UPCOMING EVENTS

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12PM Aki Maadiziwin
Contact: David Hawley 231.398.6842
Workforce Development

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LRBOI Powwow Grounds
Contact: Jay Sam 231.398.6893
Historic Preservation Office

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8AM Three Fires Conference Center @ LRCR
2700 Orchard Hwy
Contact: Be-da-bin - Dottie Batchelder 231.398.6741

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**Reoccurring Events**

**Elders Meal**
Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thur 12PM

**Language Class**
Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM

**Traditional Healer**
Government Center
Every 3rd Thursday
by Appointment

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**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians - Phone Listings**

| Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen | 231.398.2813 | Public Safety | 231.398.2225 |
| Little River Casino Resort | 888.568.2244 /231.723.1535 | Trading Post | 231.398.2280 |
| LRBOI Muskegon Office | 231.398.6651 | Tribal Court | 231.398.3406 |
| Natural Resources | 231.723.1594 | Purchased & Referred Care/Clinic | 231.723.8299 |
| Next Generation Learning Center | 231.398.6718 | Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy) | 231.398.6853 |

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**Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)**

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Aanii:
I guess I can say “Happy Spring” after it seems winter was refusing to leave.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has many “irons in the fire”. We also have a newly created Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to handle some of those “irons”. The EDC Board consists of seven individuals. Working with Tom St. Dennis and Jeanie Gibson will be Andrew Gentile, Jim Nedeau, Frank Medacco- check signer, Thad Taylor-Secretary, Frank Lewis Jr.- Treasurer, Ron Pete as Vice-Chair and myself as the Chairman. We hope to ensure current economic development projects stay on track and look at other future projects thoroughly.

As you may notice, there are changes to this publication. More is written about the changes to this paper, the website, Rapid River News and our Tribal Facebook page. I think you will be happy with the changes taking place. Access to information should become much easier.

If you attended our Spring Membership Meeting you learned that our Muskegon Casino Project has moved another step closer to becoming a reality. The project is in Washington DC being vetted by the DOI and BIA. It has been a long process of nearly 9 years but I think we are nearing the end of the processes, hopefully within 2 years to approval.

We have also recently purchased the Bear Lake Golf Course and again, more information is contained within this issue. Council approved the purchase in April. The course will be managed by the Little River Casino Resort.

I wish everyone a comfortable springtime. Until next time...

“ If you see Senator Hansen, please thank him for his years of continued support for our Muskegon Casino Project!”

OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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OGEMA'S MEET & GREET

October 12, 2018
7PM - 9PM
LRCR Three Fires Conference Room

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 13, 2018
Agenda: TBA
LRCR Event Center
Membership Meeting Videos are posted on lrboi-nsn.gov on the Ogema’s Online Page

Larry Romanelli
Tribal Ogema
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Ogema,

Please allow me to reaffirm my continued support for the gaming project of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians which would be located in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County.

As you know, in 2013, I sincerely appreciated Governor Snyder honoring my request that he permit the USDOI to begin their review of the LRBOI’s Fee to Trust application for this gaming facility to be built. Since the Section 9 Compact Waiver Letter had allowed the Tribe to file the initial application, I have been eagerly anticipating the outcome of the USDOI’s Two-Part Determination Process. I remain hopeful the Secretary of Interior’s decision is positive.

I have always been encouraged by the amount of local support for this project, the significant economic development opportunities which would be realized along with the positive impact this will have on Muskegon County and the surrounding region.

I continue to commend the Tribe’s willingness to partner in the renewed growth of Muskegon County by investing in its future. Thank you for your continued commitment and diligent efforts on behalf of this region of Michigan. I look forward to partnering with you and others to make this economic development project a reality.

Sincerely,

Goell Hansen
State Senator
34th Senate District

THE SENATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER

March 22, 2018

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## COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE

### Binojeeuk Commission
Meetings: 1:00PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Family Services Department

- **Vacant** 09/20/21
- **Norma Hinkle** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Beverly Cole** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Vacant** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **Vacant** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Jamie Friedel** • Liaison
- **Diane Lonn** • Liaison

### Enrollment Commission
Meetings: 5:30PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Enrollment Department

- **Vacant** • Commissioner 09/20/21
- **Diana O’Neal** • Co-Chairperson 09/20/21
- **Charmaine Stone** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **Krystyne Medawis** • Secretary 09/20/19
- **Charles Fisher** 09/20/19
- **Ron Wittenberg** • Liaison
- **Sandra Lewis** • Liaison
- **Diane Lonn** • Liaison

### Gaming Commission
Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday
Gaming Commission Office

- **Bill Willis** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Dave Corey** • Chairperson 09/20/19
- **Vacant** 09/20/21
- **Vacant** 09/20/21
- **Deb Davis** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Joseph Riley II** • Liaison
- **Ron Pete** • Liaison

### Health Commission
Meetings: 4:30PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Law Library

- **Vacant** 09/20/21
- **Pamela Johnson** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **Al Patricio** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Sandra Lewis** • Liaison
- **Diane Lonn** • Liaison

### Housing Commission
Meetings: 10AM 2nd Thursday of the Month
Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

- **Judy Hardenburgh** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **John Pabami** • Commissioner 09/20/21
- **Julia Chapman** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **Marcella Leusby** • Secretary 09/20/19
- **Teresa Callis** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Sandra Lewis** • Liaison
- **Shannon Crampton** • Liaison
- **Ron Wittenberg** • Liaison
- **Jamie Friedel** • Alternate

### Natural Resource Commission
Meetings: 5:00PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Natural Resource Office

- **Martha Howell** • Secretary 09/20/19
- **Connie Eno** • Commissioner 09/20/21
- **Boo Battice** • Chairperson 09/20/21
- **John Koon** • Commissioner 09/20/19
- **Jacob Kequom** • Commissioner 09/20/21
- **Gary DiPiazza** • Liaison
- **Sandra Lewis** • Liaison

### Elders Committee
Meetings: 12:00PM 1st Saturday of the Month at Aki Maadiziwin

- **Mary Thomas** • Chairperson
- **Terri Tyler** • Trustee
- **Darleen Martin** • Vice-Chair
- **Al Metzger** • Trustee
- **Marcella Leusby** • Secretary
- **Diane Lonn** • Liaison
- **Ron Pete** • Liaison

### Federal Liaisons:

- **Sandra Lewis**
- **Shannon Crampton**

### State Liaisons:

- **Gary DiPiazza**
- **Ron Pete**

### Joint Units of Government:

- **Gary DiPiazza**
- **Ron Pete**
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 14, 2018 10:00A - 10:48A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS AND CORRECTIONS: UNDER NEW BUSINESS V, ADDING D, E, F, G AND H; H IS MOVED FROM CLOSED SESSION VII

B.3. TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS OPEN SESSION H

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/17/18

by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0314-086: APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-06-1st QTR TO REPLENISH THE STRATEGIC GAMING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,400,000 by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • NO
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

18-0314-087; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-18, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT PLANNING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,528

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE

BINOJEUK COMMISSION DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE

NONE SUBMITTED

NEW BUSINESS

18-0314-088: PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 02-550-01 by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

18-0314-089: AUTHORIZING UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS SIGNATORY OF THE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESPONDENT IN THE MATTER WASHINGTON v. UNITED STATES

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

18-0314-090, REPEALING HOUSING REGULATION CHAPTER 5-TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM AND APPROVING REPLACEMENT CHAPTER 5-HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD VACANCY PROCEDURES

by Wittenberg; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

18-0314-091: D. APPROVAL OF DONATION OF $500 TO THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY POW WOW 2018 by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
LONN • ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

E. MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHNNY PABAMI TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION TO SEAT #2 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/2021

by Friedel; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • ABSTAIN
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

F. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MARCELLA LEUSBY TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION AND THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR SEAT #4 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/2019

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • ABSTAIN
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • ABSTAIN
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

G. MOTION OF CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TERESA CALLS TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION AND THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR SEAT #5 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/2019

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • ABSTAIN
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOVE 18-0314-093 AND 094: MOTION ROLL CALL AND VOTE ONLY

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

18-0314-093, RECESSING 18-0207-047 AND APPROVING CONTRACT(S) BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND OFF MADISON AVE MARKETING, LIGHTHOUSE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT, LIGHTHOUSE AND STATEMENT OF WORK AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF $250,000

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

MOTION TO APPROVE 18-0314-094, APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BOB'S ROOFING

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:48A

by Crampton; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA • YES
CRAMPTON • YES
FRIEDEL • YES
LEWIS • YES
ABSENT
MEDACCO • YES
PETE • YES
RILEY • ABSENT
WITTENBERG • YES

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 21, 2018 10:01A - 11:10A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

18-0321-097: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE FY 2017 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

18-0321-098: PERMANENT ADOPTION OF BUILDING REGULATIONS

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

18-0321-100, APPROVING CONTRACT(S) BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF $250,000

by Medacco; supported by Friedel

18-0321-101, APPROVING GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND COMMISSION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

by Medacco; supported by Lonn

18-0321-102, AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY FOR CONDUCTING FIELD TRIALS OF REMOTE SITE INCUBATORS, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $31,000;

by Medacco; supported by Lonn

MARCH 27, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF TREATY RECOGNITION DAY

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CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:


by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza

18-0321-096: APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-20, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO THE LAKE STURGEON PROGRAM TO INCREASE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,724: FUNDING SOURCE IS FY2017 DEFERRED REVENUE

by Medacco; supported by Lonn

MOTION TO APPROVE RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND THE PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILY WELLNESS CONFERENCE IN NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN ON APRIL 17-19, 2018

by Friedel; supported by Medacco

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS - REPORT OF THE TRIBAL OGEMA

OPERATIONS REPORT
FEB 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT
NONE

IV.A.3 ACCOUNTING REPORT
JAN - FEB 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

BINOJEEUK COMMISSION
NONE

ENROLLMENT COMMISSION
FEB 2018

GAMING COMMISSION
FEB 2018

HEALTH COMMISSION
FEB 2018

HOUSING COMMISSION
FEB 2018

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
NONE

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE MINUTES AND OTHER ENTITIES

ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEB 2018

LROR PREFERENCE REPORT
FEB 2018

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT
NONE

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

FINANCIAL REPORT
DEC 2017

BINOJEEUK COMMISSION DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE
NONE
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD
OF III C.2, IV B. IS AN ADD, V C. IS AN ADD AND VII C.5 IS AN ADD
by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/21/18 FOR FILING
by Medacco; supported by Pete

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018 by Lewis; supported by Lonn

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018 by Medacco; supported by Pete

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018 by Medacco; supported by Lewis

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • ABSTAIN
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

APPROVAL FOR FRANKIE MEDACCO TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA ON APRIL 15-20, 2018 by Pete; supported by Lewis

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • ABSTAIN
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

BINOQUEEK COMMISSION  DEC 2017
January & February 2018 Due  NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT - February 2018 Due  NONE

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  February 2018 Due  NONE

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT  DEC 2017

NEW BUSINESS

18-0404-103: AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

18-0404-104: APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES ON THE GATHERING GROUNDS TRUST PARCEL by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT FOR 2018 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION
by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

18-0321-101, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; ALSO RESOLUTION #18-0404-105, 106, 108 AND 109, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

The following motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session from the March 21, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting.

18-0321-101, APPROVING GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND COMMISSION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE by Medacco; supported by Lonn

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • ABSENT  Riley • ABSENT  Wittenberg • YES

18-0404-105, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOBBS STRAUS FOR LEGAL SERVICES by Medacco; supported by Pete

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel •YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

18-0404-104, RATIFICATION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT

by Medacco; supported by Pete

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • YES
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

18-0404-108, AFFIRMING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF QUOTATION OF SERVICE TERMS WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY SITUATION DUE TO POWER OUTAGE by Medacco; supported by Pete

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • NO
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:27A by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

Di Piazza • YES  Crampton • ABSENT  Friedel • NO
Lewis • YES  Lonn • YES  Medacco • YES
Pete • YES  Riley • YES  Wittenberg • YES

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*SIGNATURES* • APRIL 18, 2018
APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M

by Wittenberg; supported by Di Piazza

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0411-110; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT (GGG) BB PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF $135,080 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

18-0411-111; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-22;

AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:

IT Department Program #2000-403 $51,825 Tribal Council Program #1020-100 $8,617.50 Tribal Ogema Program #1010-103 $2,057.50 Unified Legal Program #1020-109 $6,172.50 NLGC Program #1010-173 $14,402.50 by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza

18-0411-112; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF $218,470 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

18-0411-113; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF $49,302 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

BINOJEUK COMMISSION January & February 2018 Due
FINANCIAL REPORT
FEB 2018
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION February 2018 Due
NONE
LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT
NONE

NEW BUSINESS

18-0411-117; PERMANENT ADOPTION OF THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #18-500-04a by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

18-0411-118; AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF $500.00 TO THE SANDY COREY MEMORIAL CANCER RUN ON BEHALF OF MERCY HEALTH AND THE FREMONT HARLEY OWNERS GROUP by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOTION TO MOVE MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY ON RESOLUTION #18-0411-119 AND ALSO NEED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION #18-0404-103, REMOVE AND REVISE THE MINUTES 4/4/18 by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 25, 2018  10:01A - 12:39P

**Old Business Reports That Are Due:**

- ** Reports That Are Due:
  - Binojeek Commission January 2018 Due: NONE
  - Natural Resource Commission February 2018 Due: NONE
  - LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report: NONE

**New Business**

18-0425-122: Approving Override of Tribal Ogeima’s Disapproval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-07-2nd QTR

- By Crampton; supported by Friedel
  - Di Piazza • Yes Crampton • Yes Friedel • Yes
  - Lewis • Absent Lonn • Absent Medaccio • Yes
  - Pete • Yes Riley • Yes Wittenberg • Absent

**Continuing Business Budget Modifications:**

18-0425-121: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-06-2nd QTR to Fund Costs Associated with Investing in the Building of the Elder Center

- By Medacco; supported by Pete
  - Di Piazza • Yes Crampton • Yes Friedel • Yes
  - Lewis • Absent Lonn • Absent Medaccio • Yes
  - Pete • Yes Riley • Yes Wittenberg • Absent

**Acceptance of Reports: Report of the Tribal Ogeima**

- Operations Report: MAR 2018
- Financial Report: NONE
- Accounting Report: NONE

**Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- Binojeek Commission: NONE
- Enrollment Report: NONE
- Gaming Commission: MAR 2018
- Health Commission: MAR 2018
- Housing Commission: MAR 2018
- Natural Resource Commission: NONE

**Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- Elders Committee Minutes: MAR 2018
- Little River Casino Resort Preference Report: MAR 2018
- LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report: MAR 2018

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18-0425-130; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza

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18-0425-131; RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

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APPROVAL TO POST AMENDMENT OF THE LAW AND ORDER TITLE 07 NATURAL RESOURCES—LAW & ORDER CIVIL FINE, FORFEITURE, PENALTY ACT FOR A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0425-132; REIMBURSEMENT TO LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR SPONSORSHIP DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00 FOR THE MANISTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE FOREST FESTIVAL by Medacco; supported by Pete

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18-0425-133, APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL GOVERNMENT by Medacco; supported by Pete

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18-0425-134, AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF 215 ACRE GOLF COURSE PROPERTY FROM LITTLE RIVER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT TO LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND CHANGING 7TH WHEREAS TO $600,000.00 RATHER THAN $412,110.55; by Medacco; supported by Pete

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18-0425-135, APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH RUBINBROWN, LLP TO PERFORM AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 2018, 2019 AND 2010 by Medacco; supported by Pete

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Notice: Regarding The Stop Signs on Tribal Roads

Back in 2016, the Tribal Council authorized the installation of Stop Signs on Tribal Roads that displayed the word “Stop” in two languages: English and Anishinaabemowin. The Anishinaabemowin equivalent word is “Ngaabanz.” The cost for the manufacture and installation of the signs was funded by the Tribe.

Last year (2017), the Tribe was informed by BIA Roads Program personnel that Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations prohibited “secondary legends or languages” on Stop Sign faces. Essentially this meant that our new Stop Signs were not in compliance with FHWA regulations. We were advised to remove the new Stop Signs and replace them with the original signs that just contained the word “Stop.” Failure to comply could jeopardize our ability to receive federal (FHWA) roads funding in the future, as the Tribe would be deemed to be out of compliance with FHWA regulations.

When informed of this, our Tribal Council felt very strongly that we should appeal this decision to a higher authority. So, on August 29, 2017, Speaker Joe Riley sent a letter, on behalf of Tribal Council, to both the BIA Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration requesting an exception to the federal regulations that prohibit the use of bilingual signs.

The Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bryan Rice, did respond to Speaker Riley in a letter dated January 10, 2018. However, we did not receive the letter until April 2018. In his letter, Director Rice politely informed the Tribe that the BIA is legally required to comply with the federal regulations, and that he was not aware of any exceptions being granted by the FHWA.

In light of the written response from the BIA, the Tribal Council has reluctantly decided to replace the bilingual Stop Signs with the original Stop Signs. However, the Tribe is continuing to explore other ways to utilize the bilingual Stop Signs while still remaining in compliance with FHWA regulations. We will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available.
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 02, 2018 10:02A - 11:32A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: OF VII B.1.a IS AN ADD AND VII B.3. IS AN ADD

APPROVE FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 25-27, 2018 by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/25/18 FOR FILING

CONTINUING BUSINESS: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:


18-0502-139; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CAREGIVER SUPPORT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-27 IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,403

18-0502-140; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MI CHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-28 IN THE AMOUNT OF $44,500

APPROVE FOR RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 25-27, 2018 by Di Piazza; supported by Di Piazza

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2018 DUE
ACCOUNTING REPORT MARCH 2018 DUE
BINOJUWIQ COMMISSION JAN, FEB, MAR DUE
ENROLLMENT COMMISSION
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION FEB & MAR DUE

The U.S. Department of Justice’s (DOJ) National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), held a Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Development Workshop at the National Advocacy Center in Columbus, South Carolina from May 7th through May 10th. The LRBOI was selected by the DOJ to attend this workshop. Jamie Friedel (Tribal Council), Ron Wittenberg (Tribal Council), Jason Cross, MSW (Family Services) and Sergeant Vance Bates (Public Safety) were in attendance.

The Tribal Action Plan Training Initiative was established in direct response to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. TAPs support the principle of tribal self-determination and provide tribes the opportunity to take a proactive role in the fight against alcohol and substance misuse in their communities. In the near future we will be reaching out to other Tribal Departments as well as the community to help us create the (TCC) Tribal Coordinating Committee. A preliminary Vision statement was developed at the training and is as follows: “The LRBOI TAP is committed to taking a 360 degree approach to wellness by bringing together the past, present and future”.

The preliminary Mission statement is to “Build a Community of Balance, Harmony, Growth and Inclusiveness”. With the support of the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council we will be taking the first steps to build a strategic plan that includes strong awareness and support to help our community win the fight against these killers.
**GOVERNMENT CENTER NEWS & INFORMATION**

**Notice Regarding Unclaimed Per Capita Payments**

As outlined in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2, Unclaimed Per Capita Payments, this is official notification that the individuals listed below have unclaimed per capita payments available. These individuals have until December 31, 2018, to claim these payments. Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2018, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.

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**WANTED GUARDIANS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS**

There are tribal members who do not have any family who are in need of a guardian who are willing to take on the responsibility for the tribal member.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Mary K. Witkop, Members Legal Assistance Attorney 231-398-2234.

**Food Distribution Program**

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 food 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 Food Distribution Program.

**USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards**

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**Principles of Entrepreneurship Class...2nd Edition**

Have you ever dreamed of starting or owning a business but you don’t know where to start?

The LRBOI Workforce Development Program is looking for 16 adult (18+ y.o.) Tribal Citizens who will commit 8 hours every other weekend beginning July 21 (introductory class June 16, 12P at Aki Maadiziiwin) and continuing until October 28, 2018.

The course “Principles of Entrepreneurship” will cover subjects: Characteristics of an Entrepreneur, Types of Business Owner (Sole Proprietor, Partnership, Corporation, Limited Liability Company), Starting a Business, Setting Up an Accounting System, Estimating Sales, Cash Flow, and much more. A textbook and workbook will be provided. All you need to provide is the time, drive, passion and dedication. There is no financial commitment. But each student must have access to a computer, tablet or Chromebook and Gmail account.

