



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting on May 13, 2020, via Teleconference versus ZOOM. 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 10:35 a.m.

B. Roll Call #1

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.

Ron Pete said for Kathleen please state who is on the line.

Others Present: Ogema Larry Romanelli, George LeVasseur, Chelsie Densmore, Samantha ?, Beth April, Joe ?, JoAnne Green, Susan Thull, Laura Gunter, Kelly Davis, Kathy Faurot, Caitlin Carey, Rebecca Liebing, Michael Burmeister, Jay Sam, Brad Pringle, Jamie Friedel, Timothy Zuleger, Mary Thomas, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Lyle Door, Martha Howell, Heather ?, Dr. Daryl Wever, Jessica Steinberg, Jason Cross, Isabel Burger, Sandy Mezeske, Matthew Chandler, Kathleen Bowers

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020, WITH 3 ADDS UNDER BUDGET MODIFICATION 7., WILL BE AN ADD APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL FOR

2020 TO FUND THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RELIEF PROGRAM, NEW BUSINESS A. APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM OF 2020 AND ALSO WE HAVE A LATE ADD UNDER B. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF IN THE CASE STANDING ROCK ET AL US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #2

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

1. Grant application request for 2020 Michigan Dept. of Ed. (MDE) Child Care Relief (formula) Funding Related to NextGen Center Losses Due to Covid-19 Impact

This is a formula grant that will be awarded to those who apply and will be awarded on a one-time basis or monthly from March through June 2020 based on the type of applicant. There is no match and if qualified for monthly award, monthly application is required.

Speaker Pete asked if Jason Cross was here to represent this.

Recorder DiPiazza said he had the elder meal going on.

Pete asked if Bill Willis could represent this or . . .

Lyle Door said he was here. This came through, again supplemental formula funding. It is through the Michigan Department of Education and it is to all the tribes. It is a formula funding thing. They haven't been able to determine the amount of money that is going to be coming through to us but they said if you are interested in receiving it, here it is. The application is like a one page application once it is approved we just do it. Then we will start figuring out how much money is coming in and I have a feeling that it is going to be several applications and as the budget

mods come in you will be approving you will hear when the monies are coming through is what I suspect is going to happen. Then you will have to approve the budget modifications accordingly so.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any questions for Lyle.

Councilor Lonn said I have a question. Lyle, do you have any idea how much that is going to be.

Lyle Dorr answered no, it depends on how our center got defined is when I was talking to Jason and Holly about this. It could be as little as \$555 but it could be as high as like \$97,000 I think. It just depends, sometimes it is a one-time amount they will give a location, a childcare location, or it will be multiple. We weren't able to determine at least at this point, until they determine on their end, how they are going to see the NextGen Learning Center. So if this gets approved Holly can go ahead and start the first process, make the application and then it will be either one application or be multiple applications for each month. It is to cover for losses. That's it.

Councilor Lonn asked if it is based upon the number of kids there.

Dorr answered that is part of it. Again, if they weren't able to give her definitive . . . I was on the first call they had regarding this stuff. I kind of get what she is saying. The state hadn't made a determination as to what NextGen Learning would be in relationship to everything. I think they just got a bunch of money that came through and they had to determine on how it was going to be dispersed but they hadn't really finalized how that was going to take place or how centers and some of it is for like homes like people are providing daycare in their homes too. So they just have to figure out the structure of it, how they are going to support that and we will receive something but the amount we don't know.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anything further from Lyle.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-127, GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR 2020 MICHIGAN DEPT. OF ED. (MDE) CHILD CARE RELIEF (FORMULA) FUNDING RELATED TO NEXTGEN CENTER FINANCIAL LOSSES DUE TO COVID-19 IMPACT; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-__ in the amount of \$333,946**

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis stated this item represents modification #4 to the 2020 self-governance compact with Indian Health Service. With this award we have exceeded the projected amount that we were going to receive from IHS for 2020.

Speaker Pete said that is good news, thank you Bill. Is there any further questions of Bill?

Councilor Champagne asked Bill if this award pay for the employee's salary.

Willis said the self governance money basically pays for and covers all allowable expenses under OMB Circular A87, so, yes, the answer would be that the money definitely could be used for salaries.

Champagne said so the tribe is not having to match anything then.

Willis responded no, no. This is the regular self-governance compact.

Champagne responded okay, thank you.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anything further for Bill.

Jessica Steinberg said I have a question for Bill. Bill, you said this exceeds the award. In the award we were kind of looking at a \$2.4 million dollar award for the self governance agreement so how much did it exceed the \$2.4 million.

Willis said actually in the 2020 budget we projected we were going to receive \$2,935,000 but this award we exceed that amount in total for YTD.

Steinberg asked how much.

Willis answered about \$240,000.

Steinberg said okay, great. Um, and one follow-up question, did this come assigned under hospitals and clinics, did it comes assigned under PRC or is it just, was it, um, contract support.

Willis said the breakdown that Tammy gave me \$150,802 was for PRC and then the balance \$183,2144 was for clinic operations.

Steinberg said okay, basically \$150,802 more in the PRC account. That is good. Thank you.

Willis said you can look at it that way absolutely.

Steinberg said thank you.

Pete asked if Steinberg was finished.

Steinberg responded yes Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Pete asked if there were any more questions for Bill.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-128, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-029 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$333,946; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg..

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$18,152

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis said this represents modification #5 to the 2020 self governance compact. These funds are earmarked for COVID-19 for prevention and preparedness.

Councilor Lonon said so this can only be used only for things dealing with the COVID-19 right.

Willis replied that it appears so yes.

Lonon said okay, I just wanted to make sure I understood. Thank you.

Isabel Burger said I have a question. So since COVID prevention and preparedness – is that only things relating to health care action to prevent the spread of this virus, to help with stimulus to aid in people being able to pay bills, what all does that specifically mean.

Willis said as far as the paperwork goes it is directly related to clinic operations and the COVID-19. It appears to be utilized for prevention and preparedness and response to those types of safety precautions it sounds like.

Burger said that is all I had.

Councilor Crampton said I guess my question would be we have a reforecast from the casino and we all know the situation right now, did we have anything from the government for a reforecast for the budget, from the executive I'm sorry, it looks like we are amending all these operating budgets for 2020 but we might have . . . I don't know, it seems kind of out of whack for me. Do you understand what I'm saying?

Willis asked if that is a question for me Shannon?

Crampton replied yes, yes, yes, I am directing it to you Bill.

Willis said yeah, the acceptance of these funds is a normal practice. How those affect the ultimate reforecast for the government budget I guess is yet to be seen. I mean, for those

programs that are eligible for these self-governance compact funds we typically spend those funds first for allowable expenses so I guess I don't necessarily have an answer for you at this point. The government is going to have to reforecast its budget absolutely.

Crampton said yeah, we are looking at something on the agenda for old business coming up here pretty soon for the appropriation of 2nd quarter funds. We have one for the casino but we don't have one for the executive side of the government and I don't even know how we can do that yet so I guess, I, I'm good, I'm good.

Ogema Romanelli said part of the problem we are having is that on by March 1st there was supposed to be a 2nd quarter appropriation from the Council. Part of the problem we have is that by March 1st there was supposed to be a 2nd quarter appropriation from Tribal Council.

Lonn said you are right and we didn't do it.

Romanelli said okay, I just thought I would . . . thank you.

Councilor Crampton said two meetings ago we were informed by Bill Willis that he doesn't know they missed it but they brought it forward. This appropriation was going to be put forward again today and that was two or three meetings ago. I don't mean to misspeak it but it was two or three I do believe. Um, and the problem with that is that if you look at the Budget and Appropriations Act under 4.02 there is an availability of funds. We already know that those funds aren't available but here we are again in a catch 22 until we get funds from the executive how can you move forward on something when the Budget and Appropriations Act prohibits it.

Speaker Pete asked if that would be a question either for Bill or for Larry.

Crampton said either.

Willis said I guess the only response that I can give is the one I have given previously and that is, for example, the 1st quarter appropriation was authorized by Council for the 2020 budget in December of, or I guess it was October of 2019. As I indicated before the government typically funds those costs up front and we get reimbursed through a monthly distribution from the casino. So we funded three months in December in hopes that we would get a distribution in January, February and then March.

Crampton said that is common practice I understand . . . I was trying to respond to Bill. I am trying to say that is how it is usually done when there is a hope that we are going to get that money back when they send over distribution. If we make it, we don't, we don't. We actually, Council is actually is in receipt of information that there is no distribution so we know we are not getting the funds so this money is coming from tribal coffers and we know we are not getting it back. That is my problem with the Budget and Appropriations Act.

Ogema Romanelli said the problem is that things have changed dramatically with this virus, etc. and closing down. This appropriation was supposed to happen March 1st, which was well before all the changes with the virus, etc. It was supposed to be done. We can talk about. I am always willing to talk about it. You asked for a possible reforecast from the Resort, you were given a possible reforecast. We have no idea when, you know, it is a best guess because no one knows when those are going to reopen. It is a best guess. We gave you a date and an approximation and if you are looking for a firm date and number, we can't do it. No one knows when that is going to reopen. The fact remains that the 2nd quarter appropriation should have been done March 1st.

Crampton said well again, yes, but we know that the money is not coming in and just like you just said these are special circumstances that we just hit. So I don't understand. We need something up front. Tribal Council is getting asked to approve this, which is going to put money forward out of the general fund and we know we are not getting it back in distribution. What you need to do is look at new projections from the executive so we can look at whether we believe that all those are appropriate or not. That is Council's job. Right now we are being asked to rubber stamp a cost that we know is not going to be brought back. That is not in the Budget and Appropriations. Actually it is against the Budget and Appropriations Act.

Speaker Pete said doesn't it make sense to accept the \$18,152 now that is going into Indian Health Services if the distribution to the government to do it now.

Councilor Corey said yes it does. We can fight about where the money is coming from on a different _____.

Crampton said nobody is arguing about where the money is coming from, what I am saying is that Council needs to make informed decisions before they go ahead and sign a rubber check. I am not saying we shouldn't accept these funds, what I am saying is that the impact, if you look at the rest of the resolution we are being asked to add it to the operating budget for 2020. Are we operating on that budget then everything is coming out of funds and we are going to be out of money a lot sooner than we thought? We need plans from the executive that we can overview and look at and start trimming from.

