



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on April 29, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

**B. Roll Call #1**

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| T. Guenthardt -Present | C. Champagne -Present | D. Corey - Present |
| S. Crampton - Present  | G. DiPiazza - Present | R. Pete - Present  |
| R. Wittenberg- Present | D. Lonn - Present     | S. Lewis - Present |

Quorum established.

Others Present: Clatus Clyne, Bernadene Crampton – #3921, Bill Willis - #207, Jessica Steinberg - #0148, Jay Sam - #0145, Brad Pringle – Comptroller, #1062, Chelsie Densmore - #3225, Elise McGowan-Cuellar – ULD, Caitlin Carey – ULD, Rebecca Liebing – ULD, Martha Howell - #3635, Susan Thull, Jason Cross - #2231, Kimberly McClellan - #2918, Al Metzger - #890, Dr. Daryl Wever, Ogema Larry Romanelli, Mary Thomas - #202

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ONE ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS V. C. APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE RURAL COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAM;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any discussion or if anyone was going to abstain.

**Roll Call #2**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$67,104**

Bill Willis said these funds are actually funds that are trickling in from 2019 so these funds are actually under the 2019 so we may receive more of these in the coming months. I am not sure. We just need to accept the money and amend the operating budget.

Pete asked if there are any further questions of Bill.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-111, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,104; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion or if anybody was going to abstain.

**Roll Call #3**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$31,811**

Bill Willis said this represents modification #3 to the 2020 Self-Governance Compact with the Indian Health Service. We estimated in 2020 that we were going to receive \$2,935,000. Year to date we have received \$2,843,819.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion or do I have a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-112, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-019 IN THE AMOUNT OF 31,811; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

**Roll Call #4**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes            |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza -     | Yes        | R. Pete - Yes  |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn -         | Yes        | S. Lewis - Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development – 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$299,655**

Bill Willis said this is basically what it says it is. It is the acceptance of the 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion on this or do I have a motion.

Councilor Lonn said I have a question. Bill, will we be getting more money from them.

Willis said as far as HUD is concerned that is their regular Block Grant funding. We have received one award each year and this is the award for 2020.

Lonn said that is what I thought and I just wanted to make sure.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-113, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT – 2020 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,655; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

**Roll Call #5**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – 2020 Child Welfare Social Services (CWSS) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$2,108**

Bill Willis said this is basically funds that we receive each and every year. We have received these funds for at least the last four or five years. Jason can probably speak to the specifics of it but just need to accept the money and amend the operating budget.

Speaker Pete asked if there were any questions on this.

Councilor Lonn asked if there is a cap or does this continue during the whole year to what we can from them or . . .

Jason Cross said this is an allotted amount . . . it is based on the number of Tribal members that we report to the government. (Inaudible).

Jessica Steinberg said I have a question. I was trying to find out from Mr. Cross that this is an allotment per child. Jason, what is the basis allotted per child with this agency.

Jason Cross responded that it is a formula that they don't give us. That is not something they have ever sent out.

Steinberg asked to do a follow-up question. Jason, is there a way for you to find out what the formula is or is there an agency contact that would give you that information.

Jason Cross responded that yes, I can get a hold of my contact in Chicago and find out what the formula is.

Steinberg thinks that would be a good thing to know. It seems like this is a very small amount of money. Either we are not having children that qualify in the enrollment of this particular program or maybe they have a population number that we need to adjust. Thank you.

Jason Cross just wanted to add a little bit of information. When I started here nine years ago that amount was \$17,000 and has been gradually decreased to the point that this is what we get now. So I will follow-up and report back. (inaudible)

Councilor Lonn said I have a question for Jason before I make a motion. Jason, do you submit to them the number of children we have or how do they figure out the kids. Is it based on like the year before or . . .

Jason Cross said every year in May I get the count from Enrollment and certify that is the number of children. (inaudible).

Lonn asked if that is the age of 17 and below or is there a lower amount.

Cross responded but it was inaudible.

Lonn said that must be a small formula.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-114, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – 2020 CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL SERVICES (CWSS) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,108;** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion.

**Roll Call #6**

T. Guenthardt -Yes

C. Champagne -Yes

D. Corey -

Yes

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| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete - | Yes            |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes | D. Lonn -         | Yes       | S. Lewis - Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – OAA Title VI Native American Nutrition and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ - in the amount of \$37,020**

Bill Willis said both Jason and I are here to represent this. I believe that this award is used in conjunction with the Elder Meal Program if I am not mistaken but Jason can speak to that better than I can.

Speaker Pete asked if Jason has any more to add to this.

Jason Cross said \$37,000 is additional funding related to the COVID situation. The regular three-year grant was received and it should be on your agenda within the next couple of weeks. This is additional funding due to the corona virus.

Councilor Lonn asked if this is the only amount we will get from this group of American Nutrition for the corona or will we get an additional amount or is this it.

Jason Cross said I believe this is it. It was just allotted to us. I don't have any idea how they came to that amount but that was just allotted to us and they are giving every tribe a different amount.

Lonn said thank you.

Wyatt asked if this was for the Elder Food Program. Is that the only allocation to that fund or is there any other type of food related avenue that can go down for the tribe.

Cross responded this is specific to the Title VI Elders Meals Program. There may be other nutrition related grants coming for other areas but this is the one specific to this program.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-115, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – OAA TITLE VI NATIVE AMERICAN NUTRITION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,020; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anyone going to abstain?

**Roll Call #7**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes        |     |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza -     | Yes        | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn -         | Yes        | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**6. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$377,586**

Bill Willis said this award represents modification #2 to the Self Governance Compact for 2020 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is just to accept the money and amend the operating budget.

Jessica Steinberg said I really have to express some concern. I have been listening to Councilor Champagne and it is just painful to hear her voice. I am concerned for her health. I just wanted to bring up that I hope someone is checking on her because it sounds very constrictive to me that she is having a real hard time speaking. Maybe there is another method that she could confirm a vote during this process. I really hope she is on the mend or that somebody checks up on her. Thank you.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica for her concern. I would say that if it was okay with the rest of you I could do it this way, she has Gary's phone number or something that she can text a yes to him.

Recorder DiPiazza responded certainly. Certainly can.

Pete said that would be, that would certainly be helpful to Councilor Champagne. I am okay with that. Is everybody else okay with that.

Councilor Wittenberg said I am okay with it.

Lonn said I am fine.

DiPiazza said I am going to send her a text right now so it is fresh on her phone.

Pete said thank you Gary and then we will do a vote.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-116, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,586; by Lonng; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

**Roll Call #8**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonng - Yes    | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**7. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$622,564**

Bill Willis said this item represents modification #3 to the 2020 Self Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Year to date it brings us up to about 53% of what we estimated we were going to get from the Bureau.

Pete asked if there were any further questions of Bill.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-117, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,564; by Lewis; supported by Lonng.**

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion. Is anyone going to abstain?

**Roll Call #9**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonng - Yes    | S. Lewis - | Yes |



Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**8. Acceptance of donated funds from Title Track and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$1,500**

Bill Willis said approximately three weeks ago or so I received an email from a gentleman by the name of Seth Bernard. He is the Executive Director from this agency or organization called Title Track. He indicated in the email that they had funding that they wanted to donate to the Tribe specifically for the Elders Meal Program. I requested that he send me something on official letterhead and I believe I included that in Council's packet. This agency or organization is called Title Track and works in partnership with the Aid in Justice Coalition. There are some other partnerships going on too but they are wanting to donate or send the Tribe \$1,500 that has been raised to help support the Elder Meal Program and to support elders specifically during these difficult times. So we just need to accept the money and amend the operating budget and then we will figure out working with Jason how we want to spend this.

Councilor Lonn asked Bill when you said Elders Meals or other things for the Elders . . . is that what I heard?

Bill Willis noted that is what Seth indicates in the letterhead that he sent. I think it is really up to the Tribe to make that determination.

Lonn said the reason I ask is because I was watching TV and reading and you know you can get those little things to check your readings that goes on a finger. I would suggest, personally, I think that would be a great thing to get those like in bulk and give one to each elder so they can test their breathing levels. From what I understand on Facebook, on TV and what I read, they are not that expensive. If Dr. Wever could look into that I think that would be a great way to use that \$1,500 would be to have elders get . . . have each one of them get one of those. That is just my suggestion. Thank you.

Councilor Lewis said that Seth Bernard is a very active musician in the state of Michigan. This is much appreciated.

Lonn said I didn't even know that.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-118,  
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FROM TITLE**

**TRACK AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-025 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,500; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #10**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

9. **Appropriation Funds for Expenditures during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY2020 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013**  
Quarterly Appropriations of Funds.

Bradley Pringle said this is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Appropriation. This has been kicked around a couple of agendas. (inaudible) but it needs to get done. Thank you.

Speaker Pete asked if there were any further questions of Brad.

Councilor Crampton said Brad just for everybody on the line can you please explain what that entails.

Bradley Pringle said this is the funding to run the government for three months and also the, the payment to the Tribal members. It includes per cap and payment to the Tribal members.

Crampton said the per cap members, what?

Pringle said you can see in the resolution that there is cash in there I think it is \$2.4 set aside for per capita payment.

Crampton said for March?

Pringle said yep, that's correct.

Pete said for the second quarter right?

Pringle responded yep.

Lonn said just a minute, for March or for July?

Pringle said nope, second quarter, it is for March. This was originally put on the agenda at the end of February. We had the

computer crash and it didn't make it on to the agenda and then with the corona virus it never got put on and a couple of weeks ago I was notified that it was never passed so I forwarded the paperwork again and got it on this agenda.

Lonn said oh, okay.

Pringle said yep. So this is definitely second quarter. You will see the third quarter in about two weeks.

Pete asked if there were any further questions.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal citizen # 0148, said in addition to the \$2.4 million my question is what is the appropriation for the quarter that is, what is the total appropriation in the whole.

Pringle said I get this number from Bill Willis. Bill, do you happen to have that information available.

Bill Willis said well if it coincides with what I have it is \$6,529,684. We need to keep in mind that these appropriation numbers were based on the approved 2020 budget so they are a bit skewed given the current circumstance.

Pringle said agreed.

Willis said I guess I will add to that as Brad did, that number represents  $\frac{1}{4}$  of per cap payment to the membership which again is based on a 24.5 million dollar budget or distribution I should say.

Pete asked if there are any more questions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-119, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF FY2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.**

Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anyone going to abstain?

Crampton said there is further discussion. My question would be for Bill. Now when you say skewed in what way.

Willis said in terms of . . . we haven't received distribution based on the projected budget from the casino. In total in the 2020 budget we projected we were going to receive \$24.5 million from the casino for the entire year. I think we can all admit that we are not going to receive that even now with the reforecast. That is why I am saying it is skewed. We are simply appropriating the money based on 1/4 , basically ¼ of that approved budget for 2020 which is now kind of up in the air. Does that answer your question Shannon?

Crampton said yeah, yeah, yeah, it did, actually but I have another question. So all the expenditures that this is covering is for what the government?

Willis said yes, just based on the governmental budget that was approved by Council for 2020.

Crampton said I know it is paid by the governmental budget but we both said that was skewed. What I am saying is what does this right here cover, all the payments that they cover.

Lonn said he is saying does it cover the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

Crampton said what I am saying is that there is an anomaly here that I am not getting personally. Maybe I'm wrong but I just want to make sure that there . . . we appropriate more than what was on the income. Now if that is the skewed point then I would suggest we postpone this and reconsider this and take a look at it if it is skewed. And if we don't have income and we are appropriating numbers based on a budget that we don't have, where is that money coming from?

Speaker Pete asked if Bill has anything further to add to that.

Willis said I guess a quick response would be I think, I think Councilor Crampton has a valid point in that we projected that we were going to receive over the course of the 2020 calendar year we were going to receive a distribution from the casino of \$24,500,000. The appropriations are based on like ¼ of that for each quarter plus you know the per capita distribution which are also based on the \$24.5 million. Again, we know that the casino has been closed for oh geez I don't know how long, a while, and so there is probably going to be at least one month or more of distribution that we are not going to get from the casino so in that regard whatever money we are appropriating that hasn't been

distributed from the casino is probably coming from the Tribe's coffers.

Crampton said thank you, thank you, that was my point.

Willis said I kind of thought it was Shannon but I just wanted to make sure that I was on the same.

Crampton (inaudible).

Pete asked if Shannon was finished for right now.

Crampton said yes and I am still urging Council to postpone this and take a look at the financials before you do this.

Recorder DiPiazza said the second quarter was supposed to be done in February even before the shutdown of the casino and everything so some of this funding is probably already been somewhat allocated for because this is more of a . . . it happened when the computers went down and everything and we had some problems so.

Councilor Lonn said I somewhat agree with Shannon. I think we need to look and do some reforecasting for the distribution as well as review the expenditures for the government and resort.

Councilor Lewis said I agree.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal citizen #0148, I just have a couple of comments. First is, something for the second quarter we have already exhausted one month of the quarter and I am concerned about how obligations are being met with the treasury. The second comment is, has there been a deep dive on the budget gap that is going to be experienced for this year and how that is not only going to impact programs but potentially employment status and other financial considerations in the operations of the government. I would be curious to know what the review on the budget gap at this point.

DiPiazza said this should have been done in February.

Pete said I understand that but what I want to do is ask a parliamentary question. Do I have to go through this motion and support to get a vote. If the vote doesn't make it do we come back and go with Shannon's suggestion to re-evaluate this at another time.

DiPiazza said you can postpone it now if you would like.

Crampton stated you can also ask Diane to retract her motion.

DiPiazza said I made the motion.

Crampton said whoever made the motion

Lonn said it was Gary.

Pete asked Gary do you want to retract that motion and then we postpone this for another . . . until we get some more answers on this.

DiPiazza said yeah, I can retract my motion. I retract it.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Pete said I am thinking I would really like to postpone this right now until we have some further discussion on this okay.

Crampton said that makes perfect sense because right now what it looks like and (inaudible) is that it looks like after the fact (inaudible).

Pete said why don't we go ahead Gary and you make a motion to postpone.

DiPiazza said I just did.

Pete asked if there was any discussion.

Lonn asked how did we miss this. Who is responsible for keeping us to . . . so we don't . . . I feel like we are backtracking. We should have had this done in February. How did this not get done.

Pete said we should have had it done. We could have had it done but it didn't happen. Brad tried to get it on there a couple of times but right now we are where we are right now so why don't we just go ahead. I will take responsibility for it. I don't have any problem with it. It should have been mine.

Lonn said it don't matter I was just questioning.

Pete asked if there was any further discussion on the postponement. Is anybody going to abstain?

**Roll Call #11**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**A. Resolution Continuing the Support of the Constitutionality of the 2010 Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments**

Tribal Council passed Resolution # 19-0327-075 in support of the IHCIA and amicus brief at the Lower Appeal Court level in the Fifth Circuit and that case has now been appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

DiPiazza said this is just continuing. We did this last year also. It is just a resolution of support.

Pete asked if there was any further discussion on this.

Rebecca Liebing said what this does is it allows the ULD to add the Tribe to the Amicus Brief. This case sits before the Supreme Court now. Before when we did the support before it was in front of the Fifth District of Appeals. So basically, our stance hasn't changed but it is in a different court so they have asked for an additional resolution of support on the brief. The case itself is basically looking at the ACA and the individual mandate was ruled unconstitutional (inaudible). The question is whether or not the whole law then needs to be struck. What that happens to mean is the amendments to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act would also lose with it. So the tribes do not want that to happen so they are trying to preserve at least that portion of the law.

Pete asked if there were any questions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-119,  
RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE SUPPORT OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE 2010 INDIAN HEALTH CARE  
IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS IN THE AFFORDABLE  
CARE ACT BY SUPPORTING OF THE AMICUS BRIEF TO THE**

**UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT FOR TEXAS V.  
CALIFORNIA; by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.**

Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

**Roll Call #12**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Yes | R. Pete -  | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn - Yes     | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**B. Approving an Amendment to Emergency Assistance and Relief Payment Program of 2020**

Tribal Council has reviewed updated financial information including the potential for the temporary closure of the Little River Casino Resort to continue requiring a suspension in the May stimulus payment until future funding can be secured.

Diane Lonn said when we did this the first time we had, and I was one of them that voted for it, to pass for April and May. But since then we did not perceive that we would still be closed. We reviewed the new updated financial information and we have not had any increase in distribution. In fact, it more like a loss. So my concern is we need to make sure we have adequate funding to retain the services of the government during this closure as well as operating capital to reopen the resort. I just . . . we just don't know how long this is going to last. So I don't feel that we have the finances. Maybe not now, maybe in the future we can give one out but at this time I am more concerned that our tribal government needs to run as well as have money to reopen the casino.

Pete is assuming there is going to be further discussion on this and we are going to organize this thing. Please state your name and tribal ID if you want to discuss this. We are certainly going to keep this on a professional level. Thank you. Is there discussion on this?

Councilor Crampton said first of all when we did review this we did contemplate that the casino might be closed. I was talking to Mr. Romanelli about this and the government might even extend this to June 10<sup>th</sup> in those meetings so that was contemplated. What, what we are looking at right now, the financials that we just got handed is going to call for a supplemental appropriation to continue the budget. We are not going to make it through this year on \$6,000,000. I contemplated all of this when I put the program together. It was explained in detail. Now, the last time we adopted this we said we were going to consider the children



(inaudible). Now we are going to need an appropriation to continue business. Rather than piece meal it together this should be included. This is the member's money. We are not going to make it on the \$6,000,000 that is there. I'm done.

Jacelyn Catarubia, Tribal member #3968, I am 16 years old. Today I want to speak up for the other 358 Tribal members under 18. Numbers from the October enrollment 2019. I was wondering why the Tribal members 0 to 17 Tribal members are not included in the COVID-19 stimulus. We are Tribal members too. Our numbers are included to get funding but we do not receive equal benefits. We have to consider the families that are directly affected that have multiple children. We can't forget the fact that it is a very serious time for all of our children. Taking care of our members should include our children. I feel our children should have been included and this Emergency Assistance and Relief Program of 2020 from the beginning. Tribal Council has identified a gap but currently you are willing to exclude Tribal members under 17. 0 to 17 age group should be able to rely on their government Little River Band of Ottawa Indians just like the rest of our Tribal members and should be provided direct economic assistance. By adding our 358 under 17 Tribal members it would be just under 9% of additional cost which is \$179,000 to include our children, which is less than the January 15<sup>th</sup> supplemental appropriation strategic gaming budget of \$225,000. As a nation we should be able to take care of our children in order to see our Tribe sustain itself. I am respectfully asking to include our under 17 Tribal members in the May Emergency Assistance and Relief Payment Program 2020. During these times of the global (inaudible) COVID-19 because it is affecting every Tribal member regardless of age.

Councilor Crampton said when it was originally submitted it we were talking about all Tribal members. When we got to the adoption the paper said just over 18. It was noticed by the Ogema and he made a suggestion that the children be included so the children were included at inception. It was a typo and we agreed we would take it back up as amended in the May payment. I hope that answers your question.

Catarubia asked if we are going to be included in the Relief?

Pete said the first thing that has to be done is that it has to be approved. That has to be approved first.

Speaker Pete said we had a financial meeting last week where it showed us we had unrestricted funds and the meeting . . . eight Councilors were there for that meeting. In that meeting it was going to cost, including 18 year old Tribal members, once again, and that was the Ogema's suggestion to include that if we did it again. That question was going to

come to \$2.1 million dollars to do a \$500 payment. Right now, the biggest thing that I am concerned about, that is me personally, I'm concerned about us reopening up that casino and that casino is going to need funds to open it up. At this stage of the game I counted at that time we had, not counted, we were informed by the financial department that we had now \$6.5 million dollars of unrestricted funds. That is unrestricted funds that we can do this with. So we going to get \$2.1 million dollars and I'm not sure what the casino is going to need just to reopen up the doors. The most important thing for me is the sustainability of this tribe, not just for the children but for all our Tribal citizens and all of our elder members is that the tribe continues to operate a tribal casino and it still has the money to do it. I don't think, I don't think right now by appropriating one-third of our unrestricted funds for a \$500 payment is in the best interest of the tribe. I am one. In the very beginning when we appropriated this money and actually Shannon wrote it right, shall, and that is what this resolution is for, it is because I thought that we still had to approve the other \$2,000,000 dollars to have this payment go out. We didn't even submit the funds for that thing to go out for the other \$2,000,000 worth of payment. It isn't that I don't want people to have payments. It has never been that. It is because I think that the long term sustainability of this tribe that pays all kinds of member services, pays the elders insurance, it pays for all these different services that we offer, is that if we are going to shortfall the tribe by taking out this \$2.1 million dollars, and that is just personally how I believe. I am going to state it upfront as a fact. I'm going to back down for right now and off this call, not off this call, but I am going to release it to another Tribal member.

Councilor Crampton said before we do that can I answer some of those questions because I don't want to get out into left field because there are some things that you said that I don't think are correct.

Pete said go ahead and correct me then. That's fine.

Crampton said okay, I don't think that the \$6,000,000 is the only source available to make this payment. In fact, it's not. And if we are under the understanding that we have unrestricted is \$6,000,000 to supplement the operation of the government we are done next month. We just heard that we are going to need a supplemental appropriation to continue. What I was saying in the beginning, rather than keep continuing under the false notion that we only have \$6,000,000 for the rest of the year we are going to have to supplementally appropriate the budget. So there really is no question of the \$6,000,000. Thank you, I'm done.

Pete said if I can answer that, I really don't think when we were in that meeting last week that the financial department would say this is what we got in unrestricted funds that we could do with what we wanted. Now we

have restricted funds that if we want to do it and do another amendment payment they can cash those in but right now temporarily this amendment anyways, it doesn't say it is absolutely gone. What it does say in this amendment is that Tribal Council has reviewed updated financial information, including the potential for the temporary closure of the Little River Casino Resort to continue requiring a suspension in May until further funding can be secured. That is what it said. It doesn't say that they are not going to look at this thing sometime in the middle or end of May. All that says is this today.

Councilor Lonn said there is a way to fix this. Like I said, looking at the future we can amend the RAP. The ULD said that. We can suspend per cap or allocate funds to programs differently in order to achieve long term cash ability. So there is a way we can look at the RAP and change things around. I'm not saying we shouldn't give it to them later but at this time I am not in favor of it. Thank you.

Crampton said I want back in the cue to respond to Ron. Again, I don't think this \$6,000,000, and I'm going to try to (inaudible) is that I don't think it is a legitimate concern at all because we just heard this morning we need a supplemental appropriation because it didn't state that but where is that money coming from. We just learned it is going to have to come from tribal coffers. Rather than piece meal this day after day after day, week after week, everything is going to have to be included. We are not going to make budget on \$6,000,000 for the rest of the year. On \$6,000,000 we are going to close in two weeks.

Councilor Lewis said feeding our children and taking care of our people is the only, it is not going to hurt us. It is going to empower us as people. It is my understanding from the last meeting, some of the meetings that we have had my understanding is that we are going to give for April and May and I'm not going to turn my back on something that I already said I support. I'm just going to leave it at that.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal member #421, I was on the, probably not the subsequent one, but I was on the first work session call about the original payment. Firstly, I would like to say that I believe that it was suggested by one of the attorneys that you just give a small payment, then see where you are at and then go from there. Instead somehow it got construed into basically promising people a payment that now they were counting on and now you are saying that you can't and I understand you can't right now. I understand people want kids included but I know at one time I suggested that there are a lot of grants right now that you could provide good services to people that wouldn't come out of the Tribe's pocket. You do need to be thinking seven generations of thinking so giving people \$500 is a band-aid. That is not going to change anything for anyone. That is not

going to stop anyone from getting evicted, it is a band-aid for what is happening right now and it is not going to do them any good if you are giving them \$500 now and they don't have a tribe with member services that they can rely on later on down the road because they received \$500 now. It's is not seven generational thinking by just handing out money and thinking that is going to fix things for people when they don't have a tribe to come back to. It is irresponsible budgeting is what it is.

Recorder DiPiazza said from the very first work session that we had on this there was a lot of concern of how long this was going to take, how long the world is going to be shut down, how is it going to re-open, what that cost factor is going to be and nobody was, you know, that we didn't want to help the members but this payment probably should have waited a little bit to see where everything is going to happen because we need to make sure that we have enough to sustain ourselves. I made the, I tried to make an amendment to the original resolution so we didn't have this problem and now here we are with this problem. In the original resolution it still had to come in front of Council to appropriate the funds for this because the original appropriation was only for the 1.95 and I wouldn't have voted yes unless there was some sort of mechanism somewhere where we could relook at it. Yeah, I did vote yes but this time we are closed down until the 18<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, I'm sorry, unless something changes. It could be longer. It could be shorter. I have no clue. I'm not, you know, going to venture out as little as possible. Most of us all have compromised immune systems and we are elderly. I don't need to bring this home to my 88 year old mother and have to put a toe tag on her later. That is unacceptable to me. But at this point in time I can't support giving another payment right this minute. Once we are open and we are going back up and see where we are at, then we can make another decision on that. But we had a work session Friday on this item. We are going to sacrifice a lot of our services to do it now and that is probably what is going to transpire. I'm all set for right now.

Susan Thull, Tribal ID # 3727, said I have a few questions and a few requests. I would like to have the payroll numbers for the last pay period for the casino, the government and all other enterprises including the EDC. I would like to know the cost of our essential workers. So if I could get that and I think you should have that and that you should all be looking at what it is actually costing us right now to keep our essential workers working. The rest should have been furloughed. Also, when we are talking about reopening I would like to know what those costs are going to be. I would think that we would have an estimate from Andrew that we could look at. That way, just saying we have to have this, well, you should already actually know how much money you are going to need to open up that casino again. I think those are important when considering any expenditures. Also, what I would like to know is on this \$6,000,000

of unrestricted funds are we looking at what our actual bank accounts are or is this something when you are doing the appropriations and everything . . . is this from what is budgeted. When you say we have these only 6.7 million funds do we have funds in the Lakeshore, there is a balance there. We put it in \$245,000 in the beginning of the year it seems like. There was \$1.4 million at the end, towards the end of the last year. I am hoping that Bike Time is cancelled, golf sponsorship is cancelled, all of those funds could pretty much revert back to the general fund I would think. But I think that we, I am just thinking that \$6.7 million is not the true balance of funds that are available. I really want to thank Sandy in her support of keeping this distribution for the members and thinking about that we need to feed our people. If we don't have our members we don't have our people, we are not looking out for them, what is a tribe? I'm done thank you very much.

Crampton said I wanted to go back to what Gary was saying because yeah he did make, he did try to make an amendment (inaudible) to review this. At that time, at that time it was discussed at length and we kept in the wording "shall", Sandy, Cindy and I demanded that we do it. The whole Council heard it, the whole Council voted on it. Now if you voted on that and you and you went forward with this then that is irresponsible budgeting. We all looked at the financials, we all discussed "shall". So the excuses right now are just excuses. This money that is going to our members, when you are talking about the tribe and people having such hardships, turn that around. Look at the other side of the coin. Look at our members. If we are having this hardship what are they having. This money was contemplated for them. This is the eleventh hour. Some people have already put this into their budget and have all these promises out in bills. This makes us look idiotic and childish. Our main concern is our people. This is what the tribe is for. We should include the children. We should include everybody. You keep saying the \$6,000,000, I hope somebody on this line understands because I know the financial people do. We are going to have to supplement the rest of the year all the months that the casino was not operating. We are not going to make it on \$6,000,000 and it has to be supplemented. There is nothing more important than our people. This is why the tribe exists. This is why IGRA for the casino is there. I don't understand why the excuses are going forth but these are excuses. We all were there, we all voted, we all understood the word "shall", it was discussed at length. All we were missing was the certification of funds when we adopted it. But rather we chose to bring this forward. Now in the next coming weeks there is going to be another one for a supplemental appropriation to fund the government. Does everybody understand that? I'm done.

Speaker Pete said first of all I want to answer this like this. Where were we years ago, and I'm going to state this right up front, I don't care, I was

never, never in favor of even of per cap because I thought the services from the tribe could be multiplied if that money was in the tribe. With that being said right there, how come we didn't include, and if we were really worried about the kids, so am I, I am worried about the kids, I am worried about the kids as much as anybody else. Why didn't we include the kids in per cap.

Lonn said I can answer that.

Pete said with that I'm done.

Crampton said Diane cannot answer that, I was the only one in closed.

Pete said I have to get this off my mind because I heard from the young lady that was 16 and why we didn't have that and was it was very much appreciated that we heard that but why didn't we include all tribal members at that time. Now we are going to, at the eleventh hour, include them on something that if they did pass something like this, I just don't get it.

Lonn said I might not have been on Council but I was there so I know exactly too what happened. The reason they didn't include them is because they felt that education, with all the benefits they were getting through education, the pictures, the class ring, the driving, the laptop and all this stuff equaled what we were getting at that time. That is the way the BIA seen it as well.

Pete answered okay.

Councilor Wittenberg said for myself I do believe that May going out I do feel and believe in for our kids. You brought up the question now and that is what I said many, many, many years ago how come we didn't include our kids. Our kids are our future. They are our tomorrow. To invest in our kids isn't enough. The sky is the limit to me for them. I truly feel that, and I always will that our people are our people. They are our tribe. Even though the casino is going to need something we talk about, they have to get going what are they doing on their end as far as putting whatever, whatever, they can do to cut back to add to the pot. All I hear is the government, the government, we got to do this, we got to do that. I don't hear nothing on well we got this much to start with. We are going to need "x" amount more. (inaudible) We did have a conversation at the beginning along with the April one and went in depth on it. It was all agreed to me from what I heard that this is what we are going to do now we want to turn around and turn our canoe around and go in another direction. I'm not for it. So I am for giving out for May. I am for including the kids. Like I said a long time ago, our kids should have been

included regardless of how much we give them today and back then we can't give them enough. They need more. They are our future. We as elders or adults are going to take that journey. It is going to come. We have to look out for our kids and that is the way I feel. Megwetch, megwetch, megwetch.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal member #421, said so like a mentioned before in the first meeting that there are ways to make sure that your people are taken care of. If you look at what other tribes are doing, other tribes are not (inaudible) outside handing out payments and not sure if any of the other Councilors have contacted other Councilors at other tribes to see what they were doing and what programs and grants they were accessing to provide for their members in a financially responsible way but there really aren't many tribes at all across the country that are just handing out cash payments. They are making sure that their members have access to healthy nutritional food. They make sure that they have access to hygiene products that they need. They make sure that their kids right now have access to the educational needs because they are all schooling at home. There are a lot of ways to provide for your members and show them that you care other than simply just sending a check for \$500. Once again, is just a band-aid. A band-aid that is costing the tribe a lot more and you have to look and see where is this going to be. How is this going to affect us and what programs are going to be used more that are going to cost the tribe more after this. How many more people are going to be using Family Services and Membership Assistance when we get done with this. There needs to be more funds there for that. All those things need to be looked at. There are ways that you can still feed your members, that you can still make sure that everyone is taken care of other than just sending them a check. Sending them a check doesn't ensure that they are taken care of but making sure that they have healthy food, making sure that they have educational needs, making sure that they have hygiene products, making sure that they are healthy, making sure that your elders have transportation to medical facilities, those are the things that need to be done and a \$500 check doesn't do any of those things. Thank you.

Karen Love said I have a couple of questions. How much do we have in our, the funds . . . does anybody know that. Do we still have like \$24,000,000, \$36,000,000?

Pete said some of them are restricted funds and they are in investment accounts. The unrestricted funds, if that is what you are asking about, is what I said last week and it was \$6.7 million dollars.

Love said okay but how much do we have in the general reserve fund.

Pete said I guess I'm not sure what you are asking me of. If someone else can jump in go ahead.

Lonn said she wants to know other than the unrestricted, she wants to know what the restricted funds are.

Councilor Crampton said I think there is \$17.6 and the rest of the assets make up to like 40 or 38.

(Inaudible) Love said so when they finally open up this casino then what they will do is they would taken an appropriation from the General Fund correct to help open that casino or to help restart the government correct. They make appropriations all the time. So what we are talking about is \$6.7 in unrestricted funds so those funds can be spent for anything really. Am I not right?

Crampton said you are right.

Love said so those would have an impact on restarting the casino up, you know, opening up the government, keeping, you know, family, the contracted health going, you know, commodities and all of that, right? Didn't we just pay off our renovation bill for the casino.

Pete said that was in December.

Love asked how much was that?

Councilor Corey responded \$8.5.

Love said so that came out of the what, the 2019 budget or did that come out of the general fund.

Corey responded the reserves.

Love said okay I guess that is all I had. It looks like we got a little bit of money in our account, correct. One thing, we have been closed for about six weeks at the most so we are not talking about the rest of the year if we open up, even if we open up on June 1<sup>st</sup> we would have June, July, August, September, October, November, December. We would have 7 months to try to make up some of our lost revenue, right?

Pete responded yes.

Love said for me if it would help, to me, the June 1<sup>st</sup>, probably a lot of people need that per cap payment but you know but I would be one to just forego that and give that to us. When is our next one December?



Lonn responded October.

Love said October. Let that one go and then make up in October.

Lonn said we could change the Revenue Allocation Plan.

Love said yeah, just for one month. We probably aren't going to get a lot of money then anyways.

Lonn said nope.

Love said okay, that is all I needed to say. \$40 million in the general fund huh?

Crampton said I will try to take them in order. When we are talking about not including the children in per cap if you look at the original adoption I didn't vote for it. The reason I didn't vote for it is because if you look at the average age of Councilor members that were on Council at the time they were above 55. 55 got voted in double payments and the children got nothing. This is why I voted no. Look, if you really want to get down to the nitty gritty that is exactly it in a nutshell. Now, moving on, when you talk about giving the members money, checks, most of those services Nikki was talking about are grant funded and that is obligated from the federal government. We don't let them off the hook, we don't supplement it, we demand they pay it. That is rent for the 550 acres we gave them, or 550,000,000 acres we gave them, sorry, so that is obligated. We don't let them off the hook, we don't supplement that, they pay that rent. Now, since this program was adopted and put together three tribes have contacted me for the template. The Sault Tribe have not adopted it yet, GTB adopted it last month, or last week, I'm sorry, two weeks ago, I'm sorry. When you keep saying consider about the longevity of the tribe what is the tribe? That tribe is not that casino. The tribe is not the government building. The tribe is the people. Doing this at the eleventh hour, I can't vote for this and even look at myself in the mirror. So thank you, I'm done.

Councilor Lewis said according to a work session that we had April 24<sup>th</sup> and that was discussion on including the children and all of this right here that is on the agenda in the bank we have \$28.8, we have \$18.5 in restricted, \$10.3 unrestricted and then we have this \$6.7 million. Now when we had that work session the person that had put this on originally wasn't in the meeting and that was Councilor Crampton. The thing is, we shouldn't even have had the meeting unless he was included in that. So, that was a no no right there. We did put "shall" in there and we should have had him in on that. I really thinks this needs to be postponed because

obviously we are not in a consensus on this. For one, we put “shall” and I am not an Indian giver and not going to give people stuff and then take it back. I do know that GTB is giving their people \$500 a month in stipends or a check to make sure that they have all their needs, well not all their needs, because obviously \$500 is really nothing, giving our people money is not going to be the demise of our tribe. We are not going to crumble as a kingdom okay. Either way we have to supplement stuff. I think if we give boxes of food to our people we are oppressing our people. We are making them stand in line. We are telling them you get to have one bottle of shampoo and you have five kids, well okay, you get two boxes of macaroni and cheese, I’m not into oppressing our people. You know, I would prefer to empower our people. People are already frightened, you know. They are stressed. They are going through a lot of emotions. I have members calling me left and right and trying to direct them to the places to get help but not only is GTB giving them \$500 a month so they can supplement some of their needs they are giving it to the children. So don’t go with well they have a different amount of people or a different amount of money, you know, that is nothing to do with it. What it is, is empowering our people. We know we are not going to crumble. What we are going to do is work harder to make sure to make sure that we come in stronger after all of this is done. You know, if anybody ever took the time to fast you would understand what it is to not have food, not to have water. Not to say that some of us we grew up using outhouses, having to go to the faucet outside, you know, a lot of us have experience and I’m not downplaying anything. But if you take the time out and spend the rest of your week, you know, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, go without food and water until Sunday and then come back and tell me you don’t want to see the kids, you know. Let’s do that. Let’s see everybody not eat, do not use water, do not eat, nothing until Monday and let me know how you feel. We might come to that spot where we are going to have to tell our people, yep, come grab that box and you can get a bag of potatoes, we might have to come to that but we are not that destitute at this time I don’t think. Lewis noted we said shall and I really think that none of us have come to a conclusion on this. I really think this needs to be postponed and the person, and understandable because something happened and couldn’t make it to the meeting and I totally understand it is personal but we need to have another meeting with Council, include the Ogema and our finances and like come already and let’s hash this out. We have today, we have tomorrow, we have Friday that we can sit down and have a work session so I would just like to postpone this.

Al Metzger, Tribal ID #890, said first I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody in attendance. Secondly, this is in response to Council member Lonn’s statement. If I am not mistaken it was voted on by the people to give 55 and older double per cap and to eliminate the children.

It had nothing to do with programs, whether it was education or not. That was an item that was voted on by the people. (inaudible) Going back to the tribe's net worth, is it \$40,000,000, what has the casino cost us the last month and a half by not being open even though we did take a hit by keeping a majority of the people on payroll until the 15<sup>th</sup> I believe it was. Now everybody in majority of the population is on furlough. Megwetch.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal citizen ID # 0148, said the first question I would like to have if possible, a couple of questions. The first question I have could Councilor Lewis re-read those dollar amounts. I did hear Karen Love asking about that. The dollar amounts in regard to the final finances of the Tribe. Then, I do have some other questions regarding the budget. We were talking, I was on a conference call, open session work session on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March and I took some pretty copious notes in that meeting. At that time the tribe treasury, if you will, had a reported \$33.642 million in it. There were restricted funds and unrestricted funds in total of unrestricted of \$17.3 million, 9.8 million of that money was in investments. I think that is what Councilor Crampton is continuing to allude to is that those investments may need to be required to be cashed in to support the government going forward. At that time we have \$7.5 million in what I call in unrestricted real cash, cash on hand. Now we have made that payment so we are down to \$6.7 million cash on hand. I keep hearing about this tribal casino needing to be subsidized to reopen and I have a couple of concerns about that. The first one is the government has already subsidized the casino to the tune of \$8.5 million dollars on a loan payment. That \$8.5 million dollars, should have, if it was done last fall, allowed the casino to save some money so they don't have a concern about working capital reserve going into fiscal year 2020. If they haven't done that I think that is pretty irresponsible on management's part. I would question whether or not they need funding because they are an employer, by law, to retain funding for the jackpots that are wired into those progressive machines as well as substantiate the checks that are on the table in the play. It all has to be accounted for. That is the law. The other thing is, and I asked the question earlier, we are talking again about skewed budget numbers by Mr. Willis. He wasn't trying to make that sound sinister at all. He is basically saying that without the appropriation coming from the casino there has to be an adjustment. I think we need to identify those budget gaps. Those are going to be very substantial because you have now been almost eight weeks without operations, two months without operation funding and we are still paying bills for the second quarter without having appropriated any money to do so. I want to repeat that one more time. You are paying bills in the second quarter without appropriating any funds to do so. The reason I bring that up is because that is a direct violation of our own Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. You can't spend funding you haven't appropriated. While we are looking at the COVID-19 funding we

are getting monies in, is the tribe doing an assessment and sending requests for additional funds out of those pools. Other tribes are doing that.

Pete said yes they are.

Steinberg thinks that needs to be aggressively pursued in this time of money coming out of the government. The other thing is in regard to rental assistance and I know that tribal members need assistance but how are we implementing the CARES Act rental provision. We know that there was a little bit of a hush over we are going to suspend payments and we are not going to suspend payments. Well the CARES Act requires that some payments be suspended. And that is particular to federal funded programs. I think we need to really dig into all of this. I consider that the numbers that Councilor Lewis just reported on are substantially, they are almost \$4.8 million lower, and of course that was probably operational money to keep the government going, to pay payroll and other things but if we are spending \$4.8 million a month at that pace Councilor Crampton's concerns are very well justified. This is going to be an issue that the hole may not be able to be bridged. Now we are talking about reducing benefits, reducing personnel. Are those same measures going to be sent across the street to Little River Casino Resort and are they going to also see some financial ramifications, reductions to their payroll. I think this is a really big issue. This \$500 payment, and I know social media is everybody's thorn in their side but this \$500 payment for some of these folks on social media, it means the difference between making their light bill, making a portion of their rent bill and doing the things that need to be done for their families. I am in a position frankly, as an elder and a person has investments, and a person who is married to a spouse that is working currently, I don't have those same concerns probably, it is a nice perk, it will help me out for the month but we have some real concerns out there from members. To put all of this forward and do it without being open and transparent about the financial health of our government, of our treasury, is erroneous from the get go. I have to agree with Councilor Crampton that there is going to be a need to go back to the well (inaudible) and part of that process. We need some transparency here because right now no one has a true finance picture. I know that the \$500 coming in is (inaudible). Thank you Mr. Speaker that is all I have.

Pete said I am going to answer some of that right now. I know that the Ogema and his team, his financial team and the ULD and everybody else serving is looking at every single bit of funding and they have been doing this day after day after day after day. There has been no lackadaisical report on the part of the team that is researching any of this. No stone is going unturned. They are looking at it and they are looking at every single that we can possibly get involved with in terms of this COVID-19

business. And they are. So anything like that is absolutely nonsensical to me because they are doing it and they are doing it every single day. I do know that the resort is going to . . . the Ogema has a budget working on the resort and they are working on the resort and I also know that over 90% of the people there have been laid off and they laid them off two weeks before the government did. That is also something that is a wrong accusation that they haven't done. They are doing everything they can. Personally, I believe that the team that is over there that are going to make these decisions they are working and consistently changing their plans to open but they can't open up. They don't want to be closed. They want this thing to work for us and continue distribution. In terms of the loan that we gave to the resort to continue their . . . they are paying us back. They were paying it back up until the COVID-19 thing hit. We agreed to suspend the payments, not suspend the payments but field them on the back end, the payments are coming and they were coming all the time. So any questions that they weren't going to pay us back or if they are not able to pay us back because they are able to pay us back. So now what I'm going to do, in an effort, (inaudible) .

Bernadene Crampton, #3921, said I wanted to respond to Nikki. A lot of the items that she was talking about are grant funded. Also, that a lot of people are not in the nine county area and it is impossible to hand somebody a blanket of food when they are not in nine county. There are lot of people who depend on that \$500 and they have for other things like rent, food, lights, gas that are not working and were laid off for COVID-19 and they are really counting on this money to even survive. That is my opinion and I'm done.

Councilor Crampton just wanted to address Jessica's concerns because yes, she is correct, those are my concerns, the budget gap here. Now if every member that is on this phone understands what happened this morning. What happened this morning is we almost approved a supplemental appropriation that would cover the cost of the government and the casino to come from tribal coffers. That was not a mistake. That happened. We were going to vote on that today. What I'm saying is the \$6,000,000 that you keep hearing about is only being used as a scare tactic for somebody that doesn't understand financials. (inaudible – dog barking) Can we please refrain from the childish antics please. Okay, back to what I was talking about. We are going to have to supplement the downtime for the casino. I know Jessica understands that, I know Karen, Susan, it is easy to understand. We are going to have to do this. That budget is not there. I am a forward thinker, when you reopen, has anybody looked at what is going on with the states that are reopening. I calculated that they were going to let half, half, they are doing a quarter. If they are doing a quarter and reopen and reopen at a quarter, it is still not going to make money. The expenses are going to override what we take

in. We need some serious planning. This \$6,000,000 that is free and clear to give, we could give the whole damn thing to the membership because we have to supplement the rest of the year and I don't know what you are not understanding. I'm done.

Recorder DiPiazza said that is our unrestricted. The Wells Fargo a lot of that is in bonds, which are not set to mature. So if you go cashing out the Wells Fargo you are going to take one massive hit on it.

Crampton said I never said cash out the Wells Fargo. That's you.

DiPiazza said anyway that is what I said. I will refer people to the RAP plan when it was voted on. And you can look it up 08-0123-20 and yeah there were some elders on there but somebody was absent that day and they didn't even vote on it and so . . .

Crampton said I'm not showing up for that disgusting thing.

DiPiazza said what's that.

Crampton said I wasn't showing up to vote with that and I told them and they made a dirty little plan to do what they did. I told them I wasn't going to be part of it.

DiPiazza said alright. You said you voted no on it so. At any rate . . .

Lewis said can I made that motion.

Crampton said if (inaudible).

Lonn said that is enough.

DiPiazza said I am just referring to the document. Anyways . . .

Crampton said you stir the pot that is all you do. Business please.

DiPiazza said really.

Crampton said you heard me.

DiPiazza asked are you done because I still have the floor I believe. Well, like I said to cash out that Wells Fargo which is part of the assets that you are looking at is 17, there is a lot of restricted funds. Some of them are Great Lakes assessment and have to do with law enforcement and also have to do with IHS as part of our health care system. And yes, there is a lot of money that goes into Members Assistance that comes out of the

budget that flows over from the casino. There is a lot of things that are probably going to need to change as the world starts opening back up. I'm done.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE PENDING A WORK SESSION;** by Lewis; supported by Crampton.

Lewis said really we have this afternoon so can we put the work session on this afternoon.

Crampton said I would almost ask for it to be either Thursday or Friday so we can get more members in attendance. This is kind of short notice. There might be people who want to attend.

Lewis said okay, alright. Make sure Steve and Bill, etc. is on.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion. My discussion is I would just a soon not postpone this. I would just a soon get the vote done but that is my opinion.

DiPiazza said I am voting no anyways.

Susan Thull said for that session could I ask that you invite Andrew from the casino.

Pete said I'm not sure this is a casino or one that he would be having at the casino. I would invite Larry however.

Thull said we need to know what to expect from the casino and that is why I asked.

Pete said this is about us getting a \$2,000,000 plus bonus or whatever you want to call it because I would not say. That would be up to Larry to invite. I would not say that this would be something that he needs to be on. This has nothing to do with the casino. It is Tribal Council.

Crampton said I would disagree.

Someone interrupted and said they should have that information anyway.

Crampton said I would support Susan's suggestion because we need definite answers and there doesn't seem to be any coming forward. The excuse has already been given that we need to reopen that casino. So, yes it does include Mr. Gentile.

Pete said that is your opinion. That is your opinion.

Crampton said that is your excuse. That was your excuse.

Pete said I'm done arguing with you forever, okay. At any rate, we have a motion and we have support. Is there any further discussion.

Someone asked if you could post that out there for us when we know the work shop and what time please.

Crampton said if there is one.

Someone said Shannon can you do that please.

Lonn said I will yes.

Someone said already thank you.

Pete asked if there was any further discussion on the motion to postpone.

Crampton said just for everyone in attendance can you clarify what the motion is and the actual voting is.

Pete said the motion was to postpone Diane Lonn's amendment or resolution to approving an emergency assistance relief payment program and we are going to move to postpone this resolution for today. It is either yes or no.

Lewis said it was pending a work session.

Pete added pending a work session yes.

Crampton wanted to just stress that with all of the members that were on the phone today, with all the unanswered questions that are still among Council this would only be financially responsible to postpone this to review it.

Pete said that is one Councilor's opinion. Thank you.

Pete said this is a vote to postpone pending a work session.

**Roll Call #13**

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| T. Guenthardt -No | C. Champagne -Yes | D. Corey - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - No  | R. Pete -  | No  |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes | D. Lonn - No      | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)



**C. Approving Execution of the Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Program HRSA – 20-135**

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, HRSA received \$15M to allocate to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes. The funding will provide support for the Tribes to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 in rural communities. Tribes can request up to \$300K in funding for COVID-19 related activities. This could be an opportunity to request funds for an ambulance to help transport COVID-19 patients or possible positive patients.

Dr. Daryl Wever said this is a grant through HRSA. This is an award ceiling at \$300,000. With this one there is no match and no shared costs required. This is due next week Wednesday so this is an opportunity to possibly put in a narrative for a budget for the ambulance service for COVID patients.

Pete asked if there was any further discussion with Dr. Wever.

Susan Thull, #3727, said you are saying ambulance services and I remember you said something about an ambulance at the spring membership.

Wever said there have been a couple of different grants and awards that have been submitted and have been coming through. I think there is about \$174,000 that is kind of pending or has been completed. This one is \$300,000 is the ceiling but yes, I am kind of assessing to see all the different awards that have come in so that we could possibly do a suburban with plexiglass between the driver and the patients that are transported or for transporting patients. This one here I have been doing the narrative for an ambulance itself. We did submit one to and we received the baseline award this morning that was \$25,000 and then it has a ceiling of non-compete for \$1.5. That is the one that was the narrative and I budgeted for separate buildings, nursing positions, lab, IT, the data equipment and that actually came to a total of \$1.484 million. There is no guarantee but that award will be notified June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year. We are kind of waiting to see how much funds are coming through here as to what our options are possibly.

Susan Thull said on this one that you want to submit now for \$300,000 for ambulance services, so that is actually purchasing an ambulance?

Wever said it would go towards it. I know Tom can kind of give numbers too as to they are pretty expensive between \$300 and \$500,000.

Thull said so we would be using the grant plus supplementing it out of our own funds in order to purchase it.

Wever responded no because the other funds that I have been submitting, the grants and Lyle and other departments, we received or submitted pending is about \$174,000 that is coming through right now. They are small amounts, not a ton but that is why we are looking at different options of like thermal scanners, thermal cameras, UV lighting, suburban style for transporting patients in general with plexiglass. This one would be a narrative for an ambulance or towards an ambulance but they are expensive. As long as it is connected to a COVID related purchase it is justifiable.

Thull said I understand that but I'm just wondering if that really is a justifiable for our particular tribe. If that is not covering the total cost and even if it were covering the total cost, then we have to think about insurance and liability, someone who is qualified to drive. To me, I would like to see the justification for even getting one. To me, I just don't see, you know, I don't live there, I don't see a need for this so I thank you for reaching out and working on all of this. It is very much appreciated. On this particular one I don't see the need but I could certainly be wrong. Thank you very much for answering my question.

Wever said you are welcome, yes correct. There has been discussion in the past about possible ambulance, fire house but this is \$300,000 so this is just a COVID relief program. It can be testing supplies, PPE equipment, telehealth activities and strategies. We have submitted those other funding for a Telehouse and another one coming up for Telehouse and other supplies. Actually we received quite a bit of hazardous material and suits and protective PPE gear. We have over 5,000 masks and hazardous suits. They have been coming quite frequent so we have quite a bit of gear. That is basically kind of a broad spectrum but I am basically going to try to do a narrative that is focused towards the ambulance and then you can tie in other supplies so it is not required to say this is specifically for that we are just requesting the COVID relief funds. They may give \$1,000, they may give \$1,500, the ceiling is \$300,000. I am just trying to request the total amount and then we can use it in the COVID relief type program.

Susan Thull said I understand. Thank you so much.

Pete asked if there were further questions of Dr. Wever.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal member #1062, said so we are writing a grant for \$300,000 that includes an ambulance. What if we get that \$300,000 and we decide to redirect the funds like you said for different equipment.

What is going to be the payback that we don't actually get the ambulance. Because I don't see a need for an ambulance services either for the Manistee population.

Wever responded in the description any of these funds can be COVID related so that is why I would assume I would try to shoot for a higher number for the COVID. It is basically tied to any COVID activity supplies program. That is why to try and reach that \$300,000 goal mark, the ambulance service is expensive and like I said there is no guarantee. This one is competitive and there is no match required on this one.

Julie Wolfe said I understand all that but I'm asking the tribe, the Council, what is out payback, what are we going to have to do if we get appropriated the grant for the whole \$300,000 and then we don't follow-through with the grant requirements because your narrative says we are going to purchase an ambulance but then we decide to go down a different and don't purchase the ambulance, are we going to be required to pay some of that money back. (inaudible)

Wever responded that is why he included it in the narrative. I will make sure that it is implied that we are using it for COVID relief program. There are a lot of conference calls and basically a lot of them have altered kind of the grants and requirements quite a bit just to get the funds out. They even mentioned that they are very lenient and these conference calls can go for hours and a lot of people call in and ask that particular question. Like are we responsible and that is what they keep reiterating is that as long as it is for COVID related program it is justifiable. In the narrative I will make sure it is COVID related and if we are allotted any of those funds that is where these funds will be directed.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal Citizen #0148, is wondering under the HRSA funding because it is kind of geared towards community health programs overall if it might not be a better consideration to set up a mobile operation that you can take to Kent County and Ottawa County in particular where we have had some pretty large numbers and operate a mobile site that after the grant expires you could continue to take that mobile unit down into those counties and offer services. Just my suggestion.

Wever responded perfect, perfect, correct. I appreciate that. That is great. That is exactly . . . we submitted the one CDC grant that this one was I think \$800,000,000 and there is quite a bit that keeps adding to it and that is the one where the floor award is \$25,000 that we just got notification this morning and then the ceiling award is \$1.5 million. Correct, with that particular one we received the notification of the \$25,000 but there is no guarantee, non-compete and there is no match. So with that particular one that is the one where I submitted the narrative for the COVID relief of

Michigan which would be based in Muskegon and Kent County area because that is where a lot of our members are and unfortunately Kent County now is on the climb with cases in that area. So with that particular one that is with the staffing, building, the data, research and a separate off-site to kind of send data to keep here in Manistee and that one is the \$1.48 that was submitted but that is not guaranteed. I am hopeful and I am hoping that if they even just give us \$300,000 for that, that is for a separate building which would be great because then we could use that for off-site or mobile. You just have to be careful transporting from different counties. I think that would be beneficial to get all of these grants together that are COVID related because there are a ton of funds that are out there and they kind of ease up on the running but they are still particular and that is basically what we are trying to do right now and get as much funds as possible and correct, this one is for any type of program, this \$300,000, just if it is COVID related. So that is what I am hoping is that we can kind of put all of these funds together and possibly have a separate building, possible transportation. We have received a avid analyzer. We received testing equipment. We are on the list for the antibody analyzer and is the one that is really kind of the gold standard to see if we were exposed to this virus and that our body has formed antibodies. We are hoping that we will be able to have some type of immunity to it. That one we are still waiting and pending. But you got it, correct. I think a mobile outside separate building because we are in the government building and we are sharing the same circulatory system, the air in this building. The current plan is to get as many options and grants and funding related to COVID and kind of keep those funds together and communicate with the Tribal members in the area with what is of interest and what is priority and the safety and best for our membership. I appreciate that yes, thank you.

Al Metzger said first I would like to know where we are on our corona testing for COVID-19. Secondly, I think a lot of people were confused about the kind of your grant when you called it ambulatory. Should we really be writing grants for ambulance service that the tribe doesn't own since there are 2% monies that they can apply for. Because I do like Steinberg's suggestion about acquiring our own mobile vehicle for tribal members. That sounds like a better idea than maybe trying to supplement a local ambulance service. Thank you.

Wever said that is correct. That is why for transporting patients I am not a big van person, I know they serve a purpose but just a larger vehicle in general just for transporting patients and COVID patients. That was already worked into another grant and with this one it is just the \$300,000 and \$1.48 for a separate building with staffing. This one because it is \$300,000 it does not have to be an ambulance. I just know an ambulatory vehicle, I probably shouldn't use the terminology an ambulatory vehicle, for transporting COVID patients. They can be a little bit pricier. To hit

that \$300,000 on this one is a pretty good option but it does not have to be directed towards an ambulance service or ambulatory vehicle that we could have here on site at the health center.

Martha Howell said I have a question for Dr. Wever about the ambulance. Over the past few weeks I have been listening and (inaudible) and work on one facility is that correct if it is a temporary outside place for COVID patients you were talking about only one location. I am concerned about our Manistee people. You already have to go by yourself and you don't get to see your friends and family but shipping us down to Muskegon 107 miles away I don't know, that is just one of my concerns about the ambulance over the course of the last few weeks and what the plan was. That concerns me taking people away from the local area I guess. Thank you.

Wever asked to respond real quick. It is not really like transporting but I know, I know I spoke with Munson and there are certain facilities and isolation centers and ventilators. It is a case by case scenario so not to take anybody away from their family, members or loved ones or anything like that. What I am hopeful for is putting together several different possible locations. This will subside. This is a very new situation obviously so once the vaccination and drug companies and the antibodies are produced in individuals this will subside and that what I am optimistic as we move forward and have the proper vaccinations and drug combination, once this all settles, all this equipment we have for a separate site, I am just trying to be a little bit more optimistic that when this does settle that these different buildings and vehicles and equipment and supplies that we acquire could be utilized within our organization and our members in another fashion. As of right now Munson has been really scaling and laying off and shutting quite a bit at Munson here. Currently their ambulatory system is coming now from Traverse City and Tom can give more details so when they hit the parking lot they can't touch the patient because of liability. This is new. This is COVID. It is very contagious. For those individuals that are obese, diabetes, smoke, hypertension, cholesterol, other co-morbidities with cancer treatment, they are very high risk. So if we have an ambulatory or vehicle or anything specific then these patients can be transported to their recommendations by their family or by the caregivers and providers and in just protecting them and transporting them and protecting the caregivers that are working and associating with them in their transport. It is just a lot of options to think about so I am just trying to get as much funds and resources for the organizations for the members because this will pass and we will do fine. It is scary and it is unknown and that is what the news loves. The news media loves to run with it. It keeps people in fear. We will be fine. This is really kind of wake up call really for humans in general for personal hygiene, what is life, what is family, what is friends, what is a relationship.

We kind of got a little out of control and I think this is a good opportunity for the stay healthy, eat well, sleep well, wash our hands and be a little bit more positive about life in people. I am really optimistic about the future in general and I am just hoping that with these resources and maybe this does subside we can still utilize all these funds or locations or supplies in other fashions. To the other question that was brought up about how the quarantine and the testing, we did receive the avid analyzer that is the 15 minute test. That we have I think 24 tests. Because we are in the government building that if there is a case and they have to have the cardinal signs in regards to the COVID and if they seem eligible then there is an opportunity to have a mobile station outside when you drive up, wearing protective hazardous suit and we can test it right there and then. Then we also have 200 of the nasal pharynx swab. It is not the most pleasant test going through the nasal nose back of the throat but that is supply and demand. They are sending out 50,000 test kits a day. The whole world is waiting for these so we do have them. It is just that we want to make sure as of right now, in case by case, Munson is doing the same thing and if you have the signs and the symptoms and you are breathing okay, they are tending people to go home, quarantine for 14 days and when you symptoms subside then that is when the clock starts ticking and it is 7 days additional until we have a surplus of supplies. It really comes down to, we could test everybody today and they are negative but then they go to a public building and acquire the COVID then they are positive. It is really a case by case and once we get the antibody tests that this the one that will be crucial for members, employees and everybody in this organization and the public will know if they have been exposed to it or have the antibody within their system to fight it which we all hope.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0429-120, APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE RURAL TRIBAL COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAM HRSA-20-135; by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion.

**Roll Call #14**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Abstain | D. Corey - | Yes            |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza -         | Yes        | R. Pete - Yes  |
| R. Wittenberg-Yes  | D. Lonn -             | Absent     | S. Lewis - Yes |

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 6, 2020**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Larry Romanelli just wanted to announce that we did have the Spring Membership Meeting by phone in the Lodge Room. We did have some technical difficulties but I think information members got a fair amount of information. I also had a follow-up communication that I put out and asked for those reports that you couldn't hear to be resubmitted and put on our website. Again, the alternative was to not have the meeting at all or to try and put it off a month or two which we are still in a state of unknowing when things are going to open up. I did do an Executive Order extending following the Governor's orders to State of Emergency to extend it to mid-May along with stay in shelter. That has been done. I have to say that I have been on the phone all the while listening to this. My big concern with all of this is that this number that we are using has been disseminated widely and I can assure you that there is no way to show that everyone on this call are Tribal members or descendants or spouses of Tribal members. There is just no way to do it. The fact that (inaudible) this has not been used for so long I can almost bet that there are people that are not associated with the tribe that are listening to this. My concern with this is that we just went over very heavily and gave all our financial information out there. I think that puts the tribe at risk again. I know I have said it before but it just boggles my mind that we continue to give so much information that could be shared not only with people outside the tribe but possibly other tribes. I just wanted to state that. I try not to weigh in too much on the \$500 you already know my position so I will leave it at that. I will be on the call if anybody has any questions for me.

Councilor Lewis said I would just like to say something. The April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting that was an open meeting on this open line so the numbers that were given, those were given in open so I just want to say that for the record, just for the record.

Ogema Romanelli said I understand that. That is part of the problem. Not only this call but other meetings that we have held have either been open meetings and using this same number and it just concerns me greatly. Thank you.

Lewis said thank you Larry.

Julie Wolfe had a question for Larry. On the website it doesn't show any Operations Report for 2020. Are those going to be posted or have you accepted any.

Ogema Romanelli said the Operations Report, I'm not sure. I can double check Julie. They should be posted, they should be posted within the website for the Tribal members only portion.

Julie Wolfe responded I know how to look at that. The last one posted for Operations Report is October or November of 2019. There is none posted for 2020 and we are already in April. Have you accepted the last four months or are they just not posted.

Romanelli believes they just aren't posted.

Wolfe said are you going to check and get them updated.

Romanelli responded yes.

Wolfe asked is Membership Assistance Program open and operating as essential workers. If you have a pending application and you haven't heard anything are those being still processed if you submitted your application back in February before the government shut down.

Romanelli said I believe so, yes.

Wolfe asked who is the contact person for that or how would you reach because I haven't heard back on several things.

Romanelli said to contact Jason Cross.

Wolfe said at the main government number or what number did you have or how do I contact him.

Romanelli said you can try the main number but just in case you don't let me do a quick check here. Let's see, Jason Cross, it would be the 6736 extension.

Wolfe said you are saying if we submitted an application you believe that if we submitted an application in February it should have been processed and we should have been responded to by now.

Romanelli said I would think so, right. I'm thinking so but again, Jason would be able to fill in the details because I know there are certain, I don't know if other agencies that may be involved may be slow or not open but I know that we Family Services is open and doing what they can so I would contact Jason and he should be able to give you the better details on that.

Martha Howell said I know during the Membership Meeting they were using ZOOM and I know that they visually if we were all able to do a ZOOM meeting, I know that (inaudible) up to 250 people I think so if you are already using ZOOM I don't know why we can't move the Tribal Council Meeting to a ZOOM meeting and then at least you could visually



verify who is in attendance. It is just a suggestion. It is simple to use. It might actually be easier that way everyone can see their body language or wave if you wanted to talk and push to talk and everyone is not overriding each other. Just, that is all I wanted. Thank you.

Romanelli just wanted to add, I am all for it. I don't understand the technology etc. if we could have other people do it. What Council does that would be up to Council. I do know that I did hear ZOOM also has problems with security. Again, I don't know a lot about it. Thank you.

Councilor Crampton said just to address Larry's concern about the phone calls. I like Martha's suggestion actually but if we still go with the phone calls how do we just add protocol to it just as people call in and when you get in, not after they are already in, when you are connected, you identify yourself. Because we can count the number of people on the phone.

Romanelli said but you can't tell who they are that is the problem.

Crampton said if they initially, when they first call in, we have been waiting until the room is full and then taking a roll call. If they initially call in and initially call in they give their name and their number we can make sure they are member.

Romanelli said yes, that would be helpful.

Crampton said the second, I don't, I don't really want to get into politics or anything but I just wanted to say at this point I sent you a few emails I wanted to know if you have gotten them.

Romanelli responded yes.

Crampton said okay, well then we will leave it at that at this point.

Romanelli said no, no, we can address it. I think you were asking the question of who is running the resort.

Crampton said yes, exactly. What is the (inaudible) structure.

Romanelli said you know I have answered that question multiple times and other Councilors have answered the question. The Constitution answers the question. My attorney, through court filings, have answered the question, your outside attorney should've answered the question and the courts have answered the question. They answered it in 2008, 2009 with their decision and most recently about a month or two ago.

Crampton said the only question that was put before the court was the process of what happened. Now for any change in the structure it would also require a ratification by Tribal Council. That has not happened yet. The last time I asked you about this you said that we were going to go with the same structure and see how it goes. Then we had a meeting where you and I almost got into an altercation where we were discussing whose responsibility it was. My question was not answered then again either. The court documents deal with the process that was filed by Council, not the overall structure right now, today, that is overseeing that casino.

