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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on February 21, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister said good morning, everyone they are here this morning for their regular scheduled Tribal Council Meeting. Burmeister said it is Wednesday February 21st, 2024, and she has asked Councilor Wever to say the prayer. Burmeister said so if they are able to please stand.

I. Opening Prayer

Shirley Wever, Tribal Elder offered the Opening Prayer. Wever said she is sorry she doesn't have a new one but same old one.

Dear Heavenly Father, Creator.

First, I just want to say thank you for the mid-winter thaw.

It's beautiful and thank you.

For those of us who travel many miles or even just a few to get to work each day or weekly it is truly helps and protects when the roads can be very, very dangerous many commuters thank you.

Secondary, please Father protect us from all the staff members within the Government Building unfortunately many tempers and anger arises very rapidly during their meetings and our every day duties at the Government Building.

Please Lord protect and shelter all of us.

It's truly a shame their behavior and please Lord love, protect, and forgive us all. He gets us.

Amen.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Wever.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Speaker Burmeister said they will be announcing....she will be announcing names of people on ZOOM. Burmeister said if they are a Tribal citizen please list their name and their Tribal I.D. Burmeister said if they are an employee please list their name and the department that they work in. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said Jim La Porte please identify himself.

Jim La Porte said Jim La Porte member number 3383.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Andrew please identify himself.

Drew Jeurink said Andrew Jeurink, IT.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Antonio Romanelli please identify himself.

Antonio Romanelli said Antonio Romanelli 3954.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Grace Hendler please identify herself. Burmeister said um, she is going to move down to Jamie F. please identify himself.

Jamie Friedel said Jamie Friedel 4744.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Janine Sam please identify herself.

Janine Sam said __ (Anishinaabemowin) Janine Sam 0150.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Jolene O'Signac please identify herself.

Jolene O'Signac said Jolene O'Signac 3866,

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Karol Ann please identify herself.

Karol Chabot said Karol Ann Chabot 3742.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Keegan Bordeaux please identify himself.

Keegan Bordeaux said Keegan Bordeaux Legislative In-House Counsel.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Larry Olson please identify himself.

Larry Olson said Olson 1532.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Laura Echelbarger please identify herself.

Laura Echelbarger said Laura Echelbarger 2276.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Martha Howell please identify herself.

Martha Howell said Martha Howell 3635.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Roy Vanas please identify himself.

Roy Vanas said Roy Vanas 4906.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Sandy Mezeske please identify herself.

Sandy Mezeske said Sandy Mezeske 0018.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Shanav....Shanaviah Canales please identify herself. Burmeister repeated Shanve.....Shanaviah Canales please identify herself.

Shanaviah Canales said Shanaviah Canales, Victim Services Coordinator.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Roy could he mute please. Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said um, Shannon Crampton please identify himself.

Shannon Crampton said Shannon Paul Crampton, Outlying Tribal Council Representative, 1747.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Shawn Bertram please identify herself.

Shawn Bertram said Shawn Bertram 4779.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sky Gonzalez please identify himself.

Sky Gonzalez said Sky Gonzalez 1042.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Stewart Cogswell please identify himself. Burmeister repeated Stewart Cogswell please identify himself.

Stewart Cogswell said 4137.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Tina Bray please identify herself.

Tina Bray said Tina Bray 3287.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Tina Mc Clellan-Payment please identify herself.

Tina Mc Clellan-Payment said 2917.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked did she miss anybody. Burmeister said oh, Shawwna Gonzalez please identify herself. Burmeister said Shawwna Gonzalez please identify herself.

Shawwna Gonzalez said Shawwna Gonzalez 4700.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked is that everybody.

Below are listed the members in the Lodge who attended in person:

Steven Silvis
Stephanie West
Debra Smith
Brad Pringle
Gary Lewis
Kathleen Bowers
Joanne Green
Kelly Maser
John Pabami
Jessica Steinberg

Speaker Burmeister said all right Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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| M. Silvis - | Present | A. Metzger | - Present | P. Johnson - | Present |
| S. Crampton - | Present | G. DiPiazza - | Present | S. Wever - | Present |
| R. Wittenberg- | Present | J. Wolfe - | Present | T. Burmeister- | Present |

Quorum established.

Recorder Johnson said they do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said they have two more people that have joined them, so she is going to have them identify themselves. Burmeister said Corey Wells please identify himself.

Corey Wells said Corey Wells 4839.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Chelsea Densmore please identify herself.

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said moving down to....oh, she is sorry....is she all set with that. Burmeister said moving down to C.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Burmeister asked does she have anybody that is going to abstain from the agenda....any Councilors. Burmeister asked any comments from Tribal....Tribal Council. Burmeister asked any comments from citizens. Burmeister said if there are no further questions or comments from Councilors she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; UNDER III C.1. IS AN ADD, APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR MAST FOR COUNCILOR SILVIS ON MARCH 4-9, 2024 IN WASHINGTON, D.C; UNDER NEW BUSINESS B IS REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMERY FOR UTILITIES WASTEWATER 7500-702 DEPARTMENT BUDGET; C ACCEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMERY FOR MUSKEGON OFFICE 2000-457 BUDGET; D ACCETPANCE OF LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMERY FOR TERT 1010-175 BUDGET; E ACEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AUDIT SUMMERY FOR MAINTENANCE 2000-400 DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND UNDER CLOSED SESSION D.3 WAS REMOVED, LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS LLC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2023; UNDER SECOND OPEN A.2, HAS BEEN REMOVED; by Di Piazza.

Speaker Burmeister asked does she have a second on that motion.

Councilor Metzger said support.

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Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any further um....any questions on the agenda. Burmeister said okay Recorder Johnson will she do roll call.

Roll Call #1

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Yes | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said it has been accepted eight to four....oh, eight to one, geeze.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

D. Tribal Council Minutes

Speaker Burmeister noted none were submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Approval to submit a grant application for CPRG (Climate Pollution Reduction Grant) including MTERA to provide up to \$10,000 to apply for the Grant**
Grant submission for solar panels and battery back-up.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Gary Lewis brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Gary the floor is his.

Gary Lewis, Utilities Director, represented this agenda item. Lewis said yes, so this is to apply for the CPRG Grant. Lewis said the grant award itself is up to \$25 million um, this is in conjunction with some previous work they have already done so they collected all the data from all the buildings that the Tribe owns. Lewis said all the natural gas, propane, electric use and compiled all that and they did a solar Microgrid Study it was recommended. Lewis said this is kind of leading up to this part as they are at 4.5 megawatt dc solar array with some battery backup. Lewis said so all the previous work and currently there is a Tribal Utility Authority Feasibility Study that they are working on that kind of goes along with this as well and this grant is to actually apply for the funding for the actual solar grid itself with the battery backup system. Lewis said it is also \$10,000 to apply through MTERA who has the funding for them to help them work on that grant and they will do all the technical aspects for it.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions for Gary. Burmeister asked any citizens....go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said did they ever figure out who the Tribal Representative was going to be on that.

Gary Lewis said um, he would assume it would be him because he is appointed to the Board so. Lewis said it is a Council Resolution so.

Councilor Metzger said all right. Metzger thanked him.

Speaker Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Mike.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said he was just wondering Gary how big is this going to be and ah, how many kilo watts or whatever its going to produce and what is it going to.....where is the electric going to go to.

Gary Lewis said so this is 4.5 mega watts of ah, capacity with ah, there is a single line diagram that they have already done that runs so basically it would be west of the Treatment Plant so there is the two open fields right there that they can kind of offset a little bit from each other um, right there. Lewis said it is still to be determined down the road but that's the concept right now is to put the solar array there and they have the engineered diagram that runs the power line over behind the casino to offset the casino power. Lewis said and right basically it would be about um, it would provide enough savings to cover about half of the casino's costs every year.

Speaker Burmeister asked any other questions for Gary from citizens. Burmeister said any further questions from Council. Burmeister said with no further....oh, go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe asked what is the total cost of the project. *It was hard to hear her comments because she did not switch on her microphone.*

Gary Lewis said um, so they are looking at somewhere between \$10-15 million and they will know more of that as they start to write the grant out and ah, refine the project so.

Councilor Wolfe said so this increase what the project is initial but in six to seven months....*the rest of her comment wasn't heard due to not turning on her microphone.*

Gary Lewis said that's correct and then the ah, the difference being is that previously they were going to go after tax credits and they probably could have gotten it up to 80% of that money back but the Tribe would have had to put that money up front and then they would have to file with the IRS and then they would get reimbursed a check and it was about 80% the difference here is this is no cost. Lewis said so it is no cost to the Tribe, time and staffing.

Councilor Wolfe said then he is asking for a grant application there is no information on the grant application.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Speaker he apologizes but Councilor Wolfe's microphone is off, and they can't hear her.

Councilor Wolfe repeated there is no grant information that's included in this packet.

Gary Lewis said he can get that to her from the EPA this is just to apply for the grant so he means if she wants that information, he can forward that over to her.

Councilor Wolfe said well usually when they apply for a grant they see the whole grant application and part of what the Budget looks like and where it is going and what the project looks like. Wolfe said the only thing included is the Letter of Intent and MTERA. Wolfe said she doesn't have the grant application so on that she won't be supporting that. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Martha.

Martha Howell said good morning. Howell said they have people in the Waiting Room that needs to join the meeting. Howell asked can they let them in please.

Speaker Burmeister said yes, they intended to do that they were waiting until Gary was done with his presentation. Burmeister asked any other questions for..... Councilor Di Piazza. Burmeister said go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-014;
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO APPLY
FOR CPRG (CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT) AND
MTERA PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$10,000 TO
DEVELOP COMPONENTS OF A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION;**
by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.

Speaker Burmeister said can she let Sara in please. Burmeister said they have another citizen who has joined them. Burmeister said um, Sara Agosa could she please identify herself. Burmeister said Sara Agosa can she please identify herself.

Sara Agosa said Sara Agosa 4478.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said will there be any further comments or questions for Gary from Council. Burmeister said go ahead Mike.

Mike Ceplina said he would just like to say that he would like to see their lands being used for something like this instead of for them crops and that which is polluting their lands and put Roundup on it. Ceplina said he was supposed to have been putting crops on there to take the pollutants off of their lands not to put it in. Ceplina thanked them very much.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson will she do roll call please.

Roll Call #2

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said six in favor and three against it has been accepted.

Gary Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Gary Lewis.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2024-__ ; to reduce the VOCA Tribal Victim Services in the Amount of \$50,179

The MDHHS has requested that a reduction of \$50, 179 be made to the 2023-2024 VOCA Tribal Victim Services Funds so those funds can be placed in a new fund for Crime Victim Sustainability Fund 2024.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Shanaviah Canales have brought this item forward so Shanaviah the floor is hers.

Shanaviah Canales, Victim Service Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Canales said yes, good morning.

Speaker Burmeister said good morning.

Shanaviah Canales said yes, VOCA is um, requesting for the \$50,179 to be reduced but in the next item in the Budget is to ah, apply for their general funding grant to ah, gain back the \$50,179.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so during Agenda Review she had brought this to the attention of Tribal Council that there is actually not a legislative action that adopts the Budget for 2024. Wolfe said so she had asked the items to be removed from until someone.....until that Budget has been approved and adopted legislatively and that has not happened. Wolfe said um, so she cannot support these items and that would be the same for 1-5. Wolfe said they can't make a budget modification to a Budget that is not legislated.

Speaker Burmeister asked any other Councilors with questions or comments. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any further comments from citizens.....or Tribal....excuse her, Tribal Council. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-015;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)
CRIME VICTIM SUBSTANCE.....**

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, crap he is having a rough day.

Councilor Metzger said sustainability.

Councilor Di Piazza said yup, there they go.

.....SUSTAINABILITY FUND.....

A Male Participant in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "huh?"

A Female Participant in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "it sounds like that guy he's...."

The male Participant said, "No, he's the good guy."

The female Participant questioned, "Israel?"

The male Participant said, "No."

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked could they keep their microphone down.....

Speaker Burmeister said please mute themselves.

**(CVSF-2024).....AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2024-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,179
by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked any Councilors with any further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call. Burmeister said go ahead Kathleen she is sorry about that.

Kathleen Bowers, Budget Coordinator, said um, excuse her she thinks the resolution that Gary read was the Crime Sustainability Fund and it should be reducing the budget mod for the VOCA Tribal Victim. Bowers said she wanted to make sure that he read the correct resolution.

Councilor Di Piazza said hold on.

Kathleen Bowers said because they switched those after, so she just wanted to make sure they had the correct resolution number.

Councilor Di Piazza said his bad. Di Piazza said that came in on the.....well he doesn't get a packet anymore so he just gets.....

Kathleen Bowers said okay. Bowers said yeah, this is the budget mod for the VOCA for reducing it. Bowers thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, whoops. Di Piazza said all right he will make that correction.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-015;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2024-01 TO REDUCE THE VOCA
TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,179; by Di
Piazza.**

Councilor Wever said oh, support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-015;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2024-01 TO REDUCE THE VOCA
TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,179; by Di
Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Councilor Di Piazza asked is that correct or not.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she just also wanted to comment they were advised also to make changes to resolution based on that 2024 Budget not being legislative and those um, resolutions weren't updated or changed. Wolfe said so that was another reason she was not supporting the item.

Speaker Burmeister asked any other Councilors with comments. Burmeister said they are having a little technical difficulty. Burmeister said whoops they have another Tribal citizen that has joined them. Burmeister said Bill Ossiginac please identify himself. Burmeister repeated Bill Ossiginac can he please identify himself. Burmeister said one more time Bill Ossiginac can he identify himself.

Bill Ossiginac said he couldn't get it unmuted this is Bill Ossiginac ah, 3877.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Bill Ossiginac said sorry.

Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call on that item please.

Roll Call #3

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against it has passed.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

2. Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Crime Victim Sustainability Fund Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2024-__ in the amount of \$50,179

Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Crime Victim Sustainability Fund Grant in the amount of \$50,179.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Shanaviah Canales have brought this item forward so Shanaviah the floor is hers.

Shanaviah Canales, Victim Services Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Canales thanked her. Canales said this is just um, the application that VOCA has sent to reapply for the \$50,179 um, so to add that back into....well it is to add it to the Budget so that it equals out to what they originally accepted back in the fall.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any Councilors with any questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said just again she will be voting....not supporting this item because again there is not ah, um, 2024 Budget that has been legislated by Tribal Council and they were advised by the attorney to make adjustments in their resolution which did not come forward.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said she would like to entertain a motion for this item please. Burmeister said Councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis said with no further questions she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-016;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)
CRIME VICTIM SUSTAINABILITY FUND (CVSF-2024) AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2024-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,179; by Silvis; supported by
Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked is there any Tribal Councilors with any commentscitizens Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #4

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against it has passed.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service-Office of Self-Governance and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2024-__ in the amount of \$7,948.00**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Kathleen Bowers have brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Kathleen the floor is hers.

Kathleen Bowers, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Bowers said okay this is accepting funds um, from IHS Self-Governance and it is going into 4105 Behavioral Health.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any Tribal citizens with questions. Burmeister said any questions from Councilors. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yes if there is no other questions or comments he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-017;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICE-OFFICE OF SELF-GOVERNANCE AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2024-03 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,948 AND NO CENTS; by
Metzger; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked are there any further questions from Council. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said it's the same comment. Wolfe said um, there is no Operating Budget for 2024 that has been legislated by Tribal Council and their advised to change the resolutions based on that fact which did not come forward.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister said go ahead um, Mike.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina asked do they have an approved Budget for 2024. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said that was a question, right, yes, they do. Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said there is a Budget that was mandated by the court, but it was not legislatively adopted or took any action by Tribal Council which makes it unapproved in her opinion.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well in his opinion that ah, the ordinance that lays out that process makes it so. Di Piazza said the Budget and Appropriations Act. Di Piazza said he is sure he will get ah, there it is already. Di Piazza said he wasn't going to argue about it. Di Piazza said the courts ruled on the 11th the one the Ogema signed on the 13th is the Budget in play per the Appropriations Act and the Constitution. Di Piazza said go back and read the....*cleared his throat here*.... January 11th Order. Di Piazza said everyone missed the Constitutional portion.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, well he is with Councilor Wolfe on this there has been no legislatively adopted ah, eh, Budget. Crampton said um, and if they go to the docket there was a court case just decided by the Appellate, not by the lower court, it is just an opinion until it gets to fully adjudicated. Crampton said if they look at that one the um, the ruling in the Agosa Case properly cites that the Separation of Powers prohibits the judiciary from acting as a Legislative Body and um, mandating how a vote outcomes. Crampton said so they can say the lower court opinion stands but members can go to the page and look for themselves and see what the Appellate Court has ruled which is contrary. Crampton said so he thinks he will be following the Appellate. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said if there are no further questions Recorder.....oh, she is sorry go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said there is no resolution that adopts a 2024 Budget for the Tribe.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions or comments. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she please do or she with no further questions let's see Recorder Johnson do roll call please.

Roll Call #5

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

- 4. Acceptance of funds from U.S. Department of Agriculture-FDPIR Nutrition Education 2024 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2024-__ in the amount of \$79,000**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Burmeister said Kathleen Bowers and Jamie Friedel brought this item forward so. Burmeister asked Kathleen if she wanted to start.

Kathleen Bowers, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Bowers said she can let Jamie go because he knows more about the program.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Jamie.

Jamie Friedel, FDPIR Director, represented this agenda item. Friedel said yes ah, this is extra funds the \$79,000 from Nutrition and Education Funds that were automatically awarded to them. Friedel said um, for the....for a new position for a Nutritionist for the FDPIR Program which is going to be opened up to all of LRBOI. Friedel said um, as far as Elders Meals and the Clinic so they just need to accept these funds in. Friedel said that will cover wages....all of the wages involved in it and it covers um, necessary needs and computer whatever.... whatever else they need for that position ah, on paperwork....papers um, pamphlets brochures all that stuff. Friedel said so they just need to accept it in so they can....so he can get that position posted and get it filled.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked Kathleen if she had any additional comments.

Kathleen Bowers said only if there are questions, she's here.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions or comments. Burmeister asked any Tribal citizens with questions or comments. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he wants to make sure he has the right one here. Di Piazza said anyways he makes a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-018;
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE-FDPIR NUTRITION EDUCATION 2024 AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2024-04 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,000; by Di Piazza; supported
by Metzger.**

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any further questions from Tribal Councilors.....citizens. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said again she has the same reasons as cited....as stated in the previous items. Wolfe said there is no resolution adopting ____ Budget for 2024 so she cannot make....*the rest of her comments could not be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording because she did not turn her microphone on,*

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead um, go ahead Roy.

Roy Vanas asked is this program Nutrition Education is that like helping the people learn about the right foods they should eat for diabetes and things like that.

Jamie Friedel replied yes it is.

Roy Vanas said okay, he is just wondering why anybody would in their right mind would deny that....that to go through. Vanas said their Tribe needs help with things like that especially the Elders. *Vanas made one further comment, but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording due to static.*

Jamie Friedel said he does know that this is the only Nutrition Educator that they have in the whole Tribe that's why it is very important that they bring one on for all the membership including their program participants. Friedel said yes, that is a good thing.

Roy Vanas said he totally agrees. Vanas thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe go ahead please.

Councilor Wolfe said she thinks Mr. Friedel just answered the question. Wolfe asked is this eligible for only Food Commodity recipients or is it eligible to all membership.

Jamie Friedel said it will be eligible to all membership including their participants, yes.

Councilor Wolfe thanked him.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call on this item please.

Roll Call #6

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against its been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Jamie Friedel said Miigwech.

5. Acceptance of funds from U.S. Department of Treasury for Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2024-__ in the amount of \$189,324.36
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Burmeister said Kathleen Bowers, Ogema Romanelli and Andrew have brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Andrew the floor is his.

Andrew Jeurink, IT Department, represented this agenda item. Jeurink said yes, this ah, this grant they applied for he believed over 18 months ago. Jeurink said this is to add wireless to all the buildings including Aki and Muskegon locations um, and redundancy for if they have another closure for Tribal members and Tribal children to access um, available internet.

Speaker Burmeister asked Kathleen if she had any additional things.

Kathleen Bowers responded that she does not.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Tribal Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said again she is going to have the same stance as Items 1-4 there is no Operating Budget for 2024 so therefore, they cannot do a modification. Wolfe said they were advised to um, modify the resolution and that did not come forward.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked any other comments. Burmeister asked any citizens that have comments. Burmeister asked further comments from Tribal Council. Burmeister said with no further comments she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said go ahead Misty....oh, okay go ahead Councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis said with no further comments she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-019;
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY-CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2024-05 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,324.36; by Silvis; supported
by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Burmeister asked did he....

Councilor Di Piazza said it doesn't matter.

Speaker Burmeister said Gary supported that. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe go ahead.

Councilor Wolfe said she believed the resolution number was stated incorrectly.

Councilor Di Piazza said it should be 019.

Councilor Wolfe said she said 2024 it is just 24.

Councilor Silvis said she will repeat it all.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-019;
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY-CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2024-05 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,324.36; by Silvis; supported
by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions from Councilors....from citizens. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call for this item please.

Roll Call #7

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | No | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her and Kathleen.

Kathleen Bowers thanked Council.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval for Travel for MAST for Councilor Silvis on March 4-9, 2024 in Washington, D.C.**
Attending MAST in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Silvis has brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Councilor Silvis the floor is hers.

Councilor Silvis thanked her. Silvis said she just wanted to state MAST um, stands for the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Nations. Silvis said it is an intertribal organization that represents 35 Federally Recognized Tribes in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa. Silvis said their mission is to protect, preserve and enhance mutual interest, treaty rights, sovereignty and cultural way of life. Silvis said they are holding a conference for Impact Week in Washington, D.C. from March 5-8, she is the Liaison for MAST. Silvis said she is asking for Council support and approval to travel there. Silvis thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors um, abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe asked um, when did she have a work session on this.

Councilor Silvis said there was no work session it was actually a late add yesterday because of the Budget situation so she just threw it together because um, she has to start travelling next week so there was no time.

Councilor Wolfe said any other prior approval for travel has required a work session for it to be brought forward. Wolfe said um, on that reason she will not be supporting the item also there were checks already processed on this item before

this motion roll call vote today which she thinks is inappropriate um, so that's another reason she cannot support this item. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton thanked her. Crampton said yes, he was in touch with....in fact the Director Scott Vale of MAST just called his wife the other day and was asking if they were going to be attending. Crampton said and he told him the fact that they put away money for all travel....for all Council to travel but um, they had not gotten approval of a Budget yet so it would um, irresponsible of him to travel out there and he...he agreed. Crampton said um, Councilor Wolfe is very correct and he is going to ask the Recorder because it is her Constitutional duty to inform the members of Tribal Council. Crampton said um, were they instructed to include something on here to say this wasn't an adopted Budget by Tribal Council. Crampton said he is asking Pam Johnson the Recorder who has a Constitutional obligation to tell the members the business of Tribal Council.

Recorder Johnson asked what was that.

Councilor Crampton loudly said were they advised to include a disclaimer on the resolutions today to say that this was not a Budget adopted by Tribal Council.

Recorder Johnson said yes.

Councilor Crampton thanked her.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said they voted but it was not noted who made that comment or no way to tell who said it.

Recorder Johnson said but she thinks by majority of Council vote they....they have to go by majority of Council, yes they were advised but that doesn't mean it is an opinion....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said no it is a violation of her duties is what it is.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton let her finish please. Burmeister said go ahead Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson said Council as a Body has a choice whether or not they are going to accept that considering they are divided on this particular topic um, she thinks that does play a factor in how they respond to things and how they take their opinions as well.

Councilor Crampton thanked her. Crampton said well she wasn't in the queue he was Speaker so before she starts her bias actions that she always does he was in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said excuse her Councilor Crampton, he asked her a question then as she was responding to his question.

Councilor Crampton said yes, she said yes and he said, "thank you," and he started to speak and she cut him off again. Crampton said if she is going to take up his time reiterating stuff....he is still talking....he is in the queue. Crampton said he knows he doesn't agree with her and she usually attack people who don't and throw them out of the queue but no. Crampton said um, that was put forward and it was a Budget that was ____ they did not adopt that Budget and they did not adopt that Budget. Crampton said what is going on here is that they have five Council members that are ignoring their duty. Crampton said and he will be taking issue with that. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza he was next in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he was just going to say there is a Budget in play. Di Piazza said and the ordinance, the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance says so along with the court order on the 11th that states that the Budget that was signed on the 13th is the Budget in play. Di Piazza said the ordinance makes it so because an ordinance carries....an ordinance is law. Di Piazza said he doesn't know where people understand ordinances, resolutions and things on that order and regulations but that is law....ordinance is law is it not. Di Piazza said does an ordinance not trump a resolution. Di Piazza said absolutely and the ordinance states this is how it happens. Di Piazza said and an opinion is just that this is his opinion. Di Piazza said until the courts rule which he believes they already have they read the January 11th Court Order it states per the Budget & Appropriations Act and the Constitution. Di Piazza asked does anybody know what the Constitution is. Di Piazza said the courts already made a judgement on Constitutionality of it. Di Piazza said he suggests people go back and read that court order again. Di Piazza said whether it is appealed or not that court order is in play. Di Piazza said let alone they just had a Show Cause Monday on Contempt. Di Piazza said on this exact matter. Di Piazza said of not appropriating not enough funds for the Budget. Di Piazza said so an opinion is just that, they know, they had an opinion from some outside legal about the Prosecutor Ordinance being Constitutional. Di Piazza said oh, wait a minute....that....it wasn't. Di Piazza said so an opinion is just that. Di Piazza said whether it is a legal opinion or his opinion or his opinion or her opinion. Di Piazza said his opinion is there is a Budget in play and in place. Di Piazza said so if they think they want to challenge him in the courts on his Constitutional duty he will see them there.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli he is next in the queue.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said first he wants to thank ah, Councilor Silvis for ah, agreeing to go out to MAST. Romanelli said travel is not all fun ah, but he thinks it is important for newer Councilors to be involved. Romanelli said secondly, they have been to court and he doesn't want to go too far on this. Romanelli said his concern is when they state that there is no Budget it creates conflict within this Tribe and within their employees. Romanelli said his question is how do they receive paychecks that including their Tribal Councilors cashing paychecks on a Budget that isn't in place. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Crampton he is next in the queue so go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton said sure that should be simple for anybody that knows anything about Budgets or any kind of economics. Crampton said um, they passed the first quarter that is how they are getting their paychecks. Crampton said so they are talking about a Budget here which is year long now the Constitution does not say anything about it going back to the Ogema's Budget so that is misnomer by Mr. Di Piazza that was absolutely incorrect. Crampton said um, the Constitution does say that once it goes....the Ogema vetoes it the Council has to bring something forward which has not happened. Crampton said so that's where they are at and if they want to go to the courts he...*stammered here*....yeah, he not....he never tried to argue with Mr. Di Piazza like he said before he said before he is embarrassed to have to work with him so he don't try to argue with him. Crampton said but if the members want to go and look at the Agosa Case that was just ruled their lower court is an opinion. Crampton said their ah....their um, Appeals Court is the final stop....is the final word. Crampton said please read the Agosa Case then they will have their answer to the conundrum perplexing five of their Council members. Crampton said they have a lower court opinion that says one thing and they have a rule....*laughing here*....and an opinion by the Appellate that says absolutely not, the judges have no authority. Crampton said absolutely none to legislate. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe she was in the queue next go ahead please.

Councilor Wolfe said well she just wants to comment that an adopted Budget is different than a supplemental appropriation. Wolfe explained that a supplemental appropriation allows the government to continue to function and everyone to receive their paychecks. Wolfe said there is no legislative adopted Budget for 2024. Wolfe said they were also advised that these resolutions needed an amendment or a change to them to make them compliant before they adopted them to not come forward those five items. *There was a long pause between comments here.* Wolfe said she also wanted to ask Silvis or the rest of Tribal

Council was Ron Wittenberg considered for this MAST Training or informed of it or asked to attend because she is the second Alternate and she is not actually a Liaison.

Councilor Silvis said ah, no he did know last Thursday when she started getting her paperwork together, he was in the office and she discussed it with him at that time but she just thought because she was the Liaison she just had to go through with her own paperwork because this is the first time she ever done it.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza he was next in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, well let him just read a little out of that court order from the 11th. Di Piazza read: *When Tribal Council voted and the vote on the veto failed both the ordinance and the Constitution both make it clear which Budget is in place.* Di Piazza said so there is a Constitution ruling in that court order about it also. Di Piazza said they might want to go back and read it because he is not making that up. Di Piazza said whether that is his opinion or not it doesn't matter plus he would like to make a motion.

Speaker Burmeister asked does she have a second on that motion.

Councilor Wever said oh, yes definitely but he still has to make it.

Councilor Di Piazza said he still has to make it.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead. Burmeister said sorry about that.

Councilor Di Piazza made the motion and Councilor Wever supported:

**MOTION TO APPROVE FOR TRAVEL FOR MAST FOR
COUNCILOR SILVIS ON MARCH 4-9, 2024, IN WASHINGTON,
D.C; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked the Speaker. Crampton said well he just wanted to mention that yesterday he had requested that ah, some things be added to the agenda and he was told no by the Recorder and all of Council was there so. Crampton said he is with Councilor Wolfe it just seems like there is people being special favors um, now they are travelling.....going to approve travel for a first time for no work session, no discussion, no anything. Crampton said he thinks her bias is really showing. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger he is next in the queue.

Councilor Metzger said withdraw.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson she is next in the queue.

Recorder Johnson asked um, so Councilor Crampton did he get his paperwork turned into Grace or her for that matter either one of them. Johnson asked did he get his paperwork to be added to this agenda because she doesn't recall seeing or receiving any paperwork from him to have these items added. Johnson said if he honestly wanted to add them, he would have gotten his paperwork in.

Councilor Crampton said he asked her before following them up because he is used to how she operates and how she operates is even when he sends them in she denies his work sessions for a month and that's....there has been a complaint about that....several complaints about that so he doesn't know why she is trying to fool the membership that she actually does her job. Crampton said she doesn't.

Recorder Johnson said she is doing her job and honestly he.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he asked her yesterday in front of everybody on this Council.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, let her finish please.

Recorder Johnson said she asked him so button it.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked what?

Recorder Johnson said she said button it.

Councilor Crampton said oh, don't tell him what to do.

Recorder Johnson said there is play so when she asks for documentation she expects him if he wants a work session to give documentation except for just what....except for just a piece of paper asking for his Agenda Request. Johnson said she wants documentation, so they don't sit there for five to ten minutes and then their done because nobody exactly knows what part he wants to talk about or discuss or what have them. Johnson said she is asking for documentation. Johnson said same thing with Agenda Review he knows how it goes he's been here for years on Council he knows if he wants something done as far as agenda or work session he has to submit his paperwork. Johnson said nothing has changed it's the same process as it always it has been. Johnson said just submit his documentation. Johnson said his documentation doesn't even currently meet, and he knows as well as they all do, documentation has to be in by Tuesday at 5 p.m. just to meet next week's agenda and he still hasn't turned it in for next week's agenda so it is already late to get it on next week's but hey and it's not an emergency item

necessarily per say for things that he is asking to be on there. Johnson said this is a little different where she needs to have that approval since she would have to leave next week which is why it got put onto the agenda because she would have to leave next week. Johnson thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Councilor Crampton said okay, now he is going to respond.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead um, she will put him in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said no, no, no he was....she was responding and he was in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said no, she will put him in the queue. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe is next in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said wait no, again she is trying to take him out of his queue. Crampton asked the Speaker why is she doing that. Crampton said he had the queue and she was answering his questions.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe.....

Councilor Crampton said he is not done she asks everybody if they are done she doesn't ask him if he's done she just try to.....

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said again she just wants to state for the record that this is out of compliance this motion has not even been voted on and the checks has been processed in Accounting.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor....does he....Councilor Crampton now he is next in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said okay, before she does this again let's make sure that he is in the queue so when he ask a question she doesn't steal the queue from him again like she just did. Crampton said now everything that she just said was false. Crampton said they all know when they sat there and talked about non....her not doing her duties she just said it has to be in the week before. Crampton said so how did Councilor Silvis get on today. Crampton said she contradicts herself every time she opens her mouth. Crampton said they all know the complaints about her for not doing her job. Crampton said where are the minutes.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, let's stop this right now.

Councilor Crampton said see this is what he is talking about. Crampton said she.....no, no....

Speaker Burmeister said he brings everything else into a conversation that has nothing to do with the ____ topic.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said no, she is trying....she is stifling his comments she doesn't do that to any....

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "Waiting Room."

Councilor Crampton said she is stifling his freedom of speech, Speaker, he is sorry he is in the queue....speech....and she is taking that away. Crampton said he is in the queue he was recognized, and he has freedom....

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had his hand up.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he is good. Di Piazza said well yeah it did. Di Piazza said he will call the question on it.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording thanked Councilor Di Piazza but it wasn't known who made the comment.

Councilor Metzger was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording, but they were clear or loud enough to understand.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, that is not how its been going all this time. Di Piazza said he did he brought that up when he made the first call....

Councilor Metzger continued in the background, but his comments were not picked up on the ZOOM recording.

A Participant who didn't identify themselves said they are so sorry to interrupt but they think Al's mic is muted.

Councilor Di Piazza said he started that. Di Piazza said he called the question.

Speaker Burmeister said di.....

Councilor Metzger interrupted. Metzger said he calls a Parliamentary Procedure. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said with the question being called Recorder Johnson please do a roll call.

Councilor Metzger interrupted. Metzger said he would have called it a long time ago Gary.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, stop.

Councilor Di Piazza said he did.

Both Councilors Metzger and Di Piazza continued to make remarks in the background on the ZOOM recording, but they were not picked up clearly.

Speaker Burmeister said both of them stop.

Councilor Metzger asked was it voted on.

Speaker Burmeister said both of them stop. Burmeister said Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he's good.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, Recorder Johnson will she please do roll call.

Councilor Metzger said they had people in waiting.

Speaker Burmeister said well the question has been called so they have to move forward.

Councilor Metzger said in a low tone okay.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson please.

A Participant who didn't identify themselves said Parliamentary Procedure re...calls that they have to take a vote of Council before they can move forward of the vote on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister asked ready.

Roll Call #

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | P. Johnson - |
| S. Crampton- | | G. DiPiazza - | S. Wever - |
| R. Wittenberg- | | J. Wolfe - | T. Burmeister - |

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

A Participant interrupted and asked "why are you ignoring us," on the ZOOM recording their membership "don't they count anymore?"

Sara Agosa interrupted. Agosa said Tammy her conduct is completely unethical and she is not even.....

Speaker Burmeister said excuse her.

Councilor Metzger asked they vote non and call the question. Metzger said he would like to know what they are voting on exactly.

Recorder Johnson said they are voting on the item...for her to travel.

Councilor Metzger asked has the checks been cut already.

Recorder Johnson said she doesn't know.

Speaker Burmeister said she doesn't know either. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson please continue with roll call.

Councilor Metzger said he votes no.

Roll Call #8

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said six in favor, two against and one absent....*the rest of her comment was not heard.*

Councilor Silvis thanked Council.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli. Burmeister said sorry Ogema she saw that his name and read the title again then she saw Ogema next to it with two items below. Burmeister said so she apologizes.

Ogema Romanelli said no problem. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked the Ogema.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she would like to hear from the members who have their hands raised.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Sara.

Sara Agosa said she just wanted to let um, Julie know that sometimes it is hard to hear her. Agosa said she doesn't know if her mic is set low or if its on, but it is very difficult to hear sometimes. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Jolene.

Jolene O'Signac said yes, she has great concern with Council not doing their appropriate jobs. O'Signac said they are not adhering to legal advice they just stomped all over Parliamentary Procedure. O'Signac said when a vote is called, they have to have Council vote and three....2/3's of Council has to vote to approve that um, call. O'Signac said so it is not being handled correctly they.... five of them are not adhering to legal advice and she thinks this is um, not acceptable and the meeting shouldn't just continue if its not being run correctly.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

A. Binojeeuk Commission

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Burmeister noted that none are submitted for the Binojeeuk Commission. Burmeister said quiet please no sidebars.

B. Enrollment Commission

☐ None Submitted

C. Gaming Commission

☐ January 2024

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from these minutes. Burmeister asked any questions from Councilors....citizens. Burmeister said back to Councilors with any questions. Burmeister said is not she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson go ahead.

Recorder Johnson said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION JANUARY 2024 REPORT; by Johnson; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she would do roll call for these minutes, please.

Roll Call #9

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
E. Housing Department Report and Commission Meeting Schedule ☐ January 2024

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from.....that is not supposed to be on there. Burmeister said that has to be removed because they did not receive ah, the minutes.

Recorder Johnson said that is Housing.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO REMOVE THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPORT FROM THE AGEND FOR JANUARY 2024; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be anybody abstaining....any Councilors. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she will please do roll call on this item.

Roll Call #10

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Wittenberg asked is this to remove.

Recorder Johnson said yes.

Councilor Wittenberg voted yes.

Councilor Metzger said to remove, yes.

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one against it has been removed.

Councilor Silvis said not one against.

Recorder Johnson corrected herself and said one absent. Johnson said sorry.
Johnson recited eight in favor and one absent.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

F. Natural Resource Commission ☐ None Submitted

The following comments were an exception, and the meeting was put on hold while they spoke of other things and had nothing to do with the Natural Resource Commission.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead.

Councilor Wolfe said she would like to take a recess and um, stop this recording and this entire ZOOM and allow the availability for Councilor Crampton to rejoin. Wolfe explained that once they are put....once they are removed from a meeting they can't rejoin the same meeting. Wolfe said so she would like her to call a recess and turn this off and restart it again so he can rejoin.

Jolene O'Signac said they can't hear Julie.

Councilor Wolfe reiterated that she was asking the Speaker to call a recess and stop the ZOOM recording because they pre-emptively removed Councilor Crampton once they are removed from a meeting, they are not allowed to join the same meeting as its recording so she asked for a recess discontinue this meeting then reopen it and allow Councilor Crampton to rejoin.

Speaker Burmeister said she has two Councilors with their hands up. Burmeister said um, Councilor Di Piazza he was first then Recorder Johnson was second.

Councilor Di Piazza asked was he put in the Waiting Room?

Speaker Burmeister answered yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said then that is not removal of the meeting he did that on his own. Di Piazza said on his own free will. Di Piazza said so no he is not in support of calling a recess just continue on.

Councilor Wolfe said it didn't look like he was put in the Waiting Room she thinks he was removed from the meeting.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know he was busy. Di Piazza said she may have had more time.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson said um, she did put him in the Waiting Room um, and previous times when she has stuck him in there, she has let him back in so when she went to let him back in for the vote he was already gone. Johnson said so he removed himself from the meeting, but he was put into the Waiting Room.

Councilor Wever left her seat in the meeting room.

Brad Pringle also left the meeting room.

Councilor Wolfe thanked them for the clarification.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them.

Brad Pringle re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister said yeah, go ahead Jolene.

Jolene O'Signac said she is just really tired of this Council.

Councilor Wever returned to her seat.

Jolene O'Signac continued. O'Signac said taking away outlying rights she demands that their representative be there and them guys need to do what they need to do to make that happen. O'Signac said this is not okay what is happening they are taking control and not listening to what their membership is requiring.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Karol Ann.

Karol Chabot said well once again Tammy she is a bully and she is sorry she has to say this however he is their representative he has a right to be in the meeting. Chabot said and just because she does not like what he happens to be saying she just ignores him and kick him out or whatever and that is....he has right to speak. Chabot said they have a right for him to represent them and its just ridiculous how she and Pam think they are so fricking powerful that they can just do whatever they want, and they cannot silence their voices. Chabot said she is tired of this, so this happens in work sessions they have done this to Sara several times and it is just unacceptable their conduct and their professionalism. Chabot said she is a bully and it needs to stop and she is biased and she did favors for...she is not saying Misty....Councilor Silvis doesn't have a right to go to a conference but she did nothing correct and Shannon was right that there was um, favoritism to put

her on the agenda when she requires....she didn't....she doesn't know how she got on the agenda and she doesn't think it was corrected she did because she didn't follow any of the protocols supposedly and she knows she is a new Councilor but she should have inquired with other Councilors of the procedure or what to do. Chabot said so that vote should have never happened and their votes are biased and ah, and is un....is unprofessional of how their conducting this meeting. Chabot said so ah, they are not happy with her as Speaker or Pam as Recorder which they can't do anything about however they need to quit this ah, being biased and she needs to quit bullying people.

Speaker Burmeister said she has several people in the queue, so the next one is Councilor Di Piazza go ahead please.

Councilor Di Piazza said all he can say is for most....he thinks most of them are tired of the disrespect and the name calling and all of them sort of things, the total interruption. Di Piazza said they know he was at the podium in court, and somebody interrupted him. Di Piazza asked what kind of disrespect is that in a court room. Di Piazza said whether they believe that court is justified or not he could hear two of them back there saying something. Di Piazza said how disrespectful is that to their court. Di Piazza asked so what happens here. Di Piazza answered the same thing. Di Piazza said and he was one of them he heard him mutter something behind him. Di Piazza said whether they like what he has to say or not doesn't matter that court....that is still a court of law and they were there to Show Cause for not being held in Contempt of Court really guys. Di Piazza repeated really. Di Piazza said and he left the meeting on his own accord because putting him in the Waiting Room not removing him from the meeting. Di Piazza said and he's....he's tired of it folks. Di Piazza said this total disrespect is....is beyond and yeah, he gets wound up all the time. Di Piazza said but that was a court of law and he....two of them say something. Di Piazza said so what happens here this isn't a court of law most everybody is saying it is a got dang circus. Di Piazza said they come here to watch the show, really, that's not what he is here for. Di Piazza said whether they like him or not respect him. Di Piazza said he's done.

Speaker Burmeister said next in the queue is Roy. Burmeister said go ahead Roy.

Roy Vanas said um, when it comes to representation and someone leaving the meeting um, if those Councilors choosing to stand up and walk out they did a couple...what was it a meeting ago. Vanas said that's their way of showing their representation of things when they do that. Vanas said if they think it is going to change things the way that it did....going by just doing that that's showing the outlying their representation of it. Vanas said now when he asked a question at the last meeting about what was their ideas....he was told to go watch the tape. Vanas said well he did go watch the tape and what he saw was Shannon Crampton saying this meeting's done and then all of the outlying standing up and walk out. Vanas said what he was told was that no he was already in his office by one of the

outlying members and the other that got up and walked out and the other one when he told him to go review the tape, he's standing right there behind his desk at that podium that he is sitting at now. Vanas said so this getting up and walking out because they don't get their way is....is...is showing the outlying members what they, they know, how they respect their opinion. Vanas said that is all he has got to say he thinks the meeting should just continue.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said next in the queue is Sara go ahead please.

Sara Agosa said she has a couple of things. Agosa said first of all when they put Councilor Crampton in the Waiting Room, they never told him how long it would be in there. Agosa asked so why would he wait. Agosa said that is completely unfair to do that especially since he is a Councilor. Agosa said he is being treated really unfairly and she would like to direct these comments to Pam. Agosa said both her and Tammy are exhibiting extremely unethical behavior, and he is being treated very unfairly and with bias. Agosa said his Constitutional rights are being violated as well as theirs. Agosa said first of all they continue to say that with work sessions he needs to attach paperwork that has not been the standard practice he does not need to attach any documentation if he just wants to have a discussion on a topic that's perfectly acceptable. Agosa said and for them to hold the bar higher for Shannon because they don't like his political agenda or who he represents that is absolute bias and she knows this for a fact because she had scheduled work sessions, and she has never been required to provide paperwork. Agosa said it is not your call to determine how a work session lasts if its five minutes or an hour but that is up to the discretion of the person scheduling it and they know that. Agosa said again preferential treatment, and this is all politically influenced. Agosa said also yesterday Councilor Crampton worked very hard on the Budget & Appropriations Act and bringing forward an amendment which is totally justifiable and the right thing to do. Agosa said and Pam in that meeting she delayed this agenda item from being...moving forward and wanted it delayed a whole another week but yet she let Councilor Silvis bring forward an agenda item essentially last minute without a work session, again, that is completely unequal treatment. Agosa said also the Call of Questions the way its being used is abusive. Agosa said its totally inappropriate, a vote needs to be taken, is being used to stifle their comments because Speaker Burmeister and Recorder Johnson both. Agosa said their decisions are being politically influenced and its just not going to stand. Agosa said last week she was not even able to make her public comment and those.....her Constitutional Rights are being violated. Agosa said so she would like to ask if Shannon is in the queue waiting to get back into the meeting that even if the meeting has to be stopped he is allowed to come back and represent them.....those who voted him into office. Agosa said he is doing a great job. Agosa said they don't like what he is doing, he challenges them, he wants to make the Tribe better, and he has a lot of business...*hesitation here*....knowledge and quite frankly that is challenging the status quo. Agosa said and they are just

not going to stand for it so please allow him back in if he's in the queue. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Chelsea she is next in the queue so go ahead please.

Chelsea Densmore thanked her. Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225. Densmore said um, she had her comment taken back from last time too and that was because there was so much discussion during the meeting. Densmore said that they don't have time at the end of the meeting for public comment she didn't speak at all during the last meeting and then it ended up to where they didn't have time for public comment because the meetings are going for so long and don't get her wrong, they take how long they take that's fine but she wished they could move on. Densmore said like they are only on reports, right. Densmore said Shannon has had this back and forth where he like he gets kicked out or whatever it is and then he comes back and like this is not nothing new, right. Densmore said also Councilor Crampton cannot get kicked out if he's in person. Densmore said they can't put him in the Waiting Room in person if he is upset on how it is going go into the office and they can't do anything same as anybody else that is in there, right. Densmore said um, earlier she had heard some people interrupt which granted she had jumped in once and she didn't realize them guys were....knew if they were muted. Densmore said she apologizes for that. Densmore said but like when them guys interrupt and they are like attacking them and....and....and yelling at them and calling them bullies and all this stuff that's hurting them. Densmore said right, all its going to do is it is going to end up to where they go back to that pre-COVID she doesn't know if them guys remember this or if they were on but she remembers where she couldn't speak, she couldn't say anything, she couldn't watch in real time she had to wait for the recordings online, right. Densmore said like she appreciates being actively involved in the moment. Densmore said she really appreciates it and she doesn't want it to be taken away because them guys are attacking Councilors in the meeting and they feel its too disruptive. Densmore said right, like this is a professional meeting like she....she....she wish that, they know, Council citizens included they can all be....try and be respectful and remember that they are all the same Tribe and they are all trying to work together. Densmore said so much of this meeting has not...has....has been confusing and all over the place because them guys can't even agree on the Budget which normally when them guys disagree they take it to the courts, the courts decide and then them guys move on. Densmore said it sounds like the courts have decided and they still haven't moved on. Densmore said its just....its the constant circles of chaos she means its 11:30 and them guys are on reports. Densmore said she appreciates what their doing, she appreciates that they are meeting today because she knows them guys didn't meet for a couple of weeks she doesn't even know why. Densmore said um, she really appreciates that they are meeting now, and she really hopes that their able to move forward and make some progress so they can continue going with the Tribe and not hit like some stall. Densmore said its almost March, do they know what she means. Densmore

said she means let's move on. Densmore thanked them. Densmore said she appreciates her time, Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said next in the queue is Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson said so um, she has got to agree with a lot of things that....that ah, Chelsea had stated. Johnson said they know um....so....thanked Chelsea for that. Johnson said um, but other than that a lot of the things that are....are said.... some of them know if their on work sessions how verbally abusive it can get in their work sessions. Johnson said um, they know that Council gets beat up all the time and quite often its at Tammy and her. Johnson said they're the ones who are getting constantly verbally abused and they take it. Johnson said and they try to keep....more often than not they do not say nothing because they just want to get it on, they know, have the person say what their going to say and let's just move on. Johnson said sometimes it doesn't work and sometimes it works and as far as it goes they have deadlines and lately those deadlines are not being.....Council seems to forget that they have deadlines stuff has to be in by Tuesday if they want it on next week's agenda. Johnson said so as far as ah, that item being presented yeah, it was asked to wait until next week. Johnson said but he still hasn't turned in any paperwork. Johnson repeated there is no paperwork that he has turned in yet for an agenda item. Johnson said not even for todays, so he doesn't listen to her the majority of the time anyway he blows her off. Johnson asked does she have paperwork for that set agenda, Johnson said not even. Johnson said Grace didn't receive any either because she asked her if she got any from him this morning. Johnson said she said no. Johnson said no agenda review request, no paperwork from him whatsoever to even be put on the agenda to even be requested. Johnson said so as far as it goes that's why his item is not on here, no documentation whatsoever from him. Johnson said not even an agenda request for this week. Johnson said as far as Misty's goes for being on here she did talk to other Councilors and asked for informa.....um, some information and for assistance on...on her paperwork. Johnson said and honestly, she had agreed to have it on here because she said it would be fine because she knows she has to get a check cut she is also leaving next week. Johnson said and to put that as a very tight time....um, deadline she put it on here. Johnson said so it would be if they put it on here next week then it wouldn't be she would have one day to have her check cut. Johnson said honestly, she didn't know her check was going to be cut this week if it did apparently it did according to some Councilors. Johnson said she has not seen it but they know she is still not going to get that check until literally before she leaves next week. Johnson said chances are because usually they don't get their travel checks until just before they leave. Johnson said so as far that goes that's why it was put on here. Johnson said nobody knew that her check was going to be done right away this week. Johnson said um, so it wasn'tthey have all done paperwork and not have their checks processed that quickly. Johnson said um, or they usually or she seen checks be processed and they hold onto them and it could be done a month or so in advance and they hold onto the

checks until its....just before they leave. Johnson said so um, as far as it goes they have deadlines and half the Councilors here she will make exceptions depending on the importance of it and some things it like....it does not....it is not a dire emergency to be put on right away. Johnson said it can wait the following week and bring their documentation and that gives the person time to get their documentation together. Johnson said and she still doesn't have it. Johnson said so if they want to beat him up go ahead, continue because honestly, she is her father's daughter, and they know what he took beat up left and right as a....as a Tribal Judge and as his daughter she will take a beat up too as a Tribal Councilor. Johnson said and they know what that's okay because if she can take a beat up from her own....from her own district because they are not happy with what she does then that's fine. Johnson said she will take that beat up from them but they know what they have to at least respect the position and for those....they know what she doesn't care if they respect her or not at the end of the day. Johnson said they can call her a bully and call her biased, whatever but she will also look at the importance of an issue when it comes to does it need to be on right now or can it wait....or can it take the time and be put on next week. Johnson said is it a dire need emergency and some of these are not. Johnson asked do they have their paperwork together....if they don't it can wait for them to get their stuff together. Johnson said they actually do have a process, and she knows that some Councilors do not like the fact but she actually tried to use that process when she knows for a fact if they were sitting in this position that would be pushing that process like nobody's business. Johnson said and its actually really aggravating that they try to bully that. Johnson said and it is several of them members online from her own district that she represents here are bullies themselves. Johnson said and it is amazing them guys talk so much they don't sit here, they don't get bullied from each other, they get threatened all the time left and right, they get e-mails from members saying how they should be smacked or whatever and it's like really.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Recorder Johnson continued. Johnson said them guys are not respectful themselves. Johnson said they have no idea what it is like to sit up there. Johnson said the only ones that have an idea of what its like to sit up here and take the verbal abuse is the ones that have been there before them and the ones that are here now. Johnson said and it is awful the way members treat them. Johnson said and its like sometimes they have got to remember they are not the only ones that they represent, yes its nice to hear the constant voices but in the same token they have other voices that they can listen to every now and then. Johnson said but stop beating them up for what they believe is right regardless if they agree with it or not.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

Recorder Johnson continued. Johnson said they have deadlines and yeah, a lot of people don't like to stick to those. Johnson said there are a lot of things and

sometimes and she thinks them guys don't listen to what they try to say because its not what they want to hear. Johnson said she knows there is Councilors here that don't listen to what they say because they don't want to hear it and they have members that do the exact same thing. Johnson said and that's sad. Johnson said she's done.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Mike he is in the queue next.

Michael Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said in the Constitution it says freedom of speech. Ceplina said all of them they elected them up there to work for them and to listen to them.

Councilor Wittenberg left the meeting room.

Michael Ceplina continued. Ceplina said and he comes in these meetings and he sees where people call to order and there is people waiting to be heard. Ceplina asked where is that freedom of speech. Ceplina said they know eh...eh...eh they want respect well there is respect there to listen to all of them because they represent all of them. Ceplina said that is what he would like to see in their meetings from now on. Ceplina said to listen to everybody and just not to cut them off and not to listen to them at all. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger he was in the queue next go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the meeting room.

Councilor Metzger said wow ah, his first concern is ah, and this is to the Recorder he is just asking and just seeking answers if they are removed to the Waiting Room can they hear what is going on in the Council Meeting. Metzger said excuse him.

Recorder Johnson said nope.

Councilor Metzger asked no? Metzger said the answer is no. Metzger asked ah, if they are in the Waiting Room can they visually see what is going on in the Council Meeting.

Recorder Johnson said nope.

Councilor Metzger asked ah, if somebody is physically disturbing their...er, disrupting the meeting here physically what is done.

Recorder Johnson said they can have them removed by the officer.

Councilor Metzger said so...so she does remove them. Metzger said so going back to her first two answers when she puts somebody in the Waiting Room, she essentially removed him from this meeting. Metzger said whether he got off of ZOOM or not she virtually removed him from this meeting. Metzger said now he doesn't want to get into a debate about whether he should be here or not. Metzger said that's beyond this point. Metzger said the thing is even though where they are at right now on the agenda. Metzger said they know, because this....this ah, interruption of Constitutional duty that one Council member had or has to the people is being disturbed they know so ah, he would actually like to take Council members Wolfe....Wolfe's advice and allow Council member Crampton to rejoin this meeting. Metzger thanked them. Metzger continued. Metzger said because he doesn't want to end up in court over Constitutional....

Speaker Burmeister said next in queue is Councilor Wittenberg go ahead please.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Miigwech. Wittenberg said ah, it seems like this is public comment on how they got here. Wittenberg said ah, because he has been hearing all kinds of different things. Wittenberg said the thing is what it is. Wittenberg said he can roll with it he is not going nowhere, and he understands they certainly have a lot of opinions out here. Wittenberg said he is going to go back to the first one because he doesn't have to elaborate on everything else, but he does feel strongly ah, that is what he was going to bring up what Councilor Metzger said that if they are on this end and they put the person in the Waiting Room she just removed him. Wittenberg said so that person then didn't do nothing he didn't push a button on his end to go into the Waiting Room. Wittenberg said the Recorder did it. Wittenberg said and there are many times he hears that ah, through other Councilors put him in the Waiting Room....put him in the Waiting Room....put him in the Waiting Room....cut him off....cut him off. Wittenberg said its ah....it's horrible to him. Wittenberg said absolutely horrible. Wittenberg said of course he does know too....he's been sitting on here for a while and he can definitely don't...he can see what and have seen what is going on. Wittenberg said and that's all right to him because it is what it is. Wittenberg said but that's his opinion Shannon didn't put himself in the Waiting Room she did so she just eliminated him. Wittenberg said that's his opinion again. Wittenberg said Miigwech for nobody butting in or cross talking. Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said next in queue is Karol Ann go ahead please.

Karol Chabot said well to Gary's comment respect has to be earned and he has not earned her respect. Chabot said and as far as what she said to her, Tammy, about being a bully this goes back to work sessions where she has cut off people for saying what they wanted to say because she didn't....she didn't like what was being said and she is biased on...in that respect.

Councilor Metzger left the meeting room.

Karol Chabot continued. Chabot said and it shows in their votes when ah, Councilor Wolfe stated why she wasn't going to vote for these appropriation adjustments or bringing in monies from...grant money in.

Councilor Silvis left the meeting room.

Karol Chabot continued. Chabot said she was right in what she said so all this transaction today and it's the Appellate Court said there is no Budget what happens to these. Chabot said she means she guessed she is confused on that side. Chabot said ah, Councilor Wolfe can she answer her on that. Chabot asked are these legal or do they have to redo it again when they do ah, ratify the Budget or get the resolutions okayed.....approved.

Councilor Silvis re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Wolfe if she wanted to respond.

Councilor Wolfe said they wouldn't be able to determine that until after they get um, finalized in that court case.

Karol Chabot said okay how come the resolution wasn't changed per what was said by their legal counsel. Chabot asked ah...ah, why weren't the resolutions remanded or ah, written the way it should have been written. Chabot asked so whose responsibility was that.

Councilor Di Piazza said she called him out so.

Councilor Wolfe said um, she indicated the request to the Speaker.

Karol Chabot said okay so she....that is where she is confused. Chabot said and ah, thanked them for letting her speak. Chabot said let's get on with the meeting. Chabot said its not right that Shannon isn't in the meeting. Chabot said so that is her opinion. Chabot thanked them.

Councilor Metzger re-entered the meeting room but didn't return to his seat.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Gary....Councilor Di Piazza he said he had a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said nah, he was going to but its not worth it honestly because yeah, it's not to keep this back and forth badgering and whatever that may be. Di Piazza said he is too old for that. Di Piazza said he's good.

Councilor Metzger now returned to his seat in the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she had herself next in the queue and she just wanted to remind everybody that there are um, Tribal Council Procedures on how they are supposed to conduct themselves at a meeting. Burmeister said it is number four, Communications in an Interactive Meeting shall be conducted in a respectful manner without shouting or engaging in personal attacks or profanity. Burmeister said so that is how she runs her meetings she doesn't believe in um, personally attacking anybody. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson and herself and others have been called lots of names. Burmeister said they have been sent e-mails um, which they saved that have been bullying them and if she is being called a bully because somebody starts attacking another person or there's name calling or just terrible dis....degrading comments they betcha she is going to have um, Recorder Johnson mute them because she runs those meetings and she wants those meetings to be run respectfully for everybody in that room. Burmeister said um, they are recorded and it is....its disheartening for what happens in work sessions and what happens here. Burmeister said and she will become silent because she always believed that when people are arguing and fighting, they stop listening to one another. Burmeister said they can't have a discussion because nobody's listening. Burmeister said so yes she does become silent um, and she is ridiculed and criticized for that. Burmeister said she is pretty much not intelligent um, that she is staring off, that she is whatever is said and she won't comment to that and she won't degrade anybody in the room. Burmeister said she will never ever do that so if there are buttons that trying to be pushed of hers to do that um, they can keep trying to push that button she will not....she treats everybody with the same respect and she does listen to others. Burmeister said but to her respect, they know, it has to be earned and they all need to be respectful for one another so. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said next in queue is Sara. Burmeister said go ahead, Sara.

Sara Agosa said well her perspective is...is that when their actions are not in line with the law or their rules or their infringing upon the Constitutional rights of members expect to get feedback because they want to preserve their right. Agosa said that's not badgering, that's not being disrespectful, but anyone put in that position does have the right to defend themselves. Agosa said that's what she is seeing and there really has to be a distinction between name calling and doing things in an under handed way and an indirect way that undermines their well-being and progress both as Tribal citizens and the Tribe as a whole. Agosa said and that is what is taking place. Agosa said there are certain people on Council who take actions that totally lack integrity, defy legal sound advice, and ignore a large majority of the constituency. Agosa said remove people from meetings suppress public comments and that is absolutely disrespectful. Agosa said that is an indirect way of being disrespectful and that does show bias and unequal treatment. Agosa said and if they treat people that way expect to get feedback. Agosa said that's not the way a Tribe should be run, that's not why they're there and they organize, and that's not upholding their Preamble either. Agosa said so Gary she really takes offense to what he said about badgering because that's not at

all the way she is looking at it or other people are looking at it. Agosa said they just want their laws, and their rules upheld and upheld fairly across the board for everyone and that's just not what is being done. Agosa said she just has one final question. Agosa asked where are they at on the agenda.

Councilor Di Piazza said she was keeping track.

Speaker Burmeister said Sara they are on VI Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities A. Burmeister said next in the queue is Jolene. Burmeister said go ahead Jolene.

Jolene O'Signac said she totally agree with what Sara just stated ah, she put forth a lot of ___ thoughts but she just wants to remind each and every one of them that they are elected by the membership to represent the membership. O'Signac said if they are not doing that then they are not doing their job properly. O'Signac said um, ah, Pam Johnson is an Outlying Representative if they look at her voting record, they will see that she does not vote with the other Outlying membership representation and she takes great offense to that. O'Signac said um, she knows the way to handle that is not to have her re-elected and um, she appreciates that as part of it but Council has an important job to do and she doesn't feel that she is doing her job properly or correctly. O'Signac said and if they are in over their heads they need to step down and let somebody ___ that knows what they are doing. O'Signac said and...and make sure that it is done properly. O'Signac said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said next in queue is um, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said nah, he isn't responding to any of it anymore so that is where he is at with it. Di Piazza said he is too old for this. Di Piazza said he is enjoying his life and enjoy taking care of the citizens. Di Piazza said and that is exactly what he will be doing shortly. Di Piazza said yep, they will all be happy so. Di Piazza said he's good.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger he is next in the queue.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah, they answered one of his questions of exactly where they are at on the agenda in this meeting and he would actually whether he will have to make a motion to resume the meeting where they left off and continue on with Tribal business. Metzger said he means there was a lot of words ah, of wisdom and knowledge that was shared whether they liked it or not. Metzger said they know ah, they do have to listen to their constituents and like he said whether they like it or not they know, they are the voices he doesn't want to say he hears in his head. Metzger said but ah, that's where they are going they know, its ah, wonderful that each and every one of them has a personal adventure

that they are pleased with, they know. Metzger said ah, he is happy for Councilor member Di Piazza whatever that may be. Metzger said they know but ah, in a week or two he gets to go see his ah...his ah, great, great grandchildren. Metzger said and that in itself makes him happy. Metzger said they know, to look in their brown eyes and see their brown hair with their beautiful brown skin. Metzger said ah, Chi Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said they have Antonio Romanelli in the queue. Burmeister said go ahead.

Antonio Romanelli said Antonio Romanelli 3954. *Romanelli made a comment but it was static and audio disturbance that it was not heard clearly on the recording.* Romanelli said he wanted to thank them guys for taking control of the meeting week after week out with ah, Councilor Crampton and his disrespect towards her and the Ogema and towards the membership. Romanelli said and its hard to continue a meeting like that when they have someone who is so disrespectful um, everybody does have a reason and an opportunity to speak and has a right to speak at the meeting. Romanelli said like he stated before if he is out of line or anybody else is out of line, he appreciates them taking the opportunity and um, removing those people from the meeting. Romanelli said there is no place for it they have business that has to be done and that is what Council is there to do and um, again he appreciates them taking control.

Speaker Burmeister asked Romanelli if he was done.....and thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah if there is a...a....a....he is going to jump ahead here quick if there isn't anymore questions or comments he would actually like to make a motion.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ January 2024

MOTION TO ACCEPT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT AND TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS; by Metzger.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger she would like to read.....usually those numbers are read so she would like to read those first.

Councilor Metzger thanked her.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said this report is for January of 2024 total number is 691, Native is 25, non-preference is 540, Tribal member is 76, spouse is 19, and descendent is 31. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yes, he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT
PREFERENCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024;** by Metzger;
supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Burmeister asked any questions from Councilors. Burmeister asked hey, Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #11

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor, one against and one absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

B. Biskaabiiyang Committee

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Burmeister noted no minutes have been submitted. Burmeister said go ahead keep going.....

Councilor Metzger was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but wasn't clear enough to understand.

Speaker Burmeister said okay.

C. Elders Committee

☐ January 2024

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from these minutes. Burmeister asked questions from Councilors. Burmeister asked citizens. Burmeister asked questions from Councilors. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yes, if there are no other comments or questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR JANUARY 2024;** by Metzger; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she could do roll call, please for those minutes.

Roll Call #12

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

VII. Old Business

Speaker Burmeister said these are for November and December, but they will be accepting them separately.

A. Natural Resource Commission 1. ☐ November 2023

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors going to abstain from those minutes. Burmeister asked any questions from Councilors. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said it's not noted on the agenda, but they did receive a revised report for November 2023, so she presumes that is the one they are accepting.

Recorder Johnson said yes.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said nah, he was just going to make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 2023 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MINUTES; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.

Speaker Burmeister asked ques.....any further questions. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can please do roll call for those minutes.

Roll Call #13

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

2. ☐ December 2023

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from these minutes. Burmeister asked any questions from Councilors. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe go ahead please.

Councilor Wolfe said so as of January do, they have one vacancy or two vacancies on the commission.

Councilor Di Piazza answered two.

Councilor Wolfe said so they have two open seats on the Natural Resource Commission.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, one....minute yeah, no, two.

Councilor Wolfe said there's two empty seats on the Natural Resource Commission if anyone is interested.....

Councilor Di Piazza said one....one.

Recorder Johnson said there is one now.

Councilor Wolfe continued. Wolfe said is signing up for that seat.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had to count them up sorry. Di Piazza said good thing he didn't have to take his shoes off.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister asked any further comments or questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call for those minutes please.

Recorder Johnson asked motion.

Speaker Burmeister said oh, she is sorry she jumped the gun.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make.....

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2023 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MINUTES; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.

Speaker Burmeister said she just wanted to make sure. Burmeister asked any further comments on....that anybody has from Council. Burmeister said now with no further comments Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #14

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

VIII. New Business

A. Appointment of Ron Stone to the Biskaabiiyang Committee
Approval by motion required.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli has brought his name forward. Burmeister said um, he doesn't see him in the audience. Burmeister asked is he on the call. Burmeister said he did have an interview. Burmeister said they interviewed Ron already so. Burmeister asked will there be anyone abstaining from this appointment.

Recorder Johnson said um-hum.

Speaker Burmeister said yes. *Burmeister whispered to Councilor Metzger if he wanted to make the motion.* Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yes, he would like to postpone the Appointment of Ron Stone to the Biskaabiiyang Committee.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE APPOINTMENT OF RON STONE TO THE BISKAABIYANG COMMITTEE; by Metzger.

Councilor Metzger explained normally when someone is applying for a ah, seat on commissions, boards or committees they are here present. Metzger said yes, they have an interview with him yesterday and he actually showed him how to come in here for up the stairs and that. Metzger said ah, he is kind of surprised

that he isn't here today because he seemed very excited about it and....and he would like to just wait for him to be here in person. Metzger thanked him.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked does she have a second on that motion.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THE APPOINTMENT OF RON STONE
TO THE BSKAABIIYANG COMMITTEE; by Metzger.**

Speaker Burmeister said sure go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked her.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Councilor Wittenberg continued. Wittenberg said also when ah, a person can ask them any questions that's all part of it so. Wittenberg said he is surprised because when he talked with him different times ah, he was pretty excited about getting on so he doesn't know what happened on his end but ah..... Wittenberg said he's good Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said any other comments. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said yeah, when he was here yesterday he got....he was confused just like the rest of them if he was on....if he was going to be on today or next week. Wever said so that might have been the problem, and she thinks they should continue to go ahead and vote. Wever said its not as if he is going to make money off of this he is volunteering.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yeah, its like Councilor Wittenberg stated ah, generally when their seeking a seat or that they're in person. Metzger said that gives the opportunity for Tribal members to question even though they did have an interview with him yesterday now he believes that Tribal members may have questions. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Laura.

Laura Echelbarger thanked her. Echelbarger said hi Laura 2276. Echelbarger said Echelbarger she is sorry. Echelbarger said she guessed her direct question is did them guys specifically tell him he had to be here today. Echelbarger said that's one um, she would expect that them guys specifically said he needs to be here um, at this time on this day. Echelbarger said then her second point which really isn't a question it is how many people are volunteering for this committee she doesn't

think it's very many so um, she would ah, expect that he would just go through anyway so that is just something to consider. Echelbarger thanked them.

Councilor Wever thanked her.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so just to answer Laura's question. Wolfe said yes, it was requested and she did clarify the date that he would be on today and she also told him that he did not have to attend in person he had the option to participate by ZOOM. Wolfe said um, one comment that she wants to consider why she supports moving this to next week he was really excited but maybe after the interview and seeing the commitment in some of the things that ____ is the reason he didn't show up today because he wishes to not be appointed. Wolfe said that could be a possibility so um, that's why she supports moving this postponement to hear from him again. Wolfe thanked them.

Laura Echelbarger thanked Julie for that.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said what did....oh, okay. Burmeister said so with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please....well actually they already have it.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE APPOINTMENT OF RON STONE TO THE BISKAABIIYANG COMMITTEE; by Metzger; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister said Al and Ron. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can do roll call.

Roll Call #

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Abstain | S. Wever - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Di Piazza why he was abstaining.

Councilor Di Piazza said because he feels like it.

Speaker Burmeister said that is not a good reason.

Councilor Di Piazza said he changed his abstention to a yes.

Roll Call #15

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Councilor Di Piazza asked what did she do to them guys now.

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor, one against and one absent it is postponed.

Councilor Di Piazza left his seat but not the meeting room.

**B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit
Summery for Utilities Wastewater 7500-702 Department Budget
Accept the Internal Audit results.**

Speaker Burmeister said Brad Pringle has brought this item forward. Burmeister said the floor is his Brad.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said sure once again and thanked Tribal Council. Pringle said so ah, first the explanation for the revised gray area of their....of their agenda is these were originally submitted to go on the 2/14 Meeting and they were actually added to the 2/21 Meeting so he had to update the paperwork to reflect that so that's the reason for the ah, revision. Pringle said so this particular ah, resolution is for the Acceptance of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for the Utilities Wastewater 702 Department Budget. Pringle said the Comptroller has preformed the audit for the 2022 Wastewater 7500 702 Department Budget.

Councilor Di Piazza returned to his seat.

Brad Pringle continued. Pringle said the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the Audit Report and supporting documents to the Tribal Council and the Ogema on December 11th of 2023 and in a Work Session on February 8th of 2024. Pringle said ah, therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the Internal Audit Report for the 2022 Utilities 7500-702 Wastewater Department Budget dated December 11th of 2023.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from the item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yes is this resolution 20....number 20 he seems to have lost track after....

Recorder Johnson said yeah, 20.

Councilor Di Piazza said 20.

Speaker Burmeister said yup, 20.

Councilor Metzger said all right. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister asked Mike if he had a question.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina asked just wondering if they had any Findings on any of these audits. Ceplina thanked them.

Brad Pringle said sure....he can ah, he can run through any Findings that are posted in the Internal Audit. Pringle said yup, that's correct. Pringle said so in the Wastewater Department there was some overspending found in the other Employee Benefits and that ah, that overspending is based upon Life Insurance Adjustments that are hitting all Cost Centers so future Budgets will have to be ah, has to see a charge for that 5140 Other Employee Benefit. Pringle said and in 5130 which is Employee Insurance there was a ah, some over-budgeting going on and that was because Wastewater was short employees so there was an excess amount of money left in Employee Insurance Line Item. Pringle said yup.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked any other citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yes, if there are no other comments or ah, questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #24-0221-020;
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR UTILITIES
WASTEWATER 702 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET; by Metzger;
supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked are there any further questions from Council. Burmeister asked any further questions from citizens. Burmeister asked Council any further questions. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can do roll call on this item, please.

Roll Call #16

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said yes, please.

- C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summery for Muskegon Office 2000-457 Budget**
Accept the Internal Audit results.

Councilor Wittenberg left the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister said Brad Pringle is here to represent that item so Brad the floor is his.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle thanked Tribal Council and Tribal members. Pringle said once again this resolution is for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for 2000-457 which is the Muskegon Office Budget. Pringle said um, the Comptroller General has performed the Internal Audit for the 2022 200-457 Muskegon Office Budget. Pringle said the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the Internal Audit Report and supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on November 21st of 2023 and in a Work Session on February 8th of 2024. Pringle said um, let's see here....sorry about that he is missing his second half. Pringle said it is now resolved that Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians thereby accepts the Internal Audit Report for the 2022 2000-457 Muskegon Office Budget dated November 21st of 2023. Pringle said and there was a question about Findings on this particular audit and the last one so they will address that right now.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the meeting room.

Brad Pringle continued. Pringle said ah, there was some Findings where Phones and Beepers were overspent by \$11, 696. Pringle said other than that there was no other Internal Audit issues found.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Coun....Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said just for clarification he has the overspent at \$11,696 but the total expenditure was an overspend of \$7,385. Wolfe asked where is that difference.

Brad Pringle said all right the Budget for the Tribal....the Budget for the Phones and Beepers was \$3,600 their spend was \$15,196 so that is where the overspend was at.

Councilor Wolfe said what she is asking is why did the overspend change for the total Budget then.

Brad Pringle said the overspend....there was a total overspend on the Budget of \$7,385 that's correct.

Councilor Wolfe said so there was a line item overspend but it reduced as a total Budget overspend. Wolfe said she is asking where those dollars are....a difference of over \$4,000.

Brad Pringle said those would be underspend in other line items. Pringle said since the total overall Budget is only under \$7,000 there would be savings in other line items. Pringle said he can find those for her.

Councilor Wolfe thanked him.

Brad Pringle said yeah. Pringle said let's see there was some savings found in property repairs and maintenance \$1,219, there was some savings in utilities \$2,991 that would be her difference.

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Wolfe if she had further questions. Burmeister asked is she set or....

Councilor Wolfe murmured something in the background on the ZOOM recording, but it wasn't picked clearly enough to understand.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked any other Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked Al if he had his hand up. Burmeister said okay, they have a citizen on go ahead Sara.

Sara Agosa said her question is about corrective action and this came up in the Work Session. Agosa said so her question is is corrective action needed and has it been added to the paperwork.

Brad Pringle said there is no corrective action on this particular issue because he found no law that's been broken. Pringle said he cannot find a law that states how they are going to react if there is an overspend on an individual line item or even

an overall budgetary line item. Pringle said there is past practices but there is no law.

Speaker Burmeister asked any Councilors with further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger thanked Madame Speaker. Metzger said if there isn't any more comments or questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #24-0221-021;
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2000-457
MUSKEGON OFFICE BUDGET; by Metzger; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any further questions from Councilors.....from citizens. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #17

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | No | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor, one against and one absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

**D. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit
Summery for TERT 1010-175 Budget
Accept the Internal Audit results.**

Speaker Burmeister said Brad Pringle has brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Brad the floor is his.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle thanked the membership and Council. Pringle said um, this resolution is for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for 1010-175 TERT Budget. Pringle said the Comptroller General has performed the Internal Audit for the 2022 1010-175 TERT Budget. Pringle said the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the Audit Reports and necessary supporting documents to the Tribal Council and the Ogema. Pringle said on December 4th of 2023 and in a Work Session on February 8th of 2024. Pringle said now therefore it

is resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the Internal Audit Report for 2022 1010-175 TERT Budget dated December 4th of 2023. Pringle said quick question on the Findings all right so ah, after reviewing the Budget there was overspending found in Salaries & Wages 5100 Payroll Tax, ah, 5110 Workman's Compensation, 5120 Retirement, 5130 Employee Insurance, 5140 ah, other Employee Benefits. Pringle said in 2022 the Auditor met with the CFO to discuss the above Employee Expenses not budgeted the department does not have any employees and all personnel are budgeted and paid by stipend. Pringle said the CFO went on to explain that all stipends are paid out of Tribal Payroll and there are charges associated with using the Tribal Payroll Department. Pringle said all future Budgets will need to reflect the applicable charges noted above for those particular stipend costs. Pringle said so all stipends are not paid by check through a stipend they are paid through their Payroll Program and when they use their Payroll Programs there's expenses that go along with that including the Salaries & Wages, Payroll Tax, Workman's Compensation, Retirement, Employee Insurance and other Employee Benefits.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Brad Pringle said yup.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked Councilors....any questions. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #24-0221-022;
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 1010-175 TERT
BUDGET; by Silvis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Burmeister asked are there any further questions. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #18

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

E. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for Maintenance 2000-400 Department Budget
Accept the Internal Audit results.

Speaker Burmeister said Brad Pringle has brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Brad the floor is his.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle thanked Tribal Council and membership. Pringle said this particular resolution is for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for the 2000-400 Maintenance Department Budget. Pringle said whereas the Comptroller General has performed the Internal Audit on the 2022 2000-400 Maintenance Department Budget. Pringle said whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the Audit Report and any necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on November 21st of 2023 and in a Work Session on February 8th of 2024. Pringle said now therefore it is resolved that Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the Internal Audit Report for the 2022 2000-400 Maintenance Department Budget dated October 31st of 2023. Pringle said and information on Findings. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget for overspending and found that line items were overspent which was the 5140 Other Employee Benefits, um, the audit did the 2022 of the Other Employee Benefits the Auditor discussed the issue with Accounting and it appears that Life Insurance adjustments now hit all Cost Centers, and all future Budgets will need to be allocated for that charge. Pringle said ah, it accounted for an overspent of about \$780.00 in that particular line item. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget for overbudgeted line items and he found that 510.....5130 which is Employee Insurances was overbudgeted. Pringle said ah, there's.....they budgeted \$270,763.00 and their spend was \$98,058.00 so there was the overbudgeting going on there about \$155,705.00. Pringle said some of that was resulting in just employees, they know, not having a full staff of employees at the time.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah, he doesn't know if he can answer this or not. Metzger asked ah, what happened with the quarter million-dollar surplus.

Brad Pringle said it gets returned to the General Fund.

Councilor Metzger said all right. Metzger thanked him.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe asked um, could he just note for membership what he found in Dues & Subscription Account.

Brad Pringle said he is sorry, what was the question.

Councilor Wolfe repeated can he clarify for membership the Audit Finding in Dues & Subscription Account.

Brad Pringle said ah, Dues & Subscriptions up yup, that is correct. Pringle said ah, yeah, Dues & Subscriptions Accounts Payable Records.....Accounts Payable Record indicated approval to pay a facility management express invoice for in 2016. Pringle said the resolution.....there was a six year old contract that was being followed at the time. Pringle said um, the particular contract was for \$4,000 and to date through the six years \$22,357.00 attributed to that contract. *There was a long pause here.* Pringle said so they have a renewing....they have a renewing contract that states it's for \$4,000.

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Wolfe if she was....finished.

Councilor Wolfe said and just also for the um, recommendation that um, Council move forward with non-expiring forever contracts as they come forward to avoid this type of issue.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger asked oh, yeah, what is the Sleeting Management Express. Metzger asked what type of services do they run there.

Brad Pringle said um, to the best of his knowledge they keep the buildings clean through the.....ah, they keep the buildings clean, they do their outside maintenance, they cut their lawns, maintain Pow Wow Grounds he is sure lots of other things that he is missing as well.

Councilor Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said not the department the particular vendor.

Brad Pringle said oh, off the top of his head....let him see if he has a copy of the contract ah, they provide software for the Tribe.....it's a software contract.

Speaker asked Councilor Metzger if he had any.....did he answer his question.

Councilor Metzger said not really no, he means he....he....he don't understand the software aspect of being involved in a Maintenance Department he means and he doubts if he can explain it for him. Metzger thanked him.

Brad Pringle said he would be happy to read him what the Legal Review says. Pringle ah, read: *The attached proposed agreement to the Tribe and Facilities Management Express will provide software for the Tribe and will allow Maintenance Department to track work orders, ah, the cost of the software is \$4,000. This agreement expressly disclaims any and all warranties. FMX will provide unlimited technical support throughout the term of the agreement with no express....no expiration date. The agreement ends one.....when one of the parties notifies the other that they wish to end the agreement. There is no waiver of sovereign immunity and Tribal Law governs jurisdiction is in Federal Court of Western District Michigan.*

Councilor Metzger thanked him for that. Metzger said that really ah, opened up the door for information. Metzger said thanks again, Mr. Pringle.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked further questions from Council. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she makes a motion:

**MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION #24-0221-023;
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2000-400
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET; by Wolfe; supported by
Metzger.**

Speaker Burmeister asked are there any further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #19

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| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | No | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Yes | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor, one against and one absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister thanked Brad Pringle.

Brad Pringle thanked Tribal Council.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 28, 2024

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said he wanted to say, “*thank you,*” to the Council for placing him back on the agenda. Romanelli said he doesn’t know if it is a blessing or a curse at this point and time. *Romanelli laughing here.* Romanelli said and he was removed because he was causing disruption in the meetings and he will try not to do that ah, going forward but it looks like Council has no need or help from the Ogema given today’s meeting. Romanelli said he is sorry....*still laughing here.* Romanelli said he is glad to be back and thanked them so much. Romanelli said and they ah, just a brief update it’s been a long meeting, Romanelli said he did attend the United Tribes last week. Romanelli said it was a quarterly meeting and it’s the 12 Federally Recognized Tribes that get together. Romanelli said he was joined by Recorder Pam Johnson, and he really appreciated it. Romanelli said she was invited to do so and he thinks it is important for their Councilors with them.....with some of those outside activities as well to see what is going on. Romanelli said there is a lot going on within the State of Michigan and beyond. Romanelli said they did meet yesterday, and he thanks Council for allowing that meeting to happen. Romanelli said the meeting had no real agenda other than to update the Council on what transpired in the United Tribes Meeting again, there is probably 20 agenda items of concern throughout the state that affects all Tribes whether it be childcare, ah, family violence they name it there is a whole list, so he thinks its important that they attend on a regular basis. Romanelli said he thinks that is pretty much it he is going to let it go pretty much at that. Romanelli said he thanks them for putting him back on the agenda. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Burmeister said this is listed out differently this time. Burmeister said there was a motion made last week to have every Tribal Councilors name listed and so of them could give an update if there should be an update.

1. Tammy Burmeister

Speaker Burmeister said number one is herself she doesn’t have an update for this week.

2. Pam Johnson

Speaker Burmeister said the second one is Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson said all right so just a quick update. Johnson said last week she did go to the Tribal State Liaison Forum and then the um, and then the next day she attended the um, UTM the United Tribes of Michigan, and ah, the um, State

Liaison Meeting um, it was held obviously it was down in Lansing. Johnson said um, that was ah, they did a Work Session about ah, working with their Government Officials um, with the State. Johnson said the best way to work with them and ah, collaboration with them, how they get there, how do they rub both sides between the Tribes and each individually and then together and with the State and the different departments. Johnson said hence how do they get there they make sure that, they know, what is their opinion and stuff. Johnson said um, they had a great discussion and then of course as the Ogema mentioned um, she did an abstain um, it was brought to her attention while she was there that the United Tribes on the next day and um, since she was already down there, she just stayed the night and attended the meeting the next day. Johnson said um, and that was a lot of good information as the Ogema said they covered several different topics of....from ah, that will be coming forward hopefully soon some ideas that they.....not ideas but new um, legislative stuff coming hopefully forward that will be seen um, things they can partake in or she means an opportunity to um, that so far is in the pipeline being worked on and stuff. Johnson said so um, ah, she is glad she stayed and went ahead and attended that this week. Johnson said it was very informative and a lot of information that um, she doesn't have her notes on it but um, there was some stuff ah, yesterday in the meeting that she did share a ah, a bill that the other Councilors were present in the room of that is trying to pass to create another liaison, one person from each Tribe um, not each Tribe but one individual person um, from all the Tribes that basically has a consensus on for the legislative and the government. Johnson said so um, with the Michigan Government. Johnson said um, anyway that's it for her.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

3. Julie Wolfe

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said um, just a couple of events that are happening around and she wants to bring up and highlight. Wolfe said there is a Suicide Prevention Training that's happening April 5th from 3-7 in the Conference Center at the Resort. Wolfe said um, the training is intended for youth over the age of 14 to the age of 20. Wolfe said for.....for more information and um, to reserve their spot in that they need to contact um, Kimberly Hinmon um, they can find her at the Tribal e-mail or they can call 231 655-3651. Wolfe said um, another event that is happening is um, it's called Come Cook Traditional and Anishinaabek Food With Us. Wolfe said that's for children.....parents of children 0-5 years. Wolfe said that is at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center on April 10th, 17th, May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 2-4 p.m. and is sponsored by the MSU Extension and the Tribe's Family Spirit Program and the Elders Meal Coordinator and it says register in advance of March 25th and that could be directed to Holly and Lindsay at e-mail or phone number 231 655-9391 and also it looks like Kim Hinmon is taking registrations for that also. Wolfe said um, lastly, she just wants to say um, Chi Miigwech to

everyone for their condolences, thoughts and prayers and those that came out and stopped by the fire and different things like that for her during this difficult time. Wolfe said just Chi Miigwech to everyone for that support. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

4. Gary Di Piazza

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he didn't have much prepared. Di Piazza said that's okay he can wing it. Di Piazza said um, still looking for ah, hunting photos of the citizens to ah, get them into the Press Secretary which would be Joanne Green. Di Piazza said so they can do an article on what people have harvested and get.... get some more people interested in exercising that Treaty Right. Di Piazza said so get them photos into the new Press Secretary so they can get them in the Currents. Di Piazza said and ah, other than that um, they know, he's been out of sorts for all summer and his apologies for that. Di Piazza said but he thinks they will enjoy what is going to be coming afterwards. Di Piazza said he came here 11 years ago with a purpose in mind. Di Piazza said to employ Tribal citizens and create some things that could make them one of the best Nations there is. Di Piazza said and that opportunity has arose and he will make that opportunity happen and so hold on tight because there is some cool stuff coming for the citizens and this Nation. Di Piazza said he is good oh, do they have pictures. Di Piazza said errr....he really can't comment on that yet. Di Piazza said sorry dude. Di Piazza said its moving along, yes. Di Piazza said coming to an end hopefully real soon because it's been like way too long. Di Piazza said but yes it is coming to ah....to be done. Di Piazza said it supposed to be February but he thinks they are almost done with February so it should be real, real soon. Di Piazza said other than that....if he has photos get it to Joanne so they can get a nice spread. Di Piazza said he's done.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

5. Shirley Wever

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wever she's next.

