that they are going to supplement again next year.

Speaker Riley said right and he believed that is a discussion that they may need to have but for the time being the devastation caused by Harvey is being dubbed the worst in the history of the United States so he thinks at this point, they know, at least for him moving forward with this seems like the right decision and in the

future.....they know they have done things like this for several natural disasters but they re-evaluate what they want to do that could cause this to be maybe a permanent thing or whether or not they want to end it after this. Riley said he thinks that is a discussion they may need to have. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he agrees with the comments from Councilor Medacco himself too. Pete said they are going to have to take a look at this but right now there is an absolute immediate need by these.....by their members down there, the ones who have been affected and this need is going to at least hopefully give them a little bit of a sense of normalcy which they need to get that done in their families so.....and he knows from watching the.....the time he gets to watch the news he knows Irma is on its heels and that could be a major disaster because the last track he saw this morning takes it right straight up to the middle of Florida. Pete said so he means.....he thanks them for their comments and he really believes this is something they need to do right now and then they can revisit this as they need to revisit it and have that discussion. Pete thanked Speaker Riley.

Recorder Lewis said yes and she put in the notes that they have a follow-up work session on this.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked are there any other questions or comments on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked which one.

Speaker Riley said the Crampton one.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say, yeah, he was just discussing these concerns with Councilor Friedel before the meeting and this is a template that Norbert Kelsey and himself put together in 2005 or 2006. Crampton said it was for a temporary and this was the most easiest, grabable template right now to put this forward like they said there are people who need this immediately but they can revisit this and make this a permanent program. Crampton said that should take care of everybody's concern.

Speaker Riley asked if there was anything further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-293;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-18-3rd
QTR TO FUND TEMPORARY DISASTER RELIEF AND
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF 2017 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$100,000; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

A clerical error happened in the above motion that was corrected and is included in the roll call record.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-293 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Authorization for Councilors Friedel and Wittenberg to travel to Washington, D.C. on September 9-15, 2017 and attend the National Congress of American Indians Scheduled Capitol Hill Visits

NCAI has scheduled Tribal Unity Impact Days 2017 and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will have the opportunity to meet with Senators and Congressmen to discuss topics of Tribal Interest.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she does want to say at this conference there is going to be an Issues Briefing, Advocacy, Appropriations, Taxation, Health Care, Indian Lands, Infrastructure, Public Safety, those are some of the topics that are going to be touched upon. Lewis said then there will be seven Congress people and five Senators there so they will be able to discuss Little River issues with those Congress people and Senators. Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL FOR COUNCILORS FRIEDEL AND WITTENBERG TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2017 TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS SCHEDULED CAPITOL HILL VISITS; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Abstain	F. Medacco -	No
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been carried for travel for Friedel and Wittenberg to Washington, D.C. September 9-15th.

2. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the Fourth Quarter of FY2017 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Section 5.07 requires Tribal Council appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Speaker Riley said to Bill Willis that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said he provided Council with a year to date schedule of the appropriations that have been done. Willis said the schedule and the fourth quarter request takes into consideration Council's approval of a Reforecast Budget from the Resort. Willis said that reforecast, approved reforecast amount was \$23,654,949 so the fourth quarter appropriation request was adjusted accordingly. Willis said the fourth quarter appropriation does include two Per Capita Payments, the October 1st and the December payment. Willis said so the request for the fourth quarter is \$6,757,754.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-294;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FOURTH QUARTER OF FY2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF
2013; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and any other questions on the fourth quarter appropriation. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-294 has been approved.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Operations Report
- B. Financial Report
- C. Enrollment Commission
- D. Natural Resource Commission

- E. Commerce Commission

- F. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
April-July 2017
May-December 2016

Reports received:

- ☐ July 2017
- ☐ July 2017
- ☐ June 2017
- 1. ☐ May 2017
- 2. ☐ June 2017
- 3. ☐ July 2017
- 1. ☐ June 2017
No Meeting
- 2. ☐ July 2017

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Riley okay for Old Business on their agenda they will see a list of all the reports that they have received and accepted as well as a list of the ones that they have not received yet.

V. New Business

- A. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2017 by the Cancellation of the Wednesday, September 13, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting

It is required in 4.01(c)(1) of the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the form of a resolution.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0906-295;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-295 has been approved.

B. Approval of Donation of \$500 to Northern Michigan Recovery Residences

This organization is requesting donations to help with costs for the Run for Recovery 5k Run/Walk to be held September 23, 2017.

Speaker Riley said to Dottie Batchelder that she had the floor.

