

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
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 February 3, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the opening prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, Our Creator, thank you once again for giving us this glorious day.

Be with us as we go through our travels today wherever they may lead us. Bless our bodies and our soul so that they may be one in tune with your creation. Bless all of our troops wherever they are serving throughout this Nation and throughout the world.

Be with them and their families and bring them home to a grateful Nation. Bless all of our Warriors, the ones here in our Tribe and all over this Nation who have served us so that we may have an open meeting like this. Through our Heavenly Father and our Creator's name. Amen.

II. General Business

Acting Speaker Riley said Speaker Johnson and Ogema Romanelli are out today. Riley said they are at a meeting in Lansing.

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. Burger- Present	F. Medacco- Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza- Present	M. Wabindato -Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Grace Hendler, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Diane Lonn, Ron Pete, Connie Waitner, Glenn Zaring, Julie Wolfe, Brian Gibson.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebing.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; CHANGE TO C.1, REMOVING FRANKIE MEDACCO AND ADDING C.2, APPROVAL OF VIRGIL JOHNSON TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN MEETING; by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes 1/27/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES DATED 1/27/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Burger.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

Acting Speaker Riley noted there was nothing under Continuing Business, Grants & Contracts or Budget Modifications.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Riley to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow and Convention

The Conference takes place at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, AZ on March 13-16, 2016.

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR RILEY TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION TRADESHOW AND CONVENTION ON MARCH 13-16; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Riley said he is going to abstain from this item because he is the one on travel and asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked if there was any discussion.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Abstain	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

2. Approval of Virgil Johnson to attend the United Tribes of Michigan Meeting

The United Tribes Meeting will be held on February 10, 2016 at Clark Construction in Lansing, Michigan. On February 9th is the State Tribal Liaisons Meeting from 2-4 p.m. and the United Tribes Annual Legislative Reception that evening from 6-8 p.m.

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF VIRGIL JOHNSON TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9-10, 2016; by Crampton; supported by Medacco.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain from this item and is there any discussion.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report

October 2015

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015; by Wabindato; supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain from this item and is there any questions or discussion on this item.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

- B. **Binojeeuk Commission** None Submitted
- C. **Housing Commission** None Submitted
- D. **Natural Resource Commission** None Submitted

Acting Speaker Riley noted they don't have any reports submitted for Binojeeuk Commission, Housing Commission or Natural Resources.

V. New Business

A. Approve posting of Amendments to the Donation Ordinance #14-800-06 for 30-Day Public Comment Period

The current Donation Ordinance limits donations to only Charitable Organizations as identified by the Internal Revenue Service and requires Tribal Council approval of all requests and there are instances where this limits the Little River Band's community involvement.

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE DONATION ORDINANCE #14-800-06 FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and does he have any questions on this item.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

- B. **Authorizing the Donation of \$1,000 to the Tight Lines for Troops**
 The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of Tribal Members and the local community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.

Acting Speaker Riley noted this is a donation that is done every year and he believed half of it is coming from Council and half is coming from the Ogema.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0203-033;
 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE TIGHT
 LINES FOR TROOPS; by Medacco; supported by Burger.**

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and any questions on this item.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

C. Approval for Recorder Joseph Riley II to attend the Chi Ishobak Board of Directors Meetings on the third Thursday of each month in Dowagiac, Michigan

Joseph Riley II was appointed to the Board of Directors and required to attend these meetings on a monthly basis.

Acting Speaker Riley explained that this is just a standing travel request for himself and there is no expense to the Tribe. Riley said this is all.....he is not taking anything from the Tribe as far as travel costs or anything like that. Riley said it is just once a month meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR RECORDER JOE RILEY II TO ATTEND THE CHI ISHOBAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IN DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN; by Crampton; supported by Medacco.