Councilor Wever said well she didn't know they were supposed to speak but she can't wait to hear what's coming. Wever said it feels like Christmas with Gary and he hasn't given them any clues. Wever said but February is almost over with and um, she was just going to ask the Ogema when is their Membership Meeting is that first week in April or the second.

Ogema Romanelli said six or ten.

Councilor Wever said someone had asked her and she forgot when they have it in March or April. Wever said she shall tell them. Wever thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

6. Al Metzger

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger is next go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger thanked Madame Speaker. Metzger said ah, yes ah, for clarification purposes the Pow Wow is on the 6th and 7th of July. Metzger said it's the Little River Band of Odawa Indians for 24. Metzger said there was a couple of other dates but they were conflicting with other Pow Wows so the committee and ah, went back to the original date of 4th of July weekend. Metzger said ah, get in touch with the casino and any hotel rooms if they really want them because they are going to go fast. Metzger said ah....thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she just wanted to mention on that one that he's talking about making their reservation at the Resort for the 4th of July weekend there is no Tribal discount its ah, market rate for that. Wolfe said just keep that in mind when making that reservation.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah.

Councilor Metzger thanked Councilor Wolfe.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wittenberg oh, she is sorry....go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to mention if they can't get a hotel room there is plenty of Camping Sites, with electricity, and bath house with a shower, and all the amenities and air conditioning so. Di Piazza said they do have the Campgrounds 70-80 spaces so. Di Piazza said so if they can't get a hotel room bring a tent or they can sleep in the car but that is rough these days. Di Piazza said he's good.

7. Ron Wittenberg

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wittenberg he is next go ahead please.

Councilor Wittenberg said he has no comment at this moment.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

8. Misty Silvis

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Silvis she is next go ahead.

Councilor Silvis thanked her. Silvis said the only update she has is she would like the members to know that it is um, time for tapping trees, Silvis said um, they are producing it is a good week. Silvis said cold nights warm days. Silvis said sap is running. Silvis said that's all. Silvis thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

9. Shannon Crampton

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton....number nine is Councilor Crampton. Burmeister said okay, he is not on so moving down to D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Burmeister said Sara go ahead.

Sara Agosa said she would like to address what happened in last week's meeting and she would like to exercise her Constitutional Right and Freedom of Speech but last week's um, meeting was absolutely horrendous. Agosa said in fact she thinks it was the worst meeting that she has ever attended. Agosa said she came out of that meeting just absolutely reeling on how it was conducted. Agosa said so first of all she would like to direct some concerns to her, Tammy. Agosa said first of all just to reiterate how the question with procedures that is really significant action and must be done properly. Agosa said and definitely not used as a political maneuver especially when a really serious item comes forward. Agosa said also last week she observed that she allowed those in person to make comments but didn't integrate those participating online and they should have been called back and forth. Agosa said so in doing that those online were not able to make public comment at the end and they were cut off for lack of time. Agosa said she thinks at some point she said that they could make public comment in Second Open. Agosa said she got back in the queue to clarify because that has never been done before in fact public comment is not even on the agenda for Second Open. Agosa said she wanted to clarify that information instead of waiting two or three hours just to make sure um, but she would not let her and she shut the meeting down. Agosa said she tried to wait for Second Open but ultimately could not wait that long to make her comment, so she was not able to make any comments last week. Agosa said and what occurred last week was absolutely unacceptable. Agosa said the aggressive behavior um, nearly shouting, allowing certain members to make small jabs at other members um, just the absolute biased treatment of public comment. Agosa said and that is just....it's unacceptable. Agosa said she would like to ask her question now about the agenda item that Gary Di Piazza brought forward. Agosa said it was agenda item V.A. putting 60 acres into Trust and her

comment....her question was for last week there is a resolution Michigan House Resolution 42 and the title of this resolution is a Resolution to Oppose the unchecked proliferation of Off Reservation Gaming in the State of Michigan and to urge the Governor to oppose any Off Reservation effort that is not in complete conformity with Indian Gaming Tax as approved by the Tribes, the State of Michigan and the United States Department of the Interior. Agosa said and the question she wanted to ask was did....all on Council who voted yes for this agenda item to pass did they review this resolution and how does this impact the likelihood that they will be approved for the Fruitport Casino. Agosa said they absolutely deserve to be informed of the process, and they should have been informed last week from beginning to end. Agosa said so she would like to start with Pam since she is the State Liaison and she is attending meetings um, maybe she can give some insight into this resolution.

Recorder Johnson asked what was the question, she is sorry, she was interrupted over here. Johnson asked what was that last part of....the last thing that she said, Sara.

Sara Agosa said well first of all who is interrupting when she has the floor. Agosa said the resolution that she is referring to is House Resolution 42.

Recorder Johnson said um-hum.

Sara Agosa said this should have been discussed at great lengths last week. Agosa said so she would like to know why members were not informed of this resolution and also what the process is from beginning to end to get approval for this Fruitport Property. Agosa said it appears that it is a lot more complicated than what was portrayed last week.

Councilor Wittenberg left the meeting room.

Recorder Johnson said well this packet now that it was passed will be sent off to um, DOI and it will be in their um, hands for she doesn't know how long. Johnson said um, and they will go over it and look at it and make their determination to put the Land in Trust or not. Johnson said so it really actually just sits in their hands at this point.....with what happens. Johnson said so plenty of them have been asking, plenty of the membership have been asking to get that Land into Trust so it's the paperwork is done and its being submitted again to be put into Trust.

Speaker Burmeister asked Sara if she had another question regarding that.

Sara Agosa said yeah, her question wasn't answered. Agosa said this is a multi-step process so submitting the packet to the DOI that's just one part. Agosa said so her question is where in the process is Resolution 42 factored especially into the likelihood that they would be approved for this casino. Agosa said a member

should not be baited along they should know from beginning to end what this process is. Agosa said and this resolution seems like its very impactful.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the meeting room but did not return to his seat. Wittenberg walked out of the meeting room again.

Speaker Burmeister asked Ogema if he was going to respond to that or.....okay, go ahead please.

Ogema Romanelli said sure he can respond to that. Romanelli said that resolution was very impactful. Romanelli said as Council is aware they had discussions ah, for....well they have been working on this for 13-14 years. Romanelli said it was reported that the project was dead. Romanelli said the project has never died they had information from their Lobbyist and from their attorneys working on it that they should go forward. Romanelli said that was the intent and the hope that they would do that. Romanelli said they have invested \$30 some million in this deal. Romanelli said they....it has the possibility of bringing....if they look at it for over 20 year life span probably \$2 billion in revenue to the Tribe. Romanelli said he doesn't think that is small change. Romanelli said he doesn't think that is a small issue. Romanelli said they have been informed multiple times over the years over the last couple of years that they should go forward with the....with returning the packet to the Department of Interior by the Department of the Interior. Romanelli said the packet is one of the best the Department of Interior has ever had. Romanelli said they crossed all the T's and dotted all the I's they should not let this project die. Romanelli said he thinks and he appreciates the fact that most of the Tribal Council sitting up here recognizes that opportunity. Romanelli said there is a lot of opportunities that they go for he sees none that could provide the kind of revenue that this could bring in at this time. Romanelli said again, the only way for those that like Per Cap these....getting gaming at this point and time is the only way to increase their Per Cap as they know they've been....they had other casinos come in over the years that has tapped into their market share.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the meeting and returned to his seat.

Ogema Romanelli continued. Romanelli said ah, this is their way of going back and growing their market....their gaming market it's in a larger area than what Manistee is. Romanelli said Manistee Casino will always....will always be their Golden Goose. Romanelli said its what got them started its what paid the bills but that doesn't mean that they shouldn't go forward. Romanelli said they have also heard people say that the brick and mortar is going down and basically not important while Online Gaming is important. Romanelli said Online Gaming is important and it takes a percentage of the revenue that would come in. Romanelli said they were just talking about that before and in court as to the amount of monies they get in as revenue. Romanelli said Online Gaming has taken a portion of that but not by any means is it a majority or even close to 50%. Romanelli said brick and mortars are still important because people like to socialize so they can

look at what Online Gaming will do and has the potential to do but he believes that this time at least there is no effort to downsize in their brick and mortar or their hotels as evidenced by one of their closest competitors which is Gun Lake. Romanelli said they are trying to do some renovations to their casino hotel to keep in the mix. Romanelli said Gun Lake is investing over \$200 million. Romanelli repeated \$200 million and if they don't stay competitive, they will become a smaller entity and they will now be able to service their members the way they should. Romanelli said is this a long shot....he doesn't think it is a long shot yes, there are several things that they have to do along the process but to ah, wring their hands and say its dead that's not true. Romanelli said and so that's why theyhe along with these Councilors agreed to move this forward. Romanelli said what it does do is put the Land into Trust as well. Romanelli said they know that that's a given basically to get the Land into Trust and he won't go into all the details so that's why this is important and that's why it went forward, and he does appreciate what has happened. Romanelli said every other casino in the area is trying to ah, expand in some way and Little River should not be any different. Romanelli said they are a proud Grand River, 9 Chiefs of the 19 Chiefs of Grand River Bands. Romanelli said and they have done a great job people that started this and the people that continued to represent them. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said next in queue is Chelsea. Burmeister said go ahead Chelsea.

Chelsea Densmore thanked Madame Speaker. Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225. Densmore said um, she was just wondering to go back to the Pow Wow um, so its July 6th that Saturday. Densmore asked is that right.

Councilor Metzger answered yes, July 6th and 7th

Chelsea Densmore said then she thinks Julie said that there are no discounts so normally when they make reservation its like 80 or whatever it is so that will not be in effect for that for the whole weekend. Densmore asked is that correct.

Councilor Wever left the meeting room.

Councilor Wolfe said that is correct they got a notice from the Resort that said being the 4th of July weekend that there would be no Tribal Discount Rate, there will be no block of rooms for Tribal members that are wishing to attend the Pow Wow and it would be at um, rate based on occupancy.

Chelsea Densmore continued. Densmore said okay, and then um, her last question was she thinks um, maybe Gary or somebody had said something about um, staying on the Pow Wow Grounds in the campers ah, are they.....are they allowed to.....she assumes their not but are they allowed to have dogs there.

Councilor Di Piazza asked have what....he's sorry.

Councilor Wolfe can be heard in the background saying dogs.

Councilor Di Piazza said as long as they are contained, he believes.

Chelsea Densmore said she just wasn't sure, so she was just checking.

Councilor Di Piazza said they can't be running around; they can't be in the circle or around the vendors and people.

Chelsea Densmore said right....right.....right but she means like in the camper or whatever.

Councilor Di Piazza said but yeah, during public events the campgrounds are open to citizens and its open to the public....no he won't say public but it's mainly the people that are going to come there for the Pow Wow. Di Piazza said he is not sure it may be citizens but there's....there's like 60 sites with electricity and then the back area hidey-ho they can probably fit another 20 so 80 or 100 campsites bare minimum.

Chelsea Densmore thanked them so much. Densmore said that is all she had. Densmore thanked them again.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said next in the....oh, did he have a comment. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah, to kind of piggy back on a....on a Pow Wow Grounds and campsites. Metzger said the campsite, he believed, opens April 1st and he is told to November 1st. Metzger said he is not too sure on those dates so if they are looking to come up to the homeland they know, they can crash out here. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Larry Olson he is next in the queue. Burmeister said go ahead please.

Larry Olson said yeah, the Fruitport um, Casino ain't got a chance. Olson said it ain't going to happen. Olson said they ain't going to give their money away so Romanelli can have his legacy of giving their money away to white people. Olson said they go on the Muskegon Radio Show and pop in Romanelli's name they'll see his interview where he says that its his legacy to give the Muskeg.....this casino to the Muskegon people. Olson said they even call it their casino. Olson said they ain't going to get any money out of it. Olson said no way in hell is it going to happen. Olson said they know the next Governor is going to be the Major of Detroit Mike Douget. Olson said no way in hell is he going to let it happen. Olson said they have to get rid of this guy, get him out of the office and get him

out of the Tribe. Olson said him, he claims he is...he is a white ____ and he is not Anishinaabe. Olson said this guy wants to give their money away to get a casino....

Speaker Burmeister said okay, Mr. Olson.....

Larry Olson said he has his chance to speak let him speak so let him speak.