Dottie Batchelder, from Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Department, represented this agenda item. Batchelder said this is for their upcoming 5k Run and Walk on September 23rd. Batchelder said this for getting residents in Manistee for male and a different one for female so that they have people that are homeless looking for recovery has a place to stay and their Tribal Departments have used this in the past when they had it open so they are just asking for a donation to make this run profitable.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-296;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500.00 TO NORTHERN
MICHIGAN RECOVERY RESIDENCES;** by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion on this item. Riley said that is cleared up they had a little technical difficulty issue. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-296 has been approved.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said it is just an added thing. Medacco said he just wanted to say thanks to Dottie Batchelder for the Suicide Prevention Walk that took place this past weekend and there was a lot of coverage in the Manistee News Advocate. Medacco thanked Dottie Batchelder.

Speaker Riley and the rest of Tribal Council thanked Dottie Batchelder.

C. Approving Rescinding Resolution #03-0604-147 Entitled: *Withdrawal of Association with the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council and Approving the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Rejoining the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.*

This resolution has been recommended for approval by a number of LRBOI Departments because rejoining ITC lays the groundwork for pursuit of future grant-related joint ventures with ITC and all Michigan Tribes.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-297;
RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION #03-0604-147 WITHDRAWING
FROM THE INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL;** by Pete; supported by Friedel.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-297;
APPROVING RESCINDING RESOLUTION #03-0604-147
ENTITLED: WITHDRAWAL OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE
MICHIGAN INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL AND APPROVING THE
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REJOINING THE
INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC;** by Pete; supported by Friedel.

An error happened in the above motion that was corrected and is included in the roll call record.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-297 has been approved.

Chuck Fisher thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Chuck Fisher and Dottie Batchelder.

D. Approval of Resolution to Rescind Resolution #09-0513-129

The newly revised Personnel Manual has new rules governing PTO. After much input and reflection it was determined that the PTO Bank is no longer in the best interest of the Tribal Government and new PTO Rules will allow employees to have less restricted access to their PTO.

Speaker Riley explained this is the resolution that created the PTO Bank that is no longer in use. Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-0906-298;
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #09-
0513-129; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said no he is not abstaining he was just wondering if maybe they can have one of the attorneys or somebody who worked on it come up and explain this.....the changes to the membership.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Unified Legal Department Attorney, Shayne Machen asked a question from the audience but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton said this is substantial changes.

Shayne Machen said all they are doing is rescinding the resolution that authorized the PTO Bank.

Speaker Riley thanked Shayne Machen. Riley said okay are there any other questions or any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #14

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-298 has been approved.

E. Approve Posting Amendments to the Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01 for 30 Day Public Comment Period

The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to this ordinance in order to remove non-gaming activities, remove unnecessary definitions, correct definitions for uniformity and remove sections better addressed in Tribal Regulations.

Speaker Riley asked if there is any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley said actually.....he was going to ask Kelly Maser if she could come up and kind of give them a very.....there are a ton of changes and he is aware but he knows that she worked on it probably more than anybody else. Riley said if Kelly Maser could give kind of, as quick as possible.....okay if Rebecca Liebing would like to do it too that is fine. Riley said to Councilor Pete that he will get to him.

Councilor Pete said that is okay and apologized.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said first just reminding everybody that this is just posting it for 30 Day Comment and this is not a final adoption of the changes that she is talking about because it can be changed again after 30 days. Liebing said what Council wanted to do was remove some of the things from the ordinance that can be better handled in regulations because if they keep them in the ordinance they have to go to NIGC for approval every time they want to change the law. Liebing said it is not required for their ordinance to be as exhaustive as it is so pretty much everything that they are taking out of the ordinance and she would encourage everyone to go read it because as Speaker Riley said there are a lot of changes are going to be handled in regulations they worked on in the next month or two and they will be adopting them so everybody will be able to see those changes as well.

Speaker Riley thanked Rebecca Liebing. Riley said also he doesn't believe their regulations require a 30 day public comment to make a change to but the regulations for the Gaming Commission are available on the website anytime somebody wants to review them as soon as the changes are made to the regs they will be available on there for people to see what the changes are. Riley said the majority of the changes are just going to be like Rebecca Liebing had said they

are transferring what was previously in the law into the regulations. Riley asked Councilor Pete if he had something.

Councilor Pete said he was going to make a motion if there was no discussion and then there came discussion so. Pete thanked Speaker Riley and said he would like to make a motion.

Councilor Friedel said it is just by motion.

Councilor Pete said okay then he will scratch the number.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE GAMING ORDINANCE FOR
POSTING FOR 30 DAYS #10-400-01; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion or questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #15

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis said the motion has been approved for posting amendments to the Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01 for 30 day public comment.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

F. Authorizing the Donation of \$1,000 to Grand Valley American Indian Lodge

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge is requesting a donation for their upcoming Pow Wow to be held September 9 & 10 and Annual Community Christmas Party to be held in December.