Acting Speaker Riley said he will be abstaining from this because he will be the one on travel and asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked if there were any questions or discussion on this item.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Abstain	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 10, 2016

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Acting Speaker Riley noted that it looked like they are not going to have and update this week unless anybody has anything they want to share under this portion.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to comment that last week he went down to Flint, Michigan for the donation of that \$10,000 check to the Community Foundation of Great Flint. Medacco said he was able to have John Shano, Commander of the Warriors Society, meet him down there and they presented the check to the Foundation with Kathy who is the President of the company and also Robert Pickle who is the Sheriff from down there. Medacco said after he presented the Sheriff invited him over to the Sheriff's Department and his Deputy or actually his Lt. was kind enough to drive him around Flint to the different Distribution Centers and Community Centers throughout Flint that are being affected by the water crisis. Medacco said he wanted to thank Ron Pete for the donation of the candy bars. Medacco said he had a phone call this morning from one of the Under Sheriffs thanking them for the donations and every place that they dropped, he and the Sheriff.....he and the Lt. dropped them off.....a couple of them are County Commissioners that actually work at the Community Centers so they were very appreciative that they were able to drop those off to the children and the Elderly because they all appreciated them. Medacco said it was a good experience. Medacco said he was able to go in the Emergency Office also downstairs to see the devastation that has happened to that area down there. Medacco said they had maps posted everywhere and they have two or three hundred pipe fitters on site and they are putting the filters on for the people down there. Medacco said they also have FEMA involved and have their logistics.....the Logistics Room is probably about 20 people in that room that just take care of the logistics and the planning. Medacco said they had people from the Military all working together organizing to help Flint through this time. Medacco said he wanted to thank Council for giving him the opportunity to go down there and representing the Tribe.

Acting Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Medacco for going down on behalf of the Tribe. Riley asked if there was anyone else for Legislative Affairs.

Ron Pete, Tribal #4158, said he hopes he is correct this time because this is when the Speaker asked him to come up here last week. Pete said at the Board of Directors Meeting the Speaker and Councilor Burger came to his office because as they were cleaning out different areas over there for some stuff they are doing he found four wonderful pictures of the Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony when they opened the casino. Pete said there are some very recognizable people in there with some who are still with them and some who are no longer with them. Pete said he asked him to present these to the Ogema during the Legislative

Affairs Update part of this so he is not sure if he is in the right place and he sees that neither of them are here so he would like to leave them here. Pete said he is not sure whose Chain of Command he needs to leave these in. Councilor Crampton suggested Mary Thomas.

Ron Pete asked if that would be Mary Thomas as part of the Executive because as they can see this is a picture actually of Johnnie Sam cutting the ribbon and there are some other, Pat Ruiter is in here, up front is Jeanie Guenthardt and some of the other ones he knows they recognize. Pete apologized because he wasn't there during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony so he doesn't.....but they have a number of.....this is the Opening Day he believed, Connie Waitner said.

Connie Waitner made comments from the audience but they were not picked up on the tape recording and could not be heard.

Ron Pete said he thought....he thinks Virgil Johnson said that these would go to the Tribal Historical but he doesn't want them getting damaged around the casino from moving them around so he would like to put that Chain of Command and he sees everybody's.....and this is he believed their first Ogema, Mr. Guenthardt right here so Mary Thomas if she would. Pete said he would like to officially hand these over to her. Pete said okay that is the end of his story.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if there was anybody else for Legislative Affairs Update.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to recognize and announce they have a new Chair of the Natural Resource Commission, Boo Battice.

D. Public Comment Period

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said just....she guessed it would be just an FYI and she is very glad that there is a new Chair and thought Boo Battice fit perfectly because they can say Boo and it still matches but just some concerns or questions on how they are handling the boat from the Manistee Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that sunk in Ludington over the weekend. Wolfe said the DNR and the Coast Guard can't do anything because the boat is an Indian Boat. Wolfe said the last time this happened which was only a few years ago it took over a month for them to do anything about it. Wolfe said news stations won't touch the story so please help here spread the word if this was her boat or theirs they would be in jail by now. Wolfe said that is posted on Lake Michigan's Salmon and Fishing Trout Face Book page which doesn't make it official but they do know there is a boat sitting in there so is there any process or any ideas that has been brought forward to the Tribe. Wolfe said what disappoints her in the article is that it says, "Manistee Little River Band of Ottawa Indians," not a fisherman, not a licensed Captain, and not the individual but slams their whole Nation. Wolfe said that was just her comment and to make them aware because she doesn't know how

forward it is coming and she doesn't know the individual who posted or not posted it but it is out there. Wolfe said they always get negative press.

