Grant to Support Michigan’s Arctic Grayling Initiative

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Michigan Technological University have received a Consumers Energy Foundation grant of $117,175 to support efforts to bring back the extirpated Arctic grayling to Michigan waters.

Michigan’s Arctic Grayling Initiative was announced in June 2016 and consists of 32 organizations that are partnering together to reintroduce this culturally significant species.

The Consumers Energy Foundation grant will fund work during 2017 to address two immediate needs for a successful reintroduction. The first is the collection of habitat and fish community data in the upper Big Manistee River. This waterbody historically was a premier Arctic grayling river and is believed to hold high-quality habitats for this species. The second is to create an outreach plan to engage Michigan citizens in the reintroduction efforts and to once again make Arctic grayling an important part of Michigan’s heritage.

“The contributions from Consumers Energy Foundation will be extremely helpful as we move forward with this unique initiative,” said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. “The partnerships cultivated throughout the course of the Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative are critical to meeting our goals and seeing success.”

The Arctic grayling is an iconic and treasured part of Michigan’s history, and was the only abundant stream salmonid in the Lower Peninsula. It has not been present in Michigan since the 1930s.

“The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is thrilled by the support to continue this historical initiative we launched in 2010,” said the director of the band’s Natural Resources Department, Frank Beaver. “It’s so exciting to see so many partners working in parallel with our goals to try and bring back this significant species.”

Members of Michigan’s Arctic Grayling Initiative have met twice to identify knowledge gaps and to discuss management and stocking strategies and public outreach.

The information collected through the Consumers Energy Foundation grant, combined with previously gathered data, will guide management agencies in selecting appropriate reintroduction sites. Consumers Energy has supported this initiative through funding and as a participant during two partners meetings.

“As a company focused on leaving our state better than we found it, Consumers Energy is proud to be part of a public-private partnership to help bring native Arctic grayling back to our home waters,” said David Mengebier, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. “We are confident by combining forces with the other stewards of our land, air, water and wildlife involved in the Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative that this swimming icon of clean waterways will again flourish in Michigan rivers.”

For more information on the history of Arctic grayling in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/fishid.
### Council News

#### February Worksession Attendance

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We, the Election Officials of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the number of votes cast for the candidates shown herein for the Special Nine County Election held on February 9, 2017. We further affirm that the aforementioned election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Tribal Constitution and the Election Code.
**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The Little River Band Housing Department has prepared their 2016 Annual Performance Report (APR) for HUD to meet our Annual Reporting Requirements.

If you would like to review and/or comment on this report it will be available at the Housing Department office for **30 days** starting on

**February 16, 2017**

**Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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**Next Generation Learning Center**

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Next Generation Learning Center is designed with the child in mind. The high quality classrooms and staff specialize in children 0 - 12 years old. The program offers tuition assistance and free preschool to those that qualify. The indoor and outdoor classrooms are tailored to reach the expectations of every child to grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally. A true community center that fulfills the needs of children and their family.

- Indoor and Outdoor Classrooms
- Low Teacher to Child Ratio
- Anti-bias environments
- Cutting Edge Security System
- Highscope Curriculum Trained Staff
- Authentic materials to accommodate all children’s learning styles
- Natural Indoor and Outdoor Playgrounds
- Greenhouse and Whole Food Prepared Meals
- Medical and Dental Services on Site
- School Age Activity Camps
- Playgroups
- Transportation Available to/from Local Public Schools

For Additional Information Please Contact:
Holly Karlsen, Director | hollykarlsen@lrboi-nsn.gov | 231-398-6718
2840 Orchard Hwy. | Manistee, MI
MANISTEE — Little River Casino Resort will hold its 18th Charity Golf Classic on July 7. This annual event features a day of interactive golf complete with prizes, a gift raffle and live music with a spotlight on area charitable community service organizations to benefit from this year’s event proceeds.

The casino resort underwrites all costs associated with the event and donates 100 percent of all monies received from participant fees and sponsorship funds raised. In 2016 over $58,000 was distributed to 10 charitable organizations and has distributed over $725,000 since its inaugural event in 1999.

Charitable 501(c)(3) community service organizations located within the Manistee area are encouraged submit an application for consideration to receive a share of the 2017 event proceeds.

Eligible organizations may contact Chad Eckhardt, LRCR Player Development manager to receive an application form. The deadline for applications for consideration is May 1. Contact Eckhardt at chade@lrcr.com or call (231) 398-3821 for details.

Anyone who would to participate in or sponsor this year’s event also should contact Eckhardt for more information.
Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

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For each additional member add $347.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715
THE DETAILS

WHO: Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander 10-12th Grade High School Students (in small community groups of approximately 3-5 students)
Accepted students will travel with one adult chaperone from their community to and from the event.

WHAT: Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

WHEN: July 9-15*, 2017

WHERE: National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), Shepherdstown, West Virginia
https://nctc.fws.gov/campus/

COST: None
All student travel to the Congress, lodging, and food costs at NCTC will be paid for by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agency partners.

*Actual date of departure will depend on specific travel arrangements.

Applications are now being accepted! Student enrollment from each community may be limited.

Application Deadline: April 7, 2017

Join students from across the country to discuss community adaptation and related environmental issues impacting Native peoples. The mission of the Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress is to develop future conservation leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools to address environmental change and conservation challenges to better serve their schools and home communities.

Goal of the NYCALC
The goal is to foster an inclusive, meaningful, educational event for aspiring Native youth leaders interested in addressing environmental issues facing Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander communities. The Congress will include a diverse mix of Native communities from various geographic locations, including both urban and rural students. The Congress teaches students about environmental change and conservation while providing them with leadership skills for addressing conservation issues within their own Native communities.

Benefits of Attending
- Opportunity for students to actively participate with a larger group of like-minded youth on issues related to environmental change and natural resource conservation in their home communities.
- A chance to identify key environmental issues facing Native youth and their communities—involve ment inspires change!
- Opportunity to learn and demonstrate leadership and communication skills by engaging with peers across different communities about environmental change.
- Grant funding available after the Congress for conservation-related student projects in their own communities.

Questions?
If you have any questions about the program or to request an application, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via e-mail at nctc_deo_programs@fws.gov or by phone at 304-876-7772 or 304-876-7388.

It really warms my heart knowing that other people, especially young people, care as much about the climate and Mother Earth as I do. It made me realize that a lot of other people care about this Earth too, that I am not alone in this challenge, that there are a lot more Earth Warriors and Earth Guardians out there. It makes me happy to see that.

-Esau Sinnok, 2016 Congress

The Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress (NYCALC) is a week-long student environmental conference for approximately 100 Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander high school students interested in environmental issues, natural resource conservation, community leadership, and public service. We aim to achieve a broad representation of Native communities across the country, so student enrollment from each community is competitive and may be limited (to approximately 3-5 students per community). This event is sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other federal partners. Students competitively selected via the attached application will be admitted as a school or community group of approximately 3-5 current 10-12th grade students with 1 adult mentor per group, who will serve as their event travel chaperone and team leader during the entire event. Travel to and from the event, conference lodging, and meals for both students and adult mentors will be paid for by the federal agency partners.
### Tribal Service Reference Guide

#### Family Services
- Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency
- Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification
- Education and Assistance
- Elder Services
- Family Counseling
- Positive Indian Parenting Programs
- Family Violence Prevention
- Family Violence

#### Health Clinic – Contract Health Services
- Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service area
- Extended Health Assistance Program
- All Tribal Members
- All Government

#### Assisted Housing
- Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision
- Short term low income rentals in Manistee
- Low income single

#### Tax Department
- Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program
- Tribal Certificates of Exemption for 
- Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities
- Tribal Tax Licenses

#### Commerce
- Small Business Loan Program
- Tribal Title Office
- Tribal Owned Economic Development
- Work Force Development
- Tribal Member Owned Economic

#### Legal Assistance
- Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following:
- Real Estate
- Criminal Matters
- Landlord-Tenant Matters
- Civil Matters
- Divorce/Custody, Support
- Paternity, DNA Testing, Birth Certificates
- Probate of Estates
- Guardianships & Conservatorships for children & adults
- Driver’s Licenses
- General Legal Advice

### Assistive Home Services
- Elder Chore Services
- Elder Meal Program

### Members Assistance
- Low Income Energy Assistance
- Rental & Mortgage Assistance
- LIHEAP
- REACH
- Well and Septic Program

### Education
- Michigan Tuition Waiver
- Activities Assistance, Senior (High School)
- Adult Education Incentive Grant
- Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance
- Higher Education Program
- 12th Grade Laptop Computer Program
- Book Stipend Program
- School Clothing Assistance
- Vocational Education Assistance Program
- Student Services

### Housing
- Protection & Education
- Notary Services
- Advocacy and Consulting
- Family and elder Rental homes
- Leasehold mortgage program
- Fair market rent-to-own single Family

### Legal Aid
- Senior (High School)
- Waiver
- Incentive Grant
- Computer Program
- Transportation Assistance Program
- Rent Assistance Program
- Career Experience/Training Program
- Employment Daycare Assistance
- Adult (18+) Work Experience/
- Tribal Council

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**Reminder:** If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY.

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**Legal Information:** The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of document. The Attorney can represent Tribal Elders in Tribal Court in civil matters that do not involve the tribe.

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**Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR):** Provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.
Fall Sacred Fire and Anishnaabe Lifeways Teachings

April 6th to 8th, 2017

Everyone is welcomed to attend!

LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds
(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post Gas Station)

Each Day will Start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day. At the conclusion of the last teaching, Thursday through Saturday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night.

For more information, please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6891

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Tribal Historic Preservation Department

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Council Meetings

Roll Call

| J. Riley   | —     | F. Medacco
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Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Approval of Budget Expenditure
Acting Speaker Riley noted there is nothing under this category.

Old Business

1. Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $372,257
   The Tribe has received additional funding for Indirect Costs for EPA-PPG
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Medacco

New Business

1. Approval of Right of Way for the Gathering Grounds Project - Phase 1
   Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-002 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-001 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

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Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session
Acting Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move to Open Session.
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Medacco

1. Motion to move Motion and Roll Call only on B.1a, C.1, C.2, and C.3 and Resolution, Motion and Roll Call on B.1a and C.4
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Medacco

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians approve the Right of Way for the roads portion of the First Phase of the project that is needed in order to proceed with the project.
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

Grants & Contracts
1. Approving the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Education for the 2017-2018 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant not to exceed $135,000
   This Grant will fund opportunities for academic enrichment, provide additional services to complement academic programs, and offer families opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education.
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

2. Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

3. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-1st QTR to fund Improvement Costs associated with the Gathering Grounds in the amount of $404,107
   Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-1st QTR to fund Operational Costs associated with the Child & Family Development Center in the amount of $566,645
   Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Budget Modifications
1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the US Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $321,557
   The Contract Funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Medacco

2. Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

3. Accepting Contract Funds from the US Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $267,400
   The Tribe has received additional funding for Indirect Costs for EPA-PPG
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Medacco

4. Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)
4. Approving contract with Google and providing Off Madison Ave Permission to enter into contract on behalf of the resort
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

5. Motion to Table approval of contract between LRCR and National Cred-A-Chek for lines of credit hosted services
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

6. Approving Tribal Ogema and staff to execute the agreement with the Middle Atlantic - Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

General Business
1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 2/1/17 for Filing
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wabindato
   Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he will be abstaining because he was not in attendance and was on vacation on this day. Johnson said with that said it was open for discussion.

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (7-0-1-0-1)

Grants & Contracts
1. Approving the grant application for the US Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose #5 OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Government Program Funds for a three year term at the rate of $450,000
   This is an approval to apply for DOJ OVW Purpose #5 that will pay for one full time staff person and continue to provide services to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Dating Violence
   Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $1,516,272
   The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
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Motion Carried (8-1-0-0-1)

Approval of Budgeted Expenditure
Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything in the item area C for Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

Old Business
- Elders Committee Minutes – November 4-6
   Speaker Johnson said they do have Preference Reports and the Elders Committee Reports for filing.
   Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there is any action items that they have to do.
   Recorder Riley responded no.
   Speaker Johnson said with said it will be noted that they will be filed.

New Business
1. Authorization for the Creation of Restricted Account for Capital Replacement Reserve Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council have recognized the need to restrict funds for future capital

Roll Call Voting Key

- Yes
- Abstain
- No
- Absent
replacement needs
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

2. Authorization to release restriction on Commodities Renovation Reserve
The Tribe acknowledges completion of the renovation for the Commodities Program and releases restriction on the unused balance in the reserve account in the amount of $10,995.38
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

3. Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance #04-200-01
Tribal Council held a final work session on January 31, 2017 to review any comments or issues submitted during the 30 Day Comment Period prior to adopting the amendments permanently
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

4. Approval of Donation of $1,100 to Muskegon County Cooperating Churches
The approval for the Tribe to sponsor a Food Truck in Muskegon for 15,000 pounds of food which will feed up to 300 Families at the cost of $1,100. The date of distribution will be determined once the resolution is approved. Tribal Council & Tribal Ogema each donating $550.
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

5. Approving a Letter of Support for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Victim Service Program
Execution of a letter to be sent to Nadine M. Neufville, Acting Director for Office on Violence Against Women, that will be submitted with DOJ OVW Tribal Government Program Solicitation Grant Packet (Item III A.1)
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

1. Motion to move Resolution, Motion and Roll Call Vote for Closed Session Items C.2 through C.5
Motion by Riley; Supported by Medacco

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

2. Approving the Ogema’s Execution of the FY-2017 Subcontract for Biological Services with the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians, in the amount of $46,400
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

3. Approving the Ogema’s Execution of the FY-2017 Subcontract for Administration Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority in the amount of $70,712

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

4. Ratification of an agreement with Grand Valley Automation for Preventative Maintenance on the Government Center HVAC Control System
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

5. Ratification of an agreement with Van Dyken Mechanical for the Maintenance on the Government Center HVAC System
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | — | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | — | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $22,143
The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017
Speaker Johnson said they have received the Elders Committee Minutes for January and asked if there was any action required on that. Johnson said it is so noted. Johnson said it is also noted that their Preference Reports were in closed session from the Resort and they have to move them out to open session. Recorder Riley said they are all moved out up to current right now.

**Old Business**

- Commerce Commission – December 2016
- Elders Committee Minutes – January 2017
- Elders Preference Reports

Recorder Riley replied no. Speaker Johnson said Health Commission and asked if they received the Elders November 3rd Committee Minutes. Recorder Riley Responded not yet.

**New Business**

1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Manistee County Road Commission for the Funding of the Kott and Siuda Road Improvement Project
   - The MOA will allow the Tribe to work with the Manistee County Road Commission and assist in the funding of the Road Improvement Project on Siuda & Kott roads
   - Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wittenberg
   - Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

2. Authorization for the Construction Project Task Force to oversee the Odeno Development
   - Tribal Council desires that the body established pursuant to Resolution #08-0827-283 be empowered with all project management and decision-making authority necessary to facilitate the development of the project in Fruitport, Michigan
   - Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wittenberg
   - Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

3. Authorizing Permanant Adoption of Amendments to the Housing Commission Regulation - Chapter 1 Regulation #R700-01:HC-1
   - The Housing Regulation - Chapter 1 was amended by the Commission and submitted to Tribal Council for review and adoption. This action taken after a 30 Day Public Comment Period includes changes to the Waiting List Procedures and Family Composition Language.
   - Motion by Lewis; Supported Di Piazza

4. Authorizing Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Housing Commission Regulation - Chapter 4 Regulation #R700-01:HC-4
   - The Housing Regulation - Chapter 1 was amended by the Commission and submitted to Tribal Council for review and adoption. This action taken after a 30 Day Public Comment Period includes fixing an inconsistency from a typo.
   - Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

**Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- Gaming Commission – January 2017
- Commerce Commission – December 2016

**Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- Elders Committee Minutes – January 2017
- Elders Preference Reports

**Items Moved from Closed to Open Session**

1. Motion to Move Items, Motion and Roll Call Votes for C.1, C.2 and C.4; and also the Letter under Personnel
   - Motion by Riley; Supported by Crampton

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)**

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)**

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**Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)**
2. Ratification of Cloudboy Consulting Contract  
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

3. Ratification of AT&T Fiber Broadband Express Agreement  
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

4. Ratification of Consumers Energy Contract  
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

General Business
1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 2/15/17 for Filing  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

Budget Modifications
1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $320,878  
The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

2. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017 - 1st QTR to fund Carpet Replacement at the Justice Center Building in the amount of $33,300  
Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-004 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

3. Acceptance of donated funds from Centra Wellness Network and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of $1,500  
The Tribe has received donated funds for the Child & Family Development Center  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

Approval of Budged Expenditure
1. Approval of Expenditure for Carpet Replacement at the Justice Center Building in the amount of #33,300  
Purchasing & Procurement Regulations #R100-01:AC-01 directs that authorization of expenditures in excess of $12,000 be made by Tribal Council  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

| J. Riley | — | F. Medacco |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

Old Business
• Natural Resource Commission – December 2016  
• Natural Resource Commission – January 2017  
Acting Speaker Riley said they have the Health Commission for December of 2016 and January of 2017 and to accept for December and January. Riley said let it be known for the record that those have been accepted.

New Business
1. Proposed Amendments to the Children’s Protection Code, Ordinance #98-900-01  
On February 13, 2017, a work session on proposed amendments to the Children’s Protection Code occurred. The proposed amendments are ready to be posted for thirty (30) day public comment.  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

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

Roll Call Voting Key

- Yes
- Abstain
- No
- Absent
Candidates for the 2017 Election – Biographies

Ziisabaakdoke-Giizis (Sugar Moon) March 2017 Vol. 3, Issue 16

Office of Tribal Council - 9 County
Chip (Gilbert) Di Piazza

Accountability, Responsibility, Integrity & Experience
Who is Gilbert (Chip) DiPiazza Jr.?
I’m 60 years old and I’m the eldest son of Gilbert and Pat (Geesh-goo Quay) DiPiazza. I have been self-employed since 1979. I have over 37 years of business experience.

I’ve sat on the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indian Tribe as Vice-Tribal Chair for over 9 years. I’ve also been involved with other organizations in the past, some of which are: The Grand Rapids Downtown Maintenance & Beautification Board and The Michigan Trails Girl Scouts Arts Fund Raising Project. I believe my many years of experience running a business successfully, plus the knowledge that I attained while I was Vice-Tribal Chair, will help our tribe to obtain more diverse economic development. This will lead to larger per capita payments. Rose and I own and operate Grand River Graphics and DiPiazza Pizzeria’s, both of which are located in Grand Rapids. We recently helped my mother attain her dream of preserving and sharing the language that was spoken by her elders. My Grand Mother’s Language has recently been published. I can be reached at my email address: gchipdipiazza@gmail.com.

Teresa Johnson

AniAnishna,
My name is Teresa” Anaan Kwe” Johnson, and I am running for the Nine County Tribal Council seat. I am a traditional dancer and have been for most of my life. I am a proud mother of three beautiful children and I’m a grandmother. There are many things I would like to see change within our community, first and foremost, I would like to see us stop all the hatred directed at each other. I have been employed most of my life, from factory to my current position with the tribe. I would like to see our tribe diversify our finances and to start more business other than the casino. I believe we will only become financially sound when we start diversifying our money. I volunteer my time with people who are suffering from drug abuse and alcoholism. I understand that I would be foolish to make any promises of what I will do as Councilwoman. I will not be able to accomplish anything without your support. But I will always be here for anyone who needs me. Nine county, outlying council, or at large. We are the Gaaching Zibi Daavi Anishnaabek. We will represent all people. This is a promise I will not waver from. I will be in the office, I will do my 40 hours plus. So I ask for your support and vote, and help me make a better day for our community, our tribe, our future. Chi Miigwetch, Baamaa

Ken LaHaye

Boozhoo,
My name is Ken LaHaye and I am the son of Alonzo (Billy) and Patricia LaHaye (of Muskegon, MI). My grandparents were William and Sophia LaHaye (of Peacock, MI) and William and Henrietta Friedich (of Manistee, MI). I’m the proud father of two young ladies Samantha and Thressa LaHaye. I have three stepchildren and three grandchildren. I’m happily married to Tina LaHaye, my wife of eight years. I graduated from Orchard View High School in Muskegon, MI in 1986. In May of 2000 after accepting a position with LRBOI Natural Resources Department, I moved to Manistee, MI with my family and late wife Jacqueline (Jackie) LaHaye. I have successfully progressed throughout my career, advancing to more challenging positions in the Natural Resource field. My work history includes the positions of Great Lakes Fisheries Technician and Wildlife Technician. These positions have educated me in pri-

Rita Annette Gale

Boozhoo
My name is Rita Annette Gale. I take great pride in being a Native American woman and in my membership as an elder of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
In past years I was the owner of a very successful trucking, excavating, and snow plowing business. I was also the accountant and secretary for our establishment. My husband and I were in business for twenty-five years.
I have worked several years as a care giver to the elderly. I have provided my catering services in the past for the Tribal Elder’s Dinners, and worked on the Meals on Wheels program. I am currently on the Elders Committee as Vice Chairperson, and a delegate for the Michigan Indian Elders Association.
I am a respectful, honest, no felonies, no drugs, hard working woman that would do my best to help our tribe move into the future, and help unify tribal employees to work together in a cohesive way.
I am a candidate for the “9 County” Tribal Council Seat. It would be a great honor to serve you, the tribal membership, in this year’s election.

John Grocholski IV

Aanii,
My name is John Grocholski IV. My wife, Judy, and I have two children, Jenna and John V, that we are very proud of. My parents, John III and Gayla (muma), live in Mancelona where I grew up.
In the Fall of 2002, I hired into the Natural Resource department, giving me 14 years of work experience with Tribal Council, other Tribal leaders, and other departments.
I have been involved with Tribal membership meetings since 2002: attending and working at the Natural Resource booth as well as part of the support staff of the Ceremonial Lodge for the Fall and Spring teachings and other ceremonial fires.
I have been proactive in fighting for the rights to hunt, fish, and gather that our membership obtained in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree. I believe these rights should not be hindered unless there is a sound scientific reason and that Tribal members should have the opportunity to be able to provide for their families and others in their communities.
I have proven for the past 14 years that I am dependable and willing to put in the extra time.
Thanks, John

Don Koon

My name is Don Koon and I am running for one of the nine county seats on tribal council. I was on the council back in 2005, and was voted as speaker of the council in 2007. During my time on council I crafted legislation that created the elders insurance program, as well as our per cap plan. I have the interests of all tribal members in mind when making decisions. Currently I work at our casino as the
for the last ten years to serve as the chair for the LRBOI Elders Committee. Resort responsibilities include budget development, FTE labor budgets, financial and strategic planning, plus I had oversight of the recent renovation/construction Project at the Resort. Education: Ferris State University and UNLV William F. Harrah College of Administration Please vote for a change.

Ron

De-Ahna Lewis Underwood

Aanii, Fellow tribal citizens, my name is De-Ahna Lewis-Underwood. I am respectfully seeking a 9-County seat on Tribal Council. The granddaughter of Francis T. Lewis Sr. and the daughter of Sandra Lewis Jordan. I’ve dedicated 15 years working for the Tribe’s Facilities Management Department.

My husband, Don Underwood and I have recently celebrated 9 years of marriage. Don has worked for LCRF for the last 9 years. We have 3 boys and our daughter, Nadine, is currently serving as Miss Little River. My goal is to help the tribe move forward in a positive way in all aspects. I will dedicate myself to the membership and base my decisions on facts and what is best for all members. All decisions for our tribe should be honest, open, fair, and equal to all. Not only for the privileged few. Clear communication with the membership is important. Culture, language preservation, education, and health of the tribe are key factors in prosperity. I believe in ensuring the care of our elders and youth. I look forward to hearing your thoughts regarding the needs of our tribe. I will work hard for the well-being of our present and future tribal members.

Migwetch

Marty Wabindato

As a traditionalist, I look around and see our tribe in such turmoil. We have a few Tribal Members with black hearts and evil minds. Remember, jealousy, lies, backstabbing, etc. are not part of our 7 teachings. Some of this evil thinking comes from the renovation project. Many tribes have spent 2 to 3 times the money we have on ours. Those other tribal members are happy and excited. Our tribal members want to go after our own elected officials! We have gotten away from our 7 teachings. We need to pray to the Creator for forgiveness for the way we’ve treated each other. We need to unite this Tribe and move forward, together! Migwetch

Office of Tribal Council - At Large

Michael J. Cepлина

Aanii. My name is Michael J Cepлина and I will be running for the office of the Tribal Council. I was born in Wakefield Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. I’m descended from Joseph and Josephine Pete. I am a family man with six children and two grandchildren. I’m the proud parent of a Marine and two Navy personnel currently serving. I was a Natural Resource Commissioner for years working on our 2007 Consent Decree and establishing laws to govern the tribe and protect our treaty rights. I’m also a firekeeper and elder. Whenever I voted I looked at how my vote affected all tribal members and not just certain families. I started working with the tribe in 2002. My jobs were: Security Officer, Treatment Plant Operator, Surveillance Operator and Tribal Councilor. As a council member, I have been liaison for Gaming & Natural Resource Commissions, worked on the Government Center Task Force and the Housing Task Force, helped draft a law that protects our families & children.

Education: Milwaukee Area Technical College, Hold a State of Michigan Water and Wastewater license.

If elected I will work with Tribal Council to:
- Move forward the Casino in Muskegon.
- Pass laws to hold the Ogema and Tribal Council accountable.
- Pass laws to make it easier for tribal citizens to access our lands to harvest and gather.
- Establish our reservation boundaries to enforce our jurisdiction and establish our sovereignty.

Sincerely,

Michael J Cepлина

Home Phone 231-510-2385

Jacob Kequom

Hello my name is Jacob Kequom and I am running for the At large seat for the tribal council. I am a graduate of West Shore College. In 2015, I received an Associates in Marketing/Management. I have been an employee at the Little River Casino Resort for the past 10 years. For the last 2 years I have been working as an EVS Supervisor and for 8 years I worked in the hotel as a hotel House person and Room Inspector. I am an open minded person that likes to hear people’s opinions before making a decision. In our tribe there needs to be better communication between the government and Casino. I feel that the tribe needs to work as a team instead of being divided. I feel that accountability and structure is needed throughout the tribe. I think that our tribe needs to work on getting more small businesses. I have always been a believer in green energy with solar panels and turbines. An idea for the tribe can be opening up senior living homes to assist elders who need 24 hour care. With this type of business you are able to have them in more locations for all tribal members.

Diane A. Lonn

Hello, my name is Diane A. Lonn. I am running for Tribal Council (AT LARGE) and I want your vote! I am very proud to say that I am one of you! My family goes back to the Koon and Esipiwe Families. My mother was Grace Koon and my Grandparents were Jim & Bea Koon. I have been married 48 years and have three, grown children, as well as five Granddaughters. Since 1993, I have worked for the tribe, the majority of the time heading up the Enrollment Department and I worked four years at the Casino during that time. I have spent many years volunteering on Tribal Committees, Health, Land Usage, Pow Wows and Children’s Christmas parties. I helped write the Constitution for the Tribe. You may trust that I know how our government works and how it doesn’t work. Knowing this and seeing the struggle, I know that I can serve you well on Tribal Council with an eye to a successful future. I worked and went to school during this time and received my Bachelors in Business Administration and two Associate Degrees, one in Marketing/Management and one in Secretarial Science. I look forward to helping our youth, and caring for our Elders. My number is 231-398-3235
Election Candidates

Frankie L. Medacco

Hello, My name is Frankie L. Medacco. I am running for the at-large seat on tribal council. I am currently a 9 county representative. I feel the things I am working on and involved in impact all tribal citizens and families. I sit on the shoreline task force (Muskegon project) from which the revenues impact the tribe as a whole. I represent the tribe on ICWA issues (Indian child welfare act), not just locally but at the national level also. I have always been an advocate for victims of Domestic Violence. I have recently been more of a voice on the national level talking with OVW (office of violence) and the department of justice on the short falls of funding for tribes. I would like to move forward with these items on my reelection into office. I am in favor of moving forward into diversifying so we have different avenues of revenue. I am only one voice, but my voice is for all. Feel free to contact me at 231-690-9780 or email FrankMedacco@hotmail.com. I look forward to talking to you and being your voice as your representative in this upcoming election. Thank you for your time and vote.

Frankie Medacco

Office of Tribal Council - Outlying
Nitumigaabow “Ryan” Champagne

Boozhoo Nindinawemaagandig (Hello all my relatives, we are all related). For the last 15 years, I have proudly served Indian Country and advocated for Social Justice Reform. Throughout my professional career I have led numerous federal and state policy reforms around recognition and promotion of our cultural ways and practices; child welfare reform to promote keeping families united; medical waivers to keep our elders and disabled in their own communities; and affordable and supportive housing for our families. I have advocated as a consultant with the Children’s Bureau, BIA, IHS, SAMHSA, and various states and tribes to improve our communities.

As your Outlying Representative, I will bring my vast experience and proven results to build upon your visions for our communities. Your community’s vision will be the guiding force in the development of policies, resource allocation, and building of infrastructure. This is the first time that outlying communities will have fair representation on Tribal Council. I have lived in Northern Wisconsin and Milwaukee, and understand the unique needs of those communities and I am willing to learn what our other communities’ needs may be.

Miigwetch,
Nitumigaabow Ryan Champagne
414.429.6906 | socialservices@grandriverband.org
https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpingfamilieshealingcommunities
“Helping Families, Healing Communities”

Dave Corey

My name is Dave Corey. I am running for tribal council representative for the outlying seat. My qualifications are achieving my High School diploma from Benzine Central High School, College Education at Michigan State University with my Associates/Certificate in Agri-Business: Construction Business Owner for 14 years, Business Manager of Muschigon Construction, 6 years. Where I and the Muschigon men built trading posts, demoed the great lakes downs, a new community center, a new housing shop, 39 homes in aki along with private work. I am 1/4 blood Ottawa. I was born and raised here in Northern Michigan (life long resident) and have a clean background. I have been a Gaming Commissioner for Little River Band for the past several years. With my long history in construction Business and clear background I would be able to serve on the new board of directors seat to help lead us into the future.

Shannon Paul Crampton

Boozhoo. My name is Shannon Paul Crampton. I am asking your consideration for the honor to serve you as your Outlying Rep. I am forty nine years old, husband to a beautiful wife, father to two wonderful LRBOI tribal members and the proud grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren. I have been involved in business management in one capacity or another since my early twenties. I am an obsessive compulsive person by nature who must learn the inner workings, cause and solution to any problem I encounter which has led to being successful in virtually every task I have undertaken. In 1993, I began speaking at schools educating non-natives of the rich culture that existed within tribal communities and speaking out to my fellow tribal members on the corrective measures needed to move our tribe in a positive and progressive direction and continue to do so to this very day. I have a firm knowledge of the problems that are case specific to LRBOI, a plan to deliver the solutions needed and the integrity to see those solutions fairly implemented. I would consider it one of the greatest honors of my life to be granted the opportunity to serve as your Outlying Rep.

Thank you for your time.
Shannon Paul Crampton #1747.

Office of Tribal Court Appellate Judge
Berni L. Carlson

Aanii, My name is Berni Carlson and I have been honored to serve The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as one of the Appellate Court Justices, for the past term of office. I am married, a mother of 4, grandma of 2 and a beautiful wife, father to two wonderful Federal laws, and at the Casino, knowledge of Tribal laws was necessary. I humbly served, protecting our children and families as a Binojeek Commissioner. I bring to the bench a restorative justice perspective versus a punitive perspective. I feel our people have a right to be tried and heard by their own. I ask for your vote for Appellate Justice. I have always been devoted about doing the right thing for the right reasons. I understand the importance of the three appellate justices on the bench and the importance of decisions coming out of the Appellate Court. I am not known to follow the crowd. I will issue a dissenting opinion in order to uphold the law and our values.

Kimberley A. Crampton (Kequom)

Boozhoo. Aanii, I, Kimberley Crampton (Kequom), am declaring my candidacy for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Appellate Court Judge. There are about 566 Federally-recognized Tribes. About 300 of those have Tribal Courts and about 150 have Appellate Courts. LRBOI had the foresight to include an Appellate Court. Miigwetch to our leadership for having the progressive thinking to include the Appellate Court.

Our Court invites lay advocates to defend litigants. Lay advocates can struggle with the appellate process where the language is foreign, intimidating and scary, and this can hamper them in Court. This makes the foundation for the Appellate Court. This is why I am running for the Appellate Court. Because our Court allows for lay advocates to defend Tribal Citizens, I would like to see the Appellate Procedure Rules streamlined. To expect a lay advocate to follow procedures that are hard to understand is unfair. Peacemaking is a great example of how we created a system that reflects our traditions. In the spirit of fairness, it would benefit us to have our rules modeled after our traditional methods and make them user-friendly.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Appellate Court Judge. Miigwetch for your consideration.

Mark R Jesperson

History: Born October 6, 1958, Muskegon, MI. Michigan State University - Pre law. LRBOI, Muskegon Heights- grant writing. Medallion Instruments, Spring Lake MI - director product development and graphic arts. M & G Electronics, Virginia Beach, VA - corp. vice president, director product development. 8 & M Pets, Burbank, CA - owner/operator (4 store chain), feeding 150 homeless people a week for 5 years. PSI Telecommunications Burbank, CA - designer, product development. Dreamcatcher Ranch, Lancaster, CA - Founder/CEO, Production and sale of American Indian crafts to 3 major California casinos Oscar Ramirez Youth Foundation, Lancaster, CA - Founder/CEO, Donation of necessities and toys to local hospital pediatrics departments and school supplies to the needy. I am known for honesty, an excellent reputation, adherence to right principles, sincerity, integrity, fairness and dedication to helping others. I am proud to be a member of LRBOI and promise to serve faithfully and justly all members of the tribe. Thank you for your vote.
I have been involved in the election before, sitting and waiting like to see changed and feel that I can be part of the solution. I would like to be a part of what’s going on. My qualifications are many, and I will try to briefly explain. I am currently employed as a Food & Beverage Dining Room Service Lead at LRCR. This makes me a part of a leadership team that is responsible for multiple outlets and over 200 employees. I am Honest, Dependable, Organized, and Fair. I understand there needs to be a balance between business and personal responsibilities. I am capable of problem solving and conflict resolution. To hold a position on the Election Board would be an Honor and a Privilege. If given the opportunity, I would strive daily to represent our people and the election process in a good way. Miigwech

Terri L. Burmeister
Sharron Cogswell Detz

Have you ever wondered if your vote counts? Well let me tell you that every vote counts! I have decided to run for a seat on the Election Board because there are a few things that I would like to see changed and feel that I can be part of the solution. I have been involved in the election before, sitting and waiting for the ballots to be run through the machine and was frustrated by the process. Why do we hire a company that has been associated with election fraud? And then to top it off, the Tribe pays them $10,000. Why? There has to be a more inexpensive and transparent way to have our votes counted.

I will ensure that all policies and regulations of the Election Board are carried out consistently. I will seek improvement in all areas of the Election Board and be available to all Tribal Members. I am really encouraged by the focused leadership in our present Tribal Council. There is a renewed hope and belief again in the future of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. I ask for your support in this election!

Valerie Robinson-McDonnell

Boozhoo! My name is Valerie Robinson-McDonnell and I am running for a seat on the Election Board. I am the daughter of Wallace Robinson and Pearl (Whelpley) Hall, and the granddaughter of Bessie (Elizabeth) Robinson-McNew, and the great granddaughter of Geo Shananquite and Cora Robinson. I am a graduate of Muskegon Community College.

I have two children, Samantha and Jeremy Lloyd. I have been a member of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians since 2009. Currently, I work at a law office in Muskegon. I started out as office help, and I have worked my way up to be the File Administrator for the firm. I consider myself to be a “jack of all trades” and “master of none.” It just goes to show that you can do any job you want, as long as you’re willing to put in the time and hard work. Miigwech! Please remember to vote in the upcoming election!

Edward Tyler

Aanii, I am seeking a position on the Election Board. I previously served on the Election Board, but was required to give up my seat when I ran for Tribal Council 2 years ago. I am an Elder and my grandmother was Nancy Shagonaby, who lived in Free Soil. I am a Graduate of Ludington High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College.

Qualifications: I previously held a seat on the Election Board and on the Gaming Commission (which required an extensive background check), retired from Steelcase in the engineering field, hold 3 U.S. Patents, Crew Chief- C-130 Aircraft, member of the Warriors Society, American Legion Post #381 Honor Guard Squad, served as a Deacon on 2 Church Boards and the Kent County Traffic Squad.

I am committed to providing an accurate and honest Election system where a person’s vote is accurately recorded to their candidate of choice. The Election process is a very important aspect of the Tribal Government and must be adequately maintained.

Married 45 years, father of 3, grandfather of 5. Attend Cultural Events in Manistee, Grand Rapids, and surrounding areas, teaching my grandchildren Native American Culture by assisting with Regalia construction, taking our grandchildren to Traditional Events, never been arrested, no problems with alcohol or substance abuse, never homeless, never been sued. I would appreciate it if you would vote for me to be on the Election Board this coming spring.

Meet the Candidates

The following is the list of offices and candidates for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2017 Election. The number of candidates that can be voted for is in parentheses under the heading for each office.

Certified Slated of Candidates for the 2017 Election

Office of Tribal Council – 9 County
(Vote for no more than 2)
Chip (Gilbert) DiPiazza
Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees-Bak-Tunse)
Rita Annette Gale
Kathy (Koon) Gibson
John Grocholski IV
Teresa Johnson
Steven Edward Kequom
Ken LaHaye
Don Koon
Allen Metzger
Sandy Mezeske
Ronald J. Pete
De-Ahna Lewis-Underwood
Marty Wabindato

Office of Tribal Council – At Large
(Vote for no more than 1)
Michael J. Ceplina
Jacob Kequom
Diane A. Lonn
Frankie L. Medacco

Office of Tribal Council – Outlying*
(Vote for no more than 2)
Nitumigaabow “Ryan” Champagne
Dave Corey
Shannon Paul Crampton
Bill Willis

Office of Tribal Court Appellate Judge
(Vote for no more than 1)
Berni L. Carlson
Cindy Pete Champagne
Kimberly A. Crampton (Kequom)
Mark R. Jespersen

Office of Election Board*
(Vote for no more than 3)
Terri L. Burmeister
Sharron Cogswell Detz
Valerie Robinson-McDonnell
Edward Tyler

*Office of Tribal Council – Outlying and Office of Election Board offices and candidates automatically proceed to the ballot for the General Election. All others are included on the Little River Band Primary Election Ballot.
Date of Election: April 28, 2017

Offices to be Elected:
- Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)
- Office of Tribal Council - At Large District (one seat)
- Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seats)
- Office of Election Board (three seats)
- Office of Appellate Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy
To Run for Office a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar.

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10am until 6pm. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12pm.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours has been included in this mailing and will be from October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and biography included in the Special Election Newsletter, the candidate must include the photograph and biography in their packet.

The Tribal Constitution has recently been amended by a vote of the Membership. The Election Board will be posting revisions to the Chapter 3 and 4 Election Board Regulations to reflect the Constitutional amendments. If enacted, these changes to Chapter 3 and 4 will be in effect for this election.

One of the Constitutional changes is that the Election Board is required to perform background checks for the position of Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, and Tribal Judiciary. The background checks paperwork must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidacy Packet along with a fee to cover the cost of the background check service. The Election Board is researching check services and the amount of the fee will be included in the Candidacy Packets. Only cash and money orders will be accepted.

Election Calendar

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Please Note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations Chapter 2, section 1(d): “If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election.”

Last Day to register to vote for the Primary Election is December 13, 2016

Last Day to register to vote for the General Election is February 27, 2017

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an Eligible Voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines. Registered voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in the Enrollment Department.
Government

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GAMING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Per Tribal Council Ordinance #1-800-03, Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010

We are now accepting applications for Four (4) At Large positions.

Positions will serve an initial three (3) year term.

• One member must have at least 7 years of finance, accounting or financial auditing experience.
• One member must have at least 10 years of experience in executive management in the fields of hospitality, gaming or gaming compliance.
• All remaining members must have at least 10 years of executive level business experience that lends demonstrable skills to the management of a gaming enterprise.

Compensation is to be determined (TBD) and employees of the Resort, any gaming facility, Tribal Government and Gaming Commission are not eligible to serve.

Please send a letter of application and resume to Chief Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, Michigan 49660 ATTN: Ogema.

Position: Director of Public Affairs (Full Time Permanent)

Summary: Responsible for the enhancement and implementation of Tribal Government good will, public image and public relations. Oversees all aspects of production of the Tribal newspaper and website.

Employment Qualifications: A qualified candidate offers:
• Bachelor Degree in Journalism or Public Relations and 5 years’ experience in public relations and information.
• 5 years supervisory/managerial experience in specific field
• Valid driver’s license and ability to be insured throughout employment
• Knowledge of newspaper set-up, editing and distribution
• Knowledge of web site management

Indian Preference applies in accordance with Ordinance #15-600-02

Pay Grade: E6
Hiring Range: $57,123-$75,753.
Status: Exempt; bi-weekly pay

Application Instructions:
Obtain an application form and a copy of the position description by contacting Human Resources at:
LRBOI HR Department,
2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI, 49660
phone: (231) 398-6859; Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov; https://lrboinsn.gov
To apply please submit completed application, cover letter and resume, no later than 5 pm on January 06, 2017, to:
LRBOI HR Department,
2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI, 49660
fax: (231) 398-9101 ; Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

Conditions of employment with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government includes, passing a pre-employment drug test, a background investigation, and successfully completing a 90-day introductory period.

For further information, please contact the LRBOI HR

Position: Director of Grants (Full Time Permanent)

Summary: The position is that of a working supervisor responsible for charting out grant objectives for the coming year, including identifying prospective funding sources, timelines and deadlines, in addition to the completion of tasks regularly assigned to a Grant Writer.

Employment Qualifications: A qualified candidate offers:
• Bachelor’s Degree in English, Public Administration, Business, History, or closely related field; and
• A work experience of five (5) or more years in grant writing or contract administration; and
• Three (3) or more years of supervisory level experience in a related field; and
• The technical skills of an intermediate user of MS Office software, computers, and office equipment

Indian Preference applies in accordance with Ordinance #15-600-02

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**Summary:** Responsible for the four main functions of the Commerce Department as defined by Code for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Functions to include development of Tribal enterprise’s including Tribal member business opportunities; Devise Tribal job development programs; administer Small Business Enterprise program’s and develop and maintain records management system. Perform a variety of tasks as required to fully develop economic opportunities on behalf of the Tribe. Responsible for a comprehensive recording system for commercial transactions, including land record’s management, DBA’s, and corporate charters.

**Employment Qualifications:** A qualified candidate offers:
- Degree in Business, Finance, or related field
- 8 years specific field experience in business development, entrepreneurial development, job creation, including statistical analysis and document management.
- 5 years supervisory/managerial experience in business development, finance or marketing
- Valid driver’s license throughout employment
- Accounting/financial statement analysis working knowledge.
- The technical skills of an intermediate user of MS Office Word and Excel, computers and office equipment.

Indian Preference applies in accordance with Ordinance #15-600-02

**Pay Grade:** E6

**Position: Director of Commerce (Full Time Permanent)**

**Hiring Range:** $57,123-$75,753.

**Status:** Exempt; bi-weekly pay

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**LRBOI HR Department, 2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI, 49660**

**Fax:** (231) 398-9101; **Email:** jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Position: Comptroller General (Full Time, Tribal Council)**

**Summary:** This position provides operational & financial audits, financial statement review & analysis, budget preparation & analysis and financial advice to the Tribal Council. This is a position in the Legislative Branch of Tribal Government.

**Employment Qualifications:** A qualified candidate offers:
- A Bachelor’s Degree; and
- A license as a Certified Public Accountant (will make immediate application to Michigan if necessary);
- Proficiency in the use of computers and software.

Indian Preference applies in accordance with Ordinance #15-600-02

**Pay Grade:** E7

**Hiring Range:** $65,691 - $87,115

**Status:** Exempt; bi-weekly pay

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To apply please submit completed application, cover letter and resume, no later than 5 pm on March 22, 2017, to:

**LRBOI HR Department, 2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI, 49660**

**Fax:** (231) 398-9101; **Email:** jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Commerce Department**

**Take Control of Your Future!**

Commerce/Workforce Development Program Benefits for Tribal Members*:

- Internship 240 hours @ $10.00 per hour
- Internship Hosting 260 hours @ $150.00 Honorarium
- Development & Training Up to $300.00 per calendar year
- Career Assistance Voucher $200.00 per calendar year
- Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher $250.00 per calendar year
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher $250.00 one time
- Adult Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ $10.00 per hour
- Youth Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ $8.15 per hour
- Vocational Assistance Award (need based) Up to $4,000.00
- Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station Upon Request
- GED Preparation Book Upon Request
- Job Readiness Training By Appointment
- Referral Services to Michigan Works! Free

*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements. All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis. Ask or see Program for details and eligibility requirements.
Aanii:

Just a reminder that our Spring Membership Meeting will be held April 8th in the Event Center and the Ogema’s Meet and Greet will be held on April 7th at 7PM in the Little River Casino Three Fires Conference Center.

Our 2017 Elections are in full swing with many people putting in their names to run for the various offices. Our primary elections have been held and I want to thank the winners that will move on to the General Elections.

Jamie Friedel won the Special Election to fill the remaining two years of the seat vacated by Jessica (Burger) Steinberg, we wish her well in the new changes in her life and congratulate Jamie. Most people know Jamie from being the Manager of our Little River Trading Post C-Store gas station since it originally opened.

As we all know, getting information out to our membership remains an area that can always use improvement. This paper, the Currents, provides some general information but anything put in this paper is usually a month and a half to two months old by the time it gets put together, submitted for print and to your mail box. The Currents is not limited to just tribal members and the general public can get copies, therefore we limit information.

We also have the Rapid River News but in order to receive that, you must have access to a computer and register. The information is faster and usually covers events of the tribe.

Twice a year, Membership Meetings are held along with Ogema Meet and Greets, Informational Meetings are also held periodically by the Ogema. My last Informational Meeting of February 18th, is on our Little River Band of Ottawa Indians website under the Ogema section.

We also have a website which has been in place for some time but underutilized for various reasons. I am ready to put information on the website every two weeks or sooner if needed. The benefit of the website is that it has the ability to have “member-only access” which means that a wider range of information of value to our members can be placed on it.

I hope to be able to answer member questions on the site. My email address is lromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov. If someone writes a question to me for the benefit of the entire membership, I should be able to answer on the website for all members to see. Every elected official has the similar emails. It is their first initial and last name followed by” @lrboi-nsn.gov” to communicate to them.

Until next month…
Spring Membership Meeting
April 8, 2017

We will have giveaways for members throughout the day!

Meeting Agenda

Friday April 7, 2017
7pm-9pm
Ogema
Meet & Greet

Saturday April 8, 2017
8am-4pm
Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center

Little River Casino Resort
Event Center

8am
Registration Begins
Located in the Event Center

9am-12pm
Informational Booths
Hallway- Three Fires Conference Center

10am
Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations
Event Center

Opening of Meeting

12pm
Lunch Served
Event Center

Information Booths Close

1pm
Official meeting Begins

Quorum Call

Financial Report

Note- Agenda subject to change at Ogema’s discretion and if quorum in membership is reached

POW WOW DATES AND PLACES

March 18, 2017
Learning to Walk Together ...... Marquette, MI 906-227-1397

March 18 – 19, 2017
Celebrating Life ......................... Mt. Pleasant, MI 989-744-2508

April 8 – 9, 2017
Celebrating All Walks of Life .... Allendale, MI 616-350-4228

April 15, 2017
Pow Wow of Life ..................... East Lansing, MI 517-304-2377

June 24 – 26, 2017
Honoring Our Veterans ............. Brimley, MI 906-248-8300

April 27 – 29, 2017
Gathering of Nations ................ Albuquerque, NM
TRADITIONAL HEALER
Jd Gibson
March 21    July 18    November 21
April 18    August 15  December 19
May 16      September 19
June 20     October 17

Appointments available for Indian Health Service (IHS) eligible Native Americans
Please call
Krystal (231) 398-6739
or Dottie (231)398-6741
Regarding scheduling of appointments

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CALL TO ARTISTS!

Contribute to a new changing exhibit at the Ziibiwing Center:
"STANDING ROCK SOLID"
Protection of Land & Life

Seeking North American Indian artwork 2D, 3D, mixed media and multi-media including music, video, painting, sculpture, storytelling, poetry, photography, etc.
For more info call our Curator, William Johnson at 989.775.4730

Monthly DbekGiizis Ceremony

Dates For Winter 2017
Bring your skirt and a dish to pass
Ceremony takes place at the tribal property on Schoedel Rd,
Manistee, MI 49660
(sugar shack parcel)

January 12.........6pm
February 9 ........6pm
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Please stop and take time out of your busy lives to join us monthly to help honor Grandmother Moon

Bring your feast bundle and camping chair

Contact Julie Wolfe for questions 231-398-6740

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament
March 11, 2017

LRBOI Aki Maadizwin
Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung,
Manistee, MI

Competition starts at 10am
Lunch will be Provided

Everyone is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!

Registration the day of the event will be from 9-10am or you may pre-register by calling 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6891 or email wyattlszpriet@lrboi-nsn.gov

NO all metal snakes are allowed. Two Throws per competitor; longest score counts. Throws that jump the track will be counted/scored. Sharing of snakes is allowed. Open to EVERYONE! Tournament is dependent upon the weather – prior to event, check for cancellation/delay

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.

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Bring your feast bundle and camping chair

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Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament
March 11, 2017

LRBOI Aki Maadizwin
Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung,
Manistee, MI

Competition starts at 10am
Lunch will be Provided

Everyone is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!

Registration the day of the event will be from 9-10am or you may pre-register by calling 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6891 or email wyattlszpriet@lrboi-nsn.gov

NO all metal snakes are allowed. Two Throws per competitor; longest score counts. Throws that jump the track will be counted/scored. Sharing of snakes is allowed. Open to EVERYONE! Tournament is dependent upon the weather – prior to event, check for cancellation/delay

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.

Contribute to a new changing exhibit at the Ziibiwing Center:
"STANDING ROCK SOLID"
Protection of Land & Life

Seeking North American Indian artwork 2D, 3D, mixed media and multi-media including music, video, painting, sculpture, storytelling, poetry, photography, etc.
For more info call our Curator, William Johnson at 989.775.4730
## Elder Meals

### Meals Served at Noon

**Monday-Thursday**

No Charge for Elders, Spouse and Handicapped/Disabled Individuals who reside with Elder

Guest meals are $6.00

Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal

Menus meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1500-2000 Calorie Diet

### Regularly Scheduled Activities

- Mondays - Language Class
- Wednesdays - Wii Bowling

### Other Activities

- Birthday of the Month & BINGO

### Notes

- Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions
- Phone: 231-398-6886
- Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

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**April**

1. Elder Committee Meeting At Noon
2. Spring Membership Meeting at LRCR
3. First Day of Spring
4. Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886
5. Lunch served at noon

**TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Nutrition**

- Eat Three Meals a Day
- Start with a Healthy Breakfast
- Drink Fluids with and between Meals
- Up to 8 Glasses a day
- Select at least 3 servings of milk or milk products
- Select at least 6 servings of whole grain cereals & breads

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Ziisabaakdoke-Giiizis (Sugar Moon)
March 2017
Vol. 3, Issue 16
Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

1. 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
   • Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.
   • Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

2. Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
   • Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
   • Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

3. 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.

4. Hotel room rate $79 plus tax and fees
   Suite rate $129 plus tax and fees.
   • Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.
   • Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when checking in and occupy the room.
   • No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year’s Eve.

5. In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.

6. River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).

7. Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
   • Spring and Fall membership meeting
   • LRBOI Elders Conference
   • Elders Christmas Party
   • Tribal Members only

8. No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.

9. Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year’s Eve).

Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

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Belated Birthday Wishes!

Jackie Lindow
March 2nd

From Family & Friends

28th Annual
“Celebrating Life” Powwow

March 18 & 19, 2017

John G. Kulhavi Events Center
McGuirk Arena
300 E. Broomfield Rd.
Mount Pleasant MI 48858

GRAND ENTRIES:
Saturday 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.
Doors open to public at 11 a.m.

ADMISSION:
Adults $10 · Elders $7
Youth $7 · Weekend Pass $15
SCT members (with ID) · Free
CMS Students (with ID) · Free
Children (12 years and under) · Free

PRIZES:
Drum Contest 1st Place - $400
2nd Place - $300
3rd Place - $200
Hand Drum Contest 1st Place - $50
2nd Place - $40
3rd Place - $30

DIGNITARIES:
M.C. Jolene Whitehouse
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Dave Shermanquat
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