Pete asked if there is anything further on this?

Councilor Champagne said my only comment is we are going to be approving things that is going to affect a budget that hasn't been reforecast. I have a problem with doing that because we know the money is not there. If we are going to approve from the government that is going to cover COVID-19 and is not costing the tribe any money or any other thing that is not going to cost the tribe but it is going to be something to help the tribe, then I can go along with that.

Pete asked Cindy to explain the last half of what you said, I couldn't hear you.

Champagne said I was saying if it is coming from the government to cover like the COVID-19 like the one we are talking about and it isn't costing the tribe any money, anything that isn't going to cost the tribe any money I am okay with approving something like that. But anything that is going to go to a budget that hasn't been reforecast and we haven't looked at and we don't have the money there then I am not for approving something like that. So I am just explaining my thought process on this. I think the Council really has to look at getting that budget reforecast and move forward from there but to keep bringing these things forward that continue to come out of tribal coffers that is not going to be there is a scary thought. Thank you.

Pete said item #2 doesn't say anything about COVID. It is Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services in the amount of \$18,152 to accept the funds from the government. So is there any other questions about this.

Champagne said my computer has been down for two days and I just got a call from George. I don't have the agenda so you have to excuse me if I'm off track on where we are. But this isn't the

COVID-19 one then you are saying. This is acceptance for Health and Human Services.

Pete said yes mam, that is what I'm saying to you Councilor. It has . . .

Champagne asked if this is coming from the federal government and does the tribe have to match any of it.

Pete said no, there is no match on this. There is no match on this. It is \$18,152.

Bill Willis said these funds are earmarked for COVID-19 activities if you will but they are part of the self-governance compact with IHS so . . .

Pete said but Bill mine doesn't say COVID-19 on it. It just says Health and Human Services.

DiPiazza said it is in the explanation.

Willis said it is in the paperwork itself Ron, I'm sorry.

Pete said okay, I don't have that in front of me right now.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-129, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-030 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,152; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Disease Control &

Prevention and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$65,862

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis said I'm not sure if Dr. Wever is on the line but this is COVID related money that I believe we applied for through the Center of Disease Control.

Dr. Wever said that is correct. This is the one that had the floor amount of \$25,000 from the CDC. The ceiling amount was the \$1.5 million and we talked about this with Council a few weeks ago. They will notify us of the remaining balance around June 10th, at the latest June 30th if we are going to be awarded any additional funds. But this is another one that is related all to COVID-19 situation.

Pete asked Dr. Wever are you finished.

Dr. Wever responded yep, sorry.

Councilor Lonn said okay so we are getting \$65,862, can you give me an idea of what you are going to use this money for or what we can use it for.

Dr. Wever responded that we submitted a narrative in the budget but it was basically for the full amount. It came to a total of \$1.48 and it has to be all COVID related. With the amount that was awarded the \$65,000 is basically the narrative and budget for the \$65,000 for an additional location or building for COVID related patients.

Lonn asked if it is for like supplies and everything else like that too.

Wever responded correct. The initial narrative was for supplies, for staffing, telemedicine, IT, computers, building, it was all in there. They stated to put the full narrative in and then they will give the initial funds within the first 10 days to get started and then they said the remaining balance, depending on who applies for non-compete, they will have a better understanding of the numbers and number of applicants around June 10th but could be as late as June 30th. Any additional funds would go towards the narrative in the budget that we submitted back a few weeks ago.

Lonn said thank you.

Dr. Wever said your welcome.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-130, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-031, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,862; by Lonn; supported by DiPiazza.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – CCDF Cares Act and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020- ___ in the amount of \$14,060

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis said again I’m not sure if Jason Cross is on the line but I was advised that these funds were also applied for. It references them as being part of the CARES Act so I am assuming they are COVID related.

Jason Cross said I am here. This is part of the CARES Act Coronavirus related grant. We got this grant because we currently have the Child Care Development Fund Grant so this is additional funds to go to tribes that have that grant.

Speaker Pete asked if there are any more questions of Jason and/or Bill.

Councilor Champagne said Jason what would that cover. Would that cover employee salary, cover stuff for the children, what exactly will that cover.

Jason Cross said this will cover salaries to those employees who were paid through tribal funds to offset the loss because of this issue and also to provide the materials to make sure to provide a safe environment.

Champagne said thank you.

Speaker Pete asked if there were any further questions of Jason or Bill.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 20-0513-131, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – CCDF CARES ACT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-032, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,060; by Lonnn; supported by Corey.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Community Living and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$76,760

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis said Jason can add anything he feels is appropriate. These funds again are CARES Act funding for nutritional services which works in conjunction with the Elder Meal Program.

Speaker Pete said anything to add Jason.

Jason Cross said if there is a question regarding what the funds will be used for, we had some discussions regarding things that we discovered through this process that would make things easier. If this happens again I don't think we can live under the assumption that this would never happen again so we are planning on how we can do a better job of it, how to get more elders, what tools and equipment we need to do that.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anything further for Jason or Bill.

Councilor Lonn said I have a question. If this is for how you can improve it and um like figuring out a business plan, but in the meantime what is the \$76,000 going to be used for.

Jason Cross said are you asking what this grant money is going to be used for. You were cutting out I'm sorry.

Lonn said I am saying that I know it is \$76,000 and I know you are going to come up with like a business plan for the future so if god forbid this ever happens again we will be more prepared to take care of our elders with food. I understand that but in the meantime you are going to have \$76,000 and is that going to just be sitting there or are you going to use it for some reason while you are doing all this stuff or . . . I just want to praise you because you and Noelle have done a wonderful job with the Elders Meal during this horrible time. I just question that.

Jason Cross said thank you for that. We are going to go ahead and move right away on that. One of the things that we can do, we can implement right away, we are looking at better ways for the elders to communicate with each other and this is just an idea so not a promise or guarantee but I see other tribes that have used electronic communication devices for the elders to talk to each other because the meal is just a part of the program. It is the interaction that is important. We want to make sure the elders continue to interact with each other with use of some technology to keep them connected to each other. We are also looking at some equipment that can better package the to go meals that we prepare fresh here so they stay fresh longer and safer and better ways to deliver those, either heating or cool bags that can be left on elder porches. Those are just some ideas. Those are things we can do right now but if we had another issue like this in the future it would certainly make life easier if we had to do this again.

Lonn noted like I said I think what you are doing is great um and I like the idea that you could leave something on their porch. Even after this is done we do have elders that do not come or are not able to come to an elders meeting. If we have some way to get them lunch and that stuff that would be wonderful.

Susan Thull asked Jason does that ____ for takeout packages. You could use it to pay to deliver. I am assuming that you are going to

have to have some extra delivery people and for gas and that type of thing.

Cross said yes, the meals are being delivered okay now it is just the mode of transportation that is difficult. You know using personal vehicles with no heating equipment inside and things like that so packaging is an issue so we are looking at different ways to transport those meals so it will be more effective. We do have volunteers that can help deliver but need better ways to transport those meals and even those meals that are brought to the Muskegon office currently we are using vehicles that were intended to deliver food so we are looking at different options. Like I said, we know the gaps right now and we are looking to fill those.

Thull said the funds right now are just coming out of the meal plan fund that we did, the grants that we get for the elders or is this coming out of the general fund.

Cross said the Elders Meal Program is paid entirely out of grant funds.

Thull said okay, the additional that you are incurring right now um are coming out of that grant.

Cross said they are coming out of the existing grant yes.

Thull responded yes, yes, okay. Thank you.

Councilor Champagne just wanted to thank Susan for her comments because I was going to ask the same thing with the elder's meals coming out of the grant or was it coming out of tribal coffers for both of them. So the question has been answered. It is the grant and this is just supplementing that grant. Am I correct Jason?

Cross said yes, you are correct. We are not using any tribal funds.

Champagne said thank you.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 20-0513-132,
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES –
ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING**

BUDGET MB2020-033, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,760; by
Lonn; supported by _____.

Isabel Burger said I have a couple of questions just kind of food for thought with this grant which to my understanding is \$76,000. My first question being I noticed there is some discussion on how to better keep meals fresh and warm for the elders. I guess my question would be, would it be a possibility to focus more on fresh vegetables and fruit that require less refrigeration. A little bit of a healthier sort of geared option for non-perishable foods and foods that don't necessarily require to be hot or refrigerated such as apples, _____. That is my question.

Cross said okay. The Elders Meal Program has a requirement in terms of what we can and cannot serve. You know we do have fresh vegetables and fresh fruit and 90% of what we prepare here is scratch made. It is really transportation and keeping it warm and cold from the main location to the elder's home. Sometimes the elders may or may not be ____, they may not be there and it gets to be a concern leaving it on someone's porch just like it is so we are looking at better ways to do that. I think we can use fresh things but if you cook fresh green beans and really want to keep them warm and things like that. I guess that is kind of _____.

Isabel Burger responded okay, thank you. My second question is I understand that we have an Elder Meal Program in place and this is what the focus of this money will be on. I know the grant funding comes out of the CARES Act if I am correct in my understanding so would it be a possibility to have some discussion in the near future about perhaps the program to provide small meals or snacks also with children, especially because they are out of work during this pandemic to be able to ensure that those kids and those families have food as well. Obviously not today but just down the line in the future. Would that be an option with this grant money?

Cross said this grant money is restricted to the Elders Meal so you need to be an elder. You can't use the money for children, although I think your idea is a good one. I think it would be a good idea to have that discussion and figure out where we could look for funds to do that.

Isabel Burger said thank you. That is all I had to ask.

Pete said I had a motion on the floor from Diane, do I have support. Pete asked who supported that?

Sandy Lewis said support.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

6. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$1,250,319

Acceptance of funds.

Bill Willis said this item represents modification #5 to the 2020 Self Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These funds are earmarked if you will as part of the CARES Act aid to tribal governments. I'm not exactly sure what their related to COVID-19 so we are not sure if there is any specific, you know, requiredness in regards to spending it so we are still trying to work through that determination.

Pete said Bill all we have to do on this is accept the funds correct?

Willis said yes sir.

Pete said is there anybody that has some questions for Bill.

Councilor Lonn said I just have a comment that I did read yesterday where there is a committee of some tribes that are going after the Bureau and finding out why they can't use it more than just for the CARES Act. I just read that yesterday. Hopefully that will change but. At this time it is just for the CARES Act.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-133, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-034, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,319; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

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

Councilor Crampton wanted to just say that I am going to abstain on this issue and I wanted to apologize to the membership and to my colleagues that I'm not trying to imply that there is anything wrong. I'm just confused as to the application to the Budget and Appropriations Act so at this time I am going to abstain.

Speaker Pete said okay Shannon, so noted.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

**7. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2020-__,
__ QTR to fund the Emergency Assistance & Relief
Payment Program in the amount of \$2,073,500.00**

Speaker Pete asked Bill are you here to represent this or is anybody here to represent this.

Brad Pringle said Brad is here and I'm listening. This was turned into to supplement the third quarter emergency relief payment of \$2.1 million dollars or \$2.03, \$2.73 million dollars for the roughly 4,150 tribal members, \$500.

Councilor Crampton asked does this include the children Brad.

Brad Pringle said yes that is correct, it does.

Crampton said okay, thank you.

Speaker Pete said is there anything further of Brad.

Jessica Steinberg said Brad could you repeat the information one more time relative to the amount and the amount of tribal members that this will assist.

Brad Pringle said the amount is \$2,073,500 and I'm not sure what Steve got and how he acquired those numbers, he gave us the number on his accounting document, 4,137 tribal members I believe. Does anybody have that number in front of them?

Lonn said he probably got it from Enrollment.

Pete asked is there any further discussion on this.

Councilor Lonn said I have a question. We have gone for the last fifteen minutes by Mr. Crampton and Mrs. Champagne saying that we have not approved the 2nd quarter Budget and Appropriations yet they are, we are going to take \$2 million out of money we don't even know what we have. It doesn't make sense. If we are turning down and questioning all these others yet we are willing to give \$2 million of the 2nd quarter which we don't even know how much money we are going to have for the 2nd quarter. I have a problem with that.

Councilor Crampton said can I reply Mr. Speaker. That is a simple one because we know exactly where this is coming from. This is a supplemental from tribal coffers. On the others we have no indication on how that is going to be applied to the budget because we have nothing from the executive that the Budget and Appropriations Act calls for the executive to turn into Council a budget. Now it also requires a balanced budget under 4.01. Under 5.08 it provides for detail so there is a drastic difference. If you don't understand that I can't help that.

Lonn said yeah, I'm pretty stupid from what you say, so yeah your right.

Pete said just a moment, wait a minute. First of all Shannon are you finished.

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said also, what I would like to do is to make sure that we still have a quorum in here and whatever we think about somebody's suggestion that is just the way it is but please keep our comments in an appropriate manner. Okay, thank you. Pete said Diane do you want to say something.

Lonn said nope. I still don't say, I am not in favor of it.

Pete said okay Diane, thank you. Is there any further discussion on this. I know we have discussed this many, many times but is there any further discussion on it.

Councilor Champagne said yes Ron, I would like to respond. Thank you for asking this conversation to be kept professional. I am so tired of having different tribal members targeted to meet their goals. Yes, I did vote for this and I intend to vote for it. This is to help our outlying tribal members and our tribal members in Manistee and the nine counties. We have no problem supporting those workers who are sitting at home doing nothing and taking money out of the coffers for that. So yes, this is for tribal members. I will support a tribal member every day of the week. Thank you.

Pete asked is there any other comments on this.

Susan Thull said I would just like you to repeat the amount that is being allocated or appropriated. I didn't get it.

Pete said Susan can I do that for you, is that fine?

Thull said that is fine, thank you.

Pete said Susan the payment amount that is scheduled to be is \$2,073,500.

Thull said thank you so much.

Recorder DiPiazza said I will just remind everybody, remind everybody that we have been closed right now 58 days. If we are closed until the 28th it will be 73 days and that means no revenue coming in. As the projected budget, which I believe has already been shared as far as what the casino was going to bring over was \$24.5. That is like \$67,000 a day. So being closed 58 days, and that is not including concert days, hot spot days, gold card parties or anything like that. It comes out to a loss of about \$3.9 million so far that we haven't brought in. At the end of 73 days it will be almost \$4.9 million that we have not brought in and that is just a rough guesstimation so. Like I said, and when we are concerned about how long this is going to go on, concerned about what is going to be left in our coffers, I have heard discussion about you know the CDC saying there could be a second wave, what is going to happen, and I have heard it from the ones supporting . . . we are going to have to do some drastic reconfiguration of everything. It is at this time, like I said from day one, I voted yes because there was a mechanism to re-look at it and at this point in time you know, I support giving something later on after we know what is going to happen. We still have no idea what is going to happen. I'm done.

Pete said thank you Gary. Is there anyone else that wants in the cue?

Sandy Mezeske said Ron Pete this is Sandy Mezeske.

Pete said hi Sandy how are you.

Mezeske said basking in the sun in Lansing right now. Why would you not wait until the government does a reforecast. If the casino has already done a reforecast why are you not waiting until the government does a reforecast.

Pete said who are you asking that . . . specifically of me?

Mezeske said whoever can answer it Ron is fine.

Councilor Crampton said that is what I have been asking for quite some time now.

Mezeske said you know, that's my personal opinion and I agree with Cindy. You know, to help any tribal member is good but I think you know the smart thing to do right now is to wait until the government reforecasts. As Gary said we have been closed X amount of days. There is no revenue coming in. There is nothing. But, you know, the casino is still doing business as usual. The government is still doing, you know, business as usual too. But again, nothing coming in.

Speaker Pete said anyone else want in the cue.

Isabel Burger said I would like to be in the cue. So I have attended these work sessions about this particular stimulus payment to members and I think we are all in agreement that is a time sensitive issue as far as helping the members. I also understand that we don't have revenue coming in from the casino. I also understand that we have a certain amount of unrestricted funds currently that we are, that we have access to this \$2 million dollars to send out. What I would suggest would be that we move forward because we have already decided after this particular month it is a necessary thing to help members. We decided that collectively. But I would say that we need to figure out other options to help members in order to stop spending these sorts of funds in June, July and probably even August because we don't know when the casino will be reopened and it may not be anytime soon. So, today what we are here discussing today is this act that we said should pass this

month. I would say the worry about the loss of money should come down the line after we move forward with it because we have already talked this over and decided it was needed now. I guess that is my only comment. Today keep that in mind that we have already had these discussions and it is necessary now and that this month is not the end of the line. We have all of this year and all of next year to figure out how to remake up these losses, how to better curb these losses and so on and so forth. That is all I have to say.

Speaker Pete said thank you Isabel. Is there anyone else that wants to get in this cue?

Samantha _____ said you mentioned, Ron mentioned that we have a loss at the casino um and do we have a budget for all these precautions that the CDC has said if we need, let's say we reopen at the end of this month whenever this stay at home order, do we have funds put together that for sanitizers, ah, sneeze guards, these things that the CDC says are needed for businesses to re-open. Is there a fund set aside for that or is that coming out of the budget? Have we set aside for that? I'm done.

Speaker Pete believes that the casino right now is already making the shields and they are doing some things like that right now but I haven't been to the casino in two or three months. I would defer to the executive part of the casino to take care of that. I do know that they have sanitizers and they have plans to sanitize every single station and they have a plan for when people come in. But, that is about all I can speak to right at this very moment.

Ogema Romanelli said I can answer part of that at least. I toured the resort yesterday. They have many things in place for when they re-open. They have the sanitizers on the walls. They have . . . I can't tell you everything they have done. They have done the distancing with the six foot marks on the floor. They have testing equipment when the employees come in the back entrance. They have testing for the people that come in. We have done a ton of things over there. There are little tables that have been built with plexiglass or plastic shields in place. There is a lot of work that has been done in anticipation of opening. The key is when do we re-open. I was on calls with other chiefs yesterday with the governor and we are trying to determine when that is. Again, it is a moving target but we are trying to do the best we can. The frustrating part here is that I do believe it has been promised, it has been talked about and promised. I think we really need to look at the funds going forward. When we talk about waiting for

something from the executive, again, nobody has answered why the May 1st appropriation didn't come from the Tribal Council. Nobody gave me a straight answer but I'm thinking you promised this money now. If you look at what was available and what was not available to be used, it changes the numbers. As you can see by the earlier amount of appropriations or money that we are putting in, our employees have done a lot of work trying to re-coop some money for this COVID-19. I come up with about ¾ million dollars just in this meeting that they have worked hard to get to bring into the tribe. The problem with it is much of it is related to COVID. The money going out is unrestricted and doesn't have that kind of attachment to it so it isn't like you can replace the ¾ million dollars to the \$2. Whatever is going out. Just for information. One more thing, I have a very important phone call that I have to get on in 10 minutes and it doesn't look like I'm going to be able to hold on to this call so I will try to stay on as long as I can.

Dave Corey said I have a question for Larry, Ron. So Larry, are you in favor of this stimulus payment based on the budget numbers you see the most accurate and up to date ones.

Ogema Romanelli said no I am not in favor of spending the money. I am in favor of, I guess I can't say I'm in favor but I think you are almost up against the wall with making this payment. We, I guess, somebody has promised this and talked about it. I think the numbers really should have been gone through before they made any kind of insinuation that people were getting an April payment and a May payment. Now that you are there, you know, I think the cart came before the horse and I think you are there now so am I in favor of it, no, because I know the number, the dollar numbers. Do I think you should vote for it? I guess, you know, it is where you are. Thanks Dave.

Corey said I should have asked you the better question, is it a fiduciary responsible decision to make at this time with the current situation and current finances.

Romanelli answered no, absolutely not. Part of the reason is, you know, the budget immediately shut down. It just shut down. The money coming in has been stopped. Without a clear determination of when that will restart, that is the problem. We have a limited amount of money. We have grant monies coming in but the major source of our revenue coming back in is not there. It is not open. So, fiduciary responsibility, no, in that case no.

Councilor Corey said thank you.

Councilor Crampton said I want to go back to a couple of questions. I did bring up the fact that Bill Willis brought the May 1st a few days ago and brought it forward to Council because they don't know how they missed this. So I am going to go back in the minutes because I thought that answered that question but obviously I guess not so I have to find out about that. Now waiting for something from the Ogema, yes, the executive, we are, because under 5.01 of the Constitution the Ogema is responsible for preparing the presenting the tribal government budget to Tribal Council. We have a reforecast. If you are talking about really watching for the funds, I mean, I don't find anything that anybody said just a few minutes ago to be absolutely real if you are looking at this asking us to adopt the budget that you know that you know the money is not there for the 2nd quarter. Have you even contemplated that? What we are looking at is we have a reforecast for everybody. The Council knows the money is not going to be coming forward. The casino money is not coming forward. Now we are sitting here waiting for the executive but they are asking us to pass something in 2020 that we, that this wasn't affecting us back then. We had no contemplation of this back then. Now everybody's reforecast except for the executive. I don't think it is that hard to understand.

Ogema Romanelli said can I ask you what the operating budget at this point of 2020. What is the operating budget?

Crampton said the OMD? That is what I am being confused about because we are getting forecast that are not matching up with the budget right now. This is why . . . you know what, until we get something from the executive you can play all the games you want, it is your duty, we need it, we need these numbers. We know, we know for this payment we know exactly where it is coming from. This is coming from a supplemental from Tribal Council. We know the money is there. What we don't know is what is going forward because we haven't had a reforecast from the executive. Now Tribal Council is going to be asked to pass this budget later on and approve all of the expenditures that are going to be there and covered by the casino later on, yes. Are those expenses there, is the money there to cover that, no. Do we know that, yes.

Romanelli said exactly because you got the reforecast, the rough reforecast from the resort and that is the part where the money comes in. You already have a reforecast.

Crampton (inaudible) and the missing piece is the one from the executive that is constitutionally obligated from you.

Romanelli said you haven't answered the March 1st appropriation so I think we can agree to disagree at this point but yeah.

Crampton said I'm not disagreeing with the Constitution that is nothing to argue about. That is the Constitution. You can argue with that all you want.

Romanelli said the appropriation from Council should have come forward as well and that again is a constitutional thing so we didn't
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Crampton said what is the number of that Constitution number. What is that number in the Constitution. Let me look at it right now. I gave you 5.01 and it says your responsible.

Romanelli said okay. I'm not going to argue the point. It's . . .

Crampton said there is no argument.

Romanelli said you are going down a road, you know what your doing, yeah, so, and I apologize because I do have to get off the call at 12:00 so I will be disconnecting here in about 3 minutes or sooner.

Crampton said Ron I'm still in the cue and I just wanted to clarify for the members out there that this is apples . . .

Pete said sorry, Shannon you are in the cue, thank you.

Crampton said thank you. Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is _____. We absolutely know exactly where this is coming from. Now I know that there are some people out there we budgetary issues before that understand the issue. The others we don't know, we don't know. There is no income, yes that's right. This we know exactly where it is coming from, this is the people's money, there is no problem with it. The scare tactics are just that. Thank you.

Susan Thull asked to be in the cue.

Speaker Pete said first of all I have, who was after Shannon, I didn't even get it.

Sandy Mezeske said I was. I guess you know my concern is you know we can point fingers all we want. I'm scared of the unknown. That is what I am scared of okay. If the first resolution that came forward okay and so called passed for both months, did you not have the figures then to vote. I mean I think it was an easy push button okay. Let's make everybody happy you know. But if the money wasn't there then, maybe the first payment was but since we have been down, like Gary says X amount of days, you know, how can you justify doing this when you don't know. We don't know the unknown. Do we really think that gaming is going to stay the way that it is? We might be another year before any one of us get back on our feet. This is, you know I can see it if we opened the doors okay and we make booku money you know. Give it out in July for the per cap you know. Because it is going to be nil to none come July 1st. Wait until then to see where we are at. You know. I'm going to go along with Larry, he is saying no. The money is not there. Why not wait? Why not wait? I mean I am scared of the unknown, I am, I am, because none of us know. This might hit us again you know and then what? You are going to have to look for more money? I don't know. I'm scared, I'm scared. I'm done Ron.

Pete said Susan is next and then I'm in the cue, okay.

Crampton said I wanted, I wanted to raise a point of order first Mr. Speaker.

Pete said what did you want to say?

Crampton said I wanted to raise a point of order.

Pete said I'm sorry. Okay, yes.

Crampton said the point of order would be to continually allow people to insinuate that Tribal Council has not reviewed financials which is irresponsible by the Speaker when you know that emails stated the same that yes we had financials at every one of those meetings and Tribal Council did not _____ (inaudible).

Pete said were you directing that at me Shannon. I didn't understand.

Crampton said oh no, what I am saying is that it is irresponsible to keep letting people try to infer that Tribal Council did not have the financial numbers before that when we all know that we did. The Ogema has even verified it in emails that yes we did so . . .

Pete said okay, I thought you said the Speaker was in violation so thank you for clearing that up. Shannon are you done right now.

Crampton said yeah and I apologize to Susan but I wanted to raise that (inaudible).

Pete said Susan go ahead and then I'm in the cue.

Susan Thull said thank you so much. Um what I wanted to say is that it seems to me like in January or February that um we didn't have the financial reports posted and we were doing supplemental appropriations on the CFO's saying that there was money available. And so I don't know how any decisions can be made when you don't have financial reports. That is all I have to say.

Speaker Pete said I wanted you to know that take it for what its worth, (inaudible) talking about anyway but we have really been kicking this around for so long, for so long, I don't really know what more anybody can say on this. So what I would like to do is, I would like for someone to have a motion on this and support if that would be possible. Once again I am going to open it up for anybody else that wants to be in the cue.

Councilor Lewis said okay, you know, to get back to the resolution is we voted 9 of us and um and we committed to April and May. Um, what we did is in between have meetings and discussed including the children to make sure that they are provided for. I, this is really new to all of us you know. You know we can't sit and live in fear. If we did that we would probably get out of bed in the morning but you know but we can't sit and live in fear. Yes this is in front of us and we will get through it. I want to you know say that I appreciate everybody's thoughts throughout all of this that we have been going through because there is a lot of really good insight and input that everybody contributed. We are going to get through this. That's it. Thank you everybody.

Pete said thank you Sandra. Gary once again in the cue.

Recorder DiPiazza said just one last then I will be done but my greatest fear is we have no idea how long this is going to go on. If we put ourselves in a financial predicament where we have to open that casino before it is time for this to calm down or whatever is going to happen, we could be putting a lot of people's lives in peril. I don't know what else to say. People are going to flock to these casinos from who knows where. A carrier can be a carrier

and not even have a temperature so you know. I know a lot of people say it is a myth, it's a hoax and you know I don't know if it is or not. All I know is a lot of us are immune compromised. You have a housing up there that is just full of elders that are, a lot of them have immune problems. I'm saying we are going to put ourselves in a predicament where it is going to have to be open before it is time. That's it.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anyone else that wants to make a comment. Shannon go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said wait who are the other two?

Jessica Steinberg.

Chelsea Densmore.

Pete said okay Jessica go ahead.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker for me this is kind of the black and white of the numbers. We set up a government operations budget on a \$40 million dollar, just about a \$40 million dollar budget and said that the casino revenue was going to support about \$24 or \$25 million of that \$40 million expense. As of the last several work sessions and last week's Council meeting I heard the Ogema very clearly say the casino's projected revenue that they are going to give to the government is going to be about half. It might even be as low as \$9 or \$10 million. Again, we got a \$40 million dollar budget, \$9 to \$10 million, maybe half, maybe \$12 million of what we expected to get might be able to be supported by that budget. That is a huge hole. Now I heard today that we haven't had a disbursement from gaming enterprise, the casino hasn't dispersed for January or February and March and we are trying to make a 2nd quarter appropriation on no disbursement. That _____ of the Budget and Appropriations Act. Any part of _____ there is no disbursement. You have to take a 2nd quarter appropriation out of reserves so the 2nd quarter appropriation, if I was hearing that recently was around what \$6 million. Where is this money coming from? _____ January, February, March disbursement to make a 2nd quarter appropriation. I don't see how that is going to happen. Now I know that this payment is predicated on the unrestricted reserve funding that all of these work sessions said was about \$7 million dollars. Um, I guess my question is where is the budget reforecast for the government and where is the budget reforecast for the gaming enterprise because both of them have to be reviewed and adopted by Council. How

are we spending money that we haven't put in the coffers yet? Federal dollars are restricted. They can't be going anywhere else but to what their purpose is. We are in a quandary here and I said it last week and I will say it again, we were already \$2 million dollars in the whole to meet that projected budget that was adopted by Council when it was adopted. That is what the document said. Folks how are we going to meet these expenses. Now we are in a spot, and I have to agree with other callers, we are in a spot, we said as a government we are going to make these payments, we said we were going to make them to the kids but you know living in fear or not reality bites. Right now we are in a \$14 million dollar whole best case scenario. Where is the money coming from? We are going to have only about \$26 million in reserves that can make this payment. These are all things that, from my perspective, when Mr. Corey talked about fiduciary responsibility you can bet my ears perked up on that one. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said thank you Isabel, I'm sorry, who was in the cue next, I forgot.

Crampton said it was Chelsea then me.

Chelsea Densmore said I completely agree with Jessica 100%. Yes there are budget concerns 100% yes they need to refigure out where we are and what that is going to look like. I think Shannon said that possibly the Ogema is required to file some report. Obviously I don't know that, I just completely agree. However, like I think Isabel said a while ago the Ogema specifically said you guys committed to this. Nine Council members, all nine agreed to this voting yes. They didn't vote yes for April, they voted yes for April and May. It specifically said. If you had concerns about making April and May then it should have been specifically written just for April, right. I completely understand that there was a lot of discussion that we probably weren't aware of. However, there have been so many work sessions on this. This has been brought up the last couple of weeks and it is mid-May right. This specific on the agenda is appropriating the funds. The resolution has stood. You guys all agreed to it, correct. The previous amendment was shot down right. That has already been done. There are budget concerns. You are backed into a corner just like Romanelli said. You need to release the funds, help the families that need it now that are waiting for it, that have been waiting for it and are in desire need for it, right. We absolutely have budget concerns and we need to look at that and need to figure out how we are going to fill those gaps, however, (inaudible) should be done.

You should stop discussing it at length, right, like Mr. Speaker said, and just do it and be done. Vote yes or not; vote how you are going to vote; let's do what must be done and let's remember this was specifically for appropriating funds, right. Can I also make a tiny side note? I really appreciate when Mr. Speaker jumped in and I feel like the last couple of calls I have been on he has been really, really good about jumping in and kind of keeping the décor and keeping people from being a little (inaudible) I guess. But I really appreciate it, thank you.

Speaker Pete responded thank you so much. You know it is nice to hear a compliment once in a while but thank you so much. Is there anyone else that wants to get . . . oh Shannon you wanted to right?

Shannon Crampton responded yes, yes, thank you. Um, I wanted to say that everybody talking about fiduciary duty should really read the Budget and Appropriations Act because what we are looking at right now is Council's right to do their duty, to adopt the 2nd quarter. The casino has done their duty and gave us a reforecast this year on the income that they know is not coming in. Where is the fiduciary duty from the executive? I'm getting tired of playing these games. I really am getting tired of playing these games. You want to double talk, let's double talk. We are representatives of the members, of the members. This came before us 9 to 0. Everybody knew it was there. When we got the reforecast and hey found out that some friends and family may not get paychecks if this goes through then everybody kind of changed their minds. I don't think, I think this is a game. I don't think this is very funny. The members . . . when we are sitting here talking about all these concerns and how drastic it is, if you know that then you know the impact on our membership. Where is the disconnect. You are the representatives of the people. You are elected to be their mouths and watch out for their welfare. I'm done.

Pete said Shannon are you finished?

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay thank you. Anybody else still want in this cue.

Isabel Burger said I would like to be in the cue.

Pete said go ahead.

Burger said a little background on me for people who don't know me. I am a college student. I was your Princess once upon a time. The job of the Princess is to speak for the children of the Tribe, who in my opinion have been sorely represented in all of these discussions to this date. Now here is what I have been observing. I have been hearing Council members blame Council members, I have been hearing the Ogema blaming Council, I hear Council blame the Ogema, I have been hearing everybody _____ (inaudible) in the casino. Here is the deal, I personally thought this was a stupid idea to send out money because yeah we are in a spot and you all agreed to it we know that. Now you are going to vote how you are going to vote today and I _____ (inaudible) have the common sense enough to update this budget very next thing for the quarter and the rest of the year. Now here is my thought and I want you Council members and everyone else that is listening to write this down. This casino has been a crutch, we have been so reliant on it being our only source of income and guess what when things like this happen, when the casino is shut down for reasons outside of our control, it really screws us over. So I would suggest and please write this down, that all members of Council and anyone else that thinks that they have a good idea to make any sort of revenue for the Tribe, outside of this casino, to get thinking on how to make that happen. You know what, it may not bring in millions of dollars but a penny saved is a penny fricking earned. Alright. Now that is what I have to say about that in regards to the future of this tribe. Hindsight is 20/20. We are staring through fog right now trying to figure out oh what is the unknown. You're right, we don't know but we better prepare on how to figure it out. That is all I have to say and I will be leaving this call shortly after this vote. Thank you.

Speaker Pete said thank you so much. Once again, is there anybody that wants in this cue?

Matthew Chandler asked to be in the cue. Chandler said I heard a couple comments #1, that the casino has been closed so many days and that we are not making any money on it. I think we need to look at what we are spending out of the casino. If we are not making any money have they cut their costs all the way down to the bare minimum while it has been closed or are we keeping people on staff that the reason they are keeping them on staff is because they are a manager, whether they have a active participation in daily operations or not. The other thing that I heard was we don't know what is going to happen in the future. That our biggest income maker is falling short. Well what did we do back in 1986? What did we do back in 1988? We still had a

tribal government. Whether _____ (inaudible) see or not, we still have a tribal government and we still function. So are we more concerned about that money not coming in to fund stuff that we really don't need or are we concerned because the casino may not open, we won't have a tribal government. I think people need to _____ (inaudible). The casino doesn't make us a government. Our government operations makes us a government, whether we have that casino or not. Thank you very much.

Pete said does anyone else want to get in this cue before we vote.

Councilor Crampton said I just want to say one more thing Ron, this is Shannon.

Pete said okay Shannon, go ahead.

Crampton said when we are talking about blame, blame, blame, I use that as another distraction trying to get the conversation away from the reality of the situation. The reality of the situation is my comments are based on a Budget and Appropriations Act that this Council adopted. It is not blaming. It is actually in wording and you can read it. Every member can get the Budget and Appropriations Act under the Ordinances on the tribal webpage. It's right there. So it is not blame, it is actual wording of the law. Thank you.

Pete said okay Shannon are you finished?

Crampton responded yeah.

Pete said one more time does anyone want to get in this cue before someone either makes a motion or supports.

Tim Zuleger said at first I wasn't going to comment and was going to just listen in but I just want to say a couple of things. First of all, I'm really not looking for a handout but I do need a help up and this is one of the times that I really do need the tribe to help out. I do have some medical issues and my job has been limited because of this COVID-19. You know our tribe seems to tend to go and spend money, and I call it frivolously, without talking to the _____ tribal members, buying properties and doing such and our cherry business and all these different things and easily can go spend that money but when it really comes to the actual tribal member it seems like we are put on the back burner. That is how it feels to me. My concern is if we don't have tribal members we will not have a tribal government. We will not, after so many

people do pass away and move on, can the BIA take away our recognized tribe. I mean we are not looking not only the here and now we are looking at our future. But in order to have that future I also don't want to lose our tribal members that are elder that may need that support, may need that help along with myself. So you are going to go ahead and vote either way, up or down on this but my understanding is that vote you took last month was done as far as April and May payment and that should have been looked at at that time. And those financial reports should have been done or at least had an understanding of where the money may or may not come from. I know we do have a safety net put away. This is the time we should also be putting some of that back into our tribal members and help our tribal members out versus buying another property or another lost revenue, trying to buy another property and such. I don't know what is going to happen with Muskegon but right now I consider it a failed proposition only simply for the reason nothing has come to fruition as far as I've seen and I'm in Wisconsin. Things that I've seen happen in the nine county area. Like, I'm still waiting and I'm going to give a little more up, I am still waiting to hear back for my um energy assistance that I applied for back in March. And if I can't even get help for that how am I supposed to sometimes rely on my tribe when I really need it. Thank you very much for listening. Thank you for being there.

Pete said thank you Tim. Is there anyone else or can I get a motion on this?

Shannon Crampton said this is Shannon again, since I heard it from another member just a minute ago I wanted to reiterate that whoever put this out there that Tribal Council didn't look at the numbers that is an absolute lie. Every Council member on this phone knows that we had that there. There are emails from the Ogema that said that they are there. Someone was trying to spin you online that it was an absolute lie. We seen the financials from day one of this article. Thank you.

Pete said once again, is there anyone else in the cue or can I get a motion on this.

Crampton said does anybody have the numbers, I don't have the numbers.

Pete said the number right in front of me right here, if that is what you are asking Shannon is \$2,073,500. Is that the number you are looking for?

Crampton said no I was looking for . . .

Councilor Lewis said 145 Shannon. #20-0513-135.

Crampton said can you just make the motion; I will do the support.

Lewis said okay I don't have the title right in front of me because I have the old _____.

Crampton said I have:

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 20-0513-135, TO FUND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,500 ; Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion.

Kathleen Bowers said actually the resolution # should be 134.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 20-0513-134, TO FUND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,500 ; Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #10

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Appropriation Funds for Expenditures during the 2nd Quarter of FY2020 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

This item was postponed at the 05/06/20 Tribal Council Meeting pending a work session during agenda review on 5/11/20.

Quarterly Appropriations of Funds.

Pete asked if Bill was still on here.

Recorder DiPiazza said I believe Bradley is still on the line. Bradley?

Bradley said yes, go ahead.

Recorder DiPiazza asked if Bill Willis is still on the line.

Councilor Lonn said shouldn't Brad have that information.

DiPiazza said he should yes. It is up to you Speaker.

Speaker Pete asked Gary to please take over for just a minute, I'll be right back.

DiPiazza said I missed what he said. Bradley you have the floor.

Bradley Pringle said okay, this is for the supplemental appropriation for the 2nd quarter budget of \$6.6 million dollars. Some of that was scheduled for membership distribution. It was to fund March, April and May.

DiPiazza said Bill are you on the line at all.

Bill Willis responded yes I am.

DiPiazza said we are still in open and have 3 items left, wait, 4 items left. I guess Ron stepped out a second so either Bill or Brad you have the cue.

Pete said I'm back.

DiPiazza said okay, sorry.

Pete said I'm sorry, where are we at Gary.

DiPiazza said New Business, we are still on Old Business, I'm sorry, A. Appropriations of Funds for Expenditures for 2nd quarter of FY 2020.

Pete said who has the cue?

DiPiazza said we have Bradley and Bill Willis both on the line.

Pete said okay.

DiPiazza said whoever would like to take over on that.

Brad Pringle said this particular resolution has been voted down the last two weeks in a row because of the dollar amount, didn't agree on the

dollar amount. So I am not sure why it was added back on to the agenda today so somebody might be able to fill me in on that.

DiPiazza said because it was postponed. Postponed it comes back on the next agenda.

Brad Pringle said okay, perfect. So at this rate I have not seen the new forecasted budget so we are working on the original approved budget which was in 2019.

Jessica Steinberg said so this appropriation for the 2nd quarter if I understood Bradley correctly was for \$6.6 million. Part of that distribution was going to be making this membership distribution or part of this appropriation was going to make the membership distribution. Um, we just heard we don't have any revenue coming in for January, February and March, this is for March, April and May. Again I will ask the question how are we paying the bills. We don't have a new forecasted budget and Councilor Crampton I do read the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and 6.0 talks about disbursements and carry over and just ahead of that we talk about shortfalls so again, where is the money coming from and what is the reforecasted budget because we are operating on FY2020.

Pete asked if anybody has a comment for that otherwise maybe we should postpone this thing again until we get that budget reforecast from the Ogema.

Councilor Crampton said I would make that postponement because yeah Jessica is exactly right and that has been my whole point. When you . . . everybody didn't know what was coming in. What we are doing is farting around trying to postpone things long enough so you can keep expenses over at that casino that are unwarranted. Now . . .

Pete said right now . . .

Crampton said we need that forecast before we can do anything with this budget. I want the members to understand how fiduciary irresponsible this is to come forward with this when we know the money is not there to cover it. And to look at the Budget and Appropriations Act and see how many things we are going to be asked to violate.

Pete said Shannon are you done?

Crampton said yes and I would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS UNTIL WE GET A REFORECAST FROM THE EXECUTIVE; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete said remove it completely from the agenda, is that what I understood Shannon?

Crampton responded yes, until we get a reforecast from the executive.

Pete said okay, I just wanted to make sure I understood it. And Sandy supported it.

Councilor Lewis responded yes.

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

Roll Call #11

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. Approval of 30 day posting of Gaming Enterprise(s) Board Directors Act of 2010

This item was postponed at the 05/06/20 Tribal Council Meeting pending a work session.

Approval of 30 day posting for public comment.

Speaker Pete asked if I have any comment on that or not.

Shannon Crampton

MAKE A MOTION TO REMOVE THIS AGAIN UNTIL PENDING REVIEW BY LEGAL, OUR LEGAL, BIG FIRE; by Crampton; supported Wittenberg.

Crampton said I will be asking for a time later on today so that Council that is privy to it would like to meet on a Friday. But there is an open case and there was a filing on Friday. The filings will be sent to the members that it can be sent to. This is just, _____ (inaudible), just like everything else here.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Pete said I am going to get in the cue if no one else is in the cue. Gary is there anybody else in the cue.

DiPiazza answered not that I know of.

Pete said okay, thank you Gary. All I wanted to do is this was for a 30 day posting. This is all that's for and there has been no decision made on or a stay by the appellate court on what the lower court ruled on. I mean, if this would become a stay then why wouldn't they just go ahead and then _____ but that is all I'm going to say on it. In my opinion there has been no stay and the last opinion I had from legal was the fact that there hasn't been a stay and that the ruling is final by the lower court. That is all I have to stay. Is there anyone else that wants to be in this discussion?

Councilor Wittenberg said concerning this, I did not get, when we had the work session, cut from what is going on the other end here the court proceedings, what I'm talking about is what is going on here. I did not get the motion and everything of what was going on with the change and the add in this for the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. And I looked at the redline and I strongly am against it on some of the things that's just me and so that work session was on something that no or very few people had so I'm all for definitely putting this out ahead if nothing else for #1, to have another work session on it and #2, the people will turn around and not everybody was there but the simple fact that it wasn't even on their computer and these computers they are just like everything else they are not perfect. And so, that's my view on it, Megwetch.

Pete said thank you Ron. Is there anyone else that wants to be in the cue?

Ogema Romanelli said I got back on after my other call so I see . . .

Pete said I Larry, we are on B.

Romanelli said okay.

DiPiazza said it is on the 30 day comment, evidently there is a motion on the floor and support to remove the item from the agenda.

Pete asked if there is any further discussion.

Councilor Champagne said since this is in appeals I don't see any reason to even question why we want to remove. We know the court _____ (inaudible). Like Shannon says he is calling for a meeting with our outside attorney so as far as I'm concerned this should be put on hold until we have something from them.

Pete said okay, thank you for your opinion.

Ogema Romanelli said you are cutting out on my phone and I don't know why. I can hear you talking in the other room.

Pete said go ahead Larry.

Ogema Romanelli said I did receive notice that the Council is appealing the court action so I don't know where that puts this but the question I have I guess for those that want to remove it is, what is the Council's position on who is overseeing the Resort right now.

Councilor Lewis said I don't think we can answer that.

Councilor Crampton said wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. Nobody on Council on the other side of this tape don't answer anything to that. This is highly unethical and it shouldn't even be done. We got our emails from you and Mr. Pete and Diane stating that you're in charge so don't play the game.

Pete said I'm not _____ (inaudible).

Romanelli said I want confirmation.

Crampton said you got the emails, you sent them so you should have confirmation.

Romanelli said thank you.

Pete said okay, is there any other comments on this.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, I want to get this straight now. The only motion I am making is until we have time to meet with our attorney so one side understands the full impact. We have the other side urging its adoption, is that what I'm hearing?

DiPiazza said what is that.

Crampton answered it was somebody's car radio.

Pete said okay, right now we have a motion and we have support. Is there any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #12

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)

V. New Business

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

Approving May Stimulus for \$500 and this payment shall be administered so that the payment is made to all enrolled members alive on the adoption date of this Resolution.

Pete said do I have any additional comments on this?

Chelsea Densmore said I was just; I am having a little trouble keeping up with you guys so I had the initial resolution that . . . I managed to get the resolution number that was voted down from earlier but I can't seem to find it on-line to get the specifics of it. But also, the agenda doesn't show that reference number or this reference number. Is there somewhere on the website that this information can be found because there is nothing in May. Is there like a resolution number that somebody can give me or any information.

Speaker Pete said I don't have those numbers in front of me. Does anybody . . . Gary do you have those numbers for her to help her out here.

DiPiazza said I probably do. It is going to take me a minute to find it though.

Densmore said I am just asking because the agenda doesn't have, didn't have that on it or this on it so I am just having trouble.

Recorder DiPiazza said it should have been updated on the website, the agenda was um, was sent out yesterday at like 2:30 p.m.

Densmore said okay. I'm not seeing anything. I'm looking at the website and I pulled up the agenda specifically from the website and it doesn't have it on it so I was just

DiPiazza said hold on, I'm looking.

Jessica Steinberg said I think I might, if I'm playing along here, keeping the right notes, the last resolution you passed was Resolution # 134, 0513-134 because you defeated the 2nd quarter appropriation, excuse me, removed it and removed the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act and so the resolution would be 135.

Pete said Chelsea does that help you?

Densmore said so is there somewhere online where we can actually read the resolution though.

Pete said there should be. I can't pull that up right now but there should be.

Densmore said I mean looking at the website there are no resolutions updated under May.

Susan Thull said there normally are no resolutions posted until they are passed so if you are trying to find it on the website you are not going to find it. Thull said also the agenda when they do add they never put the amended agenda on-line. That's all.

DiPiazza said I am looking and I'm trying to find it for you so bear with me.

Lonn said they give Councilors the amended but I don't know about on-line.

Thull said I do go on-line and they do not put it on.

Densmore said okay so there is no way for me, so there is no updated stuff on-line. Okay, thank you.

Speaker Pete said we are still on A. Is there anymore discussion on A? Can I get a motion?

Crampton asked what is the corrected number. It is 135.

Lonn said is this add #5.

Pete responded it is under New Business A.

Lonn said how can we give a stimulus when we just knocked it down and said no.

Pete said I know. I am just reading my agenda so . . .

Romanelli said I'm sorry I'm back on. I'm sorry I didn't mute.

Pete said so Gary what are you suggesting Gary or anybody from Council. Should, do we have to turn down A because it has already been _____ for the appropriation or what do we have to do.

Crampton said actually no, it is an amendment to the program and the appropriation would be to fund it. I am going to be putting both back on the agenda for next week after we can an amended _____ so people can see the actual expenditures.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry Shannon, I'm sorry.

Crampton said oh okay. Well do what the hell you want to. I'm telling you I'm putting both back on the agenda for next week after people. . .

Pete said sure . . .

Crampton _____ the expenditures. Plus there is an issue that we have to deal with that I brought up last week that ULD reviewed for us. In fact I was correct when I cited on the process for a conflict of interest.

Pete said a conflict of interest you said?

Crampton said yeah. I'll be bringing issues up later in Personnel.

Pete said okay, good. Okay.

DiPiazza said do you want to postpone it.

Lewis said yes, postpone please.

DiPiazza said vote it up or down.

Lewis said _____ on the agenda.

Pete said so do I have a motion to postpone this then?

Crampton said I will make that motion.

MOTION TO POSTPONE; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Pete said that brings us on to Concluding Business.

Recorder DiPiazza said no, we have another add.

B. Resolution in Support of the Tribal Amicus Brief for the case Standing Rock et al versus Army Corps of Engineers

Pete said I thought you did that under, um that ULD add?

DiPiazza said yeah, that is under New Business B.

Pete said well I don't even have it on here so would you read it please.

DiPiazza responded yes, yes I would. It is a resolution in support of the Tribal Amicus Brief in the Case Standing Rock, et al v. US Army Corps of Engineers. It is just in support of their Amicus Brief. We got this early this morning from NIGC I believe, hold on. It is due the 18th and all we are doing is giving them our resolution of support.

Councilor Crampton said I have a question. So from what Gary just said is this, are they requesting an Amicus Brief from us or are they asking us to support their Amicus because I haven't heard of them before.

Rebecca Liebing asked can I respond. So just one quick clarification before I respond to Shannon. It is from NCAI. Just to respond to Shannon, NCAI sent out um a request for support for tribes to sign on to the Amicus Brief. This came out very late last night, read through it this morning and forwarded it to Council. Felt comfortable doing a late add because this Council had approved in 2015, support for Standing Rock and donated to them when first entering into this dispute so we know the Council had a certain position that would be supported by this. The Tribal Amicus Brief is to address issues the judge has remanded the case and basically they are trying to figure out whether or not they would vacate the easement and stop the flow of _____ pipeline and the pipeline can be shut down while legal issues are cited so it is not harmed any further. And it is a fairly straight forward issue so we felt comfortable putting it in front of you. Does anybody else have any other questions?

Pete said okay, thank you. Shannon, do you have further . . .

DiPiazza said if nothing . . . I'm sorry.

Pete said Shannon do you have any further questions of Rebecca.

Shannon Crampton said no, that answered my question, thank you.

DiPiazza said with that being said, excuse me, I'm sorry, can I make a motion to approve.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-135,
 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIBAL AMICUS
 BRIEF IN THE CASE STANDING ROCK, ET AL. V US
 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS; by DiPiazza; supported by
 Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #14

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)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 20, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said I toured the resort and it looks pretty good for re-opening. We are trying to work with the State for when that re-opening happens. As you know, the staff has been working on getting dollars back into the tribe regarding the virus. That was evident by this meeting but I will let it go at that. I know it has been a long meeting so thank you very much.

Councilor Champagne said Gary called my name and my phone disconnected so I didn't vote. My vote would have been yes.

Pete said thank you Gary. Can you switch that please? He will switch it for you okay Cindy.

Champagne responded thank you.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Pete said now we are on Legislative Affairs Update and I have Shannon in the cute, Shannon.

Councilor Crampton said the only thing I was going to add was that watching the situation in the heart lands with the states that have _____ re-

opening they are most likely in a hot spot. It is very careful how we handle the re-opening.

Pete said I think we got to handle this with utmost care and extreme caution in every single thing that we do but I think maybe once Governor Whitmer gives the okay I would really like to make sure that we trust our maintenance, our sanitary people that they are going to be ready for the opening. That is all I have to say. Anything for legislative affairs update.

Councilor Lewis said is there a roundabout date of opening.

Pete said no, there is not any hints yet but I'm not really sure because I am hoping that she allows some of us or some businesses to open by what was her last one, the 28th of May? I am hoping that happens by then.

Councilor Corey said why can't we just chose the date we are going to open and run our sovereign nation.

Ogema Romanelli said there was a call with other tribal, as a matter of fact I have a call this afternoon and some of the tribes are talking that way because as you know Hannahville has spun back and forth and there was a threat to arrest people and then Hannahville said the second time that they are just going to open. I just got word again that they said they are going to you know accommodate the governor's orders basically so it is going back and forth. That's why it is so hard to know when we are going to do it. We could take a step because we are sovereign and each of the tribes have talked about that. Right now, I don't know that would be in our best interest. But yes Dave, that is always an option.

Corey said okay.

Councilor Lonn said I read where she said she would fine each person that came in our casino, any that are Indian casinos she would fine them \$1,000.

Romanelli said we are watching it very closely. Thank you.

D. Public Comment Period

Pete said that brings us on to public comment period. So is there anyone else that wants to publicly comment?

Chelsea Densmore asked to be in the cue please.

Pete said absolutely Chelsea, go ahead.

Chelsea Densmore said you guys passed the resolution um 20-0403-100 on April 3rd and then you voted down the appropriation of funds for that resolution today and I didn't catch what was postponed for next week so I am running a little behind because I missed that little blurb and it wasn't repeated again and I can't see it. So then what does this mean moving forward. Because the original resolution would still stand correct? Is someone going to make some sort of amendment to take out May or . . .

Crampton said can I answer this is Shannon.

Densmore responded yes.

Crampton said just for myself I already promised I would be bringing back both these issues next week for the meeting. I want to have the financials there because I heard a lot of he said/she said. I want the members to see that some of those were just stories and I want the members to see the real numbers before we do this again because I don't believe you were told the truth.

Densmore said okay, so then on May 20th, you are going to bring forward the appropriation of funds again, right. What was the other.

Crampton said the second one was the amendment to the original resolution to add the children.

Densmore responded okay. How did the appropriation of money come through originally for the inclusion of the children if the children weren't added originally? Like how could you vote a number that included the kids if you hadn't voted to include the kids?

Crampton said well if you actually um look at the original, what originally happened, there is a lot of ____ to explain it. When the program came forward originally um there was, we contemplated almost all members with \$500 getting the kids and then we got to the vote and there was a resolution that was brought forth that didn't reflect that. And the Ogema brought that up about the children and I even posted that night that I had, that I was bringing it to Council to adopt it as is because the payment but it was actually an incorrect resolution.

Densmore said no, right, I've been on the calls and read all of the posts and I have definitely been active and I understand all that. I just didn't understand how you could vote no on the total number without having voted yes to include the kids in the total number. Does that make sense. So maybe, hopefully when it comes back like you guys can vote on the kids and then the appropriation. Can I ask for the rest of the Council is anyone considering like an amendment to like starting another amendment

to do something else to it or I mean if the original resolution still stands and we continue to vote down the appropriation of funds, the original resolution would still stand correct. So we are just going to play this game for the next few weeks or like what does that look like?

Crampton said are you asking the rest of Council or me because if you are asking me I would say that there is not a lot of wiggle room and we are heading into some dangerous territory and where there may be specific ramifications.

Densmore said well and that's, I guess I am asking the rest of the Council because I understand that you are going to bring it forward next week and then if the rest of Council, because I know you voted yes, if the rest of Council is going to continue voting it down, what is the plan to handle this resolution that was passed on April 3rd that makes a commitment to the funds.

Councilor Lonn said I made an amendment to pull back on May and it was voted down last week. I could bring that forward again, that amendment.

Densmore asked if that is the plan then is that you are going to bring it forward and then . . .

Crampton said I don't know _____ because I just told you I was going to bring back both of these resolutions that were on today.

Densmore said all I am saying is that I am very hopeful that Council looks at the finances and votes yes for this resolution. I want Shannon to bring forward the appropriation of funds and the kids and I want to vote yes and I want to move forward. That is definitely my understanding but I am hoping the Council is, the rest of Council if you are going to continue voting no at the very least let's figure out if we are going to do it or if we are not going to do it and not play this game for three weeks you know what I mean. So like I'm worried that the payment will . . .

Crampton said just to be clear, you seem to be saying the same thing that um ah the gentleman from Wisconsin was. Council has seen the financials from the beginning of this process. So whoever keeps putting it out to the membership that we don't have, haven't seen the _____ that is absolutely false. So you see the books, everybody votes unanimously for it. What I want to show you is what happened in the interim.

Densmore said yes, yes. I am definitely agreeing with um the member from Wisconsin. I, I feel like it should be moved forward. I guess my understanding just like it is unfair to the members to keep having a promise and commitment and then maybe it is going to happen for a few

weeks so if you are 100% going to vote and we are going to vote against it with new financial documents that you are going to review again next week or bring forward whatever it is you are going to change your mind or whatever the case, um I hope that we can at least finalize something. I definitely think it should be moved forward and can I say as an outlying member that I love to hear somebody else who is an outlying member calling in because I feel it is really important for outlying members to be a lot more vocal in this, um and all of these issues, and calling in and attending as many virtual meetings as we can. I'm done but thank you.

Pete said thank you Chelsea. Is there anybody else that has a comment, in public comment period?

Martha Howell said I am still kind of stuck back in the conversation from a few minutes ago um. Who is in charge of the casino then because nobody wants to accept responsibility so what is the _____. Somebody has got to step up and take responsibility even if nobody wants it. Like what is happening. Who is in charge?

Speaker Pete said I can comment, I would be happy to comment. If you go back to the latest ruling from the court when the court, when the filing with, by the courts with the Ogema and Israel Stone and it was against . . .

Howell interrupted _____ (inaudible) instead of trying to tell me to go look up court cases in a closed building. Just tell me who is it? It should be pretty easy.

Pete said I'm trying to answer your question.

Howell _____ (inaudible) at the grocery store. At the end of the day everything come back to me. It came back to Martha because I was in charge. So who is? Who's in charge? That's all. At the end of the day if somebody _____ up and tells us who is in charge it should be a simple name. It should be easy.

Councilor Corey said Larry is in charge of the casino Martha.

Howell said thanks Dave I was just wondering because it seemed like nobody knew so I appreciate the answer.

Somebody said yes, thank you.

Pete said anybody else in public comment.

Matthew Chandler asked to get in the cue.

Pete said yes you can.

Chandler said thank you Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of questions that will help me clarify. The distribution that was voted down, what budget was that coming out of. Was that coming out of a casino budget or was that coming out of a government budget?

Pete said that was coming out of the government budget.

Chandler said okay. Um, so if, if we were worried about that money coming out of, prohibiting us from opening up the casino earlier, or opening up the casino because we don't know what is going on, I don't understand why, if that was our government budget item why the casino would even be a concern with it.

Pete said are you talking about the casino or what are you . . . I don't understand what you are talking about.

Chandler said no, the, the budget for the distribution that was voted down . . .

Pete responded yes . . .

Chandler noted you said it was coming out of a government budget.

Pete responded yes . . .

Chandler said I heard some of the people say that they don't know the future of what is going to happen with the casino so why would that, not knowing about the casino effect that payment that was going out to the people from a government budget.

Pete said very simply, the simplest way I can answer that and try to keep it the simplest way, some of the people that voted either for it or against it the people that voted for, against it, they don't know how much money the casino is going to take to re-open because the casino has to distribute all their money over to the government. It is going to take an amount of money for that casino to re-open. That is as far as I'm going to go on it because I don't have any other information on it. Is that okay? Is that enough?

Chandler responded yeah, I understand that but again um then how does that money, if we don't know how much the casino is going to need to re-open are you saying that we will take money from the government and give it to the casino to re-open?

Pete said what are we going to do if they don't have the money to re-open do we just let them stay still.

Chandler said I don't know. I am asking you. Are we going to take funds from a government budget to help the casino re-open?

Pete answered more than likely.

Chandler said okay.

Crampton said wait, let me get in the cue, this is Shannon Crampton because I want to answer that.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said yeah you are more than likely going to do that. Why do you deny giving members the money? That is what happened in the interim and I don't think, and I think _____ to support their duties constitutionally. I think there was a lot of conflict of interest that were not observed in the Ethics Ordinance.

Chandler said that is the reason why if you are done Shannon.

Crampton responded yeah.

Chandler said that is the reason why I kind of ask um we are saying that casino is not having any revenue coming in I was wondering if the Ogema because he is in charge of the casino, if he could just kind of put out, okay, since we are not, since we don't have any money coming in this is how much we are spending on the casino every single day. And this is how much money we are going to need to re-open so that citizens like myself can have a better understanding of why we are not getting the \$500 payment.

Ogema Romanelli said this is the Ogema and I am back on again.

Chandler said is that something you can do Ogema sir.

Romanelli said to answer a few questions, I'm sorry, I'm getting ready, it's quite weird ah I have a Board of Directors meeting or whatever it is called now with the Resort to handle the monthly issues and we have things going on so I'm trying to get ready for that. I had to move it from 2:00 to a 1:30. We do have set aside money that we put in for the budget to re-open the resort. As you know the resort turns over monies to the government regularly that is what they have to do. They don't really hold money so yes we have set aside and depending on when we re-open is

how much money they are going to need to get restarted, you know. It is all a guessing game. But yes, I don't know if that answered every question.

Chandler said from, from what I understand ah Ogema Romanelli is that we do have funds set aside already for the re-opening of the casino.

Romanelli said yes we do.

Chandler responded okay, I'll go back to my original question, if the, if the \$500 was for, was given out of a government budget then why does what is going on with the casino effecting that?

Romanelli responded well because the amount of money \$500 that we are talking about comes out of the, the operation . . . the general fund basically. So when you have to, and again, I think others have mentioned it, you have restricted and unrestricted funds so when you take and, again I will \$28,000,000 you don't really have \$28,000,000 that you can just, you know, handle openly so we have to watch what the unrestricted funds are, what the set asides are, whether it be housing block grants or whatever and take that. So when you are giving the money and in this case it is about \$2,000,000 that comes under unrestricted funds. That amount is not a really huge amount of money so I think, I don't know that I am still answering your questions. I'm sorry, I'm still getting ready for my next meeting at 1:30.

Chandler said it doesn't make . . . that is the reason why I would ask for someone in the leadership to say, okay this is how much money we are spending on the casino every single day and I would like to separate wages from normal expenses and this is how much money we are going to need to start up. We have this much money in start up funding but we might need more ah, if that is the case. Because the fact that the money is already sitting there and the casino already has start up money I don't see the problem with the \$500 check. My other concern is, is the June per cap is because I've heard rumors that we aren't going to have a June per capita or July per capita excuse me because of the ah casino being down but doesn't that per capita check come from revenue from two quarters ago. So are we not being financially responsible to say okay we still have to give this, the July per capita payment because based off revenue on these quarters?

Romanelli responded yes and no. The per capita payment that is going to be paid in July is going to be very, very small because that represents the income from January, February and March. January and February are naturally two small months as usual. The fact that we closed down half way through March greatly changes that and so the per capita is going to

be next to nothing, or it isn't going to be that big I guess, and then is every day that we are shut no per capita is made so the next one after that being April, May, June, we are already through April and half way through May people should not be expecting much in the way of per cap for the other one in October so yeah, they are both going to be small to nothing. It depends on when we re-open and that is still part of the problem. If we have a set opening date, it is very dangerous to be spending money for anything you know including wages. We are looking at that too on both sides of the street and we kind of have to gauge that and the barometer keeps changing by the day, sometimes by the hour so we are doing the bet that we can and I hope that answers that. I do have to leave because I have to get on to the next meeting.

Chandler said okay, thank you Ogema Romanelli.

Romanelli said no thank you I appreciate it.

Ogema Romanelli left the meeting.

Chandler said I am still a little confused. I understand that he had to go. My main concern is that we are doing all kinds of expenditures out of the casino and we are not pulling anything in and we are not looking at the more to cut to kind of save that money for when we do re-open. Um, but again, that is just my opinion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said thank you so much. Is there anybody else in public comment period?

Samantha (not last name given) said I am kind of confused. With the precautionary things that we have at the casino, all the extra sanitizer, the ah sneeze guards that kind of thing, the masks whatever, do they come out of a general fund or did that come from a grant. I mean, I asked that earlier and it didn't really get answered. I'm trying to see if I missed something or . . . thank you.

Pete said if you are asking that of me Samantha I can't actually answer that question of how they got the money. They put up these sneeze guards and it may have been stuff they had in stock. I don't know what but like I said I have not been in that casino for three months.

Samantha said okay. I didn't know if somebody knew that answer or you had seen numbers or anything like that. I was just wondering because um I know that people are worried about money and I didn't know if you know if that was a budget thing or if it was something that came out of our general fund and that's why so many Tribal Council members are worried

about it. I'm just trying to understand here that's all. Thank you very much.

Pete said Samantha thank you so much Samantha. Is there anybody else in public comment?

Jessica Steinberg said I think Mr. Chandler asked some pretty direct and quite frankly interesting questions. I have a couple of comments. Again we are operating well into 2nd quarter with no appropriation to support those expenses. I think that is in direct conflict with the Budget and Appropriations Act. I guess my other question would be um the, I don't know if it is a question or comment, the Tribal Gaming Enterprise, the casino has a budget and now I am understanding they are holding back operational funds with their budget amendment then by whoever has the oversight, the Task Force, the Board of Directors, or whoever that may be to allow that money to be withheld for their opening. I know it is necessary but we do have budget laws. I think the other thing is the comment, I know that the Ogema and Tribal leadership has stated met with the Governor and the Governor is looking at some vendors in Las Vegas as far as how the casinos out there are planning to open. We have about 1,400 machines if I read our gaming report correctly with the state gaming commission so those measures out there are taking those counts down to about 1/2 capacity. So now we are talking about revenue being generated from about 700 machines. Um, I'm not sure that a simple budget projection is going to be as easy as everyone thinks but I certainly would and wholeheartedly _____ the Council, since you are the appropriators and have the authority set forward a hearing on these reforecasted budgets and get the information out to the tribal citizens. We are all doing all this guess work by about 700 machines operating. In Vegas they are not talking about operating table games. Part of that more than a 1/4 capacity, um, I would be curious to know these projections um are rolled into any of the costs of operating the government's budget and the casino's budget. I think the way to get to that is a hearing to compel the information because you know, I think these discussions have gone on long enough about where is the money coming from. We know they are not getting appropriated from the gaming revenue right now. We know the federal dollars have a specific purpose. We also know, from those of us that read everything that we can get our hands on, that the gaming enterprise may or may not be eligible to receive CARES Act relief because of the number of employees that we have. So let's put it out there in a hearing and have some open discussion and some brainstorming from the membership about how to address the priorities of service going forward in this fiscal year let alone 2021. I guess that is my comment. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Pete said thank you. Anyone else under public comment.

Chelsea Densmore said I completely couldn't agree more with what Jessica said and I hope that is something that can be done as soon as possible. Shannon was talking about getting financial documents before next week and I don't know if that is something you can get specific numbers based on what the _____ projected. It sounds like you guys that did vote down to appropriate the funds are doing so because you don't want to spend the savings, for lack of a better word, on the \$2,000,000 of the \$7,000,000 right because that won't leave enough of a safety net for the casino and everything else and maybe giving specific hard numbers as what _____ could be helpful but I couldn't agree more.

Speaker Pete said are you finished.

Densmore said yes, I'm sorry, thank you.

Pete said I just didn't want to cut you off. Okay, is there anyone else?

Councilor Crampton asked to get in the cue.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said okay I did put forward a hearing, a hearing, ah _____ document or ordinance for Tribal Council. I think that we were either told that we didn't need the ordinance but we still need another work session on it. I will try to put that forward as quick as possible because this absolutely, absolutely needs a hearing because I don't believe what happened today was representative of the truth and the people who voted on the other side either don't understand financial duties or there is something else and I want to bring this to a hearing because I do not, I absolutely do not agree with the assumption that the Ogema is controlling the casino right now. It is up in the air since that court case. There has been insinuations by the Speaker, by Ms. Lonn, by the Ogema. It is all over the place but there is no hard case ruling and that ruling was on a process and it is still up for appeal. So the question is, who is authorizing these expenditures over at that casino because Council isn't. That seems to be the issue of the day. I don't believe that some of those expenditures are appropriate right now. If everybody is talking about what straits we are in, I want to bring it forward in a hearing and show you exactly what the people who voted denying you \$500 are actually approving.

Pete said Shannon are you finished?

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay. Anyone else in public comment?

Susan Thull said thank you I wanted to get in before you closed. I just have a few things and it has nothing to do with this relief payout. Could we, again, I'm asking Gary to get those minutes up and posted. The last ones that are on the website are from December. I am also asking for the financials. There are no financials for December or for the past year and this year and we do not have February, March or April. All we have is January. So get the financials posted. Um, and also, Gary, we are doing this over the phone now and it is difficult for your membership to keep up with everything if we could please start posting the amended agenda so that we do know what the adds are.

Someone said yes, please (they were not recognized).

Thull said also um I would like to ask Mr. Speaker who is the casino task force. Who are the members right now?

Pete said there are no members on the casino task force right now.

Thull said there is no one on the task force at all?

Crampton said the more appropriate question is who is Larry meeting with today.

Thull said yes. I'm sorry . . .

Pete said I'm sorry but I don't . . . okay, go ahead.

Thull said I thought at one time it was just Joe Riley and I thought we were supposed to be comprised of 5 people and some of them were you know non-leadership, non-elected officials. But I thought at first it was Joe Riley, then it was Larry, and then I thought that we did put a few more Councilors on the task force. Am I incorrect? There is no task force right now?

Pete said I can answer that.

Thull said yes.

Crampton said actually there is no unified determination yet.

Thull said oh, okay.

Pete said okay.

Thull said okay but I think the membership should have um something put out so at least we would know who is running the business though but I heard that it was Larry so I guess we don't have an oversight I guess. Maybe it is called the oversight board. I don't know if I am calling it the correct thing but anyways, I will move on from that. I did want to tell you and I don't know if anyone else has gotten this but I did get a survey from the Odawa, an email, and they are asking some questions and I thought it was pretty good something I don't know if our casino is doing that. Um, but they asked if you think you will visit um the casino, if you plan on coming as soon as they open, um it asked about attending their concerts, what dining options you are interested in. And it was probably about 10 questions. But I just wanted to let you know that is what the Odawa is doing. They sent out a survey by email to their customers and that is all I have to say thank you.

Pete responded okay, thank you Susan. Alright is the cue exhausted?

Thull said I just remembered one other thing I wanted to talk about. This is Susan again. I see on your closed that you are, that there is a contract for the management services and I know you can't speak to this right now but there is a contract with management services for the spa and my feeling right now is that right there if we are putting money down or if we are agreeing to something with the situation as it is, who knows how long before anyone would come to that spa. That is the type of thing I think just weights on all of that. Um, I know that is in closed so that's it here thank you.

Pete asked if there is anybody else that needs to be in the cue?

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 Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

VIII. Open Session

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION; by DiPiazza;
supported by Lonnn.

Pete asked if anybody was going to abstain?

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Entered second open at 2:15 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-136 AND 139,
MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION, RESOLUTION # 20-
0513-137 AND 138, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by
DiPiazza; supported by Lonnn.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-136,
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH DOCUSIGN,;** by Lonnn;
supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C3

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonnn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne –	Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-137,
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COPPER 5**

MANAGEMENT LLC AND LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT; by
Lonn; supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call #C4

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-138,
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT OF LIQUOR
LICENSE;** by Lonn; supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call #C5

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0513-139,
APPROVING THE TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF 2020
ANNUAL OPERATING AND FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE
COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL OPEERATING
AND FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN THE LRBOI AND USDA
FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C6

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO MOVE US OUT OF SECOND OPEN; by Lonn;
supported by Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #13

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)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathleen Bowers
Transcribing Assistant


Gary DiPiazza,
Tribal Council Recorder