Speaker Riley asked if there was any discussion or a motion on this item.

Councilor Pete said he would just like to make a comment.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said from his understanding because they are both on there, half of this is coming from Tribal Council \$500 and \$500 from the Ogema.

Speaker Riley said yes. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to make a motion.

AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO GRAND VALLEY AMERICAN INDIAN LODGE; by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said oh, and it is 299.

Councilor Medacco agreed it is 299.

Councilor Pete said they are back on numbers again.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Crampton if he wanted to amend his motion to include the resolution number.

Councilor Crampton said there is a resolution.

Councilor Medacco said a resolution from the Tribe.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Friedel if he still supported that.

Councilor Friedel said yes. Friedel said #17-0906-299, yes he does support it.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-299;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO GRAND
VALLEY AMERICAN INDIAN LODGE;** by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked is there any further discussion or.....recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to make a comment that last year they donated just to the Pow Wow itself but this donation includes the Pow Wow and the Christmas Dinner.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Riley said okay anything else on donation to the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #16

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-299 has been approved.

G. Approving Temporary Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Program of 2017

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognizes a need for disaster relief for certain Tribal Families residing in FEMA declared disaster areas. These funds will be allocated to Members Assistance to be administered through a program described by Tribal Council Resolution: Temporary Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Program of 2017.

Speaker Riley said Jason Cross is here to represent this item and that he had the floor.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, said he is just here to state that the Members Assistance Department will administer this fund if passed by Council. Cross said he agrees with Councilors Crampton and Pete that a long term solution needs to be come to. Cross said they had a 2005 Disaster Relief, 2013 Disaster Relief, a Flint Water Disaster Relief and now a 2017 Disaster Relief. Cross said he will be going into work sessions with Council in the future and believed there is an ordinance under number five requesting the Members Assistance to report back to Tribal Council recommendations on a permanent program. Cross said they do have Tribal members that may not fall under something like this if their home burns down or if there is a localized flood he thinks that is a larger discussion for a more permanent program would be appropriate.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he wanted to say “thank you” to Jason Cross for taking this on but he is hoping he is right. Pete said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-300;
APPROVING TEMORARY DISASTER RELIEF AND
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF 2017 TO THE
TRIBAL FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE FEMA DECLARED
DISASTER AREAS; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #17

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0906-300 has been approved.

Jason Cross thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Jason Cross and Recorder Lewis.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 20, 2017

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley asked the Ogema if he was still with them.

Ogema Romanelli said he has about four or five minutes before he has another meeting. Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he is in support of this Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance more so for the Emergency Assistance because he knows there has been times where they have had a member burned out of their house and these local things. Romanelli said or they were in need of water, well water etc. Romanelli said he hopes, he sees that Jason Cross has already left, he hopes this is monitored carefully so it is distributed properly and noted that they.....just make sure that it is handled properly but he does support it and is something that has been needed for a long time especially with the Emergency Assistance. Romanelli said he wanted to say that they had the Sturgeon Release this weekend. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Councilors Di Piazza and Friedel for being there and they had a pretty good turnout but this year they had more fish than people usually it is just the opposite they had more people than fish. Romanelli said they had to move the Sturgeon Release this year because there was some monitoring that was going on in the Muskegon River or the Muskegon Area with their fish and then there were also spraying some chemicals in there to get rid of the, he thinks, the lamprey so they had to move it but it was a good turnout a good day. Romanelli said everybody seemed pleased and they had about 140 fish this year; very nice. Romanelli said he also wanted to state that going back to Old Business Reports that are due; he had talked to them about the Preference Report he did submit a Preference Report for August and it came through their new HR Director to him then it had to be passed on. Romanelli said he is going to ask that she pass them on directly to the Council so there is not a hang-up. Romanelli said they still have back reports that have to be done and if they can give her a little bit of time to catch those up, he thinks, it is sufficient but she will start reporting on a regular basis he believed. Romanelli said so that should do it.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema. Riley said are there any.....recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said yes, he was at the Sturgeon Release and also he just wanted to comment that they had a lot of new people, first timers, that has ever been there to release fish and it was quite an ordeal. Friedel said he got to release two fish himself and named his fish then watched them get sent off. Friedel said he added a couple of more fish so he thought it was pretty awesome.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, he thinks it is nice, every year he tries to ask how many new people there are and there had to be.....there were quite a few this year. Romanelli said to know that it is getting out in the community, they know, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has received recognition for being the Tribe that started this basically the reintroduction they now have other Tribes and other entities doing it but they were among the first.....they were about the first he believed in the Tribe so very good. Romanelli said good natural resource.