The course “Principles of Entrepreneurship” begins Saturday, June 16, 2018, with a two-hour introductory session from 12:00PM to 2:00PM in the Conference Room at Aki Maadiziiwin and continues every other Saturday (10A-4P) and Sunday (1P-4P) beginning July 21st through October 28th, in the Grand River Room at Little River Casino Resort, Manistee, MI unless otherwise noted. A Syllabus will be emailed to those who are interested or who sign up for the class.

If this program interests you, please contact: David Hawley 231.398.6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Purchased and Referred Care: (formally Contract Health) Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Clinic & Pharmacy Contact Info**

Direct number 231.723.8299 Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy) : 231.398.6853

**Enrollment Department**

Jessica Wisner - Enrollment Coordinator
P: 231.398.6713
E: jwisner@lrboi-nsn.gov
Valerie McDonnell - Enrollment Administrative Assistant
P: 231.398.6720
E: valeriemcdonnell@lrboi-nsn.gov
Fax: 231.398.6751

Please contact the Enrollment Department if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Address Changes
- Phone Number Updates
- E-mail Updates
- Direct Deposits
- Per Cap-proof of income (DHS, Social Security etc)
- Cancellation of Direct Deposits
- Per Cap Check Cancellation & Reissues
- Voluntary Federal Tax Withholdings from Per Cap
- Bereavement Benefit
- Tribal Directory
- Applications for enrolling in the Tribe
- Tribal ID’s
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- Descendant Certifications
- Eagle Feather Permit Certification
- Tuition Waiver Certification

The Enrollment Department is available Monday through Friday from 7AM – 5PM.
April, 2018 - The LRBOI Natural Resources Department staff, led by Corey Jerome - Sturgeon Biologist, have recaptured a Lake Sturgeon from Manistee Lake that was raised and released in 2008 from our sturgeon Streamside Rearing Facility at Rainbow Bend on the Manistee River. This is the first released sturgeon that has been documented returning into the Manistee River system from our rearing facility and is thought to be on its way up the Manistee River to spawn this spring. Corey Jerome was able to confirm the identity of this sturgeon by using the unique identification number (484C5A6F39) scanned from the PIT-Tag in the fish, this tag was implanted into this sturgeon before its release in 2008. The sturgeon was released on September 20, 2008 and was 7.3 in., 0.05 lbs. and is now 10 years old and 45.27 in., 28 lbs. To our knowledge this is the first documented lake sturgeon from a Streamside Rearing Facility to return to its natal stream within the Great Lakes. Corey Jerome began in the spring of 2017, and has continued in 2018 to look for adult lake sturgeon returning to the Manistee River from our Streamside Rearing Facility. It is our plan to continue these efforts to look for returning sturgeon in the Manistee River that have been released from our Streamside Rearing Facility to evaluate the success of our efforts.

We would like to thank everyone for their support for the sturgeon program over the years.

Chi-Megwetch

PRESS RELEASE
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Purchases Bear Lake Highlands

Manistee, MICH.,
Little River Casino Resort is thrilled to announce the acquisition of the Bear Lake Highlands golf course by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Tribe has placed management of this new enterprise under the Resort.

Bear Lake Highlands is located at 11865 Chippewa Highway, Bear Lake MI. The 18-hole, par 72, course features beautiful rolling terrain, numerous ponds, great views of Bear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Bear Lake Highlands is one of the most scenic courses in Northern Michigan.

The resort looks forward to this exciting new venture. We have begun preparations to open the course including posting several jobs. We look forward to opening the course early May.

At Little River Casino Resort, we strive to be Michigan's foremost entertainment resort destination and employer of choice. To do this, we need a strong team of employees. If you are an enthusiastic and motivated individual, we want you. Visit our careers page on www.lrcr.com for a complete listing of available positions.
EDC (Economic Development Corporation) – Little River Holdings LLC

Our Mission is to provide a legal structure built under sovereign tribal laws to house the economic development entities, other than the Manistee Casino, whose purpose is to create monetary profits and tribal community benefits.

Our Vision is to seek to become the parent economic development entity of the Nation, acting as the direct link between related entities and the will of the Tribal Council and Ogema, wherein profit and/or tribal community oriented businesses will be housed that are integral to the operations, financial, health, economic self-sufficiency, and continued existence of the Nation.

Are you looking to make a difference?
Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the work the EDC does?
The EDC is looking for EDC Advisory Board Members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet monthly to discuss current things going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and to be a part of something important to the tribe’s financial future. To show interest in becoming a member of the EDC Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman  P: 231.398.6840

EDC Contacts:
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Tom St. Dennis • Attorney  231.398.6815
tomstennis@lrboi-nsn.gov
Jeanie Gibson • Economic Development Coordinator  231.398.6866
jgibson@lrboi-nsn.gov
Crystal Newman • Administrative Coordinator  231.398.6840
crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov

Job Opportunities:
We are currently seeking an Assistant Manager and a Handyman. Please contact Crystal Newman for job descriptions and to find out how to apply or check on Indeed.com for our postings (search “Little River Holdings LLC”)

Subsidiary Companies:
- Ayaa Ventures, LLC (InTerra and Advanced Protein Solutions – APS)
- Little River Capital Management, LLC
- Little River Development, LLC
- Little River Real Estate Management, LLC

Want to see some of what we do?
InTerra Nutraceuticals  •  interranutra.com
APS (Advanced Protein Solutions)  •  advancedproteins.com
Odeno Homes in Fruitport  •  odenohomes.com

The EDC Board
Larry Romanelli • Chair
Ron Pete • Vice Chair
Frank Lewis, Jr. • Treasurer
Thad Taylor • Secretary
Frank Medacco
E. James Nedeau
Andrew Gentile

EDC (Economic Development Corporation) – Little River Holdings LLC

InTerra: Summer Intern (10-week assignment)
The Summer Intern Program seeks college or university students with major in the following disciplines: Agriculture, business administration, marketing, retail management and professional sales. Interns selected may work remotely.