Speaker Burmeister said Mr. Olson does he have a question in there.

Larry Olson said no, its not a question. Olson said they're at public speaking and has nothing about a question. Olson said its about him having a chance to speak. Olson said Freedom of Speech lady. Olson said learn to do her job she needs to be removed too. Olson said they know they got him giving away money and the Council better stop him giving away to ah, the Gateway Project. Olson said give him more money and to the white people. Olson said his legacy is to serve the white people....service....and not serve the Anishinaabe. Olson said so it is going to come to a halt, they are going to get rid of him, and start removing all them guys out of the Tribes. Olson said them guys don't belong in the Tribe. Olson said them guys need to go back to Europe where they belong with their Pagen, Arabic God.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Larry Olson continued. Olson said he's done.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli asked can he respond?

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he takes total offense to the constant statements of white people....giving their money to white people. Romanelli asked what the heck is that. Romanelli said that's prejudice and he can call him a non-Anishinaabe oh, he wants to call him what he wants to and yes, he is part white. Romanelli said if that's the term and he take total offense to that being allowed to be said. Romanelli said they have Freedom of Speech they don't have freedom to be....to make racist remarks and prejudicial remarks. Romanelli said and they know that offends him. Romanelli repeated that offends him. Romanelli said it offends him because part of his family is white in his opinion as are many of them. Romanelli said and he just....he just insulted part of his family.

Councilor Wever re-entered the meeting room.

Ogema Romanelli continued. Romanelli said he actually....he insulted both sides of his family because the Native side he insulted too by sighing....saying he is not Native.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

Ogema Romanelli continued. Romanelli said they want to get rid of him there is a way to do it. Romanelli said it is by the votes and apparently, they don't have the votes yet and he can keep talking the way they talk. Romanelli said and if they keep talking, he may just run another term.

Councilor Wever said hey in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Larry Olson said he belongs in Europe he is not Anishinaabe and first of all, they know what, Anish....white people are and have been.....

Sandy Mezeske said mute him.

Larry Olson said illegal occupiers of....

Someone said Israel in the background on the ZOOM recording but wasn't clear enough to understand.

Ogema Romanelli said he should be muted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Sara....Sara she is next in the queue go ahead please.

Sara Agosa said she feels as though her question was not answered and there was a lot of deflection. Agosa said she was simply asking what is the procedure....what does the law say....what is the process regarding Resolution 42 and she is very concerned and disturbed that she was not able to get an answer. Agosa said really what memberships....members should have is an infographic that clearly lays out what this process is. Agosa said it seems like there is more hurdles with the State and that is just unacceptable, but they voted on this um, but they can't tell her how resolution will impact this process. Agosa said it is just very black and white what she was asking, Agosa said this entire project should be transparent and truthful and honest to the membership especially with the investment. Agosa said she is not in support of this project she thinks it is a huge gamble and it's gambling their future. Agosa said she just has one other question can she please get an update on the Enrollment Audit.

Speaker Burmeister said well there is really no update on the Enrollment Audit the time has come and gone regarding the Montana Contract. Burmeister said

those dates have been...their past so a new RFP would have to be um, completed and sent out for people to apply for that position. Burmeister said Roy he was nextoh, go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so there was a Work Session scheduled by Councilor Crampton on Thursday.....let her check to see if she can tell her what....so it is at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Wolfe said that was her only comment.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Roy.

Roy Vanas said he would hope that their members can rise above the racism and the insults and the name calling. Vanas said they demand a professionalism for the Tribal Councils when in a lot of instances, they themselves have none. Vanas said not even so far beyond professionalism that has to do with they know, ah, just respect. Vanas said and they don't have to respect a person to respect their office. Vanas said he....he just sees members like writing the Governor letters to thwart efforts to grow the Tribe's assets. Vanas said that to him is just ridiculous and he doesn't know why um, why the Council hasn't done something to stifle that. Vanas said they know; he understands people have opinions and having opinions his important and voicing their opinions is important but when they get on and off here and all their doing is....is degrading people and spewing racism. Vanas said he knows there are ah, people of the mindset that if they are of another color than white that they cannot be racist. Vanas said and it is if they are using that as a terminology of they know, how they are their enemies and that is just ridiculous that if...if he is glad that they muted and anybody that starts disrespecting people by name calling and they know, that's....that's....they should be muted. Vanas said and he appreciates them for doing it. Vanas thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Mike he was next in the queue.

Michael Ceplina said he knows it has been said that with white people. Ceplina said like Larry says most of them are white it says on his birth certificate white and Native American on his it does. Ceplina said so he doesn't have a problem with that. Ceplina said well what he wants to say is ah, they know, they have Natural Resources out there and they don't hear a lot about that. Ceplina said like ___ he doesn't know if they know where they are in Wisconsin and Minnesota and that. Ceplina said they do a lot for their members. Ceplina said they have got their Law Enforcement out there, they got their biologist out there, they go do ricing, spearing, and that's coming up now is spearing. Ceplina said and when he goes out there there is a few of them that go spearing. Ceplina said they should be promoting their families and that especially their children to keep this tradition going on. Ceplina said he means they could spear in Onkama there and they can spear in a lot of lakes down here and a lot of lakes in the UP and rivers. Ceplina said so they should be promoting that, and he knows when he went out spearing he asked for protection because he had his tires damaged. Ceplina said and ah, he

would like to see that when they go out spearing, they have enforcement there, biologist that can confirm all the fish taken and that, so they don't have any negativity like other Tribes. Ceplina said they know; they got people out there with guns over in Wisconsin he doesn't want to see that here. Ceplina said but he does want to promote it for their children so they can pass it onto their children. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Larry Olson.

Larry Olson said this message is for Julie. Olson said Julie um, so Thursday that ah....that work session is that work session going to be on ZOOM and are they going to be able to join in on that. Olson said and Ceplina great, he agrees. Olson said fishing, hunting and gathering that's all traditional. Olson said but first of all they got to learn to speak the language. Olson said they don't have a culture without the language. Olson said language is the most important part of their culture and then spiritual. Olson said he.....they are Christian indigenous or Christian Anishinaabe. Olson said that is an oxymoron statement that is like saying Nazi Jew. Olson said Christians is the doctrine of discovery. Olson said read up on it and it was _____ Gainesburg on the Supreme Court used it against them to suppress their people. Olson said their people are suppressed.

Speaker Burmeister started to speak but was cut off by Larry Olson on the ZOOM recording.

Larry Olson continued. Olson said well Romanelli sits there and talks about....talks about they know, he's part white whatever he doesn't give a damn about Indian Nation.

Speaker Burmeister said okay....

Larry Olson shouted he is only half.....every hour they.....

Speaker Burmeister said they are going forward um, Councilor Metzger he is next in the queue and then she has Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wolfe mentioned Call the Question in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead if she wants.

Councilor Wolfe said the Enrollment Audit Work Session that is happening on Thursday is available by ZOOM and they can attend in person and it's on the normal Tribal Council ZOOM Link.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said he would like to make a motion to go into Second, but he would like to hear what Wittenberg has to say.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Miigwech. Wittenberg said he understands with their Anishinaabemowin ah, it has to come from within because he can know French, he can know ah, south of the border it goes on and on. Wittenberg said it does not if he knows Sweden Language that does not make him a Swede it comes from within to be Anishinaabe and that is where he is at. Wittenberg said he knows some people that aren't here in the good ole city of Manistee that knows a lot of Anishinaabemowin but then and they don't have even 1% of Anishinaabe in them but they certainly know them, so she knows a few that know culture, their ways and their ceremonies but they're not Anishinaabe. Wittenberg said so to him its more than just knowing the language or going to ceremonies. Wittenberg said its from within and when its from within then that one does not have to tell the next one that who they are, the next one can see in that one where they are at. Wittenberg said and that is just his opinion. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead....go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah, if there is any....if there isn't any more comments or questions he would like to make a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

Councilor Di Piazza said let him finish.

Councilor Wever started laughing.

Councilor Metzger said recess....

Speaker Burmeister said no not recess.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Metzger said Second....no....

Councilor Wittenberg said to end First Open.

Councilor Metzger said to end First Open. Metzger said he will get it one of these days.

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.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Metzger; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she please do roll call.

Roll Call #20

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said four in favor, four against and one absent they are still in Open.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will sit back down.

Councilor Wever was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not picked up clearly.

Councilor Wever asked may she.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said oh, she would like to make a motion to end second motion er....ah.....*Wever laughing here again.* Wever said she is not going to say no ever again.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what did he do.

Speaker Burmeister said she thought he had his hand up to second that.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, no, because they all voted no but _____. Di Piazza said so but, yeah, he will support that why not.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Wever; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson can she do roll call for that motion please.

Roll Call #21

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | No | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Johnson said six in favor, two against and one absent they are done with First Open.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

XI. Open Session

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN SESSION; by Wever;
supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can please do roll call.

Roll Call #22

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Absent | J. Wolfe - | No | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Councilor Metzger said Escanaba.

Speaker Burmeister asked Councilor Metzger if they have to unscramble that to get yes or no.

Councilor Metzger said he doesn't know. Metzger said he means he is here whether it is didledo or dumlydum he is here he is acknowledging his presence by vocalizing jibberish. *Councilor Metzger started talking right in the middle of voting.* Metzger said he heard stories of it being the flint people.

Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and two absent they are in Second Closed at 3:13 p.m.

Councilor Silvis said no....no....no.

Speaker Burmeister said Second Open.

Recorder Johnson said good lord.

Speaker Burmeister said so they are in Second Open Session. Burmeister said oh, she did let everybody in.

Recorder Johnson said yeah.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session-Minutes and Materials shall remain confidential

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

1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ January 2024

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024; by Metzger; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Burmeister said let her know when she is ready.

Recorder Johnson said its been a long day.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can do roll call for that item please.

Roll Call #23

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Absent | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and two absent they've been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

2. Little River Holdings, LLC Minutes ☐ December 2023

Speaker Burmeister said number two was removed.

Councilor Metzger said he would like to make....if there is no comment or question, he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR FEBRUARY; by Metzger.

Speaker Burmeister said no they have those two.

Councilor Metzger said that is why he asked.

Speaker Burmeister said that's okay.

Councilor Wolfe said no support.

Speaker Burmeister said it would have been number three.

Councilor Metzger asked three.

Speaker Burmeister said which would have been support for.....which she can't
....um-hum.

Councilor Wolfe asked do they want her to introduce the item.

Recorder Johnson said well actually no. Johnson said she just had to bring it.

Speaker Burmeister said that is all right. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson said so um, she would like to make a motion for Resolution 24-0221-.....what number are they.....

Speaker Burmeister asked did she say 24.

Recorder Johnson said sorry.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0221-024;
APPROVING THE OGEMA AND SPEAKER TO SIGN ONTO THE
LETTER GOING TO PRESIDENT BIDEN URGING THE
ADMINISTRATION TO VOICE ITS UNEQUIVITAL SUPPORT
FOR THE BAD RIVER BANDS OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE
OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS;** by Johnson; supported by Di Piazza.

There was long pause before Recorder Johnson commented on this item.

Recorder Johnson asked should she sent it over to Gracie.

Councilor Di Piazza said nah, but he will.

Recorder Johnson thanked him.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she was ready.

Recorder Johnson said yup.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call on that please.

Recorder Johnson said yup.

Roll Call #24

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Absent | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and two absent it has passed.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she wants to make a motion.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY PITCHLYNN TO FILE
APPEAL ON CASE #24-010 GC; by Wolfe; supported by Metzger.**

Recorder Johnson asked what was that motion?

Councilor Wolfe said authorizing Attorney Pitchlynn to file appeal in Case number.....

Recorder Johnson said hold on....Attorney Pitchlynn and appeals.....in Case number....is that how it goes in appeals in Case number.

Councilor Wolfe continued. Wolfe said um-hum.

Recorder Johnson said okay.

Councilor Wolfe said Case #24-010 GC.

Recorder Johnson asked okay, is there any more? Johnson said um-hum.

Speaker Burmeister asked did she get it all wrote.....Recorder Johnson can she please do roll call for that item.

Councilor Wolfe asked did she ask for abstentions and discussion.

Speaker Burmeister said she kid....she can't oh, she can ask for abstentions.....

Councilor Silvis said not discussion

Speaker Burmeister said yeah, but not discussion. Burmeister asked will there be....

Councilor Wolfe asked why.

Speaker Burmeister said remember they can't discuss this they had their discussion in Closed.....

Councilor Metzger said he thinks they can discuss the appointment of just not the details of the case.

Councilor Wolfe said she didn't have any ____.

Speaker Burmeister said oh.

Councilor Silvis said just ask for abstentions.

Recorder Johnson said just ask for abstentions.

Speaker Burmeister asked is there going to be anybody that is going to abstain from um, this motion. Burmeister said any Tribal Council. Burmeister said okay, with no um, abstentions Recorder Johnson can she do roll call. Burmeister said she has a headache here.

Councilor Di Piazza asked the Speaker a question, but it was not picked clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister said she didn't have any sugar today.

Councilor Wolfe said no side bars....she just wanted to do that.

Councilor Wever was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister said she is right though no side bars.

Councilor Silvis said yeah.

Councilor Metzger was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording, but they were not picked clearly enough to understand, and he was laughing.

Roll Call #25

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|----|
| M. Silvis - | No | A. Metzger - | Yes | P. Johnson - | No |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | No | S. Wever - | No |
| R. Wittenberg- | Absent | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | No |

Motion failed (2-5-0-2)

Recorder Johnson said two in favor, five against and two absent motion has failed.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Burmeister said okay, yeah.

Recorder Johnson asked they have another motion.

Councilor Silvis said to adjourn.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said oh yeah, if there is any....if there isn't any more comments or questions or concerns he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024,
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN;** by Metzger;
supported by Wever.

Councilor Wever said that is what she was trying to say.

Speaker Burmeister said oh, she thought she was. Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson can she please do roll call.

Roll Call #26

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|----------------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| M. Silvis - | Yes | A. Metzger - | No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton- | Absent | G. DiPiazza - | Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- | Absent | J. Wolfe - | Yes | T. Burmeister - | Yes |

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and two absent they are done.

Respectfully Submitted,



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