Councilor Friedel said he also wanted to thank Councilor Di Piazza for being the Senior Council Member to be on TV. Friedel said they asked him to and he said no he kind of had a cold and Councilor Di Piazza showed up and he said he would rather see a Senior Council person do it instead of him. Friedel thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said miigwech they need recognition for it but it was something that needed to be done and he didn't botch it too bad so.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to clarify that comment was not about Councilor Di Piazza's age it is about the fact that he is on his second term as a Councilor.

Councilor Friedel said that is not what he meant and thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for the Ogema. Riley said alright and thanked the Ogema. Riley said okay onto Legislative Affairs Update. Riley said it looks like there is a note in here for Recorder Lewis. Riley said oh, if that is a note that they received the first draft of the Budget.

Councilor Pete said yes.

Speaker Riley okay, so yeah, they are in receipt of the first draft of the Budget.

Recorder Notice of Receipt of 2018 Budget-Draft #1

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything they want to share for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, he had the fine opportunity of going up to the Big Mac Bridge on the Line 5 Protest. Wittenberg said it was pretty awesome that day. Wittenberg said there were other people throughout the state that were there. Wittenberg said he certainly would have liked to see more people that would have been there because if that Line 5 goes it is going to be a lot of disaster going down. Wittenberg said maybe in the future they can turn-a-round and have more people but it was pretty awesome up there. Wittenberg said he wanted to say miigwech for Little River and all the people that went. Wittenberg said the people that didn't go also. Wittenberg said aahaw, miigwech.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Riley asked if there was anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to thank the Council for approving for so many Councilors to go to Washington. Crampton said he has been long an advocate for this because every time he goes out to Washington he is sitting there with either himself and a Council member or just maybe the Ogema while they sit with other Tribes who have their entire Councils that go to ten times the meetings they do. Crampton said they get much more done and they get the Lion's share of most of the appropriations, in fact, if they go to Washington to meet with the Board to get an appropriation they probably have to meet with the Board who contains a Soo member or a Saginaw member, they are out there so much. Crampton said this is what Tribal Business is getting things done for their Tribe. Crampton said he would like to thank the Council again.

Speaker Riley said okay anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley said alright public.....oh, there is another note on here. Riley said look at that he needs to read his agenda. Riley said to Councilor Friedel it looks like he has a note here. Riley said that he is attending the Government to Government Annual Tribal Consultation on Violence Against Women and it is a grant funded travel so they are not approving that on the agenda because it is not coming out of Council Funds.

Councilor Crampton said that was last week.

Speaker Riley said that is stuck on there then, huh, he thought they mentioned it before.

Tribal Council discussed the travel regarding Councilor Friedel and commented on it.

Councilor Friedel is attending the Government to Government Annual Tribal Consultation on Violence Against Women-Grant Funded Travel on October 2-4, 2017

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said at this point they will open up the floor to comments. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would just like to remind everybody of the Elders Meeting that is this Saturday. Lonn said it was supposed to be last Saturday but there was conflicts so it is this Saturday.

Speaker Riley asked anybody else for Public Comments. Riley said alright at this point 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.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:48.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:48; by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #18

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:50 a.m.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:50.

Councilor Lonn said support.

Councilor Pete said they got to have a motion first.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE SECOND OPEN SESSION AT 11:50; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #19

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis said alright they are in second open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they have anything to move into open session.

Recorder Lewis replied yes, they are going to go move:

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #17-0906-301, ALSO 302, 303, 304 AND 305 INTO OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley said 303 is fine too there is nothing in the resolution. Riley said Councilor Di Piazza and he just read it.

Recorder Lewis said also 303.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #20

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis said okay.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0906-301, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH DATAWORKS PLUS, LLC; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0906-302,
APPROVAL OF THE COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH US
GOVERNMENT FISH AND WILDLIFE DIVISION;** by Pete;
supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0906-303,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR
LEGAL SERVICES FROM JANA SIMMONS OF WILSON,
ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER, LLP TO
REPRESENT THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0906-304,
APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH
JACKSON-MERKEY CONTRACTORS, INC.;** by Pete; supported by
Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0906-305,
RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CARDINAL
HEALTH – LEADER DRUG STORES (PHARMACY
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION) AND THE
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS PHARMACY;** by
Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 11:52.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SECOND OPEN SESSION AT 11:52;
by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #21

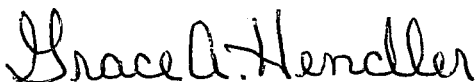
J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg - Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted they are adjourned at 11:52.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder