



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

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**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

Speaker Champagne: thank you good morning all we're here for a righty scheduled tribal council meeting it's Wednesday January 19th at 10 AM ah 10:02, 10:02 AM holding by the via zoom this meeting. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

We are uh I'll go through the list to ensure everyone here is supposed to be here we have myself Nitumigaabow Champagne, citizen McCaslin, uh we also like can you identify user handler Betha B-E-T-H-A please identify yourself? Can you please identify yourself for the record?

Elizabeth McCellan: Yes Elizabeth McCellan 2915

Speaker Champagne: Thank you ma'am

Elizabeth McCellan: sorry about that

Speaker Champagne: we also have 2313986823 is that Mr. Pringle our comptroller general?

Ogema Romanelli: No that would be the Ogema

Speaker Champagne: My apologies Mr. Romanelli thank you for joining us. We have citizen Corey Wells, citizen Miss Connie Waitner, Legal counsel McGowen, citizen Miss Chantel or I mean not uhm our legislative assistant Miss Gamelin, Citizen Miss Valerie McDonald, councilor Lewis, citizen Mezeske, councilor Champagne, uh citizen Mr. Ken LaHaye, Grant Writer Dorr, citizen Miss Laura Echelbarger, Antonio's iPhone can you please identify yourself for the record

Antonio Romanelli: Yep, Antonio Romanelli 3954

Speaker Champagne: Thank you sir. We also have citizen Chelsae Densmore, Citizen Miss McCellan, Citizen Miss Howell, Biologist Mr. Martell, Citizen Miss Victoria Wells, Director Beaver, ending in 6837 was that is that the Ogema? Or is that 6823? 68

Brad Pringle: Brad Pringle 6837 comptroller general thank you

Speaker Champagne: you know I always get your two phone numbers mixed up my apologizes gentlemen, um and I'm just making sure I did not miss anything as the screens moving around, we also have citizen Mr. Larry Olsen, citizen Miss Grace Hendler, Citizen Miss Sara Agosa

Recorder Wolfe: two phone numbers Mr. Speaker 8879856

Councilor Wever: Good morning yes that's Shirley Wever thank you

Recorder Wolfe: Then we have phone number 2315644835

Shannon Crampton: Citizen Shannon Crampton 1747

Speaker Champagne: Thank you alright it does seem like we have everybody here I will I'm going to ask um as we're getting reports that COVID-19 um specifically in Michigan is at one of the highest rate since the inception of the pandemic many of our families in the Michigan and Great Lakes region are struggling um losing relatives I myself impacted my family some more and friends and relatives being lost to this pandemic it's it's a pretty serious thing you know when we think about this uh hopefully we can have a moment of silence on this but I I'm going to ask out to citizen miss Lee Mr. Lee McCaslin if you can maybe say something opening words and remarks and a prayer for us this morning if that's ok brother

### **I. Opening Prayer**

Lee McCaslin: in that moment of silence there was peace World War II and I actually I gotta just wait a minute wait a minute um honestly I have to apologize to Tom um I really I apologize for my actions but couldn't handle it anymore and I didn't mean to be mean reach reach security because you know my mom my aunties used to kid with me that you know I come out breached so that was a family thing and I and I uh honestly I apologize I I meant to like say like a hostile work environment and uh you know I couldn't I seen all that going back and forth and I'm really super from my heart I apologize and uh so we know about World War II and the bells but uh our first proclamation in the United States you know 1763 I think we should utilize and think on that east utilize and think on that east and uh we'll just stay on the east because you know one day maybe our babies will be able to come in the council not here all that or your great grand babies or something like that I'm not really sure you know but I would hope to be that being that negative neutral and ah positive form right I mean in Ottawa that trader so I like to offer up those drumbeats that are missing and uh you know there's when we're going through some of this stuff like this and we see that there is a because you guys are the turtle right there in that office you guys are considered to be the turtle of the old society where it used to be the turtle lodge if you was to look at it you know and in resolution and stuff like that and it starts getting out of hand it gets out of the hand so much and uh and it's not right it scares people away we're supposed to be family here I'm praying for our family here you know I have family members there and uh and you know it's it's I'm I'm saying these words I'm going to offer these 13 drumbeats because it's the 13 years of actually who we are as a people I'm an educator that's who I am I'm an educator you know and we can go

through with who's this what or whatever when it flies back and forth you know but right here is the main focus of the body you know this is our council you know in in that honor seat I know it can get really hot all the way around and we can have our shortfalls but maybe that's what's going to bring us back together you know and uh I was wondering you know honestly who who can tell me the seven grandfather's teachings but you know I was thinking about that so because back when we used to have hotheads like that they used to be to test the manhood and that test manhood um utilize usually in test you know and and uh and to succeed into one's own being you know and so you know there's always remedy there's always a remedy and I I want to thank uh I don't know if Israel's on here or Mr. Crampton I know he's probably listening but you know the challenge is find seven members that that that would teach you respect, craving, humanity, humility I'm tired because it's been a long day history or honesty, love, truth and wisdom and in three days come back you know but I can't say that because I I'm just here offering up these words but these are drumbeats that are heard these are songs you know nothing to play with um you know it's a an ongoing thing so you know I just want to say over a whole extended family let's let's think about this there's a better way you know if you can find if both of them do the challenge you know there's seven bring them to me in three days if we could have another meeting and then and then and then find out you know be on the call um I don't know I can only pray I suffer so you guys don't have to uh you know that's what people do and uh you know being that keeper that doorway you know we just stay in the east for a while and pray and listen to that to that moment of silence and uh from this day forward every time that we hear a drum beat you know it's usually at the root stop if you're dancing you know all that but if you hear this drum beat *plays the drum* to the east because I lost my language to the east because I lost my language I'm suffering here guys I'm suffering I can't believe it and then it's OK it's OK OK but um we need to get a long you know if they decide to come back in three days you know and uh give me respect or give the give the community respect, melody, honesty, love or truth and wisdom each of them they just need the volunteers to come up there's a whole form there's a whole form of understanding and test um you know because it's real out there it's real all around you know this is this is the turtle this should be protected at all times these are my lawmakers and they're sitting in the honor seat you know and uh outside of that you know maybe you can look at some traditional way of thinking I'm not sure I'm going to pray because I already had a vision I already had that vision it already came you guys are right there right now and uh you know it happened in 1994 I was chosen taken out to Red Lake Minnesota you know best times in my life I was just opened up and went and I did get a vision and then that vision I seen I seen this wolf come in lay down beside me I also seen this bear coming in back and forth kept looking in my lodge and going back and that's OK for those that don't believe it's OK you know but you were still family and uh I love you I respect you I believe in you and uh that's I'm gonna close with that and think about the east everything from the grounds to the skies to the trees all that just continue to think about the east and what it truly means the migration route of our people you know the trade route *Anishinaabe* no I'm suffering from the language so did it work for us or not uh my prayer were into the wind of em all in our relation all our relations and that will be you know because prayers came in so many different forms it's uh you have to be on the road to do that and uh I appreciate you guys I love you and uh it's hard to see family fight really hard and we suffer we suffer from it um to witness it um and it's really

hard for me to uh continue down this road and uh we should be supporting each other right now I know you know I only see a little ring of the turtle that's it that my engine is going to be getting ready for you know the general membership meeting and all that you know and I know that you know that opportunity to bring everybody together uhm because we're in a bad crisis we really are I don't mean to go on to uhm public comment I mean let you guys do your work because I got some you know some public comment and uh with that I'll close this prayer of thought in a good positive light in good form and a good way creator bless us all

Speaker Champagne: Thank you uh McCaslin for saying those remarks I will call this

**II. General Business**

Meeting to order. I want to recognize

Recorder Wolfe: People have joined

Speaker Champagne: Yep, I was just heading their madam recorder um Emily Janick can you please identify yourself for the record

Emily Janick: Hello this is Emily Janick

Speaker Champagne: Ma'am are you an employee or citizen?

Emily Janick: I am a citizen

Speaker Champagne: um can you say your tribal ID number please

Emily Janick: Yes, 0698

Speaker Champagne: I'm not sure it seems like *echoing through ZOOM and can't be heard clearly*. Can you repeat your number?

Emily Janick: 0698. I'm talking from a car intercom so it maybe echoey

Speaker Champagne: thank you. User handler Susan iPhone

Emily Janick: What's that?

Speaker Champagne: Thank you ma'am we are moving onto the next user

Emily Janick: Oh ok

Speaker Champagne: User handler Susan iPhone. User handler Susan iPhone can you please identify yourself? Last call user handler Susan iPhone can you please identify yourself? Ok madam recorder please escort that guest out. Recognizing Kim Hinmon um tribal citizen, citizen Miss Nikki Nelson, user handler Vicki, Vicki are you there can you please identify yourself ma'am?

Ron Pete: Yes, this is Ron Pete 4158

Speaker Champagne: Thank you sir. Madam recorder I do believe I hit everyone else in the meeting for the housekeeping aspect

Recorder Wolfe: You forgot Thressa LaHaye and Scott Wahr.

Speaker Champagne: oh citizen Mr. Wahr and citizen Mr. Ken LaHaye. Uh we will call this meeting

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Roll Call**

Please.

Recorder Wolfe:

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne – Present	P. Johnson - Present
N. Champagne -Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Nine are present we have a quorum.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder uh going on to uh

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Please note that there is a modified agenda um with containing revised A.B.1. also, in closed session of D.2. and add in E.5. add with that being said I'd entertain a motion for an improved adoption of improved agenda at this time

Councilor Wittenberg: I'd like to make a motion

Speaker Champagne: Thank you sir go ahead

Councilor Wittenberg:

**MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, JANURY 09, 2022 AT 10AM TO THE AGENDA WITH REVISED B-1 APPROVE ARPA FUND TOWARDS THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ADD D-2 GAMINING COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION REPORT DECEMBER 2021 AND F-5 WILLIS V LRBOI TRIBAL COUNCIL;** by Wittenberg; supported by Johnson.

Councilor Johnson: Support

Speaker Champagne: ok we have a motion made by councilor Wittenberg support by was it, Miss Johnson?

Recorder Wolfe: Yep

Speaker Champagne: discussion on the motion on the floor from councilors or citizens?  
Discussion on the motion? Seeing no discussion on the motion madam recorder roll call

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #1**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Nine in favor the agenda has been approved.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder we're on to

**D. Tribal Council Minutes- None Submitted**

Moving on to

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts- None submitted**

We're on

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Approve ARPA fund use toward the completion of the Food Distribution Center Construction Project**

Previously approved CARES funds cannot be used because the project will not be completed until later in 2022. ARPA funds are also eligible to be used on the project and can be used through 2024.

With that being said this did have a work session uh before Tribal council there were certain items councils weren't able to get to. Councilor Champagne first in queue

Councilor Champagne: Yes, I would like to make a

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS PARTICULAR ITEM FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION UNTIL WE HAVE AN APPROVED BUDGET;** by Champagne; supported by Lewis

Councilor Lewis: Support

Speaker Champagne: Ok we have a motion on the floor by councilor Champagne it sounded like there's a support by councilor uh Lewis. Discussion on the motion on the floor from tribal councilors. Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Yea this is coming out of ARP funds which yea I think it's really that's a set aside from the budget all the ARP fundings that's my opinion on it

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Guenthardt did you raise your hand?

Ogema Romanelli: This is the Ogema put the Ogema in as well

Speaker Champagne: Thank you. Mr. Guenthardt did you raise your hand to be in queue I'm sorry if I missed it. Mr. Wittenberg do you have your hand raised now or just looking at your glasses?

Councilor Wittenberg: I was cleaning my glasses sorry about that

Speaker Champagne: *Laughing*. Alright I don't want to hop in front of anyone next in queue is myself I'll lower my hand uhm I think you know we did pass a resolution to be able to not move forward on any major constructions Capital outlay uh specifically stated that in the resolution that is language specifically had to retain in that resolution for the budget appropriations ordinance the idea is that the priority is to pass a budget before continuing on it's business as usual and so I do think I'm in support of this motion because of the intent I guess to be able to try and get a 2022 budget passed that's my only comment. Next in queue any other councilors wish to be in queue? Then we're going to go over to Mr. Romanelli and then Mr. Dorr for response

Ogema Romanelli: thank you I just wanted to say that I believe we're on a continuing a budget continuing into 2022 from 2021 and I think that goes extends till the end of January so and these are ARPA funds thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Sir. Mr. Dorr

Lyle Dorr: uhm yeah we just uh reviewing from what Steve Wheeler had discussed after our work session we had a work session on object on the project and he explained that the um any of these which are multiyear grants multiyear projects are not part of the general budget and that's the context behind this this is not this isn't tied to the general budget or the approval of general budget it carries over from year to year um and it carries its own budget as a construction project so just that's all

Speaker Champagne: Ok any other discussion for tribal councilors or citizens at this time? Any discussion from tribal councilors or citizens at this time? Seeing none madam recorder roll call please. Madam recorder you are on mute not sure if you know that

Recorder Wolfe: Everybody on this side heard us *everyone laughing*

**Roll Call #2**

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Six in favor three against uh resolution has been postponed.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder. Next order of business is

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure- None submitted**

We move on to

#### **IV. Acceptance of Reports**

##### **A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

##### **1. Operations Report Dec 2021**

This item is being brought forth from the Ogema office. Mr. Romanelli you have the floor.

Ogema Romanelli: uh Thank you yeah you have received the operations report as is and it's just up to the council to accept the report it doesn't mean you are saying good bad or indifferent or incomplete, you're just accepting the report as we've submitted it to you thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you for that uhm madam uh open up a discussion with tribal councilors at this time. I believe at agenda review this item did have some questions.  
Madam recorder

Recorder Wolfe: So, I did have questions in the agenda of you I don't know if the formal memo has reached the Ogema's office but I know it was in creation I believe the December 21 operations report is incomplete if we look at the Family Services portion of it uhm there's no information on the BeDaBin Behavioral Health there's no information on the family spirit and then the new format for the Victim services program on does not distinguish if we can tell which programs the clients are receiving services under so for that reason I will not be accepting the report at this time it's not complete um and then other note that I want to make notable um to thank Public Safety for their submission they did an annual yearly report on being that this is the December report so I just want to make note of that and commend them that that is uhm valuable information to tribal council those are my comments thank you

Ogema Romanelli: Ok thank you I could answer

Speaker Champagne: Oh sure Mr. Romanelli it is your item

Ogema Romanelli: Madam recorder I have not received the memo I think you were going to send me one out I have not received that yet so thank you

Speaker Champagne: Madam recorder are you requesting are you going to be you said you're not accepting it so are you asking for a postpone pending the completion of the finalized report or are you withdrawn it requesting a motion to withdraw from agenda all together?

Recorder Wolfe: No, I was, no I'm not making a motion at this time

Speaker Champagne: Ok the only reason I was asking is because items on the agenda are a discretion of the discretion of the recorder so um, so I want to follow up any other discussion? Councilors? Any discussion from tribal councilors? Any discussion with tribal councilors or citizens at this time? Any other discussion? Seeing none um I'd entertain a motion to postpone or motion to approve I guess those are the two options. I'd



entertain a motion at this time? I'd entertain a motion at this time that is the third call  
Madam recorder you had your hand raised?

Recorder Wolfe:

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THE EXCEPTION OF THE  
OPERATIONS REPORT UNTIL REQUESTED INFORMATION  
IS AVAILABLE;** by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by Madam recorder support by councilmember  
Wittenburg. Discussion on the motion on the floor? discussion on the motion on the floor  
from citizens or councilors? Any discussion? Seeing none madam recorder roll call  
please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #3**

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Seven in favor two against report has been postponed on acceptance

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder we're on the next item which is

**2. Financial Report**  Nov 2021

We did receive a report on a work session yesterday of from November 2021 I will turn it  
over to the Ogema office for the presentation. I thought the presentation was very well  
done and it brought to light a lot of good information I think it's something to be  
presented in front of a larger body here today and citizens and so turn it over to ah the  
Ogema office at this time and the CFO if that's where they're headed

Ogema Romanelli: Ok I can let the CFO speak but from the Ogema's office we provide  
information to the tribal council as we did and I my understanding is that you would like  
to bring this to this meeting the same presentation that is presented to the council and I  
disagree with that we have presentations that we do at the membership meeting both in  
the spring and fall we also do our quarterly report some members are free to view the  
documents in house when they want to and so I think this is probably unnecessary thank  
you

Speaker Champagne: ok I did make a request for the um presentation to be presented as  
um with transparency this is an open records aspect it was an open meeting yesterday this  
is an open meeting tribal council meetings are the official way that we communicate with  
our citizens and get information to our citizens as a main channel we don't do any special  
little meetings on weekends but we do them here on Wednesdays to get the information  
out so everyone has the facts ahead of time and they're able to uh digest them here

accordingly and so that is the idea behind having a financial report put out is the um information in a PowerPoint presentation that will be very beneficial for tribal citizens and it brings a lot a lot of questions that tribal citizens have asked over and over again obviously the membership meeting is two times a year which is not enough time to get that information out um throughout the entire time especially when we look at things like online gaming and revenue disbursements on those and tax calculations on those ARPA funds and the plethora of other funds that have come into it that are abnormal from years past so I would request that to be presented if not I am more than willing to share my screen on the presentation to go over the presentation I do not feel I'll do it justice as much as the CFO or the controller would um so I defer back to the Ogema's office and CFO

Ogema Romanelli: ok thank you and the Ogema will answer again uh you're free to share your screen uh whatever you want to do with that you will not be getting the same presentation at these meetings from the office to the Ogema or from the CFO and the transparency that you talk about getting information to the members does not uh seem to work in these tribal council meetings uh because many questions that are asked by the tribal members are not answered on a regular basis from you the speaker and to even the Ogema so to say that you're being transparent I have to disagree so share the screen if you would like to

Speaker Champagne: uh we can always request a motion as well to uh mandate the executive to do the presentation at these meetings council I'll just put in that as well uh further discussion on this

Ogema Romanelli: uh you go ahead and try to do the mandate as well

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza you have your hand raised?

Councilor DiPiazza: I gotta disagree with giving the PowerPoint in the council meeting today should have had a little more discussion about it on how you want to have it transpired we're talking about transparency the all the budgets were done in closed and still in closed so how is doing this. I'm confused very confused on that because the budgets that were done in an emergency closed are still in closed how was that transparency to the membership I I I would say probably if you wanted to put it on the agenda as far as a presentation of the report would be totally different than just accepting the report because that's what it says acceptance of reports doesn't say presentation so that's where I'm at with it I'm done thank you

Speaker Champagne: other councils for discussion um Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah, we talked about and uh acceptance of the report but then uh prior to this and it was going down to it uh it was shared that it was not complete with the different things so uh I see no difference in voting on that one as in voting on this that's my opinion on that I don't see a difference it might be accepting on it but the people would like to I'm sure would like to know what is involved on accepting it you

know and that's a lot of the questions that I get are also throughout and some are good some are bad, but it is what it is and uh so personally myself yeah it says accept the report but the people that's like you accepting a package and not even know what's in it I mean it uh we can go on and on and on and I'm sure many people have their viewers which is fine with me because we all have different views so Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: thank you councilmember Wittenberg. I think you know the part of this is the financial report is one aspect which is open the PowerPoint presentation was well done but it brings to light a lot of questions the tribe has had a lot of financial irregularities from the Ogema's office um it should be things that uh citizens are aware about and know about to be able to address like why is this number so much more with such a lower head count? Why was there a \$300 000-payment bonus paid out to employees? and is that reflective in that number those are good questions that citizens have asked over and over again um for for the council who is the fiduciary responsibility I do believe that this is something we should be sharing with citizens and not just accept and report um and asking the uh CFO to be able to go through and do that does not seem to be a burden um and obviously since they did it yesterday for a work session we maybe it should break forum as Mr. DiPiazza says as that presentation should be done at council meetings so that the report is well known as that is the official meeting of the tribe for tribal council is tribal council meetings so you know I'm definitely open to that as well but I do think the information contained therein brings light a lot of questions that citizens have had and a lot of uh misstatements from the the executive side in the Ogema's office specifically on regards to our finances and how our finances look. You can see the response today and the unwillingness to be able to want to comply to be able to give a presentation as garen blaring red flags to me as one council member who looks through the finances to ensure the fiduciary responsibility is upheld and so I guess I think you know it shouldn't be a big talking point a big blow up. This is something very simple a very simple uh operations report financial report to be able to go through and and look at the numbers of where we're at today, but I do defer to my colleagues on on their preference other tribal councilors for discussion? Other councilors for discussion? Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I will say yes that that financial presentation was an open work session so anybody could have been logged into that and taking part in that presentation so it's not something that was dead we had tribal members on that on that presentation so

Speaker Champagne: thank you. Councilor Champagne

Councilor Champagne: yes, I just feel that we say that we're going to be open with our membership but then when we don't want to present the financials that's not shown open um communications to the membership and I think as a member of this tribe not just as a council member but as a member of this tribe that I have a right to what our financials are and where we stand and what our financials are being used for and to hold the people whose um handling the finances accountable for their actions. I mean if they're doing what's right for the tribe, they have no reason not to tell held accountable or to report how the finances are being used. We had a good presentation by accounting yesterday which I

agree, I also agree that the membership should have a right to see this presentation so that they know what's going on after all it is tribal dollars, and it is affecting the tribe so I personally think that we should um share these kinds of reports with our membership that's just this councilor's opinion

Speaker Champagne: Thank you, councilor Champagne, next in queue is councilman Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah, I can agree on that and even though this was on now open uh if I remember correctly there was only a couple members that were on it now I looked at the board here and we got 36 that is on here so we got five sitting here so five to nine is four so instead of 36 that would be uh 32 members that are out there there's a big difference in what was on it who was on the screen yesterday versus uh who's on the screen today. That's my thought I see no problem in it myself because it's taking time out for the people to let the people uh have their view and say I thought that what uh part of the council meeting was that's that's my thought Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: thank you councilmember Wittenberg before we get to the citizens.

Ogema Romanelli: This is the Ogema put me back in

Speaker Champagne: ah sure a response from uh Mr. Romanelli the floor is your sir

Ogema Romanelli: thank you uh I heard you talk about irregularities in our financial numbers was that done by an internal audit from our comptroller?

Speaker Champagne: sir what is your specific your question you're asking?

Ogema Romanelli: yeah, she made the statement that there are many irregularities in our financial statements and I'm wondering where that came from because was it done through an internal audit from your comptroller

Speaker Champagne: There's definitely a appearance of financial irregularities that raise questions that tribal council has raised to the Ogama's office and in the financial report and as Mr. Wheeler has stated you've raised the same concerns every month well as the concerns went back to the Ogema's office those his testimony was yes yes it has so the same concerns raised without any answers so um yes those concerns were over and every single month on a financial report the same appearance of financial irregularities concerns that we've had to be able to bring forth and so you know it's it's concerning to me it's concerning to me and it should be concerned to every single council member and citizen of this tribe

Ogema Romanelli: okay then the CFO is welcome to answer to that... okay maybe the CFO is not on the call right now but um I would think that an internal audit then should be done by your comptroller to justify what's being said here because without that I I have concerns thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you sir and we do have had internal audits raise the concerns brought forth, so I appreciate that um any other councilors for discussion at this time? we'll move on to citizens I'm gonna take it as I seen it come in telephone number 2315648435 you have the floor

Shannon Crampton: yes, thank you Mr. speaker this is Shannon Crampton 1747 can you hear me?

Speaker Champagne: yes Mr. Crampton please proceed

Shannon Crampton: all right thank you um well actually I'm kind of shocked right here because as an ex-council member I have to have been in the situation where the CFO has given us information and then it's not shared with the membership and that gives the opportunity to create division and that he said she said atmosphere and then the other side goes and like they just did like Mr. Romanelli just did he doesn't want to release the information but he wants to create wordsmiths. I applaud the council you are a representative there should be nothing truly that you hear that we do not in fact if you go back to 2008, I believe at this time I'm the only council member that made a motion a resolution to do away with closed session for that particular reason now everybody can wordsmith all they want our council has made a proposal our speakers made a proposal to let us hear the truth so that he said she said goes out the window and we absolutely know the truth thank you Mr. Speaker

Speaker Champagne: thank you sir you still have the floor if you want it otherwise, I'll go on

Ogema Romanelli: you could put the Ogema you back in if you would

Shannon Crampton: I'm done Mr. Speaker thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you uh is it a response to Mr. Crampton's statement Mr. Romanelli or

Ogema Romanelli: yeah, it is

Speaker Champagne: okay and for response Mr. Romanelli

Ogema Romanelli: okay we just said that the CFO presented the financial to the tribal council the tribal council wanted the same thing presented here there's nothing stopping the council from sharing what they have received with the tribal members, and it was an open meeting that tribal members were on and could be on and then therefore there's nothing hidden about it at all I think that again share it you wanted to share your screen share you're free to do it you have all the information you got it from the CFO share the information and you have the recorder is the information sharing person so I think you have everything you need there go ahead and share it thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Romanelli for response with yours obviously I am not a CFO I am not accountant to go through the numbers would not do justice to the report but more than willing we can put the PowerPoint out for digestion next in queue we will go to I'm going to how I seen it citizen miss Sara Agosa then citizen Miss Chelsea Densmore, citizen Mr. Scott Wahr and then miss Vicki

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 this is actually a concern I've had since attending meetings for the last couple years that I feel there has been a lack of transparency and education to members and financials are so important and it's really valuable to um create presentations and publications that are easy for us to understand because not everybody is comfortable reading a financial report so I see real value in that and just treating members better and boosting communication and information and I just wanted to correct something that the Ogema said that quarterly reports have been done which is required by the constitution and that's not true throughout the past couple years I have asked how to obtain these quarterly reports and those quarterly reports have not been done and my final question is about the online gaming tax reimbursement this fund should keep growing and I would love to get a regular update on this fund because this fund could be used um to devote resources to our housing shortage on the reservation right now there's a waiting list for all types of housing so could I get an update how much is in this fund right now thank you

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli would you like the response? That number is contained in the financial report ah PowerPoint presentation that your office put on yesterday

Ogema Romanelli: thank you Ryan

Speaker Champagne: Would you like to respond to citizen Agosa on your report that you presented specifically on the numbers?

Ogema Romanelli: you said you have the numbers go ahead and present them thank you

Speaker Champagne: it's your item that you're presented before tribal council today sir

Ogema Romanelli: thank you Ryan

Speaker Champagne: okay so Mr. Romanelli has chosen not to. Is there the CFO on who would care to respond? Sorry Miss Agosa I think you have very valid questions and very valid statements on this um you know the report does contain those numbers in uh that's why I believe it would be beneficial. Miss. Agosa I'm going to go back to you because you do have a floor you didn't have any of your questions answered

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 well I think it's a grave injustice to me as a member that my elected officials will not answer my questions, they're very straightforward and I have a right to know why the Ogema will not cooperate and doesn't want to share information.

This is a public meeting and it's a great opportunity to share because this is one of our bigger meetings that we've had recently thank you that is my comment

Speaker Champagne: I agree uh

Ogema Romanelli: This is Ogema, and I can answer that

Speaker Champagne: Are you going to answer her question or just make a response sir

Ogema Romanelli: I'm going to make a response

Speaker Champagne: okay

Ogema Romanelli: okay um and again I think she says it's a grave injustice not to answer the questions I agree and that's what was happening last week when I was asking questions of the speaker and all I got was thank you Mr. Romanelli that's not an answer and there are several questions from last week and the week before and from other uh tribal members so my answer today will be thank you miss Agosa and thank you Ryan

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle are you available to assist Miss. Agosa question

Comptroller Pringle: Yeah, I'm listening

Speaker Champagne: uh can you

Comptroller Pringle: yeah, I I can answer that I was waiting

Speaker Champagne: we're gonna do a few things I think um what we're going to do is Mr. Pringle if you'd like to share your screen and go through the PowerPoint presentation um so that it is so they people do know exactly the questions we have and the numbers it shouldn't take too long and I'm sure we have Mr. Romanelli right here to answer those questions so that would be very helpful um and then

Comptroller Pringle: I'm not in a position to share any files I'm at my desk on a phone

Speaker Champagne: okay um can you

Comptroller Pringle: But I can answer Miss. Agosa question

Speaker Champagne: go ahead and then if you can try to make it available to share the information or if madam recorder has and we can and then comptroller general uh if you can go through more of a financial person than myself

Comptroller Pringle: sure, the uh the amount of money that's came in since February of 2021 the balance of the uh tax refund is two million eight hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars

Speaker Champagne: oh, thank you sir

Comptroller Pringle: thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you. Next in queue is citizen miss Chelsea Densmore

Chelsea Densmore: thank you Mr. Speaker Chelsea Densmore 3225, um this has been a long conversation uh this feels incredibly silly you guys could have shared the entire presentation by now in the time that it took the council and the Ogema going back and forth. Um I I think it was just me and Susan Thull that were on the work session yesterday it was literally open um so I don't know why it can't be shared today. I thought it was extremely beneficial. I definitely support some of the stuff being shared more and I think it's a really good idea to share it today and I really appreciate it um so I'm I'm glad that you can do that, I mean at this point you could even share the video that was recorded yesterday and you probably could have gotten through that in the time that you know you guys went back and forth it's really discouraging as a citizen to constantly have to sit through council and the Ogema going back and forth in this battle and I'm not you know blaming anybody it's it's just it's really frustrating as a citizen to have to sit through it um and one thing I will say and um it's especially discouraging to hear the Ogema saying you know I'm not going to answer Sara Agosa because Ryan didn't answer me between the Ogema and the speaker that's between you guys as elected officials you guys can bicker amongst yourselves, but it shouldn't be taken out on the citizens right if Sara has a question that she's asking the Ogema or the speaker whoever that question should be answered right? you guys having your issues should not come into these meetings and it should not come into especially in the middle of citizens so I really hope that should a citizen have a question that it can just be answered, and we can move on professionally um through this but Miigwech for sharing the presentation and hopefully we can move on from this Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: Thank you citizen Densmore. Madam recorder could you share the screen? Is this yours?

Recorder Wolfe: yes, I'm in control of the screen

Speaker Champagne: okay thank you I was just pulling up mine as well I was trying to get it because I think uh citizen Densmore a good job of bringing that to light so I was looking through my emails to get it um Mr. Pringle can you see the screen? you can run through this uh report you know it's uh acceptance of

Recorder Wolfe: He can just come to the chambers

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle? with that I'll go back into the queue um while we wait for Mr. Pringle to make himself available uh telephone number ended in eight four three five you have the floor



Shannon Crampton: Shannon Crampton 1747 and at the last I just want to kind of bring it back to um uh reality because playing nice in the sandbox and never fixing the problem it just elongates it what actually that transpired here today was that I heard was the speaker proposing to give this information to the membership and the executive opposing so I don't see where there was um equal battle I seen one trying to be transparent and one opposing thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you uh going to citizen Miss. Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 just a follow-up question I wasn't exactly clear, so the online gaming tax reimbursement was that accumulative amount like total what we've made or was that just monthly thank you that is my question to Brad

Speaker Champagne: thank you ma'am Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: can she repeat the question please

Sara Agosa: my question is the amount that you gave for the online tax well the online gaming tax reimbursement um you gave the amount of two million eight hundred and sixty-six thousand and I think six hundred ninety-five dollars is that a total amount or is that just a monthly amount

Comptroller Pringle: nope that's the total since February of 2021

Sara Agosa: thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle please let me know when you're ready to go through

Comptroller Pringle: sure, whenever you're ready

Speaker Champagne: okay madam recorder

Councilor DiPiazza: should we amend the agenda?

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza you wish to get in queue this is actually my space asked to go through the presentation as I heard from citizens

Councilor DiPiazza: All I know you can do what you want I'm just saying that's not on the agenda the agenda needs to be amended

Speaker Champagne: is this this was part of the official record Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: all right well it's your party and uh the rest of them should be present a presentation too

Speaker Champagne: well Mr. DiPiazza if you would like to do that, you're more than welcome to. Thank you, Mr. Guenthardt,

Councilor Guenthardt: That's my you're gonna do what the hell you wanna do anyway

Speaker Champagne: all right Mr. Pringle

Ron Pete: This is ridiculous

Speaker Champagne: Vicki you are now warned another outburst into the council meeting will ask you to escort it out

Ron Pete: don't worry I'm leaving anyways you won't call anybody anyway so have it have a good day

Speaker Champagne: madame recorder just escort our Vicki out. All right Mr. Pringle continue on please

Comptroller Pringle: this is the financial highlights this is the cover page um the very first uh power the point says during the month of November of 2021 the tribe received distribution of two million six hundred ninety-two thousand two hundred and eighty-seven dollars from Little River, River casinos October activities which is thirty thousand five hundred sixty-nine dollars more than the two million six hundred and sixty-one thousand seven hundred and eighteen dollars that was budgeted the next line goes on to say year end of the tribe has received yeah, I'm sorry year to date the tribe has received 26 million 885,000 and 10 dollars in distribution which is 5 million 446,705 more than the 21 million 438,305 budgeted

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: yes

Speaker Champagne: on that number I'm just going to recap for councilors we don't have our CFO here but if you recall on that number it looks like there's five million dollars more in distribution uh this year mainly online gaming and things other avenues such as that and cost and savings uh the out of the 22 positions that the Ogema office eliminated which the majority of them were tribal citizens would what do you in this projection that you've seen with this statement would you say there was a budget shortfall that justified the elimination of 22 positions knowing that we paid out 5 million more with the majority of those positions being tribal citizens

Comptroller Pringle: yeah, you know from a 10,000 foot you sure you can absolutely say that but that's from 10,000 feet what what was actually happening at the time you know on those particular days when they were made that decision, I wouldn't have any idea I wasn't there

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle but according to the finances here it looks like that we had a 5 million more in distribution so Mr. Romanelli this is your report um can you explain that at all? Mr. Guenthardt if you have a question as well, we'll defer to you

Ogema Romanelli: okay yeah this is the Ogema. I want to let you know that I take all of this information very serious the budget is very serious that is still pending the financials are very serious and I do take it serious what I don't uh can't agree with is the partial giving of information and not answering questions from the legislative side like I stated from last week and to members that have written to you in emails and get no responses and now act like you're being transparent is not

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli the question posted was you eliminated a proposal of 22 positions the majority is tribal citizens

*Speaker and Ogema was talking at same time in the ZOOM*

Ogema Romanelli: I'm talking about the audits for these financials, and we've had excellent external audits from the time that I became Ogema until now and if you want to get into further audits internally then have Mr. Pringle do an audit of uh the financials

Speaker Champagne: the question sir was

*Speaker and Ogema was speaking in the ZOOM at the same time transcribed what was caught throughout*

Speaker Champagne: You have 5.4 million more in excess that you distribute from the casino there is elimination of 22 positions majority of the tribal citizens that the executive side proposed to the legislative side, and they took action with a re forecasted budget with elimination of those jobs seeing the numbers today was that warranted or is that information misled? I you don't have to answer

Ogema Romanelli: That is not the place. No

Speaker Champagne: This is a council meeting this is the exact place

Ogema Romanelli: you have that information and that could have been asked at the work session when you had the CFO

Speaker Champagne: I did ask the same question

Ogema Romanelli: apparently didn't get

Speaker Champagne: for months

Ogema Romanelli: You didn't get the answer because you didn't ask the question so I'm not I will not get into this uh with you calling that there are serious um irregularities

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle continue on

Ogema Romanelli: I'm not going to get into this I just won't do it, it's a very serious issue and you're making serious allegations without merit thank you

Speaker Champagne: note that you won't refuse you refuse to represent your item. Mr. Pringle continue on with the report. Mr. Guenthardt

Councilor Guenthardt: what you want him or me

Speaker Champagne: you're raising your hand you have a question on the report

Councilor Guenthardt: the 22 jobs that you were talking about that they eliminated that was due to the pandemic back and then when when nobody could come to work and they laid them off you know that's why the elimination of the jobs was it wasn't done other than the pandemics when nobody would come to work and then when they could come to work nobody wants to come back to work nobody wants to come to the office ever where they should be working that's just my opinion

Speaker Champagne: thank you Sir Mr. Pringle continue on please

Comptroller Pringle: uh for comparison for the month of November of 2020 to try to receive 3,954,124 dollars in Distribution as of year-to-date November 2020 the tribe receives 17,941,515 in distribution the second page goes on at the top as of November 2021 total cash was 72,866,406 compared to the total cash balance of October 21 which was 71,706,786 six dollars for an increase of 1,159,620 dollars in cash position the cash balance uh the the cash balance of 37,619,000 dollars and I'm sorry six hundred nineteen thousand thirty-three dollars as of December 31, 2020 so, it's increased since the end of the year by 35,247,373. next paragraph as available of the available cash balance 44,039,782 is restricted for defined purposes through various limitations imposed by tribal council or conditions of federal grants. Sorry Julie. So, the next uh slide goes on to show the cash positions you can see large differences in between the PNC special revenue restrictions you can see large balance and gaining proceeds unrestricted Wells Fargo restricted three-quarters of the way down a large number of variants

Recorder Wolfe: this is the ARP funding account

Comptroller Pringle: okay it looks like ARP was was that put into the PNC special revenue restricted account. So, here's your year to date as of the end of November 30th, 2021, this is your major sources of revenue so rental income is significantly down 582,000 dollars grant revenue is up 11,637 416 about three quarters of the way down

you'll see that online gaming our reimbursement is up the same number we talked earlier 2,866,696 dollars third party revenues lower by 66,600 dollars and divided interest is lower by 35,600 and I'm sorry thirty five thousand eight hundred and thirty six three dollars

Speaker Champagne: and Mr. Pringle just to recap the CFO the question asked the rental income was primarily due to IHS uh program refunded two years back

Comptroller Pringle: Yep

Speaker Champagne: facility

Comptroller Pringle: Yep

Speaker Champagne: and a third-party bill in revenue which we've asked every single month of why it's historically low we are in the month that we are going to lose third-party revenue now as the claims are over a year old it cannot be billed out the CFO has stated that our federal qualified health encounter rate which it alone is over six hundred dollars or about six hundred dollars um is included in this and it does on a yearly end cap of bill and medical assistance and it also includes our blue cross blue shield when we look at only three thousand forty six dollars being billed out and year to date only forty one thousand dollars being billed out for November the question we raised to the CFO over and over again and to the health department which has stated it's due to credentialing of the doctors which the paperwork is has been reported to been sitting on the Ogema's desk. I will pose this question directly to you Mr. Romanelli since I've asked this every single month to your CFO to be able to get an answer why is the billing so incredibly low? and if the paperwork is allegedly sitting on your desk why have you not taken action to get our providers credentialed so we can bill out on these back claims and be financially sustainable in our health care centers?

Ogema Romanelli: keyword there is alleged there is no paperwork that's been sitting on the Ogema's desk for months that's an out and out fabrication and that answer is in an email thank you

Speaker Champagne: so, I'll take that as uh refusing to answer the question that's Okay

Ogema Romanelli: naturally you would

Speaker Champagne: that's my question that I posted every single month uh this is a financial

Councilor DiPiazza: this is a scam

Antonio Romanelli: Shut the hell up Ryan god

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Mr. Romanelli Jr

Antonio Romanelli: uh Mr. Romanelli Jr is Antonio Romanelli tribal id 3954. the Ogema is the Ogema

Speaker Champagne: you are uh interrupting the meeting this

Shannon Crampton: throw him off please

Antonio Romanelli: yeah, and you're an asshole and so are you Shannon

Speaker Champagne: escort him out madam recorder

Councilor Guenthardt: you hit the nail right on the head

Councilor Wittenberg: well, it's better than calling people *can't be heard clearly in the ZOOM*

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Guenthardt would you like to state it specifically for the record

Councilor Guenthardt: no, I just said that hit the nail right on the head

Speaker Champagne: thank you, sir

Councilor Guenthardt: You welcome

Speaker Champagne: okay it's amazing amazing that financials are so passionate. Mr. DiPiazza actually raised these questions on the financials. Mr. Pringle you can continue on

Councilor DiPiazza: yeah, third-party billing absolutely

Speaker Champagne: and you you have not received the answer back

Councilor DiPiazza: I know the answer

Comptroller Pringle: so once again the question was on rental income why it's so much lower this year that is correct last year

Councilor DiPiazza: and once one sits on council that their son's part of that how do you do that last time I got my my rear end handed to me arguing about god dang crystal chandeliers

Speaker Champagne: did you want to be in queue Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm done thank you sorry

Speaker Champagne: All right

Comptroller Pringle: so once again the rental income was down because we received two years of 105L funding um which paid for all the health clinic expenses and the rent so your major expenditures you'll see that salaries and wages are up \$604,717 which drives up your payroll taxes 48,541dollars. employee insurance is down which is a welcome site 372,820 dollars per capita payments are up 4,783,029 dollars capital outlays 2,612,757 dollars. professional fees are up 180,000 and client services are up \$13,999,720 and that's mostly related to the uh the year-end membership uh you know stimulus payment we sent out if it was

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle, and if you remember the CFO when asked why is our salary and wages up with the elimination of 22 jobs the majority of them tribal citizens that were proposed by the Ogema due to the justification in the resolution was a budget shortfall why is that up in 2021 uh I believe the justification came through was three hundred thousand dollar bonus that was paid out to employees by the executive without tribal council approval against our constitution and our ordinance the other reason that was given um was is the five percent pay increase that was not specifically approved by tribal council either that was retroactive to employees uh Mr. Romanelli is that the official statement of the Ogema's office?

Ogema Romanelli: thank you, Ryan

Speaker Champagne: okay so the salary and wages it's a concern and then the other aspect you know why is it up when you eliminate 22 positions so that's that's what we heard back um from the CFO

Ogema Romanelli: you heard incorrectly again; you've heard incorrectly again I can't answer things that are totally off base so that's it

Speaker Champagne: a question why it's up over a million dollars or about a million dollars thank you Mr. Romanelli um I'm sorry telephone number eight four three five you had your hand raised you have a question?

Shannon Crampton: forgot the lower sorry

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle if you want to continue

Comptroller Pringle: insurrection on the client services the name of that uh membership program was pandemic assistance so the last slide here is citizen benefits, so this goes through yeah, the dollar amounts given to tribal citizens per capita distribution \$8,518,151. Elder supplemental insurance 772,288 dollars. Contract health 549,912 dollars Education 355,654 dollars. Membership assistance 454,895 dollars. EHAP program 347,595 dollars. Tribal activities 54,254 dollars. Housing 56,513 dollars. ARP assistance payments 16,707,536 and elder meals at 208,26374

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle uh that would conclude the financial presentation uh any discussion from uh citizens or councilors at this time if not I'd entertain a motion to approve the financial report ah citizen Miss Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 so I'll try to make it quick um, but I just wanted to go back to third party billing and the Ogema said that the answer is in the email and again I just feel like that's an injustice to me as a member because I would have appreciated a response and then I just wanted clarification on what Gary said about crystal chandeliers what he meant by that, and my last question is with tribal activities what does that include thank you those are my questions

Speaker Champagne: thank you citizen Agosa, so I'll go first to uh Mr. Romanelli if you care to answer it's your item. okay tribal council meetings are the official meetings of the tribe where this dialogues are to occur like Saturday meetings Mr. DiPiazza care to respond

Councilor DiPiazza: I can the chandelier since I was the main subject of abuse that day um I sat on the construction task force and there was uh a req order that was coming through for some crystal chandeliers for the Muskegon um office down there the medical center which I was blowing a cork over because that's not right and it was taken out of context and all kinds of cool stuff because somebody's hiding outside the door right here listening to the whole conversation when I was extremely upset so yeah it wasn't yeah that's all I'm gonna say the problem was that, that individual had connections with the clinic so where do you go with things like that when there's a problem and somebody's sitting here. I don't know I could get into trouble for that but that's my right to question them things and do them things but it turned into a five alarm fire mainly getting it my rear end in the sling for questioning why and how much and the bronze statues and just all kinds of things that I don't feel or yeah that's just me then again I drive an old hooptie anyways so I don't have a new car either so anyway that's the best I can tell you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. DiPiazza I believe there's one more question Miss Agosa? maybe Mr. Pringle might be able to answer on services those could be human health services, um even energy assistance um payment all those types of things but there's probably a list. Mr. Pringle would you like to add to that response

Comptroller Pringle: yeah, unfortunately I'm not sure what's actually in that tribal council and I don't want to speak out of line on it

Speaker Champagne: thank you so you're correct it would be best suited for the person who has presented this item the Ogema's office if you care to respond? seeing no response E435 you have the floor.

Shannon Crampton: Shannon Crampton 1747 um well, I would respond to Mr. DiPiazza that I would report that to the chief uh law enforcement officer which would be the



Ogema secondly more specifically to Sara Agosa's question when I first was elected in my first term in 2005 when I came to Little River I would absolutely I mean this is the one thing that made me fall on my knees in shock at all the mismanagement that I saw that we got 400 and some odd dollars for the year in third-party billing I I I I almost had a meltdown the third-party building makes up three quarters of the tribes budget I cannot express to the membership what really has transpired here for so long it's not just the doctor I've got no love lost there but I've got no reason to lie it's not that doctor's fault historically it's been abysmal it's probably been the worst I've ever seen in Indian country ever I was shocked it is getting better but historically it's just horrible and that's the answer your question thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Crampton. I do have the hand raised I guess uh you know the financial report brings up a lot of questions that have not been answered by the Ogema's office the third party billing is incredibly low compared to other tribes that some tribes make for comparison tribes the same size our tribe are making anywhere from 12 to 14 million dollars in third-party revenue for their health and dental clinics and pharmacies. So, I think it's something that the executive side does need to address regards to the construction that is an executive function Mr. DiPiazza sitting on the construction task force I'm not sure if that was done by resolution or motion because the resolution, I seen had to do with uh uh specifically uh the government commd shack I thought um but maybe somehow it's been amended the version I don't have but as a task force member you definitely would question those and who's signing the purchase orders to allow for such if it's not part of the scope or plans that's part of a task force member to bring forward to council an official capacity an official meeting um so uh probably not whispering with colleagues behind closed doors and making rude comments but more so bringing official actions saying financial concern of such and so I think you know that's that's something as a task force member why we have council members on task force for that. so, I do would entertain a motion at this time to accept the financial report I think it's the best we're gonna get without having answers on to their questions going back into queue uh Sara Agosa then eight four three five and madame recorder Wolfe then council member DiPiazza

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 so

Shannon Crampton: I apologize I'll take my hand down

Sara Agosa: I'm just a bit unclear with the crystal chandeliers and I think I heard bronze statues were those actually purchased for the Muskegon clinic?

Councilor Guenthardt: yep

Councilor DiPiazza: yes, they were

Sara Agosa: are they going to be returned I mean that doesn't seem appropriate for a clinic to have that type of those type of of furnishings

Councilor DiPiazza: that was my opinion of the situation but um that's not how it turned out because I was the enemy that day

Sara Agosa: so, what is tribal council going to do or do we still have these in possession?

Councilor DiPiazza: they've already been installed and plus they had to have a change order to change the roof structure to hold the Chandeliers so that cost more money

Sara Agosa: so how much total was charged for this project for the chandeliers and statues?

Councilor DiPiazza: That's public document so we are good it's no secret about like 40 grand on the chandeliers another three or four or five thousand if remember right to restructure the ceiling to hold the chandelier, about 17 grand for some bronze statues

Sara Agosa: so, 40 grand total for the chandeliers the statues and the redesign

Councilor DiPiazza: About 60ish I guess somewhere in there, but we can't have a god dang shot clinic or anything or testing, I don't know where we are going with this so

Speaker Champagne: yeah, I think Mr. DiPiazza is trying to call to order if I hear it correctly even though he's the one who raised this thing that is not included in the financial report, but I gave latitude because he was making those comments, I figured he wanted to explain his statements versus taken out of context but um there's no there was none of the funds listed into this in the financial Report

Sara Agosa: where can tribal members get more information about this project; I don't think that's right uh a health clinic doesn't usually have furnishings like that

Speaker Champagne: it would definitely be underneath the executive side and the task force that Mr. apparently DiPiazza sits on I'm not sure, if it's created by resolution or motion

Sara Agosa: well, that was my other question Mr. Speaker I'll make it quick, but I've never heard of a construction task force before and I'd like to know also who's on it?

Speaker Champagne: we can make a request and to have the information shared Mr. DiPiazza keeps raising his hand so if he has one readily available, he might be able to share that right away for you

Councilor DiPiazza: I was going to share, I have the resolution here but

Sara Agosa: what is the resolution number?

Councilor DiPiazza: well, the last one the only one I could find was like 1906.05 150 there's a couple others that perceive that but for some reason I couldn't locate them this morning my fingers were slow, it was cold, I'm old I don't know out of coffee

Speaker Champagne: madam recorder you are next in queue we're going down a rabbit hole here go-ahead ma'am

Recorder Wolfe: I do believe for clarification to the membership the construction task force is the CFO um Dale Magoon, councilor DiPiazza, councilor Guenthardt, councilor Wittenberg and then also I believe Steve Parson is involved and Ken LaHaye would be involved on their specific project um but other than that, if there's no more discussion on acceptance of the report

**I'll make a motion acceptance of financial report for November 2021**  
by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg

Speaker Champagne: thank you madame recorder you have support for the motion raised by madam recorder

Councilor Wittenberg: I support

Speaker Champagne: all right support by councilor Wittenberg discussion of the motion on the floor? discussion of the motion on the floor? seeing no discussion motion on the floor madam recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #4**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes	
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

*Talking in the background*

Speaker Champagne: I do call to order Mr. DiPiazza Mr. Guenthardt you are not allowed to speaker while the votes are going on sir. Mr. Wittenberg while the votes are going on we cannot speak

Councilor DiPiazza: Where are we at?

Recorder Wolfe: motion to accept financial report for November 2021

*Goes back to roll call*

Five in favor four against motion to accept the report has been accepted

Speaker Champagne: thank you madam recorder. We move on to the next item of business

## V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

### A. Binojeeuk Commission Dec 2021 Nov 2021

there's two reports here that's been shared one here and one closed session for those two reports. They were delayed due to the time in the holiday season so they're here today. Discussion on the acceptance of the commission for children's committee commission? entertain a motion ah to accept that report

Councilor Lewis: **I'll make a motion to accept Binojeeuk commission for December 2021 November 2021**

Speaker Champagne: thank you councilor Lewis support by councilor Champagne discussion on the motion madam recorder

Recorder Wolfe: I was going to make the motion

Speaker Champagne: okay any discussion on the motion of the floor? any discussion on the motion of the floor from councilors or citizens? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

#### Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Councilor DiPiazza: I hope for a screen share on all these commissions and everything now

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor reports for November and December has been accepted

Speaker Champagne: thank you, madam recorder, I I do have to remind council uh specifically Councilmember DiPiazza there is no talking when you actually are casting the vote as the one time that you are not able to make comments um as per our regulations so thank you for adhering to that councilmember DiPiazza and councilmember Guenthardt who were struggling here today with that we're on to

### B. Enrollment Commission Nov 2021

Any discussion on the item here today for enrollment commission for November 2021?  
Miss Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 I just want to make sure is Shannon still in the meeting

Shannon Crampton: yes, I am

Sara Agosa: okay thank you

Speaker Champagne: okay um let's limit our discussions to to items on the floor uh we are enrollment commission November 2021 uh if there's no discussion on this item from citizens or councilors at this time, I'd entertain a motion to accept this report

Councilor Johnson: **I make a motion to accept the enrollment uh commission report for November 2021**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Champagne: thank you. We have a motion made by miss Johnson councilor Johnson support by councilmember Wittenberg. Discussion of motion on the floor? discussion of motion on the floor from citizens or Councilors? discussions on the floor? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder roll call

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #6**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Enrollment commission November 2021 report has been accepted

Speaker Champagne: we're in the next area which is

**C. Gaming Commission**                       **Dec 2021**

any discussion on this item? Discussion on this item? I would entertain a motion um motion on this item at this time

Councilor Johnson: **I'll make a motion to accept the gaming commission report for December 2021**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Champagne: councilor Johnson thank you councilor Wittenberg have a motion made by councilor Johnson to support by councilor Wittenberg. Discussion on the motion on the floor from Councilors or citizens? citizen Miss Sara Agosa, you have the floor

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 I did send an email to tribal council um specifically to Julie Wolfe and Tom who are the liaisons for the gaming commission from what I understand from the website, and I just wondered if my concern has been reviewed and when I might receive a Response?

Recorder Wolfe: I didn't receive anything when did you send that Sara because I don't believe I received anything in regard to the gaming commission

Sara Agosa: I'll go ahead and resend it later today thank you

Recorder Wolfe: did you have a copy, Tom?

Councilor Guenthardt: I'm looking

Recorder Wolfe: Pam Johnson is also a gaming commissioner liaison

Speaker Champagne: thank you. Any discussion from councilors or citizens on this item? I do have long-standing concerns over the gaming commission um detail of their their minutes and how much of it is uh relayed to council I have ongoing concern of how they do their reported and lack thereof um to tribal council and that they do not believe the commission uh is reported uh to this council as their reports uh have yet to this date never come to the speaker since I've been there so, it is a concern the other commissions I do not notice the same concerns and that's the reason I vote no for this every single month on theirs because these concerns still go unaddressed by the gaming commission, I believe the chair of that gaming commission is Mr. Bill Willis our budget manager um for the Ogema and I think you know um those concerns fall in deaf ear with that commission and it's it's getting con it's uh needless to say, I think that we can really raise the bar here and do a better job so, I will once again be voting no on that and I'd like to explain sometimes why vote no versus just doing so citizen Miss Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 that is my concern as well and I sent this email to council and specifically the recorder and Tom um I wasn't aware that Pam Johnson was liaison so I will include her but I also sent it to all of council including the comptroller the title is gaming commission bylaws and resolution 20-0212-053 in the email I expressed concerns with the freedom the gaming commission has been given specifically approving their own resolutions which I don't feel is in compliance with our constitution and it looks as though this change was made under the tenure of the prior council and I also have concerns that I feel it's really important that tribal council does approve all resolutions and ordinances another benefit is that it's on the agenda so that members are always aware of what's being approved so, I do not agree with this resolution and that's why I was writing council I think this should be reviewed and I will go ahead and resend it again later today thank you

Speaker Champagne: for response Miss Agosa I agree 100% with the words that you shared today those are my identical concerns um when we see a commission be able to create their own and given their body to be able to act independently and then stating that you know they don't actually, report to the body that creates someone invested in the constitution of who they're an arm of council they're not acting as such when they see them recreating the job descriptions to give a \$23,000 raise with no justification on a structure but it's done through a commission level and not even addressed at the council um and and to create a position that is not warranted just to give a higher title change to allow for a 23 plus thousand dollar 22 plus thousand dollar pay increase I find that concerning I find a commission doing such like that very very concerning I'm not sure all the commissioners who sit on that but I can tell you is that those actions do not sit well with me and I've bring brought those actions up to the budgetary process I brought them

up directly to the commission and we continuously have the same uh concerns um not being addressed I just want to reiterate that I'm 100% in support of your statement thank you for making such uh Mr. Crampton your next in queue

Shannon Crampton: thank you Mr. Speaker um Shannon Crampton 1747 and that's been a long outstanding concern of mine and I can send the council the minutes where I actually questioned Ms. Maser about their ramping up of their qualifications for licensing because I asked them if it was the standard in Indian country or if they were different and, in the minutes, Mr. Willis ran to the microphone and you should read his explanation anyway, what I noticed in my personal opinion my personal opinion was that they were getting twisted to ramp up against political opponents so, I would really appreciate if this council would look at that the prior council you know had sway they had the five votes there's a lot of things you should look at Mr. Speaker thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you, Mr. Crampton, Citizen Miss Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 well I just want to communicate and and share that in our tribal state gaming compact it does state that tribal council is the governing body who acts by tribal council resolution and tribal ordinance and I think that's really important and something that's been left out of the dialogue to make sure that we're aligned with the tribal state gaming compact and what it says and just an additional concern I have is that from what I understand reading the gaming ordinance and gaming commission ordinance that employees under the ogema are not supposed to be on the gaming commission and right now, there are several employees who have dual roles and also, too I would like tribal council to address this immediately and just to make sure that we're completely aligned with these very important ordinances thank you that is my comment

Speaker Champagne: thank you, ma'am. Madam recorder Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe: just for sara's information and she can bring those questions forward to the gaming commission itself uh via doesn't have to go to the liaisons all the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's gaming commission meeting next scheduled is for January 25<sup>th</sup> um the meetings always happen on Tuesday at 5:30 all meetings are held via teleconference until further notice the open session portion of gaming commission meetings are generally, begins at 5:30 p.m. but is subject to change please call area code 231-273-7355 to confirm the open session meeting time and to get the information necessary to participate in the open session conference call that's my comment thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you, madam recorder, citizen Miss Sara Agosa you have your hand raised I seen another hand raised but I don't see it now

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 thanks for the information but I feel it's more appropriate for tribal council to address this we do have three liaisons and to me right now, there are commissioners sitting on the gaming commission who are employed under the Ogema's area and how do I approach the gaming commission with complaints when the gaming commission itself is not even in compliance with their own ordinance so, I would like to

request that tribal council and especially the three liaisons address these issues thank you that is my comment

Speaker Champagne: thank you Miss Agosa, I think you are right, you know there are liaisons for a reason to bring concerns back and to be able to address it with the commission that's why they are the liaison that goes both ways to communication any other Discussion? I'd entertain a motion at this time if so, be it Mr. DiPiazza

Recorder Wolfe: would you like roll call? there is a motion already on the floor

Speaker Champagne: oh, I apologize there's a madam recorder a Mr. DiPiazza you're raising your hand

Councilor DiPiazza: yeah, I did I was gonna say the commission report does give all the commissioners that right on the top so um also if council is voting on some of these items which presents a problem because you do need a gaming license if I'm not mistaking to vote on gaming items so I don't even know how many people nowadays can get a gaming license I don't know that question I know some can I don't know if everybody can I I don't know anyways that's what you need to be cautious about on a gaming commission so once you're voting on some of these items like vendors or slot machines or things of that order you're gonna need a gaming license. I'm done thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you and uh just for the record that's not a legal opinion that's just a you know councilor that correct Mr. DiPiazza is that a legal opinion we have?