Councilor Burger said to Julie Wolfe that she is glad that she brought that up because she too saw the post and saw several related matters on MILIVE. Burger said they had a set of lively exchanges from several Tribal members and some of the commentary on Face Book page and other resources. Burger said she will just say this that particular viewpoint is not new. Burger reiterated it is not new to have the Tribe singled out, to have actions that are associated with the Tribe singled out, and for negative press, negative feedback, and negative commentary to occur in regards to the Tribe. Burger said that has been her whole life and she says that with every bit of candor possible. Burger said yes, in addition to the action itself of calling out the Tribe like what are they doing with this fishing matter. Burger said sometimes it takes time to address those matters. Burger said she is a boat owner and owns a power boat. Burger said she can tell them if her power boat sank it would take her a month to get it out of the water because she would have to arrange for salvage, would have to sign a contract, pay for the service and it would probably be scheduled that far out so sometimes things take time. Burger said she guessed from her perspective and she threw out a comment this morning herself and she generally doesn't do that. Burger said she is very tired of the negativity, not just from the external community, but within their own community when things like this happen. Burger said she is going to be in editorial comment right now. Burger said there are ten Elected Officials in Leadership positions the Ogema and nine Council members and there are over three thousand voting age members in their Tribe. Burger said they all have a civic responsibility to be part of the solutions when these things happen as citizens of their Band. Burger said she proffered that comment and put it up on Face Book and she never does things like that. Burger said she makes it a practice not to do that because she doesn't like to get into verbal disagreements with people and doesn't find it very productive but when people are calling each other out and they are not being a part of the solution what are they really doing. Burger said they are feeding right into that Gentlemen's commentary and she read the first comment after the article which was absolutely astonishing that it was even tolerated. Burger said that comment was "maybe we should shoot the Indians when they come to pick up the boat." Burger said if they made that kind of comment about an African American member of any community, if that was attributed back to a Native American person, they would be knocking on their door already wanting to know how they are proffering hate speech. Burger said they should call it what it is, its hate speech. Burger said that hate speech leads to other things, it leads to other things like the attitude in public school that their kids don't deserve a fair shake and equal opportunity under an education system that discriminates against them. Burger said it leads to discrimination in employment. Burger said in 1973 her dad sued Manistee Road Commission for the right to drive a truck because that was the only he could gain employment with the Road Commission even though they received Federal dollars. Burger said he couldn't even get an interview. Burger said what about hate speech that leads to the notion

that it's perfectly okay and acceptable for Native American women to be mistreated and for Law Enforcement to look the other way. Burger said how about their own Law Enforcement to have jurisdiction over their people and to not have their Cross Deputization Agreement severed at the whim of somebody's poor judgment. Burger said probably the most damaging thing when that type of speech is tolerated and that type of speech is proffered is that it is perfectly acceptable to put Native American persons in the second class of citizenship in their country and to rule against them in the courts of law and to make even harder for them to exercise their political status and the rights and privileges they are granted to them, yes privileges granted to them, by treaties. Burger said treaties are the law of this land and they mean something. Burger said she thinks it is time to hold the feet to the fire of the individuals who allow that type of commentary to continue and the people that make that type of commentary because she for one knows and she going again, editorial comment, her nephew is a member of their police force and he looks, quote unquote, Native and he is easy identified in that uniform. Burger said it has their logo all over it just like Officer Gilles back here and just like their new Conservation Officer back here. Burger said when they walk down to that dock to have to check on that boat they are going to be in harm's way. Burger said the longer they allow that kind of hate speech to continue the more they are in harm's way every day and she for one is very tired of living under that kind of pressure cooker. Burger said she is tired of turning the other cheek and tired of being a good person about it. Burger said it is time they start taking issue with this stuff. Burger said that is all she's got.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to go another route here. Crampton said first of all he would point out that was a Face Book page by a person named Adam Canoots and not.....he is a member of a fishing organization in Ludington and he is hiding behind that moniker and it wasn't a news article or wasn't posted any place else it was a personal page. Crampton said he could do the same thing on his page but he thinks that when this Tribe takes up they encourage and enable the kind of behavior that is the root cause of this. Crampton asked where the individual is that owns the boat. Crampton asked how they can let a whole Tribe and a whole Nation take that blame when it is their responsibility as a man. Crampton said maybe he should go take care of that.

Shayne Machen said she just wanted to give them a few updates about the boat. Machen said as far as they can tell right now obviously and what has been said it does belong to the Tribe it belongs to the Tribal member however a boat registration and title doesn't work the same way as their title they fill out at the Secretary of State for their vehicle. Machen said they can sell someone a boat and they can own and it can still be titled to the Tribe which is legal technicality but their name can still be connected with it so they are looking into it and trying to do some more research to make sure that it is in fact a boat of a Tribal member and the Tribe doesn't have a tie to it. Machen said yesterday their Natural Resources Department was down there helping with the clean-up and they are down there today. Machen said she spoke with Chief Medacco today and he sent

three of their officers down to address any concerns of violence or safety for the Tribal members assisting as well as the Coast Guard who is assisting. Machen said to address the Face Book post and she is glad that Councilor Crampton made the distinction that this isn't an article it is a Face Book post because not one thing that was in there was true. Machen reiterated not one. Machen said it is unfortunate and to address Councilor Burger's comment she also saw the comment "how about we shoot the Indians when they come to get it" which was also passed on to Chief Medacco. Machen said she and Chief Medacco were in a conversation about the violence and if it did occur would that constitute a hate crime. Machen said there were also pictures of people pointing a gun at a mirror saying this is what they would do to the Indians when they came and got the boat. Machen said there was a lot and it is nothing short of.....they can call it hate speech but it is nothing short of racism. Machen said while that is unfortunate they know that is not the reflection of the entire community. Machen said DPS is involved, the Natural Resources Department is involved, the Legal Department is involved, their Elected Leadership is being kept in the loop and they will continue to be kept in the loop. Machen said their Public Relations Department is fielding responses from newspapers and Reporters are calling. Machen said they will continue to stand on the fact that this isn't their boat but they will certainly do everything that they can to help clean-up the mess because that is how the Tribe feels about the environment. Machen said she would be happy to answer any questions if anyone has any if she didn't answer all of them but that is kind of the current state of it. Machen said they are as much on top of this as they can be considering the type of situation that it is.

Councilor Di Piazza said there is an article in the Ludington News and front page that is unfortunate. Di Piazza said it does kind of state that the boat was licensed by the Tribe or through them but also they are stating that.....the Coast Guard is also stating right in there it is the responsibility of the owner of that boat to take care of the mess. Di Piazza said the shot is of them cleaning up or putting down some pads to absorb whatever is floating on the water. Di Piazza said a lot of things have been tried in the past to rectify a lot of these problems. Di Piazza said back in June of last year, they know, the commission had revoked all the Captain's Licenses to get a handle on this situation. Di Piazza said he knows one was given help but at the end of the day, yes, the boat needs to come out of the water and it just needs to be rectified and taken care of. Di Piazza said he read some of the, they know, some of the comments and they are very disturbing, let alone, their own Tribal members feeding into that where they should all be coming together trying to rectify the situations instead of wanting to beat each other up all the time. Di Piazza said the negativity is horrendous and to him it has costs them dearly in the past, dearly. Di Piazza said he is not pleased with the whole situation but right now they just need to get.....things need to get out of the water and get done and cleaned up. Di Piazza said that is where it is at now.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said the article that she read was then came back to the microphone and said none of that article was true. Wolfe said the truth in the

article is the boat sunk! Wolfe said it was written by an opinion and she stated that before she came up there and said nothing about it was factual but she doesn't need a comment to come back and say "sorry that she fell in to the trap because she read something and it is not true" but it is truth. Wolfe reiterated the boat sunk, the truth they are looking at their Nation to rectify it, and thanked them.