Romanelli said okay, and that again you keep asking the same thing and you have been answered. It is within the Constitution. What I think you should do Shannon is I think you should talk to your outside attorney. I know you have an outside attorney who could answer that very clearly for you. You pay him big bucks. We have spent a ¼ million dollars on this.

Crampton said what is the problem . . .

Romanelli said I suggest you go to your outside counsel.

Crampton said I am asking the Ogema directly in public comment right here. Everything is on the up and up and there is no problem, there is no problem answering it.

Romanelli said Lord, you know, you keep this up and it really gets frustrating Shannon. The process follows what is in place through the Constitution. If you, you know its almost like arguing algebra with a six year old. At a certain point in time if they are not getting it, they are not getting it. I can't do anything more about it. The answer has been this, the answer is within the rules and regs of this body of this whole Constitution and this tribe. I just don't get it. The Constitution calls for certain actions to happen and those are happening. If there is something you know more, I would get your attorney to write to me. You know . . .

Crampton said so you don't have an answer . . .

Romanelli said I absolutely have the answer, I'm not going to get dragged into this thing that you keep doing. It's . . .

Crampton said my job . . .

Romanelli said I know what your job (inaudible) . . .

Crampton said that is my job. I want to know who is the management structure is at the casino. It is not clear in any document. My lawyer is

looking for the answer. Tribal Council's lawyer is looking for the answer, for the appeal. Everybody is looking for the answer . . . nothing is clear . . . have you reviewed Andrew's contract? Do you know who he reports to?

Romanelli said I absolutely do, yes.

Crampton said okay.

Romanelli said you should be able to too.

Crampton said oh yeah, I was one of the two people that hired him. I do know what it says.

Romanelli said okay, then you should have your answer. It is obvious that there are people that do not understand business and do not understand the Constitution. I just don't get this . . .

Crampton said that is very obvious . . .

Romanelli said I just don't know why. This has been pinpointed out by the courts in 2008 and been pointed out by this court as well. You know, I don't want to get into it because my attorney advised me not to keep going at this because it is ridiculous after a while. If you read the wording, you know, as long as we have, and I'm sure there are members on the phone, I want those members to please get a pen or a pencil and write this information down, okay, here is what is going to help them decide too that they understand what has been going on. On August 10, 2016, there was a Tribal Council Meeting. That Tribal Council Meeting had a vote on what was to happen with the Board of Directors, etc. at the resort. If they read that and then they go back and then they read the latest court filing I think it will give them a whole bunch of information. I really ask them to read that through the meetings on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If they read through that and they will understand what has come down from the courts and I think that answers the question. I mean this gets really, really silly to keep asking. You know and other Council members know that I have answered the question. I know where you are trying to go with this and it makes absolutely no sense. The problem is this, on what happened on August 10<sup>th</sup> put this tribe, put that resort in great danger financially and I don't know if that is just in part of the repercussions now that some of those actions that were taken, and people should read who voted for it and who voted against it at that time, put this tribe at risk and some of these things . . . believe me I was quiet today and I was trying not to get into this but some of the information that was going out today was just, it was irresponsible, unreasonable and reckless. You know, there is a problem we are not in that great of shape that could impact the services to our members. We say we want to help the members, then let's make sure that

we are taking all the appropriate actions to help them and sustain them long term, not this short term stuff. We talk about the children are our future but damn it on that vote you took in April didn't even include the children. Nobody mentioned the children. But we are going to look out for our children all of a sudden. It didn't happen with the per cap and you said you weren't voting for it, great, I didn't either, because I wouldn't have done it that way . . .

Crampton made remarks that were inaudible.

Romanelli said I am trying to answer your question here . . .

Crampton said so what is the management . . .

Romanelli just thinks that some of this stuff is very irresponsible. I know where you are going with this and you . . .

Crampton said I want to know (inaudible) . . . the question

Romanelli said the General Manager is managing along with his group that casino.

Pete asked if Romanelli was finished.

Romanelli said I don't know, I think so. I don't know.

Pete asked if Shannon was still on.

Crampton said yeah, my question's been answered but hey, we will go with that. I said I didn't want to get into this here but we did so I will still be asking the question.

Romanelli said I was just going to say . . .

Pete said are you still asking right now, again.

Crampton responded no, no, no, no, in the interest of not hearing all the excuses, I would just rather move on.

Pete said you know what, when you make that kind of a statement Larry, (inaudible) . . . that he uses, you know what, I would just move on too because it is a waste of time with him, so. In that case, is there anything more for the Ogema.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Crampton said he has one thing. If anybody has been following what has been going on in Las Vegas. Las Vegas is looking at a major lawsuit and a lot of casinos might even go under. They are looking at the sustainability of gaming right now and the longevity of it might, might not be with the COVID-19 going forward. Because the new restraints and the new requirements for re-opening, like I said earlier, with call for a ¼ of the people, not ½, a ¼. Most of the people's cost of functioning and maintaining outweigh what they are going to do and what they are going to get in income. Thank you.

Recorder DiPiazza said we are still proceeding with our Consent Decree negotiations through ZOOM so I have to be off here at about quarter after 1:00 today.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Recorder DiPiazza said I want to remind everybody is we are saying some of us didn't take action or things didn't happen, that you know, I had a tribal member or whatever you want to call it a work session on this Corona 19. I pulled a work session on March 9<sup>th</sup> before anything was shut down to have a game plan. I had everybody that had answers or knew were coming in from law enforcement to the doctor, utilities, everybody. That meeting was cancelled and the disturbing part is some laughed about it. So think about that as we are going forward. Some of us have been trying pretty darn hard and some people laughed about it. I'm done.

Councilor Lewis said I don't think that saying laughed about it is appropriate. People express themselves in different ways and that is up to them. But I do want to say that the reason that it was cancelled is because it was an executive decision that was supposed to be made. So we didn't want to overstep on Larry and what he needed to do. That was his decision and we weren't going to cross that line. Yeah, it wasn't cancelled just because everybody thought it was like unnecessary. It was going through proper protocols and being respectful of the people because for one, you didn't want to implement fear in people when we weren't even sure what was going on so we did need the time to understand and work through all of this so I don't think anybody that I think laughed because they thought it was a joke.

DiPiazza said okay.

Martha Howell would just like to say that the meeting that Gary is talking about was a meeting that I called for. I asked for it in February. The day I walked away from that meeting that was cancelled and I heard everybody on the balcony laughing at me, I was hurt because you all didn't take it seriously then. That is all I have to say.

Lewis said Martha we did care and nobody was laughing.

Councilor Crampton said the day of that meeting and Sandy is right that there was no executives there and they weren't invited. I don't know if they were invited or not but they weren't there at the time. Council meeting with executive employees is a wish list not engaging getting done so no that was not being represented that we were laughing at Martha (inaudible).

DiPiazza said the people that were coming had to give, I'm going to answer that question. The people that . . .

Crampton said there is no question.

DiPiazza said yeah there is. The people that were coming in had authorization from the executive side to come in. You are asking all these questions now what we should have done or could have done or whatever so I'm going to leave it at that.

Crampton said God.

Pete said Gary you said you had to be done by quarter after 1:00 and we still have a full closed session to go through.

Jessica Steinberg, #0148, said I have a couple of comments on the discussion. Article III of our Constitution with regards to today's financial information makes that financial information available to any member that wishes to see it. I know the Constitution says during open hours but part of the problem with having (inaudible) citizens is the mystery to routing the financial health of the tribe. I think that the more open and transparent the leadership is with regard to the financial health of the tribe the better it is going to be to create trust (inaudible) that our concerns are being managed appropriately. The second thing is, and I have to . . . Councilor Crampton is correct in his comment about the Las Vegas casino opening. My concern is that most recently there have been a couple of lawsuits filed with commercial ventures for not providing adequate protection during COVID-19 pandemic. Walmart is particularly one of them that was being sued by employees. So I think whatever considerations we have with the opening needs to be very cognizant of protecting not just the patrons but the employees. I think, I have a lot of concern. I don't know that we are finished with this and we are running through a round two in some states so there can't be enough discussion about plans going forward and plans in place now. They need to involve not just the executive branch but legislative branch because you folks are going to have to appropriate some

funding to meet those needs. At the end of the day it's got to be a joint effort. Thank you.

Susan Thull said after hearing discussion with, between Larry and Shannon, I had asked that you have Andrew present at this work session for VI B that has been postponed. I still think that we should have whoever is in charge of that casino because I didn't find out who it actually is, I thought Andrew but maybe it is the task force or the Ogema. I was waiting to hear that answer. I still think that we need someone there at that work session from the casino. Also, in regards to Julie Wolfe's request for the Operations Report, there are no reports for 2020 on the commissions for reports and I am looking for the financials. Now I sent Steve Wheeler an email and I then sent it to Larry and he forwarded it to Tribal Council. I got a reply from Ron Pete that he was not giving out the financials but I don't know that he understands that normally those are posted on our government website for us to look at. I do review those every month and I really do want those financials. Now Larry at the Spring Membership Meeting said that we could come into the office to view those when the restrictions were off or they could be mailed. I requested two months worth that is over 300 pages or close to 300 pages. I don't, I thought that rather than having them mailed I could have them emailed. So if your going to look into getting everything updated and posted Larry besides the Operations Report, please get the financials up. As Jess said, members deserve that to be able to inspect those financials and know for ourselves that we are okay. Also, I have a question about the minutes for Gary. There was no minutes submitted and I would like to know how far behind we are because again I haven't seen any so I don't know if we are waiting for January, nothing is posted on the government website for all of this year. So how far are our minutes behind because of the fact that I remember quite a long time ago we got in arears and it took years to get caught up. So I am hoping that those minutes are being done. I hope that we are not waiting to get those all processed. If you could answer that Gary I would appreciate it.

DiPiazza said quite a bit. We had you know the hardware failure, the system which didn't help the situation. Everything has been recorded and it is going to be transcribed and the minutes will be accepted. I took, we took all the commission reports and everything off because commissions haven't been meeting so there is no way to get them reports other than the ones that have been done. As far as the Council minutes they are coming. It is, it has been very difficult. I lost seven years of productivity off my government laptop, seven years of stuff gone that I don't think I can ever recover. It has been difficult but they are coming.

Thull said okay, I would like to see that sooner than later if possible. I appreciate that. There have been problems but I am just saying let's not get too far behind as we have in the past. Thank you.

Speaker Pete said once again is there anything else in public comment.

Ogema Romanelli said I have to respond. Again, Susan asked the same question that Shannon was asking and you know even against the advice of my attorneys or whatever I am going to refer to the recent case of 16-308-GC and would just like to simply ask Shannon is there an Oversight Task Force Shannon that Council put in place.

Crampton responded what are you, what?

Romanelli said I am asking if the Oversight Task Force is in place.

Crampton said that is the question you have to answer. That is what I am asking you. I, I was, I was not put on the Oversight Task Force, you were.

Romanelli said who put the Oversight Task Force in place? Did you?