Councilor DiPiazza: that's my opinion I guess if you want to call it legal or whatever I it doesn't matter to me

Speaker Champagne: no just I didn't know that was the legal opinion that we received from a tribe

Councilor DiPiazza: if I have am I a licensed uh lawyer then no it would not be

Speaker Champagne: thank you, miss Sara Agosa

Councilor DiPiazza: Take it how you want to

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 that was actually a really good point and I just read about that last night in the gaming commission ordinance article 5 appointment of gaming commissioners it does say that the tribal council liaison may temporarily serve as a voting commissioner and further states that the temporary liaison commissioners must pass the background check requirement um and also attend training so I just wondered and I guess this question is posed to the three liaisons have they passed a gaming license and completed the training in accordance with the ordinance thank you that is my question

*Councilors talking amongst each other but couldn't be heard clear in the ZOOM*



Speake Champagne: Any councilors wish to Respond?

Councilor Guenthardt: I had a PMO. I was a PMO for 20 years at the casino

Speaker Champagne: okay any other liaisons which respond

Councilor Johnson: my background was done as well um being that I was still employed there come the very beginning of July, so my background was already in process to done to renew my license in case my uh in case the swearing-in didn't happen for whatever delays and stuff so I had already started redoing my background checks so my stuff has already been done recently

Speaker Champagne: Thank you

Recorder Wolfe: I'll put myself in queue. I am eligible for a gaming license but no I do not currently have one I do not believe that the gaming commission can license government employees or elected officials

Councilor Johnson: that's true

Speaker Champagne: that's that was my point why I made a comment madam recorder with Mr. DiPiazza's statement um you know we have legal opinions that more support what your statement was all right we we do I would ask for a roll call we have had a good discussion on this item madame recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #7**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Seven in favor two against report for December 2021 has been accepted from the gaming commission

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder we're in the next item

**D. Health Commission**

None submitted

as a liaison for that there were some issues with scheduling, we are down health commissions there is three members the recorder had uh been out as well throughout the holiday season and so we hope to have uh minutes coming up forthright any discussion from that item? Any discussion on that item moving on to then

**E. Housing Commission**

Dec 2021

any discussion on the housing commission? any discussion on the housing commission from councilors are citizens? seeing none we can I'd entertain a motion to accept that report madam recorder

**Councilor Lewis: I'll make a motion to accept the housing commission report  
December 2021**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Champagne: Councilor Lewis made the motion councilmember Wittenberg for support madam recorder discussion

Recorder Wolfe: I'll decline to comment thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you um any discussion on this item? seeing no discussion on this item madam recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #8**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Nine in favor December 2021 housing commissioners report is accepted.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder moving on to the next item of

**F. Natural Resource Commission  None submitted**

any discussion on this Item? any discussion on this item?

Councilor DiPiazza: oh, just uh yeah, I'll put my hand up

Speaker Champagne: Go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: I had a meeting Monday finally didn't have one in uh December or last week because uh I can't remember anyways, we gotta the November minutes will be probably yeah, everything will be caught up at the next month's meeting because December, we didn't have one because uh holidays and I can't remember, I can't remember anyways that's all I have but that's where I'm at

Speaker Champagne: thank you sir. We move on to the next item which is

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

**A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report  December 2021**

any discussion from tribal councilors on this? any discussion from tribal councilors on this? any discussion from anyone? I'd entertain a motion if someone is so moved. I'd entertain a motion? last call I'll entertain a motion? madam recorder

**Recorder Wolfe: I'll make a motion to accept Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for December 2021**

Councilor Guenthardt: support

Speaker Champagne: motion made by madam recorder support by councilman Wittenberg. discussion on the motion? it might be beneficial to read the numbers onto the record

Recorder Wolfe: um I think we need to correct the support was from Guenthardt

Speaker Champagne: oh, it wasn't my apologies so we I thought I heard Wittenberg and Johnson so, my apologies um councilor Guenthardt for support

Councilor DiPiazza: screen share it

Speaker Champagne: I don't have the report in front of me Mr. DiPiazza but you do

Recorder Wolfe: you really want it?

Speaker Champagne: no, I was just asking uh if anyone wanted to share the numbers of what our preferences has have they went up have they stayed the same have they went down it might be good for citizens to know I don't know if there's a representative. I see assistant general manager miss Connie Waitner would you would you be able to represent this item for the preference report on the numbers

Connie Waitner: um speaker I would prefer not to because I'm here listening as a citizen today but I I can comment as I remember a couple meetings ago there was a full report that was given to council and discussed openly at one of our meetings um and that was just like two three weeks ago so I'm sure that the numbers have not changed much and I don't have the actual preference numbers and oh somebody posted them so there you go you've got them right there

Speaker Champagne: thank you I just seen you on, so I didn't know if you're representing this item thank you miss Waitner. Okay so we have

Recorder Wolfe: you want to read them for the record or share screen it

Speaker Champagne: yeah, for for the record we have um natives of a total of 593 employees 22 are native meaning from enrolled in their federally recognized other tribes uh 456 don't follow any preference category for tribal citizens there are 76 for spouse is 16 in descendant there is 23. What we see is a reduction in by 2 from November to December and so that is uh and then we have from 2020 it went from 82 and we're down now to 76. So, a very small number of our citizens employed in our enterprise. All right any other discussion on this item? any discussion on the item? seeing none roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #9**

T. Guenthardt -Yes

C. Champagne -Yes

P. Johnson - Yes

N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Nine in favor Little River Casino Preference Report for December 2021 has been accepted

Speaker Champagne: thank you ma'am the next area of business is

**B. Biskaabiiyang Committee**  None submitted

Any discussion on that item? I think Ms. Johnson you are a liaison for that Or Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor Johnson: um yeah and um I am what so, john I didn't go to the last meeting unfortunately, did you go to the last meeting?

Councilor Wittenberg: Which one?

Councilor Johnson: uh the culture committee, are you still on it?

Councilor Wittenberg: No

Councilor Johnson: and Gary is in the bathroom um

Speaker Champagne: okay so no discussion on this item move on

## VII. Old Business

### A. Payment of 2022 dues to the National Indian Gaming Association

Payment of 2022 dues- Postponed until budget is approved

So, we move on right past that to

## VIII. New Business

### A. Authorizing the Ogema's Execution of the Tribe's Master Service Agreement with the Conservation Resource Alliance for Pere Marquette River Habitat Restoration and Protection

Collaborative project between LRBOI Natural Resources and Conservation Resource Alliance to restore and protect Pere Marquette River habitat.

this is being brought forth by the Ogema's office with biologist Archie Martell and I also seen director Beaver in attendance I'll turn it over to you gentlemen thank you for presentation. it did have a work session before council this week

Archie Martell: thank you Mr. Speaker um director Beaver had to um leave for a different meeting at this point in time so I will be presenting this item um yeah this is a grant funded um project that we are bringing forward um in collaboration with the conservatory's conservation resource alliance it is a habitat protection and restoration project on the Pere Marquette river upstream from the Custer property that the that the tribe owns um this is to address um habitat degradation um bank erosion um right near a

railroad grade um so we're looking to restore that habitat um enhance the flood plains so that when we do get high water events we are not um having as much energy being dispersed into that bank and causing further erosion um and one of the main concerns is that you know if we do have a railroad derailment at this location and as a crow flies it's approximately 20 about 20 miles upstream from the um Custer property so if anything happens at that location is going going to affect the that property there and we're just looking to be proactive to protect the tribal lands and also to enhance um the habitat there so that we're protecting the resources for tribal citizens and and their uses

Speaker Champagne: thank you uh biologist Martell does that conclude your presentation of this item?

Archie Martell: uh yes it does, and I'd be happy to answer any questions

Speaker Champagne: okay once up before we get to that any tribal councilors which to abstain from this item? any tribal councilors which to abstain from this item? let's call any tribal councilors wish to abstain from this item? okay seeing none open up for discussion. Councilor Champagne

Councilor Champagne: I'm sorry my mute didn't want to come off yes, I I would suggest that we postpone this until we get an approved budget

Speaker Champagne: councilor Champagne is that a motion that you're making for clarification?

Councilor Champagne: yes, **I make a motion to postpone until we have an approved budget**

Speaker Champagne: we have a motion on the floor to postpone until uh approve of the 2022 budget

Councilor Lewis: support

Speaker Champagne: we have support by councilor Lewis. discussion in the motion on the floor? councilor Champagne first in queue

Councilor Champagne: I'm sorry I didn't take my hand down

Speaker Champagne: second in queue is myself um once again, we have a resolution that was passed part of the budget and appropriations act capital outlay projects um to be able to be uh put on held these are grant dollars but I think it is the spirit intent of the law to be able to encourage continuing on with negotiations to approve and adopt the 2022 budget so I'm in favor of this as well. Any other discussion from tribal councilors? any discussion from councilors or citizens? any discussion for councilors or citizens? Seeing none madam recorder roll call

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #10**

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Six in favor three against the item has been postponed until approved budget

Speaker Champagne: thank you madam recorder move on to the next item of business. Thank you, Mr. Martell. I'll move on to the next area approval expenditure uh oops my apologies New business

**B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Internal audit report for Housing Department**

Accepting the Internal Audit results

um this is uh introduction into the item that is uh recently sent to tribal council the comptroller general does produce reports through legislative administration as the checks and balances at this time for the presentation of the item I will also defer to comptroller general Mr. Brad Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: good afternoon, Council

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza are you requesting a presentation, we can have that

Councilor DiPiazza: well, you just demonstrated earlier that's how these are going to go so have at it

Speaker Champagne: if you would like a presentation, we can definitely do that for you sir

Councilor DiPiazza: Um I don't care which way you go but you need to stay on the same plane and not jump back and forth so if this is an audit should the members be uh having the uh you know

Speaker Champagne: thank you and unlike when you were on recorder this council the majority of this council has moved all audits into open session unlike the previous council that you were a part of, so I believe in true transparency so I will ask Mr. Pringle to to move that forward um on a presentation want to share your screen Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: once again I don't, I don't have the screen I'll have to send the email to Julie we'll have to open it in the uh in the room

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: said I appreciate the shot across the bow I'm not even gonna go there other than uh you talk about transparency and the god dang budgets are still in a closed environment whether they were approved or not approved or vetoed or abstained

or whatever they are still in a closed environment so, when you talk about transparency, please be transparent

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza did you make a motion to move those items into open session you are a council member

Councilor DiPiazza: I can't do it right now

Speaker Champagne: oh well did you do it last week there you go

Councilor DiPiazza: You haven't done it

Speaker Champagne: we're gonna go out in queue the next queue is eight four three five

Recorder Wolfe: Brad I have the report if you want to come to the chambers

Comptroller Pringle: okay thank you

Shannon Crampton: uh this is Shannon Crampton 1747 what I would like to explain is that um budgets that are in closed come out or we have no budget the members get to see them so, it's not like they'll be in there forever thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Crampton uh we are on the topic item Mr. DiPiazza did request Mr. Pringle to go over his audit I am in favor of that because I feel that that is uh is actually a good standard practice so thank you, Mr. DiPiazza, for recommending that because this is the checks and balance system of being fiduciary responsible Mr. Pringle are you prepared? and I'm sorry for the short notice uh obviously on this one Mr. DiPiazza didn't request this when we had a work session as I did request uh the CFO when he had his work session for presentation to be prepared to present for a council so, thank you for going the extra mile, Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: can anybody hear us?

Speaker Champagne: yes sir

Comptroller Pringle: perfect this particular internal audit was uh for housing for the 10 35 this was budget to spend comparison you'll see that on the front page. Julie's going to scroll up to the next page. The top of the next page goes through the objectives and the descriptions the internal audit of the housing department budget 1035 so, it's budget to spend per the internal audit schedule to ensure compliance with budgetary and accounting standards found in tribal regulations and ordinances so, audit scope contains six items I looked at review the budget appropriations act review the 2020 housing department budget review and audit of 2020 housing department expenses review housing department revenue audit any budgetary lines that have large expenditures or overspend or is overspent review the 2020 through the May 2021 housing department reports to the Ogema and reviewed the audited and accounts payable transactions so, under the findings

you'll see that the we reviewed the budget appropriations act found no issues as it was related to the housing department reviewed budget appropriations regulations purchasing and procurement found no issues. As pertains to the housing department reviewed accounting policy and procedures manual 5.1.7 small procurement placing orders found no issues pertaining to the housing department audited the 2020 housing department budget found no issues did the actual making of the budget and where the budget dollars are at. I audited the housings budget expenditures on the documents below and MIP software so I printed off what's in our MIP software for budgetary dollars and compared it to the actual budget that can be found on page 57 of the year-end report of the CFO's pertaining to 1035 tribal office I'm sorry tribal housing budget. I audited all line items and compared to the budget I found no overspent on any of the line items next the several lines of the item have historically too much money allocated to them housing should consider revising the 2022 budget to reflect potential savings so you'll see that uh the budgetary line item 5130 employee insurance they budgeted 163,519 and they spent \$54,124.00 in 2020 I'm sorry they spent 54,352.00 dollars so, there is a potential there for to save some money if we didn't over budgeted that line item 5602 supplies the original budget amount was fifteen thousand dollars their overall spend in 2019 was 678 dollars and in 2020 was 835 dollars 5306 which is books and reference materials the original budgeted amount was fifteen thousand dollars their overall spend in 2019 was zero dollars and in 2020 it was zero dollars so, so we identified some areas where we could actually take some money out of that budget potentially and put that money somewhere where maybe you know put to better use. We reviewed the December 2020 and the May 2021 housing department report to the Ogema and found no issues. We reviewed the 2020 rental budgets rental revenue was under four was under four hundred thousand dollars the budget was three hundred and thirty-three thousand three hundred and seventy-one considering housing considering housing does not have any empty houses and non-payments due to COVID related issue revenue was down 9.2 percent. I audited 10 accounts payable records found several issues with employees not signing vendor receipts for payment. The tribe's small procurement policy does not require signatures on receipt for these payments. I reviewed a seven thousand seventy-dollar custom sheet metal work in heating order that was signed by the director appears to have a five-thousand-dollar signature limit. I was able to retrieve a check request that was signed by the leads so that covered that particular issue so, the recommendation was tribal executive management to review the above findings overall the tribal housing division did a good job uh controlling their expenses for the budgeted years and that was presented to council and the Ogema on September 7th, and we also covered it on January 11th in an open session meeting an open session court session

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle um and just for the record on there looking at those historical and high spends is something that this council did throughout the budgetary process as highlighted in this audit show that um for the patent the cushion on the the budgets are not there but looking at actual spend its very useful data when making budgets as we still continue on for the 2022 budget that does conclude um our presentation on this item. We've opened up for discussion at this time. I see 8435 you have your hand raised



Shannon Crampton: sorry I'll lower it

Speaker Champagne: any discussion with councilors or citizens at this time? Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: is there any resolutions on these items?

Speaker Champagne: there is not

Councilor DiPiazza: What's that?