Acting Speaker Riley thanked Julie Wolfe and asked if there was any other Public Comment.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he brought them a picture of his baby and he was sixteen when he got on a fishing boat. Battice said she is looking a little rough and he is going to work through the process with them and hopefully get this going to show a productive thing for their Indians instead of everybody b_____ and his ultimate goal is still the same as it was when he was sixteen years old. Battice said if they can feed the people he would like to come back and have people stand there and happy that they are back here for them to eat. Battice said now if they can do something like that it would be great but he just wanted to kind of walk this by them and understand that is his baby, they know, when it comes to Commercial Fishing and money or monetary things that everybody's talking about this isn't monetary to him. Battice said his forefathers died for these rights and they have to take care of that baby. Battice said to do that, it is a privilege, and this is his local community more than half of his life that he lived in Ludington, Michigan. Battice said he went to schools there and all the teachers knows him and everybody knows him. Battice said they know that he will try to get it done to the best of his ability and they are working on it but everybody stands by their own thing. Battice said he maintained and took care of his business and he is just saying help him to help them to make them look better as a whole. Battice said as he said if they could figure out something to feed the people then people would be happy with food in their bellies. Battice said he just wanted to pass this picture around and thanked them. Battice said they will work together and hopefully it all works out. Battice said he understands there is a lot of logistics to it and it does take time. Battice said his business is he is scared.....he is scared of the fact of the comments because he does sit there and maintain it every day and he does know that he is down there every day. Battice said a lot of the community does watch but there is chances where someone might be able to do what they want with it and that is what he doesn't want to happen because he has never done nothing wrong. Battice said they need something in place to get.....get the oil out of the water, things, for at least a program that they are all working together. Battice said to the best of his knowledge he is not permitted under the Tribe only he is because they had certified letters sent out and whoever didn't show up had the possibility of not.....it said.....to the best of his knowledge within the letter the possibility of losing their permits or Captain's Licenses well, he was the only one there at that meeting and he is the only one that still holds it to the best of his knowledge because he tried everything in his power to maintain their rights that their forefathers died for and hopefully feed

people one day. Battice thanked them for all their consideration and hopefully they can work together on this. Battice asked if there were any questions for him.

Acting Speaker Riley said he has Councilors Crampton then Wabindato.

Councilor Crampton said that Councilor Wabindato has a question.

Councilor Wabindato said yes, he has a question. Wabindato asked Boo Battice what year was his boat made.

Boo Battice replied it is an old boat, 1948. Battice said 1947 or 1948. Battice said it does need a little bit.....it's been almost ten years, again, 2007 he got a little bit of help with refurbishing and things but he didn't get to quite do it fully as much as he wanted to because he was in a car accident that year so he didn't get to do it fully but it should be maintained a little bit better.....it's been about ten years so it could use a fresh coat of paint and things but it was hard finding workers and things so he wanted to try and set-up a program.....he initially said it at the beginning to maybe help their younger....their people who is in trouble over at the court house. Battice said give them a little bit of ambition and heart or some work to show up. Battice said that was one of his first goals and it still is because they got to give them something to look forward to.....something that's eligible for them....a future if they follow and show that they want to do it.....they want to have the right process and do this right so and he is a hard worker so he understands hard work. Battice said he will be honest he could work harder because he only works at half the speed but he is not here to piss anyone off. Battice said if he works too fast people say he is out of control, they know, so he slows down a little bit and take his cape off for the normal things. Battice asked if that did answer his question.

Councilor Wabindato replied to Boo Battice that does.

Acting Speaker Riley said he has Councilors Crampton and Lewis.

Councilor Crampton asked Boo Battice when he got a cape.

Boo Battice answered that it was hidden and it is the one with a cloak. Battice said that is the secret one.

Councilor Crampton said he was good. Crampton said to speak for the overall issue that he doesn't think it is a question of race and when they comment like he seen going back into the commentary last night he thinks they fall into that trap. Crampton said it is not really one race against another or this or that. Crampton said it is not the idiot against the intelligent or the mature against the immature. Crampton said that is the division line and it knows no race. Crampton said if they.....this is the age of google and any member can go on an article like that and google that person's name. Crampton said many times they will find out that

they are just using the excuse of having a special interest like he found about that guy in a matter of like seven minutes he thinks total. Crampton said he found out what his special interests were and that he belonged to a Ludington Fishing group and is probably never, ever going to support Indian Tribes no matter if they gave him a ton of fish. Crampton said things have gotten better. Crampton said he remembers in the 60's and 70's a Tribal member getting shot at in boats and nobody did anything about it in fact it was acceptable to shoot at Native American Fishermen. Crampton reiterated in the 60's and 70's and as outrageous as that sounds it actually was.....that was what was happening. Crampton said but again it's just.....just like he said it is the idiot against the intelligent.

Boo Battice said it has happened to him so, he means, there is no other mistake of a new hole that is in their boat and a bullet coming in so.....and that's an outrage.....that's yesterday to him. Battice said for the fact not everybody can go out and fish like these sporties that are out there and want to make a big deal of it, yeah, they are making a big deal of it but if they can get the majority of the people that can't really even go out fishing to come and eat their stomachs will be happy. Battice said these few will be outnumbered ants and grasshoppers if the ants stick together.....its.....its they know their future can be built from a foundation of where they got to start growing and their local communities and how they do it. Battice thanked them again and said he would like to walk a little bit closer and show them guys a picture of his baby because he is proud of it.

Councilor Lewis said their logo she doesn't really see it as their logo. Lewis said she sees it as each feather on that represents their family members and that is their family crest. Lewis reiterated that she sees that as their family crest because each feather on there represents their grandfathers. Lewis said she thinks this is really good that this came out this way because they have to take the negative and look at it then turn it into a harmonious way to get things done. Lewis said sometimes when things like that happen it is good because they have to address it and together they have to address this and there is going to be other hurdles that they are going to bump into, they know, and this is just one issue but if they all work together they can make a lot of accomplishments just like a lot of their Council members. Lewis said they are not arguing but here to get things done for the people but just remember that is their family crest and that represents all of them and all of their grandfathers so together they can make some good things happen and do it in a harmonious way.

Acting Speaker Riley said he has Di Piazza and then Wabindato.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had a little different side note. Di Piazza said they had one of their Tribal members spouses fall ill and everybody if they have time later to put out tobacco and smoke then pray for that fallen angel. Di Piazza said there is going to be a benefit next.....on the 16th at 5:00 at Aki so come share a plate and there will be some bake goods and such. Di Piazza said when they are

laying their tobacco and saying their prayers include Mr. Shaw's wife in their prayers and everybody knows her from the gas station. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Councilor Wabindato said he likes what Councilor Lewis was saying but when he goes through town he sees looks every day, every day, from the community that he lives in and he has been up here 18 years. Wabindato said don't be with a white person or a white girlfriend because "oh my word" they really scrutinize him and every day he sees it. Wabindato said if he goes into Kmart or no matter where he goes they are scrutinizing him like "look at that d ___ Indian."

Wabindato said he gets tired of it but he sees it every day but he knows what they are saying and wished they could get over this hurdle. Wabindato said this is their community and their Rez and where they live. Wabindato said their forefathers and whatnot but every day he is scrutinized for the way he looks. Wabindato said he is done.

Councilor Lewis said she knows she is only 4'9" but sometimes they have to learn to be a bigger person.

Councilor Wabindato said he doesn't understand.

Councilor Lewis said Councilor Wabindato will get it.

Councilor Wabindato said at 64 he is an Elder. Wabindato said he knows what Councilor Lewis is saying but he sees it every day which is what he is saying.

Councilor Crampton said he is paranoid.

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.

MOVE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION; by Burger; supported by Crampton.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they have adjourned first open session at 10:43 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:54 a.m.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION; by Medacco;
supported by Burger.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #16-0203-034; MOVE ROLL CALL AND VOTE ONLY; by Di Piazza; supported by Burger.

Acting Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Roll Call #11

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #16-0203-034; APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DENNIS SWAIN FOR LRCR; by Burger;
supported by Wabindato.

Acting 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
V. Johnson - Absent	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Burger - Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; by Burger; supported by Lewis.

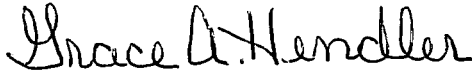
Roll Call #12

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

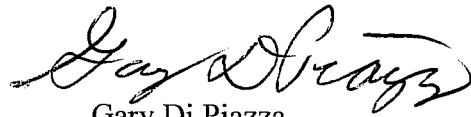
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Acting Council Recorder