AYAA is an Indian preference employer meaning American Indians and Alaska Natives who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe shall be given preference. Non-Native candidates should feel free to apply for AYAA internships. For more detailed information, please check out the website: interranutra.com/internship/
If interested, contact Ashley Avery at avery@advancedproteins.com

Dirkstone Realty Group, the realtor for Odeno (Place of Many Hearts) Housing Project in Fruitport Township, would like to hire a Tribal Member Intern interested in pursuing a career in real estate, marketing, and/or administrative to work and learn in a fast-paced business. Must be enrolled in college, $10 an hour for at least 240 hours.
Contact: 231.740.9298 or dirk@dirkstone.com for more information.
MANISTEE, MI—Employment services are available at a new location in Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works!, in partnership with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, is now offering employment services at the Next Generation Learning Center in Manistee. Job search assistance, résumé and cover letter development, career planning, and more. All of the services are available at no cost. Walk-ins are welcome.

Founded in 1974, Networks Northwest facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10 county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works, Small Business Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities’ requests and needs. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services Networks Northwest offers if you visit our website, networksnorthwest.org

Networks Northwest’s member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

Next Generation Learning Center
2840 Orchard Highway
Manistee, MI 49660

Every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00PM
Pam Anderson at 231.398.3168
pam.anderson@networksnorthwest.org

Patrick Wilson is the Peacemaking/Probation Director for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Pat has been in this position for almost 13 years. Patrick has organized and hosted numerous conferences on Peacemaking and its relevance to our culture and our community. These conferences had interesting presentations from different Tribes and other outside entities that practice Alternative Dispute Resolution. People in the Manistee Community and others from all over the United States have attended his conferences.

Patrick has visited other Tribes and shared with them what he has implemented in our Peacemaking program. He recently received an email from the Ho-Chunk Nation Wa Ehi Hoci, Judiciary Branch to "let you know we are using your model for our Peacemaker’s project and to thank you for being a beacon for others.” They have requested additional information from him to develop job descriptions, budget allocations, and what kinds of activities they may provide.

Timothy Connors, a Michigan State Circuit Court judge, trained with Patrick in the past and was awarded a grant for the first State court to have its own Peacemaking department.

Patrick is not sponsoring the conferences anymore but is holding Peacemaking trainings for those interested in learning the process. One can find the information and the registration for the training being held on August 24th, 2018 by typing in http://littlerivermpc.wix.com/peacemaking

All who are interested are welcome to come.

Seeking apprentice fishing guides, guiding for salmon, trout, and steelhead. This is an unpaid apprenticeship. During the first several months, it will be unpaid except for transportation. This is also a service industry position, therefore tips or gratuity is very common. The average tip is between $50 and $70 per trip. We are looking for motivated individuals who love the outdoors and fishing, working with older customers, instructing fishing, and helping coach anglers on the finer points of catching fish. It’s guiding people for fishing. How amazing is that? Getting paid to go fishing!

For more info please contact Chad Betts
text or phone: 231.519.7348
E: chadbetts@hotmail.com
Check out the company @: www.bettsguideservice.com

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court
ADVANCED PEACEMAKING TRAINING
Walking Together
Peacemaking and Spirituality

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2018
TIME: 8:00AM - 4:30PM
LOCATION: Justice Center
3031 Domres Rd. Manistee, MI 49660

This training will review the Seven Grandfather Teaching, and the use of Core Values. The participants will create a working definition of Spirituality.

For more information:
Patrick D. Wilson P: 231.398.2239
Martha Howell P: 231.398.2240

LRBOI Education Department is celebrating
Free Fishing Day June 9th, 2018
Join us at Penny Park in East Lake
Bring your fishing poles! All ages welcome.
10am-3pm with a picnic lunch. Bring the kids and Grandpa too!
Call 231-398-6735 or 231-398-6724
for more information
Hello Elders,

The Elders held their meeting at Aki, on Saturday, April 7, 2018. It was great to see old pals and new people. The Elders committee opened the meeting, went through the Agenda items, and then closed the meeting. We had as usual a wonderful lunch provided by Elders Coordinator, Noelle Cross.

We then played Bingo. There were a variety of prizes donated by the Elders Committee and LRCR. Good Old Me, was the caller, probably not the most efficient, but it didn’t matter to the Elders. Half way through Jamie took over and I ran these little legs off when someone called Bingo to verify their cards. I was exhausted by end of Bingo, good exercise for me. Everyone had smiles on their faces and truly enjoyed the day. Come on and join us, meet people, converse with people and sit back and enjoy a good lunch. Good way to find out what is going on, to ask questions and just listen.

Chuck Fisher, from the Warriors Society, announced that he and Virgil Johnson had License Plates to sell, with our Tribal Logo on them. They look super and will look even better on the front of your car. Have a Super rest of the month.

Diane A. Lonn
Liaison, Elders Committee

Attention Elders:
The weather is getting nicer, it’s time to get out and enjoy it!! What better way than come to Manistee to an Elders Meeting and go see the sights!! Elders Meetings are all at the Aki Maadiziwin, start at 12:00 pm. Some months we even play Bingo!!

Elders Meeting Calendar:
July 14th  August 4th  September 1st

Please plan to attend some of these meetings, we need input from our Elders on different areas of tribal functions and elder doings.

Notice to all Elders
Boozhoo,
Now that the Currents Newspaper has a new design we would love to hear from you, your feedback is highly appreciated and will help us to improve our communication. Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Office with your suggestions, please tell us what you would like to see as we work towards creating pages specifically for our elders.

Contact us by phone at 231.398.6841  email: currentscomments@lrboi-rsn.gov
mail: Attention Public Affairs 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee MI, 49660
People born in June are considered to have the best personality because they are often popular and have great looks, including various talents like singing, dancing, sports, etc. They are extremely nice which makes them attractive to almost everyone. They have great taste in fashion, movies, songs and more! Which is why everyone wants to be their friends! And we mean everyone; literally!

Three Sisters Legend
A long time ago 3 sisters lived together in a field. The sisters were very different in size, shape and appearance. The youngest wore velvet green with beautiful ribbons. She was only able to crawl but with the help of her two older sisters she was able to stand up. The second sister wore bright yellow and loved to run across the fields when the sun was shining. The third sister had silvery hair and wore a green shawl. She stood very tall and straight and always guarded her two younger sisters. As different as these girls were they were very close and knew they could not survive apart. Native legend has it that their survival depended on her being together with her sisters.

One day a little boy came and played in the field. The sisters were intrigued by him as he ran around, jumping and yelling. They watched him all day but as evening came on he wandered off. The sisters wondered where he might have gone. One day later in the summer the youngest girl who couldn’t stand up disappeared. The two sisters watched and waited for her but she never returned. They began to mourn the loss of their beloved sister.

Once more the little boy returned to the sister’s field. Again the two watched as he played and got reeds from the river’s edge. That night the middle sister, the one who wore the bright yellow, disappeared. The oldest sister who stood tall, prayed and prayed that one day her and her sisters would be reunited.

As winter grew closer the oldest sister’s hair grew dull and her green shawl began to fade. She loved her sisters and knew her survival depended on her being together with her sisters.

One day late in the fall the boy returned to the field and heard the oldest sister crying. His heart ached because she sounded so sad. He picked her up and carried her to his home. There she found her missing two sisters! Now that they were once again together they were able to sustain each other. Submitted by Marcella Leusby

Faith Houston
Virginia Haxnich
Ronald Pete

Skyrle Johnston
Thomas Pete

Kenneth Kleeman
Leley Peterson

Terry Kurren
Stacie Phillips

Albina LaBeau
Vincent Plato

Richard Lambert
Jerome Ray

Kenneth Leash
Erlind Rishiniki

Glen Lones
Martha Rehmeyer

Dorothy McCuskey
Deli Ross

Susan Meloche
Dorothy Rozell

Barbara Miller-Bressette
Charles Sam

Nancy Morehead
Gloria Scharp

Nadiyah Muhammad
William Seitz

Marvin Nadiger
Linda Stier

Larry Smith
23rd Annual Jiingtamok (Powwow)
SATURDAY GRAND ENTRY 12:00 AND 7:00PM
SUNDAY GRAND ENTRY 12:00PM

JUNE 30 - JULY 01, 2018
LRBOI POWWOW GROUNDS
2596 LOON DRIVE
MANISTEE, MI

HEAD STAFF:
HEAD VET ✽ FRANK LEWIS
M.C. ✽ BRIAN LONEY
A.D. ✽ DAVE SHANANAQUET
HEAD WOMEN’S JUDGE ✽ PUNKIN SHANANAQUET
HEAD MEN’S JUDGE ✽ PHILIP MEMBERTO

HOST DRUM ✽ CRAZY SPIRIT
CO-HOST ✽ URBAN NATION
INVITED DRUMS:
RED CEDAR
WAR PARTY
TBA

THE FIRST 5 DRUMS TO SHOW UP ON SITE RECEIVE $300 IN HONORARIUM

Little River Band Princess Contest: Deadline June 30th by 1:30. Please send all applicant information to Jay Sam in Historic Preservation Office or turn in on June 30th 2018 to Head Princess Judge Cicilee Chivis.

Vendors Contact: Jay Sam 888.723.8288 or 231.398.6893
All Drum Contact: Jay Sam or Phil Memberto 315.925.9545

DRUM AND DANCE REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9:30AM JUNE 30TH

HEAD DANCERS ✽ TBA EACH SESSION
DANCE CONTEST:
1st PLACE WINNER TAKES ALL IN EACH DANCE CATEGORY.
DAY MONEY AVAILABLE TO DANCERS ✽ DAY MONEY SATURDAY
DANCE WINNER TAKE ALL SUNDAY

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTEST:
TEAM DANCE 18+ 3 OR MORE DANCERS
TEAM DANCE 17 UNDER 3 OR MORE DANCERS
TWO STEP SPECIAL 18+
TWO STEP SPECIAL 17 UNDER
HAND DRUM CONTEST

OUT GOING MISS LRB PRINCESS RILEY DIEHLMAN:
★ SPONSORED BY RILEY DIEHLMAN & FAMILY ★
ALL AGES HATS AND BOOTS SPECIAL ★ CASH PRIZES
HANDMADE GIFTS
SUNDAY DIRECTLY AFTER GRAND ENTRY PROTOCOL

On-Site Camping first come first serve basis
Please register with Little River Public Safety 231.398.2225
Bathroom/Shower available on-site
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Michigan Tribe, Has Presence at Stanford Powwow by Levi Rickert / Business, Currents / 20 May 2018

STANFORD, Calif. — Getting the word out about a product can be tricky at times. This is particularly true when a product is an ingredient used within food recipes. So, when an indigenous chef incorporated an ingredient owned by a company belonging to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians into her recipes, the tribe’s presence extended from all the way from Michigan to California.

Regardless of how it works is fine by the tribe, based in Manistee, Michigan. The tribe owns and operates Advanced Protein Solutions (APS), which owns intellectual property formulations that add to the nutritious value of ground meat because they are packed with vitamins and antioxidants. To help move the intellectual property formulation, APS representatives solicited the help of indigenous chef, Crystal Wahpepah (Kickapoo), who was willing to test the meat with the APS formulation in it. After her initial tests working with her recipes, Wahpepah integrated the formulated ground bison meat into her proprietary Kickapoo buffalo chili and blue corn tacos, which are made with ground beef.

Wahpepah owns Wahpepah’s Kitchen and is a highly respected indigenous chef, who resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a former contestant on the Food Network’s “Chopped” series, Wahpepah has been building a name for herself as she promotes indigenous foods. She is featured in the 2016 edition of “Native American Almanac: More than 50,000 Years of the Cultures and Histories of Indigenous Peoples.”

Chefs, especially those working with indigenous foods, are particular with the what raw foods and ingredients go into their recipes. Wahpepah liked the results of her tests with the APS’ all-natural formulations in ground meat.

“Using the meat formulations made a huge difference in my recipes. The taste was unbelievably awesome. The texture was far better than my other ground bison. The meat tastes very clean and natural the way ground meat should taste,” says Wahpepah.

The Kickapoo buffalo chili was a featured menu item at the Wahpepah’s Kitchen booth at the 47th Annual Stanford Powwow, which attracted some 25,000 people over Mother’s Day weekend. Wahpepah was more than satisfied with the sales results and comments coming from her customers over the powwow weekend where her blue corn tacos and Kickapoo buffalo chili sold out. She is excited about using meat with APS’ all-natural formulation. “My customers noticed a huge difference in my chili, blue corn tacos with the all-natural formulation. I always have people coming back for seconds and even third helpings. This time I had a huge response on my Kickapoo buffalo chili,” reports Wahpepah. “So many made their way back to our food tent to tell me how awesome my food was and liked that I use healthy ingredients.” After the success at the Stanford Powwow, Wahpepah and APS representatives discussed ways to work together in a mutually beneficial capacity to increase awareness about the health benefits of using APS formulations.

“Our relationship with Crystal Wahpepah, a highly respected indigenous chef, is very important to us as we continue to gain strategic alliances in Indian Country and the rest of the nation to provide healthier beef, bison, and other all natural protein formulations to the mass market” says Garrick Opie, Managing Director of Advanced Protein Solutions, based in Traverse City, Michigan. As an indigenous chef, the holistic approach to cooking healthy foods is essential to Wahpepah and she looks forward to working more closely with the Little River Band’s tribal business enterprise.

“I am honored and humbled to be working with the Little River Band of Ottawa’s tribal business. As Indigenous chef and business owner, this something vital ground breaking important to our Native communities. And the most important thing is we are creating indigenous menu items to eat healthy and be healthy. It starts by us coming together as indigenous people working together so excited to see the outcome of this amazing formulation.”

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe that owns and operates the Little River Casino Resort, located in Manistee, Michigan. In addition, to APS the tribe through its Economic Development Council owns other tribal business enterprises. One of the business tribal enterprises is AYAA, LLC that operates APS and InTerra Nutraceuticals.

Indigenous chef Crystal Wahpepah stirs Kickapoo buffalo chili which included APS formulation with some extra loving care.

Waabgonii giizis (Blossom Moon)

Veronica Shawnego kept the long lines moving with great service.
The Warriors Society has received approval to add a second Memorial stone to the first one that is in front of the Casino. If you have not been to the Little River Casino Resort, we have in front of the Casino a huge Memorial stone that was dedicated to our Tribal Warriors. This stone has the name of the Warrior and his/her branch of service. If a Warrior passes away a feather is put at the end of his/her name to honor him/her. It is very impressive to look at and admire. At this time there is no more space to add more names; both sides are filled. The Warriors Society has decided to add another stone, but not as big, next to the large one, with another to follow on the other side as the second stone gets filled.

- Diane Lonn

Thank you, Warriors Society for this tribute to our people

If you would like your Native Warrior’s name added to this stone in memorial of his/her time served or is serving. Please submit a DD214 to:

Attention: Warriors Society Chuck Fisher or Virgil Johnson
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, MI. 49660.

For information please contact Kathleen Bowers at 231.398.6845

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