Speaker Champagne: you're saying the process a motion to accept them?

Councilor DiPiazza: well, it says resolution approval but uh there're no resolutions in the packets on any of these items

Speaker Champagne: it would be a motion to accept I'm not sure, where you're looking at is that where where you see resolution of approval?

Councilor DiPiazza: right on the agenda

Speaker Champagne: I'm looking at the agenda and it says acceptance of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit report for housing department acceptance of internal audit results

Councilor DiPiazza: It says resolution approval

Councilor Guenthardt: right on the form

Councilor DiPiazza: Right on the form that you signed

Speaker Champagne: okay so, it looks like we have an admin uh mistake. Thank you for touching that housekeeping matter

Councilor DiPiazza: There all the same way

Councilor Guenthardt: All four there all the same

Speaker Champagne: you know we can definitely postpone and have the correct paperwork through for a motion to accept um because these are accepted by motion not by resolution

Councilor DiPiazza: Ok

Speaker Champagne: or you can, or you can make it, or a councilor can make a motion on the floor to be able to uh take that out housekeeping mistake. At this point at this point I'm gonna entertain a motion on this item if there's no further discussion?

Recorder Wolfe: I think we're unsure if we're just accepting the report or we're providing a resolution?

Speaker Champagne: we're not providing a resolution it would either be a motion to accept a report, or you can motion postpone if you have an issue with the paperwork before saying a resolution to approve

Recorder Wolfe: Mr. Pringle said he submitted resolution

Speaker Champagne: He said he submitted resolutions?

Comptroller Pringle: yeah, I I did submit resolutions I was under the impression they had to be approved by resolution

Speaker Champagne: oh no they're approved by motion

Comptroller Pringle: ok

Councilor DiPiazza: you guys don't know This? okay

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion to postpone till we get the resolution numbers on these

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Councilor Guenthardt: Till we get it straightened out

*Councilors talking in the background in the ZOOM*

Speaker Champagne: so, one second Mr. DiPiazza Mr. Guenthardt does have the floor for this please be respectful to Mr. Guenthardt. Mr. Guenthardt

Councilor DiPiazza: absolutely I won't interject any more I'll just watch the training

Councilor Guenthardt: I made a motion to postpone until we get the resolution numbers for the approval for it

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Councilor Guenthardt: all of them

Speaker Champagne: clarification Mr. Guenthardt motion for on E

Councilor Guenthardt: **Postpone acceptance of Litte River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit report for housing department until we get the resolution number.**

Speaker Champagne: thank you and is there support on the motion on the floor

Councilor Wittenberg: support

Speaker Champagne: support by council Wittenberg. Discussion the motion on the floor this one or uh I don't know if councilmember DiPiazza is raising his hand, but Mr. Pringle was that your hand raising?

Comptroller Pringle: uh should we just do uh uh to postpone all four of them now so, we don't have to do double presentations in the next two weeks

Speaker Champagne: no, we we'll have to go through each and every one of them

Comptroller Pringle: ok

Speaker Champagne: there not lumped together their separate items. Discussion of the motion on the floor? well, I do apologize for having this misunderstanding, it is acceptance by motion not by resolution. I do not believe it needs to be postponed this item can be accepted by motion as according to budget according to our meeting procedures ordinance um and so it's really uh I think uh looking just to cause um an issue it can be read on the record as it has been done right there I'll address it with our administration team to ensure we don't have for future issues in the future I take full responsibility for bringing that forth my sincere apologies tribal council but I do not believe that we need to postpone. madam record Wolfe do you have your hand raised?

Recorder Wolfe: so, the motion that we're voting on is to postpone the report until we have resolutions and you're saying a resolution is unnecessary, so I don't believe that how do we do the motion? That's the motion on the floor and what is supported until we have resolutions and by your statement is conflicting that resolutions are not necessary

Speaker Champagne: and that's why we raised the perfect argument why it's not voting for I'm not in support of this but by motion we do have a motion on the floor. Further discussion motion on the floor? Further discussion on motion on floor? Seeing none madam recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #11**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

six in favor three against item has been postponed

Speaker Champagne: thank you madam recorder. Move on to the next item

**C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Internal audit report for Tribal Court Budget**

Accepting the Internal Audit results

This item is from administration of the legislative branch except for its internal audit results this has been previously presented to tribal council in a work session um Mr. DiPiazza has requested that these be present here today as well. I think that is good practice. We have Mr. Pringle available Mr. Pringle um as co-presenter on this item can you please present the item

Comptroller Pringle: Want to pull it up. All right cover sheet shows that this is an internal audit for tribal court budget and expenses determine compliance with accounting standards. So, our objective in scope is an internal audit of the 1015 -150 tribal court budget and expenses per the internal audit schedule to ensure compliance with accounting standards found in the budget and appropriations act of 2013 of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. So, the audit scope there's five of them we're going to review the budget appropriations act of 2013 we're going to review the 2020 1015- 150 tribal court budget we're going to review the 2020 1015 -150 tribal court spending expenses we're going to randomly audit budgetary line items and we're going to review the accounts payable records. You'll see we reviewed the budget and appropriations act as it retains the tribal court found no issues. We audited and reviewed the 2020 tribal court budget worksheet with no issues found. We audited the 2020 tribal court spent on the MIP software found no issues the 2020 budget worksheet audited all expenses related items compared to budget on a 1015 -150 expense totaling 487,185 dollars on a 695,656-dollar budget so there's no issues. There they they were under budget significantly. Page I reviewed page 33 of the year-end report from the CFO as it pertains to the 1015-150 tribal court budget and found no issues. I audited the accounts payable records for two large expenses pertaining to 5601 small tools and equipment and I found no issues. I audited the accounts payable records for the three largest expenses pertaining to the 50 206 supplies and other line items and I found no issues. I audited the accounts payable records for two expenses pertaining to the 5205 professional fees and found no issues. Tribal court is an excellent employee labor to expense ratio where 93.25 percent of every dollar is spent on labor costs only 6. 6.75 of the budget is to other expenses recommendations done review this audit with the executive and tribal court administration that was presented through the council and in the Ogema on 11/30 of 2021

Speaker champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle. Mr. Guenthardt

**Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion to postpone that we get the resolution approval acceptance of the**

Speaker Champagne: we have a motion made by councilor Guenthardt he broke up a little bit and or faded out

Councilor Wittenberg: I'll support

Speaker Champagne: motion to support by councilor Wittenberg discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor? um raising my hand and once again do not support the movement I do not believe that it requires a resolution requiring a motion to have a resolution uh puts it out that have to be adopted by resolution which I'm sure it doesn't hurt um but this item could easily be a housekeeping matter that you would adopt just by motion that's our paperwork was filed nonetheless council has a purview if they want to adopt by resolution they most they can of course do so. Mr. Crampton next in queue

Shannon Crampton: thank you Mr. speaker Shannon Crampton 1747. I would have to agree with the speaker um Joe Riley um made an amendment to the meeting procedures ordinance to expedite tribal council meetings where the acceptance of the report only had to be my mouth and motion you didn't need a resolution that was a common practice and in fact. I would urge the membership I was sitting here dying laughing when I heard some councilmembers talking, please go back to the election report acceptance I think you'll find some council members might have forgotten what they said thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Crampton. Any other discussion on this item on the motion of the floor? any discussion of the motion on the floor? seeing none a madam recorder Wolfe roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #12**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

five in favor four against motion item has been postponed

Speaker Champagne: thank you madam recorder we're on the next area business which is

**D. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
 Internal audit report for Natural Resource Department  
 Budget**

Accepting the Internal Audit results

this is a legislative function from administration it's being brought forth um uh as a requirement underneath our our laws. Mr. Pringle the comptroller general uh will be presenting this item before your body. Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: all right this particular internal line yeah, this particular line item is for natural resources department. Here's your front cover sheet you scroll down. We have objectives and description internal audit of the 4031 natural resource department budget and expenses for the internal audit schedule to ensure compliance with accounting standards of the budget and appropriations act of 2013 of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. There are six items on the audit scope review the budget and appropriations act

of 2013 as it pertains to natural resources review the 20 2020s 4031 natural resource department budget review the 2020 4031 natural resource department's spend and expenses review all over expense budgetary line items randomly audit expense budgetary line items and review random accounts payable records under the findings you'll see that we reviewed the budget appropriations act as it pertains natural resources and found no issues. We audited and reviewed the 2020 4031 natural resource department budget worksheet and found no issues. We went on audit and reviewed the 2020 natural resource department spend on the MIP software reports we were found two-line items over spent one was the 5300 rental and leasing and after reviewing current and past expense for 5300 leasing department did not budget enough money to cover their funds at this expense. These are monthly fixed GSA expenses and can easily be corrected for the next budget cycle year there was a 6003 which is your phones and beepers after reviewing the current and past expenses of 6003 phones and beepers the department did not budget enough funds to cover their expenses these are once again fixed monthly service expenses so this can easily be corrected in the next budget cycle. Scroll down Julie. Uh that's the 2020 budget worksheet we audited all expenses on lines compared to the budget and 4031 total expenses were 395,592 on a 909,502-dollar budget so there was no issues that were well under spent under their budget. After reviewing page 63 of the year end report from the CFO as it pertains to the 40-31 natural resource department budget, I found that two-line items were overspent on that budget, and it was fifty-three hundred and six thousand three the same two that were found above. I I audited seven accounts payable records from the tribal accounting for 2020. unfortunately, I received an email from the CFO stating that the staff does not have time to pull these informational due to the several large projects including the uh uh several large projects between now and the end of the year so no accounts payable records were completed for this um the accounting department was busy putting together the uh the uh COVID payout to staff the uh the COVID payout to the membership what was the name of that account Julie?

Recorder Wolfe: Pandemic assistance

Comptroller Pringle: pandemic assistance program was going on at that time so nobody in the accounts payable was able to help me because they were processing checks

Councilor Wittenberg: and per cap

Comptroller Pringle: that's correct and per cap yup good point. All right natural resources has seen a big reduction in the 2020 labor from 2019. I discussed the big reduction with the director Frank Beaver he said he had some labor expenses that were transferred into a grant source which was uh 2068 BIA Inland natural resource budget. I did review the the 4068-labor transfer and found no issues. So, the budget did have some uh did have some grant dollars to pull from the 4086 on BIA Inland labor inland natural resource budget so that's why they one of the reasons why the budget looks so well so there was the recommendations were done review the audit with executive and natural resource administration this was presented the Ogema and council on December 8th of 2021 and it was covered in a workshop a work session on January 11.

Speaker Champagne: all right thank you Mr. Pringle um move in for discussion miss uh Sara Agosa first in queue

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 I have two questions first of all I just need clarification on pulling the records and the CFO stating that he didn't have enough time because his staff were working on other large projects. My question is in situations like this does the comptroller have the ability to just go over to the accounting department and pull the records or maybe even seek assistance from another department and what's this information ever obtained? I think it's just really important if you need it for an audit. I even thought the comptroller had subpoena abilities but I I just need clarification on that as well and then my last question is the overspend um the information that you were requesting does that tie into the overspend and did you ever get an answer on why the department overspent thank you those are my questions

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: well, I can answer number two right away when I talked to Frank about it he said that the budget was done so so early the year before that he didn't have really good numbers to put forward so he was working with old you know we have to do these budgets in like may for the following year so his concern was that we do the budget so late from their perspective that uh so early in the year before that sometimes those uh record those dollar amounts aren't as accurate as they should be

Speaker Champagne: which is why council has ability to adopt accept vote down or amend the tribal budget because ultimately that's the responsibility of tribal council

Comptroller Pringle: and on the your I can answer some of your first question um when I was given this information or the email from the CFO about not having time, I did bring it to council at the time who was busy signing checks and at that time they kind of agreed that it would be okay for me to complete this one without the accounts payable information um you can't really put these on hold too long because I have I have you know one or two audits coming up every month and I really don't have time to go back I I my time is really set for going forward and we were we were pushing through 47 budgets in December at that time as well too so there really was no there was no extra time to dig that information up

Speaker Champagne: okay any other discussion on this item? Seeing none I'd entertaining uh a motion on this item

**Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion to postpone the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit report for the natural resource department budget until the resolution number is there**

Speaker Champagne: Is there support for the motion on the floor?

Councilor Wever: support

Speaker Champagne: all right we got a support from

Councilor Wever: Wever

Speaker Champagne: councilor Wever uh there is a motion on the floor is to postpone discussion of the motion on the floor? just raised my same objections as before all right any other discussion for the motion of the floor? Madam recorder Wolfe roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #13**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Six in favor three against item has been postponed

Speaker Champagne: thank you madam recorder Wolfe (sneezes) excuse me we are on to our last area on

**E. Acceptance of the Little River band of Ottawa Indians  
Internal Audit Report for Health Clinic Operations Budget**

Accepting the Internal Audit results

this previously had a work session councilor DiPiazza requested this be today um all these be presented before I'm in agreement with him Mr. Pringle will be presenting as the co-presenter on that this is a function of legislative administration to be good fiduciary responsible with the money insured money has been spent however, it's budgeted Mr. Pringle the floor is yours

Comptroller Pringle: sure, this is the interior audit for the clinic operations uh budgetary number 4104 uh budget spend to determine compliance with the tribal budget and accounting standards so the objectives and description internal audit of the clinic operations budget and spend for the internal audit schedule to ensure compliance with budgetary and accounting standards found in tribal regulations ordinances etc. So you can see up there there are seven items in the audit scope to review the budget appropriations act as it applies to the clinic operations to review and audit the 2020 clinic operations budget review and audit the 2020 clinic operations expenses review the clinic revenue to see how it compares the budget for 2019 audit any budgetary line items with large expenditures or is overspent review the 2020 and September 21 clinic operations report to the Ogema and review and audit the accounts payable transactions under the findings you'll see that we reviewed the budget appropriations act as it pertains to the clinic and found no issues. I reviewed the budget appropriations regulations chapter one purchasing and procurement and found no issues as opposed to the clinic reviewed the accounting policy and procedures manual 5.17 small procurement and placing orders and found no issues pertaining to the clinic audited the 2020 clinic operations budget 4101 40 104 and found no issues. I audited the 2020 clinic operations budget expenses for document below



and all the MIP software reports. I reviewed page 74 of the year end report from the CFO as it pertains to the 4104 tribal clinic operations budget audited all budget line items and compared to budget and found no issues I reviewed the expenses in small tool equipment 5601 and found below issues, there's three there is land escaping landscaping contracts three transactions for twelve thousand dollars which would normally be expenses professional services 5202 which would normally be expense in 5202 so in small tools and equipment where there was three uh landscaping contracts or landscaping payments in that particular uh um line item at the end of the year there was 72,344.78 that was transferred to budget 4099 2013 IHS clinic operations after a brief discussion with the CFO uh he believes it's acceptable for the expenses and the landscaping expenses to be in the 5601 small tools and equipment budgetary line item as there is no uh landscaping expense anywhere else in the in the budget line items. He also we also discussed the transfer expenses of the prior year grants that still had money available this transfer was approved um by the accounting department to spend the unused grant dollars so there was actually a uh unused grant dollars that were available to actually uh spend that money that was in there the 72,344 was transferred to a different budgetary line item. I reviewed the May 2020 and May 21 clinic operations report to the Ogema and found no issues. I reviewed the 2020 clinic operations revenue to budget clinic operations has increased revenue in both grants and third-party billing and general clinic operations exceeded the 2019 revenue and the 2020 budgeted revenue. So, for for 2020 they were over 2019 numbers I audited nine accounts payable records and found um audited reviewed on January 6, 2016, contract with Concilium staffing and found several issues the contract appears to be very old and has an effective date of April 25, 2014, and there was a resolution on this contract on January 6, 2016. so, the contract was signed about a year and a half before the resolution was approved which seemed kind of strange the contract terms of agreement have different terminology in the tribe's legal review than what's actually attached in the resolution. The contracts parties of agreement allows unlimited number of assignments and contracts. The resolution document contains a memo from Don McDonald director of health that there was a contract not to exceed number now you can't see the not to exceed number because it's been re redacted because of contract confidentiality with this particular contract and today it's paid out it actually uh to be to summarize that they spent more money um so far on this contract than what their not to exceed amount was next on February 28 the 2020 billing reflects a regular preventative medical doctor. The contract amendment to the agreement does not reflect this title there is a close title which is called a family practitioner internal medicine when I evaluated the billing rating it does not fall into the categories of the addendum that would apply. So, they're billing us a preventative medical doctor which does not show up anywhere in the contract as a billable person or as a billable uh labor to us so that needs to be addressed. This contract should be reevaluated by the current health director and updated as the wage structure does not match anything in the contract audited in review the 2015-2014 contract with forest county Potawatomie community and founded below issues the contracts effective date is October 20th of 2014 which I would consider outdated at being you know six or seven years old. Um on December second and third of the 2020 billing it reflects a higher rate of service than what the contract schedule fee is supposed to be. So right now, they you know to my knowledge they over billed us on that per our contract that's been assigned um that contract was on October 15th, 2014, and there was no

addendums around for the to the rate raise that we have on file. So, this contract should be reevaluated by a current health director and updated and agreed to billing amounts which have exceeded their contract recommendations tribal executive management to review the bill findings. Overall, the tribal health clinic operations did a good job controlling your expenses for the 2020 uh budget year that was sent to the Ogema and council on November 19th, 2021, and reviewed and open session on January 11, 2022

Speaker Champagne: and Mr. Pringle once these are accepted um, we will be forwarding them when the outside auditors come in too so they can see a bigger picture if there's any pattern behaviors correct

Comptroller Pringle: yep, that's correct

Speaker Champagne: thank you. That's a practice that was not done previously though, correct?

Comptroller Pringle: To the best of my knowledge that is correct

Speaker Champagne: all right thank you. Any discussion on this item? Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I hate to be that guy but under the government budgeting which is 10-0 or 100-6 article 5-501 we were to be presented in closed session and moved it open but hey what do I know. Just for clarification according to the accounting and business act

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pringle

Comptroller Pringle: When I reviewed that with the uh attorneys, they told me that was only the audit schedule that had to be done in that

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza knows that because he did get a written legal opinion from it so misrepresenting the legal opinion of our legal council is I want to say unprofessional in nature to say the least if not unethical um you know so you do have that written legal opinion, I will request that legal opinion to be sent back to you Mr. DiPiazza since you're bringing up uh items like this to try and cause discourse and as you said be that guy um citizen Miss Sara Agosa, you have the floor mam

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 my question is that it appears as though this audit is for 2020 and then it was signed in November 2021 um are audits typically delayed this long because for me as a member it would be great to get more updated information for example my question goes back to um the statues and chandeliers that were purchased for the health clinic this audit has come back um somewhat clean but how like when will the audit reflect the purchase of the statues and chandeliers? um I think it's really important to have more updated information so I just that's my question about timing. Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you, so Mr. Pringle well talk more about timing but we also have the ability to have special investigative audits which we authorize and have and you'll you'll see some of those coming out in the near future um which are a great concern to at least me as one council member uh and so you know you have that ability to do that so if there's a need Mr. DiPiazza arose was he asking for a special investigator on it I'm not sure if he did asked comptroller general for that if it was part of the original budget and part of the original specs and he sits on the construction task force that actually can approve those specs. While I may not be in favor of that um, I let the process of that still would not be an auditing issue because that is a judgment issue by the executive branch and those sitting on the construction task force or what they were allocated I can't tell you that on those dollars none of them were allocated by this tribal council to have those specific expenditures but actually the previous kind of council that Mr. DiPiazza was actually the recorder of so um he would have that ability to do that Mr. Pringle if you care to respond

Comptroller Pringle: sure, sure absolutely these particular audits were done off the audit schedule which is done a year which is done a year in advance so when I turn that audit schedule in for 2021 it was done in November of 2020 for the 2021 season and then the minimum requirements for the internal audit is every uh the requirement says that for every uh department has to be audited every two years so I probably wouldn't get back around the tribal clinic again until you know 2023 unless council asked for a special investigation on something but in general the audit schedules every department every two years

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pringle any other discussion on this item Mr. Guenthardt

Councilor Guenthardt: I'd like to make a **motion to postpone the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit report for the Health Clinic Operations Budget until resolution number**

Speaker Champagne: we got motion by councilor Guenthardt do we have support on this motion for postponement?

Councilor Johnson: support

Speaker Champagne: support by councilor Johnson discussion on the motion on the floor? I raise my hand I reiterate my concern so; it's not needed action it's an administration issue acceptance by motion that's all I have any other discussion the motion on the floor? Any discussion motion on the floor? Seeing none madam recorder oh number Mr. Crampton

Shannon Crampton: it would be I Shannon Crampton 1747 I think it would probably be pretty easy for every council member right now, to turn to the meeting procedures ordinance and take care of this but um obviously, that's a little more than never mind um thank you

Speaker Champagne: yes, and and I do also see miss McGowan on our legal counsel who also advise and practices and procedures um I guess for discussion I'll raise my hand miss McGowan is there anything you would weigh in on could this just be simply adopted by uh motion at this time with being read on the record that the paperwork uh had resolution in error

Lawyer McGowan: would you like me to provide a legal review in public comment?

Councilor DiPiazza: no

Lawyer McGowan: during public open session

Speaker Champagne: you know it it's a procedures aspect so just uh weighing in on you as a legal department if offered guidance but if you so choose

Lawyer McGowan: I can review the tribal council procedures I haven't had the opportunity to um if you want to discuss this further in closed, I could be prepared by then I apologize

Speaker Champagne: no that's okay so we don't have an answer right on the floor uh so discussion on the motion on the floor? discussion on the motion of the floor? citizen with Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: 4478 I just I don't understand what the issue is could you just clarify that please thank you

Speaker Champagne: administratively the the audit um is done by motion not by resolution for acceptance paperwork that administration filed I was an error I filed the wrong paperwork uh that specifically said resolution um that was a clerical mistake uh and so uh postponement until you need a resolution actually is uh uh I guess you could have just accepted by motion today by reading on the record that were accepted by motion because that follows the meeting procedures ordinance as Mr. Crampton mentioned as well and other councilors but if council wants to come back and adopt them by resolution they have every right to do so as well it was a clerical mistake on my part and I apologize to tribal council. All right any other discussion on the motion on the floor? seeing none madam recorder Wolfe roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #14**

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - No	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne - No	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Five in favor four against item has been postponed.

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #14**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	Yes	
N. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	No

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Five in favor four against item has been postponed.

Speaker Champagne: thank you, madam recorder, we're on to the next order of business

**X. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

Next order of business is

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

The floor is you're sir if you're still on

Ogema Romanelli: okay thank you. There're just a few items my apologies but I have to leave for another meeting again, uh but I want to clear up a few things last week I said that the uh two rooftops units for the resort for the cares act was not was voted down that's incorrect it wasn't even voted uh the problem with the units were there was a very specific time frame that had to be completed by the time we got done answering questions for the council the time had lapsed where we couldn't have the units built and installed. There was only time enough to have them built and by the cares act funding they had to have be completed by that time so my apologies for there also, on Facebook there's been some discussion about uh purchasing uh and this goes back to the Milwaukee houses and purchases and on Facebook somebody wrote something about the Ogema they count the tribe bought the building in Muskegon for the Ogema the one on Hackley avenue that's not correct again, the building was purchased well over a year before I even became Ogema, so I just wanted to clear that up also the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding the documents that have been sitting on Ogema's desk for several months I've sent that on to all tribal council you should have all received it clarifying that that that was incorrect as well I sent you the email exchange where the doctor said that was not true so I hope you have that as well uh I think that's pretty much it but um I think that's all we have for right now thank you very much. I have to get off because I have to have another meeting thank you very much

Speaker Champagne: okay next order of business um I do see uh individuals raising their hand uh citizen McCaslin your first in queue citizen Agosa your second in queue

Robert McCaslin: yeah, I have uh I'm here I just wanted to ask the legislative body there no it's executive I don't know I don't play politics but um anyways uh I guess I gotta wait for an answer I've been waiting for an answer emails for eons but since he's not here uh maybe I can get some clarification and how I would um set up to meet with the warrior society of the tribe and have a workshop with them and uh you know and uh he's not here um fostering our culture I mean uh so maybe we can have a a fostering you know culture of awareness and uh so um but for the rest of the council, you know we're all back and

forth so uh does anybody here know how many days has this been since we've been in a pandemic and uh I guess I will let you know we've been in the pandemic 665 days today you know and it's not getting any better and uh you know we're gonna be here for a couple years and so any guidance that I could get a meeting with the warrior society of the Little River would be really appreciated

Speaker Champagne: Mr. McCaslin this is a question for the Ogema business and status update not public comment period

Robert McCaslin: Oh, I'm sorry

Speaker Champagne: do you have a question specifically to Mr. Romanelli?

Robert McCaslin: yeah, uh how many tribal members have um you know exchanged that like walking in the new world right now um the numbers of our members you know and uh I guess the other one what would happen if the president of the United States come in are you ready uh and what would be the procedures of that if it was to happen, I've been in uh 2014 I was in standing rock you know just two weeks before President Obama was there so I just wanted to know uh some of those questions without taking that out of content because that's real and uh that legislative body in the traditional way I was wondering if he knew actually in the forming of the whole United States government and if he could elaborate on that for me it would be really appreciated at this time but that's on the record um so Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: Citizen McCaslin, Mr. Romanelli you're posed with a question if you care to respond?

Recorder Wolfe: He left the call

Speaker Champagne: sorry Mr. McCaslin Mr. Romanelli has not chosen to respond to any questions today apparently. Citizen Agosa you have a question for the executive branch on their business and status update

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 my two questions were one um regarding the health clinic audit the one of the contracts wasn't updated since 2014 and I wanted to ask Ogema what can be done to make sure contracts are always kept up to date and my second question was about the statues and chandeliers um how that how those purchases were made under the Ogema's management thank you

Councilor Wever: may I answer that Mr. Speaker you know I I really wish you would email uh Dr Wever because there was no money spent of the tribe's money that was grant money that worked

Chelsea Densmore: Ryan

Councilor Wever: for

Chelsea Densmore: Mr. Speaker are we gonna allow this?

Speaker Champagne: okay

Councilor Wever: no, we're not

Speaker Champagne: all right we are on the

Sara Agosa: can I respond to that?

Speaker Champagne: the executive is not here um, so I think you ask good questions I do think that you know councilor Wever made a point to ask uh the director you know on that it might be helpful um so, I don't see the director here either I'm looking to see if there's a CFO here there's no CFO to answer questions the closest thing, we got is a assistant general manager uh here today that's uh so I don't think that'll be helpful for us for government aspect it doesn't seem like any other government folks were here to answer to executive, so we'll move on to the next area of business which is

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

any tribal councilors wish to give a legislative affairs update at this time? Madam recorder Wolfe. Madam recorder Wolfe you are muted.

Recorder Wolfe: so, I just have one and just to make people aware this meeting took a lot longer, so this is kind of um you only have an hour left but this district health department 10 is putting on a flu, COVID clinic at the Little River Casino resort Odawa conference room that started at 7 a.m. and it's scheduled to go until two um that was advertised on the tribal Facebook site, so I just want to bring it up here but like I said it's one o'clock now so I don't think many people would take advantage if they didn't already prior know Comptroller Pringle: what time is that today, Julie?

Recorder Wolfe: from seven to two

Comptroller Pringle: 7-2 thank you

Speaker Champagne: any other councilors wish tribal legislative affairs update?

Councilor Lewis: I can't raise my hand, but I just did want to say um I meant to say that last week, but it was so action-packed, but um Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe is um teaming up (Starts *fading out on the ZOOM*) Rosettea Stone for for language so um I believe uh it stated that march for the public

Speaker Champagne: yeah, I think that's going to be big for Anishinaabe um territory all as we know Mille Lacs is a cultural hub of our nation and considered to be that um so nonetheless uh legislative affairs update for myself uh we get reports from our lobbyists looking at the numbers of Covid and pandemic Mr. McCaslin has mentioned you know how long have been going on in it we have seen the executive side take in precautions in

the tribal government of keeping offices closed making people work remotely taking those good safeguards but then we hear propaganda on the other side saying well let's cram everyone together for the record last time that council uh had allowed to have executive staff into their chambers uh we had Covid exposures and that is uh us pretty concerning we are now at the height of the pandemic for Michigan to release propaganda that states otherwise that because every single elected official's tribe receives the same numbers that I receive is irresponsible this is a public health crisis and while some believe pull up your bootstraps and go in one of my good friends whose Stockbridge in Menominee she's just a little bit older than myself you know she was on a ventilator had tracheotomy taken off the ventilator now on a do not resuscitate order she was in perfect health another one of her family that affected generations and taking them out recently so even with the variant being considered to be less lethal so somebody who was fully vaccinated so, it is concerning it's not a thing of whether you're fully vaccinated or not it's concerned because there's not a lot of uh researchers say how come some are more prone to have deadly consequences than others and how is an impact in Indian country so taking safeguards is in the best interest of public health it's something this tribe desperately needs as a public health department, so we do not have one, but we have 14 million dollars that are meant to address this pandemic we talk about spending the money on air handler units at a casino versus creation of a public health department to guide the tribe with public health policies during this pandemic instead we hear propaganda put out by the Ogema office that does exact opposite of what public health officials would recommend it's concerning to say the least but that's where we're at we are at the height they believe that we'll tip it in in February second to third week of February could be at the end of March all the councils have the same identical reports that I do um and so I think you know citizens need to know where we're at in Michigan right now, it's a it's a it's a bad situation though easing up on restrictions is not in the best interest of our community where we take these viruses' home to our loved ones with that being said that does conclude my legislative update at this time any other legislators wish to give a legislative update?

Councilor Wever: yes, I would Shirley Wever

Speaker Champagne: councilmember Wever you have the floor

Councilor Wever: all right um I don't know if it's the right place or not but I'm wishing that we could um possibly get a hold of the election board I would like to find out the cost of what these members have been for lawyers and judges pursuing people our members our people that are in the office I I want to know the amount that they have spent in the last year on the lawyers that that could have went for our our members we're worried about chandeliers and statues that something that has not had anything to do with our members money it didn't come out of anyone's pocket but when you um hire lawyers and judges where does that where does that money come from that's what I want to know does that take away from our uh per cap that's all I got to say well since I'm going I I told myself I wasn't going to do this because I'll go on and on, but I was never threatened or bullied by anyone when I vote it's what I vote for because I think of what's good for the tribe and for you Mr. speaker, I think you're doing a wonderful job for the members



keep the good work up and I appreciate and thank you for that nice little Christmas bonus you gave us the 391 dollars you know to me that was like three thousand dollars and I remember someone telling you it could not be done but you did it thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you councilwoman Wever any other council members wish to have legislative affairs update at this time? seeing none I'll go over to citizen miss Sara Agosa then citizen Mr. McCaslin, Citizen Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 my question for this section is what is the stat status of the budget and when will it be released to the membership thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you citizen Agosa the status is we do have a resolution in place to carry till January on a continuing budget resolution while council works diligently on attempting to pass a 2022 budget as you can tell um council and executive side are very much divided and there's a lot of lawsuits that are filed by the um or call it by individuals I guess who hold executive leadership positions on the government and the casino. Citizen McCaslin

Robert McCaslin: um yeah, I would like to um maybe start a workshop on uh you know building back better and uh you know we got some creative people out here in the tribe to make sure that say somebody needed to resign or or stuff like that or would like to or maybe the ban the bit they may catch them you know we don't we can't we can't afford to lose anybody at all and you know that's I appreciate everyone and uh so if I could I could encourage to have a workshop you know and we don't have to have a role model out there we already got one and uh you know it's that check and balance and using the traditional teachings or sharing stuff to come on and uh you know when one person teaches two people learn and right now nobody's learned nothing, and I mean we have we learned how to struggle even harder but um some of us that are way out here and we're struggling and that's part of the process you know we have to struggle to become better and when we do that, we're when we understand the suffering yeah but how long we're going to let that happen I don't know you know it's all up to the people you know and over there on that other side that's the that's the wolf lodge that's the my inga lodge you know so some of these places where I visit even in the long house over there you know if you know your clan maybe that guy will let you sit in a seat because it's hot you know and uh, I appreciate all those sharing's with me through the years and uh, I'd I would like to have a conversation or start a conversation about you know the 14 you know and the four and you know if we had a pillar where you could draw it we could build it and uh just in case you know things are out of balance or have a sing you know there's so much beauty in our culture and we're thriving for it I mean I got people all the time um you know I got a whole network of people that's uh that have been helping and uh you know it's a reciprocating thing you know from universities we're not we're not what everybody makes us to be we're actually in the universities driving our own language and uh the guy that wrote the book about this place here he just come out with a new book and uh we were who's writing about me you know it should be me you know and uh so or at least a member of the band or the however you want to receive yourself I'm my presence is going to be here for a while probably quite a while probably um membership meeting, I

don't know I'm waiting to hear from him you know so I hopefully that it's a good one I mean I'm not into all that I want to see some culture I want to see you know fostering that culture and and healing and you know I'd like to see that you know I'm tomorrows never promised and uh I guess that's what I wanted to I know they used to have this bell they used to you know five minutes and sometimes it takes a little bit longer to get that stuff out and try to connect you know with the seven grandfather's teachings and you know we shouldn't take somebody's culture lightly because that's ours those are our seven teachings and uh there's so much beauty there that's all I have

Speaker Champagne: thank you citizen McCaslin um not sure if there's a question posed to legislators if there's no other legislative affairs update, we can move on any other legislative affairs update at this time? any other legislators update at this time? seeing none we can move on to the next area of business which is

**D. Public Comment Period**

um I see this citizen miss Chelsea Densmore have her hand raised and citizen with Sara Agosa, citizen miss Laura Eckelbarger in that queue fashion the floor is yours ma'am

Chelsea Densmore: Miigwech Mr. Speaker Chelsea Densmore 3225 I just had a couple questions um Sara asked about the budget so I appreciate that um I did want to ask I know that it's coming around the time for the round dance um I did hear you speaking about covid but I also know that um the Ogema had his informational meeting so I was just kind of trying to figure out if you guys were going to have the round dance if you were considering that if you were postponing it or what your plans were?

Speaker Champagne: thank you, we may not have an answer for you it has been on the radar that we spoke of as you know we're working on the 2022 budget I do not believe that we have something to move forward we're gauging it off of Covid 19. it does seem like it we are in the height of it, and it probably be ill-advised at this time um we are looking to start the process of um powwow and things of that nature much of this does rely on 2022 budget and so, without a 2022 budget many of these things cannot continue to move forward so until we are able to come to compromises to pass the 2022 budget it's going to continue to put things on hold I'm sorry if that's that's my best shot at that answer I would welcome any other council members who wish to respond madam recorder Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe: So, Chelsea I did make a recommendation during the 2022 budget um discussions by tribal council to remove the round dance and have it cancelled for 2022 due to the Covid pandemic the new reoccurring of variants and that that is an inside event and um a lot of the singers can't wear a mask and sing and still provide the same type of venue so I believe for 2022 the round dance would not be happening that's my comment thank you

Chelsea Densmore: Miigwech madam recorder um I appreciate that so the only other thing that I wanted to add before I um see the floor whatever um so the Biskaabiiyang committee is still in dire need of members um we would really, really appreciate anyone that is interested um I've heard a couple people during the meetings talking about you

know culture and uh getting involved more stuff we would greatly appreciate any um assistance and participation uh reach out to your councilor's um and the Ogema and for more information Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: thank you and next in queue is citizen Miss Sara Agosa then citizen Miss Laura Echelbarger

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 so I just wanted to respond to councilor Wever's comments about the chandeliers and statues and I am absolutely astounded that somebody sitting on tribal council can justify the extravagant purchase of chandeliers and statues when we're in a pandemic and our members are being hospitalized and dying and it's a waste of money and I'd like to know who else on council besides councilor Wever supports this purchase and what your opinion is on this, and my final question is doc or Shirley Wever stated these were purchased with grant funds what grant funds I'm guessing Cares or ARPA funds recently the health clinic was just allocated 1.5 million dollars and so I would like accountability coming to council meeting I shouldn't have to follow up with Dr. Wever or the Ogema via email the Ogema very rarely responds to my emails and lately the only thing he'll write back is thank you Miss Agosa again being put in this tug of war I really appreciate Chelsea Densmore's comments that it's not the responsibility of members to hash out squabbles between tribal council and the Ogema it is terribly unprofessional so in closing I just like to say absolutely not those items are it's not justified to purchase those items for the clinic you go to any other Indian health clinic you will not see chandeliers and statues so I would like a response from council on where you stand on this very serious issue thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you uh Miss Agosa citizen Agosa uh what I can say is that was all before this council is seated um the monies that was allocated through the Cares act dollars of this council went to purchase of uh the is completely, so we are not in a condo type of fashion uh that previous council is the one who allocated the previous council is the one who also developed the task force and approved the specs today I have not seen any specs I did not sit on the task force um there I've not walked through the building, so I don't have that firsthand knowledge either you know it is something that was uh approved by a previous council I would imagine it dictated powers down to a construction task force that Mr. DiPiazza sits on which I imagine if you were doing change orders you would have raised those concerns at that time to prevent that from occurring or if you were not in favor of the spec out design that you would have um not voted to approve it I can't tell you as the majority of the council was not here at the time not the majority um four members of the council were not there when that was uh approved for the spec of design ultimately it is an executive function the executive side is the one who allocate the money propose or reallocate the money to the executive side to implement a health clinic how they ended up doing out their spec of designs you know that's something I I definitely think is uh on them in the construction task force and there's any council members who sit on a construction task force that's where I stand, I am not going to I don't know how the paper picture looks, I don't know if it's forty thousand dollars in lights and fixtures because that would seem very normal for a health clinic or if it's as Mr. DiPiazza says forty thousand dollars in a chandelier uh I really don't

know because I don't know what the design was, I wasn't part of that process, I wish I could get more information any other councilors wish to respond? Seeing no other councilors wish to respond um we can move on to the next uh person in queue

Miss Agosa, you do have your hand raised was there a follow-up question you had? I would be respectful to make sure that you

Sara Agosa: yes, thank you I really appreciate it I'll just wrap it up, but I just wondered because I'd like to know who did vote on the purchase of these items is there a resolution? is it an open now? who specifically voted and the resolution for the purchase

Speaker Champagne: yeah, we if you if you want uh Miss Agosa I don't know is before my time I didn't not go back and look uh if you want to make that request through the recorder and we can assign it to admin team to look um we can get you the prepared of the finan the request that you're seeking

Sara Agosa: thank you

Speaker Champagne: okay citizen miss Laura Echelbarger you're next in queue

Laura Echelbarger: thank you, speaker um, I lowered my hand I'm gonna um I lowered my hand thank you

Speaker Champagne: okay uh citizen Mr. Crampton your next in queue sir

Shannon Crampton: thank you Mr. Speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 and I was also going to raise the issue of there was a construction task force that vetted that and you need to look back at who sat on that because there were council members that sat on that and yes, I do believe one of them was Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor Wever: thank you

Shannon Crampton: who had to vet that and approve that okay then I would also like to go back to it uh something that the Speaker touched upon which is his grave importance to the members we are not a tribe that has a footprint of a centralized pride we are spread it across the United States anything our tribal council to do can do to get more expansive and inclusive like not going back to a little room during a damn pandemic and even after that that should be a luxury for them that they should go back there there should be a mandate what happens there, and every council member knows this I I know four of them sitting right there to talk to me about this it's called the dog and pony show where the Ogema comes in and he loads up like four or five of his people that are coming there maybe more and every time he says something they cheer, and people see it on video it's almost like watching mighty halls do something. I think if we actually sat down, and um expanded it and keep going with the video keep going and amend the constitution so that we can have people in California that sat on council that are helping with it professionals we've seen what this gets us thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Crampton any other public comment from our people today? any other public comment? I want to thank everyone for participating today um that does conclude our open session portion of the meeting we will be entering into the closed session.

*The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.*

with that being said I'd entertain a motion at this time if a council member is so moved, I'd entertain a motion at this time

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion

Speaker Champagne: I was looking forward to hear go ahead sir

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.

Councilor Johnson: support

Speaker Champagne: we got a motion by council member Guenthardt support by councilwoman Johnson discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor? seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madame recorder roll call please

Recorder Wolfe:

**Roll Call #15**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes	
N. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor one absent we are adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

**XI. Open Session**

Councilor DiPiazza: I'd like to make a **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lewis.

Councilor Lewis: Support

Recorder Wolfe: I can't do both jobs

Councilor Guenthardt: Support

Councilor DiPiazza: You're a day late their buddy

Acting Speaker Wolfe: We have a motion on the floor, and we have support by Lewis, but we do not have a speaker and recorder I can't do both jobs.

Councilor DiPiazza: Pam would you do the recording aspect?

Councilor Lewis: Well, you automatically become the speaker recorder

Councilor DiPiazza: I make a **MOTION TO MAKE PAM THE RECORDER FOR THIS UH EXTREMELY SHORT TIME TODAY**

Councilor Guenthardt, Lewis, and Wittenberg: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Who does the roll call?

Councilor DiPiazza: Pam

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Write the motion and do the roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson: What's the motion?

Councilor DiPiazza: Going into second open

Acting Recorder Johnson: Don't we already have that one? To go into second

Councilor DiPiazza: I made the motion I think Sandy supported it

Acting Speaker Wolfe: There is a motion on the floor with councilor DiPiazza making a motion to go into second open session supported by Lewis. that has to be suspended while we make a motion to approve a pro temp recorder for the second open

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh, shoot we can't do that we don't have quorum. No, we got six

Acting Recorder Johnson: No, we got six

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm sorry

Councilor Lewis: Yeah, we got six

Acting Recorder Johnson: I just said I couldn't leave at five

Councilor DiPiazza: I make a **MOTION TO APPOINT PAM PRO TEMP RECORDER FOR THE SECOND OPEN PART**

Councilor Lewis: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Councilor Johnson please do a roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever - Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)  
Six in favor three absent motion is passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Here is roll call for second open since it was suspended

Acting Recorder Johnson: Oh ok

Councilor Wittenberg: support

Acting Recorder Johnson: Already have it, it was suspended

**Roll Call #**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever - Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)  
Six in favor three absent we are in second open at 5:07 p.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: so, in second open session we only have one agenda item

**Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a motion to

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION 22-0114-002 MOTION  
ROLL CALL AND VOTE;** by DiPiazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Recorder Johnson: What was that number?

Councilor DiPiazza: 22-0114-002

Acting Recorder Johnson: 22 01

Councilor DiPiazza: 22-0114-002

Acting Recorder Johnson: oh 14

Councilor DiPiazza: 002

Acting Recorder Johnson: ok

Councilor DiPiazza: Any documentation with that government budget? Alright  
Motion or yeah motion resolution motion

Acting Recorder Johnson: Motion resolution and roll call?

Councilor DiPiazza: yes

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Got support for councilor DiPiazza motion? Once again is their support for tribal council, tribal councilor DiPiazza motion?

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: so, we have a motion on the floor by councilor DiPiazza their supported by councilor Wittenburg any discussion on the item? Any abstentions?  
Councilor Johnson, please do a roll call

Acting recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
N. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Five in favor one against three absent motion is passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay that moves us on to the last agenda item which is

**XII. Adjourn**

Do I have a motion? I'll entertain a motion

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make that

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by DiPiazza; supported by  
Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: any counselors wish to abstain? any councilors have any discussion or comments? seeing none councilor Johnson do a roll call please

Acting Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

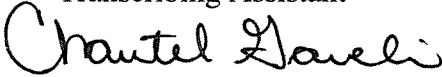
Six in favor three absent motion passed we are adjourned

Acting Speaker Wolfe: at 5:12 p.m.

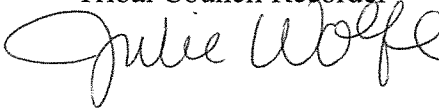


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