Crampton said I put the resolution forward yes. Now listen, the question, I don't want to see you skate around this for another hour. The question is simple . . .

Romanelli said I won't. Where it says . . .

Crampton (inaudible).

Romanelli said let me read the end of the court case. "Therefore the court declares that the Tribal Council has violated the separation of powers by giving itself the power to remove members of the Oversight Task Force and that as the Oversight Task Force has not been established the Council is acting in place of the Oversight Task Force and is managing the affairs of the gaming enterprise and usurping the Ogema's power, Article IX, Section 4.05 c of the GOA violates Article IX, Section 6d of the Constitution as it is a violation of the separation of power."

Crampton said and what is the determination.

Romanelli said okay, call it what you want.

Crampton said it was question . . .

Romanelli said Shannon just (inaudible) and spend more money on this as you go forward.



Crampton said Larry that what you just read is a verdict on the process and it has no conclusion of what the management structure is. That is left up to you. That is why I'm asking you what the management structure is.

Romanelli said what was the Oversight Task Force's intent. Was it to oversee the resort?

Crampton said look it, I'm not going to answer your question until you answer one of mine. What you just read there was a process and it had no determination of what body is in place. That is why the appeal is going forward. Now, I am asking you, what is the management structure and who is giving them direction.

Romanelli said the General Manager is at the head of the management structure at the resort.

Crampton said placed there by who?

Romanelli said I think you said you voted for him to take the job to hire him.

Crampton said on the OTF you said that (inaudible) exist. With the content that (inaudible)

Romanelli said thank you. This is a round robin and I'm sorry (inaudible). You are going to do this and . . .

Crampton said if you don't know . . .

Romanelli said (inaudible) put this tribe at risk. I can't think of too many people that put this tribe more at risk than you to be honest with you.

Crampton said no, you do. Where is the \$25,000,000 Larry we should have no problem giving people money. You, you want to talk about irresponsibility, let's talk about your responsibility. I'm glad you think it is so funny.

Romanelli said I do find it funny because this is so ridiculous. It is like talking to a wall or talking to a sixth grader trying to understand algebra. It just doesn't work Shannon.

Crampton responded exactly. Clearly, I think the members clearly see where the six year old is.

Romanelli said okay.

Pete said oh my God, that's why 67% of the people voted for him.

Chelsie Densmore said this is my first time actually speaking at a tribal meeting. I have attended almost every one over the entire year of 2020, which for the record, none of those videos are posted so if somebody could check on that I'm not sure who handles IT but if they could follow-up with that I would appreciate that. With that being said, through over the months and now it is very unfortunate and very disappointing as a member of the outlying that is forced to only watch these meetings and can't ask questions because there was no way outside of these telephone conferences that we have been able to ask questions because we live so far away. To have to listen to you guys bicker like children, like this is super frustrating. I understand that this is an unprecedented time and I understand that this is very difficult for everybody and I understand this particular issue has been discussed at length and has been long, long going but it is very unfortunate to watch our tribal leadership bicker and act in unprofessional ways and I am not just talking about Shannon and Mr. Romanelli but all of Council. Um, Mr. Pete has a tendency to sigh very loudly which is really um difficult to pay attention. So if I could just ask the members, the outlying membership that is required to quietly sit here because there is no way for us to voice our opinions during the meeting or ask questions during the public comment period, if I could please ask for you guys to act in a professional and respectful manner and to keep the sighs and the six year old comments and some of the bickering stuff to the side. It is okay to be frustrated. You can vent your frustrations later with somebody else but while your in the meeting if you could be professional I would really appreciate it.

Pete said okay, thank you.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anybody else under public comment period.

Karen Love, 2494, said I have the Constitution sitting here in front of me and it says Section VI, Powers of the Ogema, it says #8 to manage the economic affairs, enterprises, property both real and personal, and other interests of the tribe consistent with ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Tribal Council. To me, that is really not specific. If you guys would get busy and start rewriting this Constitution and things like that specific then we would know exactly what people are supposed to be doing. So start working on the Constitution. This thing is so outdated.

Crampton said I just wanted to state for the record that when we were informed of the Ogema at a Council meeting that there was information technology crash and we lost some documents I actually asked for an

updated list once we knew all that we had lost. How are we coming on that list.

Pete asked if Shannon is finished.

Crampton responded yes.

Pete asked if there is anything else in open, I mean public comment.

Julie Wolfe said I just have a lot of comments and suggestions that the kids be included in the per cap. Is there any Council member that is willing to work on adjusting the RAP plan or is that done by members. Who makes adjustments. It was adopted by Council and I thought Al said it was voted on by the members. Is there a Council member sitting now that would like to update the Revenue Allocation Plan to include the children.

Councilor Crampton asked if I could answer if nobody else will.

Pete said I can answer too so go ahead Shannon.

Crampton noted what I would like to say is what you are talking about has been contemplated several times since the adoption of the original. Now the problem is, and I warned them when they adopted this the first time, when you give people something and then you go back and you take it away, there is a huge problem. What has kept it from being amended, in my opinion, in the past is that now as soon as you raise the specter or saying what elder is going to give up their double payment to include the children. The conversation pretty much died. I am not insulting anybody I am just saying that is realistic of how it has gone. To amend, to amend the program it is not as easy as everybody is trying to make it. First you have to file with the federal government and right now they are in the middle of a shutdown so you are talking about six months to maybe a year long process. I just wanted to inform you of what I knew. I'm done.

Pete asked if there is anybody else in comment.

Wolfe said I thought you had an answer Ron.

Pete said no, I looked at this thing two years ago and wanted to bring it up at the same time, two years ago. Two years ago we looked at including the children. In fact, Joe Riley was the Speaker at the time, and then it was brought up at a membership meeting too. I said in the beginning if you are going to start including some of the children now on this other thing that we have been discussing and went on for quite a long time, where were the children in the beginning, why they would do something

like that in the beginning. If we could start getting a work session on including the children I would be happy to do including the children.

Wolfe said so you guys can't form a task force or someone to start working on it and develop it and see where it goes from there.

Sandy Lewis said we can put a work session on.

Crampton said I would be willing to throw my name in there but I can't say how it will turn out. This is Shannon. The conversation, like I said before, dies when you get to um ah what elder is going to give up their double payment and that is a reasonable concern and it should have never been built up that expectation when it was first adopted and I tried to point out that flaw for future, like right now. I would rather, I would rather see it go to children too but right now that is the problem you are going to come to every time. Everybody is going to say yes, yes, yes, yes, yes and then when the elders start to look at their budget and everything that they have to pay and all the years of expectations that goes with that first adoption, there is going to be a serious problem. Looking forward I would look at adding other revenue streams and ah trying to go forward with including the children.

Wolfe said don't we have a lot of revenue streams out there already. We are opening the golf course back up shouldn't we have a ton of money from there?

Crampton said the problem is you have to have specific income to be designated as ah per cap, (inaudible) casino. Gaming revenue.

Susan Thull asked if I can chime in. It has been discussed before about increasing the percentage to 50% if we ah explained that to our elders that instead of going to the 50% we are going to include the children. I don't know if that would equal out but it is worth looking at.

Crampton said it might almost be a wash (inaudible) equal amount.

Thull said if you took the double away from the elders?

Crampton responded yes.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay talking about per cap and getting the children in and do know that when Jamie was there and we were talking about it at the round table and Jamie turned around and got some figures all up and what it went down to was about \$15 or \$20 out of the elders, that is what they would be giving up to include the children, to say reasonable but where the kids would be, all the children would be getting

something but I do remember that but they only went so far and then many things for myself sitting there it never went no further. I'm done.

Chelsie Densmore, #3225, said I just have a question regarding I didn't catch her name but she was talking about trying to get somebody to initiate and actually potentially look into a task force or whatever it is, a work session . . . how can a member initiate a work session and do we have to come to you guys and do it via a public meeting, can we just send you an email and have you guys start a work session (inaudible).

Councilor Lewis said our Executive Assistant Kathleen Bowers, if you contact her, she can go ahead and get you the paperwork to fill out and then she will get that to the Recorder and the Speaker so they can sign it so you can get a work session.

DiPiazza said if you can email me I will send you the paperwork.

Densmore said okay, so the paperwork is that something I can email back to you Gary or . . .

DiPiazza said certainly.

Densmore said okay, is that something then if you do the work session is that something I can still call into or would I still have to drive.

DiPiazza said no, you can call in and even when we were in the office we still had a conference line in there and had people call in all the time.

Densmore said okay, thank you.

DiPiazza said I will message you my email address later.

Densmore said okay, thank you, I appreciate that.

Pete asked if there is anyone else in the public comment.

Susan Thull noted I would just like to say that also on the discussing the per cap we could possibly look at taking away the double from 55 to 65 and 65 and over still receive the double and then put the children in too. I think that would be good to have a work session and have others at the table and you know get some ideas. I understand where Shannon is coming from because of course no one wants to give up what they already are receiving but um it is worth looking into. Thank you.

Pete said okay.

Martha Howell noted I just want to say that a lot of people don't make it to 65 and having a graduated eldership is I don't know is not a good plan. To me, my mom died when she was 62. I don't know if I will make it past then and to make a graduated thing and separate (inaudible) even further I don't know not a good idea.

Pete asked if I have exhausted the cue.

Councilor Crampton said if we are going to go forward with the children what, what, what I would recommend is looking at the program like GTB has where they took the initial investment of \$6,000 that everybody got from the settlement fund and put it into escrow for the kids and they put it into CD's. When my daughter, with the same funds, turns 18 from Little River she got \$6,000. Her significant other got \$180,000.

Pete said that does makes sense. Shannon, did I go through it.

Crampton responded yes.\

***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 SESSION;** by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

**Roll Call #15**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne - Yes | D. Corey - | Yes            |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza -      | Yes        | R. Pete - Yes  |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | D. Lonn -          | Absent     | S. Lewis - Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

**MOVE INTO 2<sup>ND</sup> OPEN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton.

**Roll Call #16**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne - Yes | D. Corey - | Absent        |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza -      | Absent     | R. Pete - Yes |

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| R. Wittenberg- Yes       | D. Lonn - Yes | S. Lewis - Yes |
| Motion carried (7-0-0-2) |               |                |

2:08 p.m.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

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

**IX. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?


**Roll Call #17**

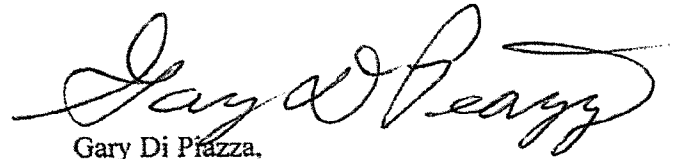
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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Yes    | D. Corey - Absent |
| S. Crampton - Yes  | G. DiPiazza - Absent | R. Pete - Yes     |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | D. Lonn - Yes        | S. Lewis - Yes    |

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kathleen Bowers  
Transcribing Assistant

  
Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder