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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 17, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg: I'm going through the list here to see who's attending online.

Recorder: Roy Vanas

Vanas: here

Recorder: can you state your tribal ID please

Vanas: #4906

Recorder: miigwech; Al Metzger

Metzger: #890

Recorder: Laura Echelbarger

Echelbarger: #2276

Recorder: last two digits- 0066,

Burmeister: yeah, Michael Burmeister #945

Recorder: Angela Rabb

Rabb: Angela Rabb Finance Department

Recorder: iPhone guest

Waitner: Connie Waitner #0022

Recorder: Jolene O'Signac

O'Signac: Jolene O'Signac # 3866

Recorder: Keegan Bordeaux

Bordeaux: Good Morning

Recorder:

Recorder: Lee Ivinson

Ivinson: #99

Recorder: Martha Howell

Howell: Martha Howell #3635

Recorder: Misty Silvas

Silvas: Misty Silvas #2488

Recorder: Samantha Holley

Holley: # 3989

Recorder: Sara Agosa

Agosa: Sara Agosa, #4478

Recorder: then we have Shannon Crampton, Speaker Crampton

Recorder: Stacey Cheney

Cheney: Stacey Cheney #992

Recorder: Susan Thull

Thull: #3727

Recorder: we have Venus Torres

Recorder: Vicki Wells

Wells: Victoria Wells # 4841 Good morning!

Recorder: good morning, mino kezhap

Recorder: the last four digits of the phone number 4584, your on mute, the last four digits 4584 will come back to you and hopefully you figure it out

Recorder: lets see 2226 last digits

T. Burmeister: Good Morning everyone, Tammy Burmeister #351

Recorder: oh ok good morning, mino ok; im back to 4584 please announce who you are please, if you don't I am force to put you in the waiting room. 4584 is your phone. I am going to ask one more time 4584 please. Ok I am force to put you in the waiting room. She was on there and then gone. Ok give it to Speaker Crampton.

Speaker: Thank you Welcome everyone to the May 17, 2023, meeting of Tribal Council. Ah before I ask the recorder to lead us into prayer, I just like to mention that I received some disturbing news the other night a tribal elder walked on and personal friend Roberta Tate. So I just ask that the members keep the Ross, Tate and Lones family in your prayers at this time.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash Interpretation to English:

To the Creator for gifting us another day we ask that he heal our hearts our minds our soul and our spirit that we walk in a good way we say Chi Miigwech for everything we have and everything we don't have. We ask that you be with us and all throughout the day and be with those, that are out there with those loved ones who turned around and took that journey within the last month. Be with the family, friends and loved ones and comfort them in your way. Aho Miigwech , Miigwech Miigwech, Miigwech, aho.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Recorder Please do a roll call.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Absent	P. Johnson - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present

R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	S. Lewis - Absent
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Quorum established.

Recorder: Oh who did I miss, oh we do have seven We do have Quorum Speaker.

Speaker: Ok Thank you. Next item on the agenda is to approve the agenda. So I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY May 17, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: REMOVE: IIIB.1. ADD: V.F. ADD: VI. A.& C
by Wolfe supported by Wittenberg

Speaker: ok Motion by Council Wolfe Supported by Council Wittenberg. Is anyone going to abstain from the item. Any further discussion from council, anything further from the membership ok Sara Agosa.

Agosa: can you please state what items are being add, thanks

Councilor Wolfe: ok Removed: 1. Acceptance of Contact Funds from U.S Environmental Protection Agency- Performance Partnership Grants And Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2023-___ in the Amount of \$798,156 and ADDED: Add: F. Natural Resource Commission March 2023 April 2023 and Add: A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report April 2023 and Add: C. Elders Committee February 2023

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton asked Recorder to do a roll call.

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said the agenda has been has passed

C. Tribal Council Minutes

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FILING; None submitted.

Speaker: I know the membership has been kinda asking about this, and council has been in a quarry we have received word that one of our staff is going to be out on medical and we are on that. that will take us to

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budget expenditures**

1. Approval of Julie Wolfe to Attend Midwest Region Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations Conference June 26-30, 2023

J. Wolfe

The Conference will take place at the Ho-Chunk Casino in Black River Falls, WI

Speaker: we removed item 1 I'm sorry that takes us to item C. Turn it over to Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you, uh this is just an approval by motion to attend a conference for mid west region food distribution program on Indian Reservations on June 26-30. Each tribal councilor has a specific amount budgeted for travel and this falls within those guidelines. Its just been a practice to bring it forward so all are on the same page. So its just a motion for approval Thank you

Speaker: any questions for Councilor Wolfe. I understand, that our program will be spotlighted, so it would be good to have a representative there. I know I have received all kinds of emails over the yeats about absents of leadership at these conferences, I believe it's something that council and the executive need to be aware of in the upcoming years so I support this. Misty Silvis

Silvis: yes, just a comment so, if Councilor Wolfe does happen to go over there, I think it would be something really nice for her to let the other tribes be aware of that the USDA has expand meat and poultry approved of processing plants for tribal communities um their allowing them to process bison, reindeer, salmon um just to get more food out to tribal communities just to so their aware of it. Thank you.

Speaker: oh thank you, that was excellent concern, but you will find out when you get on council when you go to these things everyone is aware of most of this stuff.

Metzger: is Mr. Friedel going to being he is our director of food distribution?

Councilor Wolfe: I believe he will be in attendance, that is one of the reasons I was encouraged to go because they are spotlight our new food distribution center storefront concept, so I believe he is making a presentation.

Metzger: Awesome Miigwech

Speaker: Not to speak to much out of turn, but when spotlight this is when the other tribes will be watching us, so as a leader it will be appropriate to have leadership there to represent this. So does anyone have anymore questions for Julie Wolfe.

Approval of Julie Wolfe to Attend Midwest Region Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations Conference June 26-30, 2023 Motion by Wittenberg, Supported by Wever

Councilor Wever: I will support, but did we get a number off of that?

Recorder: no, it's a motion

Councilor Wever: oh it's a motion, I will support.

Speaker: ok Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. If there any further discussion from council. Anything further from the membership. Oh I'm sorry go ahead

Councilor Wolfe: I will be abstaining on the item since it's my name in consideration thank you.

Speaker: All right, thank you. All right um is there any further questions to the membership? One more time for Council. Hearing nothing please do roll call.

Roll Call # 2

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

(6-0-1-2)

Recorder: Six in favor of motion has passed for Julie Wolfe to attend Midwest region

Speaker: All right, Thank you. That's going take us down to our next item of business which is

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema** **Tribal Ogema**
- 1. Operations Report** **None Submitted**
 - 2. Financial Report** **None Submitted**

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** ☠

B. Enrollment Commission **March 2023**

Speaker: I'll entertain a motion to accept.

Motion to accept the Enrollment Commission for March 2023

Motion by Johnson, Supported by Wolfe

Speaker: Is there any further discussion from Council, seeing nothing um Susan Thull did you have something?

Thull: I did raise my hand, but it was um when you mentioned the operations and financial report um I can just make my comment in

Speaker: We can pick that up in public comment

Thull: Fine, thank you

Speaker: All right, thank you. Ok is there any further questions for the membership? Anything further from the Council; hearing nothing, please do a roll call

Roll Call # 3

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: The Enrollment Commission has been accepted

Speaker: Ok thank you, that's going to take us down to the next item which is

C. Gaming Commission **April 2023**

Speaker: I will entertain a motion to accept.

Motion to accept the Gaming Commission for April 2023

Motion by Johnson, Supported by Guenthardt

Speaker: Is anybody going to abstain, any discussion from Council, any further discussion from the membership; one more time for Council. Hearing nothing please do roll call.

Roll Call # 4

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: Seven in favor uh the gam acceptance of the gaming commission report has been passed.

Speaker: Ok thank you that's going to take us down to our next item of business

- D. Health Commission** **None Submitted**
- E. Housing Commission** **April 2023**

Speaker: I'll entertain a motion to accept

Motion to accept the Housing Commission for April 2023

Motion by Guenthardt, support by Wever

Speaker: Is anybody going to abstain, any discussion from Council, any further discussion from the membership; one more time for Council. Hearing nothing please do roll call.

Roll Call # 5

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

(6-1-0-2)

Recorder: Acceptance uh report for the Housing Commission has been accepted

Speaker: Ok thank you, and that is going to take us down to the

F. Natural Resource Commission March 2023

Speaker: An add and we have set for March 2023 and April 2023 and will entertain a motion to accept them both or individual, however the motion maker wants to do it

Recorder: I have uh Speaker Crampton I'm my sheet here I have both of them individually

Speaker: Ok then, we will take them individually, I'll entertain a motion on the first set for March

Motion to accept Natural Resource Commission for March 2023

Motion by Wolfe, Supported by Johnson

Speaker: Is anybody going to abstain, Anything further from Council, anything further from the membership

Councilor Wolfe: I have a comment

Speaker: Please go ahead

Councilor Wolfe: So um in tending this commission meeting it was noted by one of the Commissioners and I wanted to rely to the Ogema if he can get um his departments to support the commissions work and attend though sometimes they're needed for information to continue the work of the commission and natural resource has not had anyone staff wise available for participation in those meetings so if you can just relate to that department, sometimes it is necessary when they have items to discuss thank you

Speaker: Ok is there any further discussion on the item. Ok I am hearing none so please do roll call.

Roll Call # 6

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: Natural Resource Commission report for March 2023 has been accepted.

F. Natural Resource Commission April 2023

Speaker: Ok thank you, and now entertain the acceptance of April 2023

Motion for Natural Resource Commission report for April 2023

Motion by Wolfe, Supported by Guenthardt

Speaker: Is anyone going to abstain on the item? Is there any further discussion from Council. Anything further from the membership. One more time for Council. Hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call # 7

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: the commit the Natural Resource Commission report for April 2023 has been accepted.

Speaker: Ok thank you that's going to take us down to our item which is

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report April 2023

Speaker: I will entertain a motion to accept

Acceptance of Little River Casino preference report for April 2023
Motion by Wolfe, Supported by Wittenberg

Speaker: Is anyone going to abstain on the item. Is there any further discussion from Council. Anything further from the membership one more time

Cheney: can you put Staci Cheney in the queue

Speaker: Oh please go ahead Miss Cheney

Cheney: Um Julie you usually read this to the membership do you mind doing that for us.

Councilor Wolfe: Sure, I can share for, for April 2023 we have a total of 649 employees of those 22 are native, 505 are non-preference, 71 are tribal members, 18 are in preference category spouse and 33 are in descendant category.

Cheney: Thank you

Speaker: Ok is there anything further from the membership at this time all right. Um one more time for Council. Hearing nothing please do roll call.

Roll Call # 8

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: The Little River preference report for April 2023 has been accepted.

B. Biskaabiiyang Committee
C. Elders Committee Minutes

None Submitted
 February 2023

Speaker: I will entertain a motion to accept

Motion to accept the Elders Committee Minutes for February 2023
Motion by Johnson, Supported by Wolfe

Speaker: if there any further discussion on the item

Councilor Wolfe: I just have one comment

Speaker: go ahead

Councilor Wolfe: Just to let all the elders know, we did because Tammy Burmeister was seated on there a notice that there will be an election happening at the June meeting to

replace her position on the committee. I think it was announced at this May meeting but in June the election will actually be happening. Thank you

Speaker: Thank you. Ok um is there any discussion from the membership. Anything further from Council. Hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call # 9

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

(7-0-0-2)

Recorder: The Elders Committee report for February 2023 has been accepted.

Speaker: Ok thank you that takes us onto our next business which is

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Acceptance of the Partial Final Report for the 2023 Regular Election Board Election The Election Board Certifies the Following Partial Results for the 2023 Regular Election

Councilor Wolfe: I don't see any members of the election board to represent that but

Councilor Wever: Lee is on.

Recorder: Laura Echelbarger is on there

Councilor Wolfe: do either of you want to explain the item. Lee or Laura. I guess I was saying I don't see the chair available. Seeing no responses its just acceptance of the partial financial report of 2023 regular election the election board certified the following partial results for the 2023 election so Tribal Council is going to accept those with the swearing in being at next weeks Tribal Council meeting.

Speaker: Okie Dokie if there's no further questions I will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor DiPiazza: I have a comment, not make a motion

Speaker: oh please go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: Just my presumption on this is the report just needs to be accepted and not voted on so; I can't vote on this whatsoever because we are putting ourselves in a last uh vote after the membership is already voted so it's just me.

Speaker: thank you for explaining that yeah um its just acceptance of a report and we have to accept them um Sara Agosa

Agosa: My question is who who will be seated?

Councilor Wolfe: so for the partial report, report today what we are accepting today is office of the Ogema, office of the election board, office of Tribal Council nine county.

Speaker: is is that good Sara?

Agosa: Yes, thank you

Speaker: Ok, all right, if there is no other questions or comments at this time I will entertain a motion

Cheney: can you put Staci Cheney in the queue, sorry Shannon

Speaker: Oh no problem, no problem go ahead Ms. Cheney

Cheney: Well um, my question is about since they are missing the outlying representatives or that won the election um can that be an add-on for next week or does that mean that they can't be sworn in at the same time

Councilor Wolfe: I can comment

Speaker: Please do

Councilor Wolfe: So if we get the additional partial report that certifies those election results we'll probably call an emergency meeting to accept that report and then add them into the swearing-in next week. It does say on our notice that was published that um the ele the election board will submit us a second partial financial report concerning the office of Tribal Council outlying and Tribal Council Court when the issues with the candidates financial reports have been resolved.

Cheney: Thank you

Speaker: Ok, um oh I'm Sorry Misty Silvis

Silvis: Yes, I just had a question so if if um you had to wait for this meeting to accept it why then didn't you hold a special meeting after the election board presented the results to accept it prior to this meeting for the partial to go through for um those of us to get elected or sworn in today

Councilor Wolfe: So typically, that is how we do it. We accept the report and then the following week we do the ceremony that gives Tribal Council time to prepare the ceremony get the things in place that we need for that feast and that swearing-in and get the joy, and make sure the judges are available for Oath of office. It's been done like that for all of time and then what I noted about a special meeting if we get the second partial report for the 2023 election we would call a special to accept that so that we can keep costs down on the swearing-in so that we can provide the feast and ceremonial part for both.

Speaker: Does that cover it Mrs. Silvis

Silvis: yes, thank you

Speaker: All right, I think I have Ogema Romanelli

Ogema: Thank you, Uh I was going to bring this up afterwards during the Ogema's presentation but since we're there uh again I believe that it calls for our rules an regs called for once the uh final is here you need to install at the next regular meeting if its been done the way you've doing it now it's been done incorrectly all these years or for whatever times we're doing it uh I believe that Misty Silvis and Tammy Burmeister were approved. I think they should have been installed today and can approve the acceptance and do the installation at the same time they should have been here I think they should be paid from today going forward. I think is still incorrect and I would appreciate uh that we look at this in the future. If you're going to do a ceremonial thing for all those installed, you wouldn't have had to do it today you could have waited until all of them are finalized if you wanted to do it that way and not do two separate things. I think it's more important to get the people seated then it is to have the ceremony quite honestly. So I will leave it at that, thank you.

Speaker: Ok um

Cheney: Can you put Staci Cheney back in the queue

Speaker: Um yes Ms. Cheney go ahead

Cheney: Well I think that actually what Ogema Romanelli made was a good point because he's actually, I want to know who he's talking to because this has been a really good point of conversation because, is he talking to council when he's saying this or is he talking to the election board who is he talking to

Ogema: To answer I'm talking to Tribal Council, I think the Election Board has done their job uh it isn't up to them to install it's up to them to give their final reports out and I think they've done their job I think just for this on the Tribal Council

Cheney: But they just gave their report to the Council this week

Ogema: Correct. And it says that at the next regular meeting which this is.

Cheney: The next regular meeting that would be the next next week. Its not the same meeting

Ogema: Nope not correct at all

Cheney: That; well we can agree to disagree

Ogema: Yes we can

Speaker: Ok, um I now I have Sara Agosa and then Misty Silvis

Agosa: My questions to the Ogema um, the Ogema has been citing the regulations could you please inform the membership what section you're referencing

Councilor Wolfe: Both talk anyways without any oath of office if you haven't been so on and you can

Councilor DiPiazza: just accepting

Ogema: This is under the Tribal Council meeting ordinance and the Constitution

Councilor Wolfe: Are you talking about the Election Board regulations?

Ogema: I'm talking about the Election Board regulations also yes all three of those play into this

Councilor Wolfe: Ok just didn't want those left out

Speaker: Ok Ms. Agosa are you done?

Agosa: Actually no, it would be really helpful if the Ogema is going to reference our laws to reference the actual sections so that members can read up for themselves. Thank you that is my comment

Ogema: Those ordinances are posted on the website, I'm sure that you have access to those and your Tribal Council representatives are sitting here and they can also explain those to you. Thank you

Speaker: I apologize, Mr. Romanelli was not recognized but um he said what he said so that's his comment um

Agosa: Um Shannon put me back in the queue please

Speaker: Ok um why don't you just address it here so we can get through this

Agosa: Well, I would like to say to the Ogema, that once again passing the buck to Tribal Council, your referencing our laws but not the specific sections and that's very obscure to me as a member. So if your going to come to a Tribal Council meeting and try to reference our laws please reference the specific sections so that tribal members can fact check thank you that is my comment

Speaker: Ok I had Misty Silvis next but uh go ahead Misty Silvis

Silvis: I just wanted to point out that the Election Board did provide the final or partial report that was um submitted on May 11 so it was prior to this meeting date that's all thank you.

Speaker: Ok, I have Laura Echelbarger next

Echelbarger: Thank you Speaker, um I just wanted to first apologize that I wasn't available earlier I was, I'm working today and I was on the phone, so I wanted to apologize for that. Um secondly, I just wanted to say actually kinda what Misty said but we approved it on the 11 and sent it uh the next morning so actually Council had it on the 12. So um Staci Cheney had stated that we sent it this week but it was actually last Friday and I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you

Councilor DiPiazza: I was in the queue too some place

Speaker: Ok I apologize, Counselor DiPiazza go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: An so it's a partial report we've had swearing-ins of partials over the years especially back in I don't know there's a court case and it's 21-504 EB um say people probably better look that one up because that's where the courts have ruled that a partial is legal so in latches is applied. So in the way the regs read they should have been sworn in this week. And the Constitution give the Election Board the authority to to manage their own regulations so. In worst case scenario the acceptance of a partial report could be put at the top of the agenda before or after there is a roll call.

Councilor Wolfe: You didn't do it when you were a recorder

Councilor DiPiazza: (inaudible) it can be placed any place it needs to be to take care of that situation to call an emergency meeting is that even an emergency meeting.

Speaker: Is that your comment Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: that's my comment and again I you know we've accepted the report to vote on it we're putting our, we're putting ourselves in the last of the election because what happens if that acceptance gets voted down. The membership spoke they voted. So that's my comment.
That's it.

Cheney: and Shannon, this is Staci Cheney, I just wanted to ask one more question

Speaker: Ok go ahead Ms. Cheney

Cheney: Um when I referenced when about the report um coming to council I was talking about it being on the agenda I thought that this was the first week that it was brought to the Tribal Council meeting for you guys to accept it. That's all. Isn't, isn't this the first week that its been on the agenda for you to accept it

Speaker: Yes, Friday does come after Wednesday

Cheney: Thank you

Speaker: Sara Agosa

Agosa: My comment is about the swearing in ceremony since Tribal Council only has to accept the report and not vote on it would Tribal Council to consider to have the ceremony separate from the Tribal Council meeting so that members can participate in public comment. Thank you that is my comment.

Wolfe: So I can answer and speak to that I don't think it would be beneficial to have it after or without because once they take their oath of offices they do come aboard and the ones that are aren't Continuing to be seated leave so they take action and start work that day actually after they're sworn in so we take a break and then finish the agenda and those new ones that just took their oath of office would be up here seated and voting.

Speaker: Ok thank you

Councilor Wolfe: Because I'm prepared to make a motion

Speaker: Well I did one, I've been waiting for the end to make a comment and that's to say that um I don't agree with any of the statements that were made here today and if the membership goes back and looks back uh historically um the way its been done is is quite differently then the way its been done after the year 2016. There were times that no um the outlying and nine county was not held off because of one person in 2016 the Election Board held off two seats because of one person nobody could explain not even courts why the other person was held up for a year and half and the counselors that are saying they supported swearing in immediately that today did not do so that day. Or for the next year. The Election Board also in 2013 tried to deny Jamie Friedel, Janine Sam and Dave Corey the ability to run for office based on their ranks because they hadn't turned in their reports. They called in hearing office Carlos Alvarado who held the hearing and said the um the ability to run is in the Constitution. It is not under the authority of the Election Board. These are things that members can look up for themselves. So I just wanted to straighten it all out there. Other then that I do believe we have somebody wants to make a motion. Councilor Wolfe

Motion Acceptance of the Partial Final Report for the 2023 Regular Election
Motion by Wolfe, Supported by Wever

Speaker: Is anyone going to abstain on the item. Is there any further discussion from Council

Sidebar between Councilors Wolfe & DiPiazza

Councilor Wolfe: I just want to make sure

Councilor DiPiazza: do you want me to get up and leave like last time? (DiPiazza walked out)

Speaker: Hey, Hey listen lets hold the sidebars please. Ok do we have quorum

Councilor Wever: Yes

Speaker: Ok we have quorum thank you all right do we have any further discussion from Council. If not I will entertain a motion.

Councilor Wolfe: We have the motion we just need roll call

Speaker: Oh I'm Sorry then uh one more any more discussion from the membership, anything else from Council.

Councilor Wolfe: Shannon I do have one comment I did reach out to a few of the Election Board members and once this is final and we have everyone sworn in; we will bring back those Election Board regulations and clarify that language in there and they were in agreement and in support of that

Speaker: Well I'm more interested because I've asked quite a few times for that hearing determination and the hearing board is not the people who are sitting there, it is a body that has been there for a long time that body has those records there are laws about our records so I'm not so forgiving. Um but there is a motion on the floor and if there is nothing from the membership I will um please do roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Recorder: Five in Favor acceptance of the partial final report regular election has been accepted

Speaker: Ok thank you and that's going to take us down to

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 24, 2023

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema: Thank you, I just wanted to know in closed session uh they list the court cases under I believe where am I at here (*inaudible*) there we go yes it would be under E. Litigation uh and there are two items listed there that have been on for quite a while I believe there's new litigation in the courts that probably should be listed. Just for FYI. Ok Thank you. The other thing is uh last week it was said that you had lost quorum I left the meeting after that um how that's determined I'm not sure at this point. In time but there were some comments made about the Ogema's wages and also the Muskegon office.

Speaker: Mr. Romanelli this is your weekly status and business update. This is not your gripe session; now do you have anything to tell us about how you're going to fix the IT or all the records councils missing or any of the departments that are so far behind on your side.

Ogema: What the hell are you talking about?

Speaker: What are you talking

Ogema: This is part of the meeting

Speaker: This is not your gripe session this is your weekly status and business update

Ogema: I'll give you an update from last week's meeting

Speaker: Your business your business and status your business

Ogema: Recorder would you silence your speaker, since he is speaking out of turn

Speaker: I am not speaking out of turn I am moderate the meeting

Recorder: Speaker

Ogema: Oh your taking orders from the Speaker

Speaker Yes, because I moderate the meeting Mr. Romanelli this is your business and weekly status update for the membership not your gripe session.

Ogema: This has to do with business has to do with

Speaker: no it does not, this is your trying to gripe about the business of another body

Ogema: information corrected by me is that what you're saying

Speaker: No why don't inaudible information how about the lie you told about Mr. Baldry, why don't you correct that for the membership

Ogema: Why do you go of in la la land

Speaker: that's not la la land, you lie, you lied yeah you did

Unknown: beat your commentary

Speaker: No it's not and Mr Vanas, you're not in the queue

Ogema: Ok can I continue

Speaker: yeah if you got a business and status update for the membership. *On* your business and status instead

Ogema: Thank you yes it is an update

Speaker: on your status and your business Mr. Romanelli. How can we can't get to the IT records? How come when we send things over to IT they tell us that we have to wait forever. What is going on with your office.

Ogema: Ok

Speaker: are you going to fix anything Mr. Romanelli? Or just gripe about other people

Ogema: I'm going to make one more statement which has to do with today's meeting

Speaker: Please do

Ogema: If you hold true to the way you're doing the elections it will be not until sometimes in June when you install all of the newly elected people most likely because if you were to receive the remaining people even today you would not approve them or accept them until next week's meeting correct? Correct

Councilor Wolfe: Incorrect

Ogema: Why

Speaker: Councilor Wolfe you are just exasperating this little gripe session he has

Councilor Wolfe: I apologize to the membership, I wasn't in queue

Ogema: Anyway, you don't have a fifth week meeting and I believe that those installations wouldn't take place until sometime in June I'm going to end this because I'm tired of getting

Speaker: Please do because you don't have any status update for the membership. You constantly you constantly get up there to gripe about everyone to detract from the fact that you do not have any status and business update for anything you lied about the project you're behind on the IT all your departments are way behind.

Ogema: Do we really want to go there

Speaker: Yes we do this is what this spot is for your weekly business and status update

Ogema: Of the meeting minutes your

Speaker: Because of your IT

Ogema: From last year and I could go on too I don't think that's what these are for

Speaker: What is your Status update

Ogema: I'm not getting into your mud again thank you sir.

Speaker: Goodbye. Sara Agosa

Agosa: Well I wanted to ask the Ogema um I think he said that there's new litigation in the courts and I just wondered what what the new litigation is about. Does it involve elected officials

(Sidebar comments going around)

Ogema: No your Speaker wants to over speak everybody without an answer.

Speaker: Oh please, come on Mr. Guenthardt all right please, let's try to keep this to a level this isn't at a truck pull please.

Councilor Guenthardt: I'm just stating the truth you know

Councilor DiPiazza: Another truck pull

Speaker: yeah I'll see the truth about you but I don't want to go that low.

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll go I'll go have another heartache somewhere

Speaker: well don't shoot at no women and we'll be good

Councilor Guenthardt: I won't

Speaker: Susan Thull

Councilor DiPiazza: Nasty I tell ya

Speaker: Susan Thull

Thull: Yes, I did want to ask a question back when you were going over the financial reports and the operations that none have been submitted and um I did want to uh just ask why we haven't received any financial reports uh for this entire year so far its uh its January, February, March, April um reports have not been submitted and in the Constitution it says that under the Tribal Ogema um, in making quarterly reports available to the membership. Um this was about the budget um line 5 under his duties um or powers so that was my question. Um at that time I hope you don't construe this as me you know trying to get into whatever else is going on; but I, I do um everyone has things that are overdue.

Ogema: That's correct

Thull: and everyone and I would like to see everyone start getting the information out because its actually the tribal members that are at that top of the chain of command and we um I think its time that we start saying look we need these things now we you know, no more excuses lets just get this stuff done if you need to hire someone else to help, you know lets get it done. I cannot believe that you don't have financial reports from January. I cannot believe that the court, Appellate Court has not met since May of 2022. I cannot believe that all of these things are happening and no one is held responsible so the top of the chain is the Tribal Membership. I am going to voice my voice today is please get it together people. Um we need you all cooperating and we need uh, I'm demanding that people do their jobs and get the reports to the membership so that's all I have to say thank you.

Ogema: Can I be put back in the queue Mr. Recorder

Speaker: She was addressing you so please go ahead

Ogema: Ok. Thank you yes, and I can concur fully with Susan; I think that the reports all have to be brought up to date. Uh and again from each uh entity that needs to have them brought up I had asked our CFO to come up and or to be on the call to give an update as to why the financial reports were not up to speed but I'm gonna ask her to refrain from her answering because we keep getting interrupted. So we will answer next week if we get a chance and uh I think that's it thank you.

Speaker: That would be greatly appreciated its been a full quarter and council is their primary job is the money and we cannot do our job if we have no financial reports for the quarter. So that would be greatly appreciated, and I see nobody up in Mr. Vanas. Please go ahead.

Vanas: Yeah so I enjoy these meetings very much especially when they're orderly and people are not speaking out of turn such as yourself Speaker Craftstone you seem to have commentary; I I've been sitting her through this whole meeting and I've counted a total of eight times that you've made your personal commentary. Either before or after somebody and you try to explain things and uh its just not in order. You know I very much wish you the same luck you had this year if you ever run for office again.

Speaker: Oh I'm sorry, um well thank you Mr. Vanas for that and I'm pretty sure we've all read your facebook pages and um some of those off colored comments you've made. Um I do appreciate your comments, thank you very much do you have anything else.

Vanas: Yeah, just like this commentary

Speaker: Well I think you need to look at the word moderator

Vanas: Is to keep order, yeah, I I understand what it is I'm

Speaker: I don't think you do, I don't think you do

Vanas: Wha it is is someone who keeps orderly you know keeps the meeting in order not commentary. Moderator is not commentary. Personal commentary

Speaker: Ok is there anything else Mr. Vanas

Vanas: No sir

Speaker: Thank you, um do we have any other things for Ogemas weekly status and business update. Ok, that takes us down to Legislative Affairs, does anybody have anything for legislative affairs I'm sorry I wait before we go there Victoria Wells

Wells: Hi, I just wanted to remind everybody that we need to just take a deep breath and I know we're all very riled up about stuff sometimes but this goes for everybody that we should show respect, no offense to anyone but lets can we do a little more of that let's just

breathe for second and remember that. That's really all I have because yeah its nice out and I am doing deliveries.

Speaker: Ok well for all the rest of the membership I just like to point out that once again we had a perfect meeting until they came up to one item you can go back and look at all the minutes, all the videos, they're all the same all the meetings go very adult very mature until you get to one portion. Sorry but those are the facts. Mr. Wahr

Wahr: Thanks, I would like to see the rest of the meetings be posted uh the videos and the minutes. Um seems like there are several missing so we can review the ones that uh could be in question.

Speaker: I agree totally we are missing a whole bunch of records IT crashed and we have a whole bunch of stuff that is gone from our side so I totally agree with you

Wahr: So your saying IT has misplaced them

Speaker: The minutes the meetings no I think there's meetings up but we're having a problem with IT posting a lot of stuff right now. But if you go back and look at the years we've lost years of stuff.

Wahr: I'm talking recently, such as uh

Speaker: I know what you're talking about (*interruption*) I'm talking about the past too. I said I agree with you on that and we will get them up as quick as they happen but I'm pointing out that we are missing a whole bunch because of IT.

Wahr: The minutes can't be posted even though the agendas can be posted every week

Speaker: No, I thought I told you uh at the beginning of the meeting I apologize if you didn't hear about it we've been having a problem with uh the lady that does them recently and she's going to be taking out; we're looking to rectify that um I think she's going to be gone.

Wahr: So, when are you thinking we could see the minutes

Speaker: nobody's selling them from you or trying to get them done as quickly as possible. We'll get them done before we'll get them done before the financial reports.

Wahr: So, uh as a timeline could I say we could see them by the uh at the end of end of May

Speaker: Oh, I'm hoping I'm right there with you. We will get on em.

Wahr: But you can't say for sure that you cant hold anybody accountable

Speaker: What? Nice attempt Mr. Wahr but no I I can't say for any certainty, I can give you that question you can try and uh boomerang into the little snag you want but its not going to work. Ok do we have anything else

Wahr: Thanks for avoiding the answer

Speaker: yes Mr. Wahr Um if not we're going to move on to

Councilor DiPiazza: I had something under it but

Speaker: Ok go ahead, uh this is the Ogema's weekly status and business update go ahead Mr. DiPiazza

DiPiazza: No, just a reminder your bear and elk permits need to be in by this Friday May 19 by 5pm. So if you've not submitted uh elk permit or a bear permit get them into the NRD department and then the drawing will be June 10 at 1pm at the powwow grounds also this weekend it's tight lines so it starts uh Friday the 19 so a lot of warriors and come up here that served this country with more then most can never imagine so other then that, that's all I have.

Speaker: Ok does anybody have anything else for the Ogema's weekly status and business update. If not we're going to be moving on to

C Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker: Does anybody have anything for legislative affairs. Ok I'm not seeing anything so that takes us down to

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker: But do we have anything, Sara Agosa

Agosa: So since the Ogema is apparently not available right now, I just wanted to follow up about my question are there new lawsuits in the courts involving our elected officials. And I will direct that to the Speaker thank you. That is my question

Speaker: Ok I I don't what Mr. Romanelli is talking about this time, I have to look at the agenda and see what we got going on in close. I know he's throwing a little nugget out there and your trying to spread it and that's ok. I don't know. Harriette Grantsynn I'm sorry Sara Agosa

Recorder: Councilor uh Wever has her hand up, she won the share

Speaker: Sure tell us Councilor Wever go ahead

Councilor Wever: I gotta stand I gotta stand because I feel like I got a stronger voice

Speaker: All right go head

Councilor Wever: Thank you this comment or question would be for um our Bill Willis an uh Lyle Dorr is there any grants out there for the seniors that work um we can't get a lunch so I thought maybe there's a lunch available in a different grant that we could have that would come here I don't know if you have notice but there's more seniors that work here than

young people and I think your going to find that over to the casino too that your gonna have start hiring uh seniors because they're the ones that come to work. But my question is I think because these girls don't ask for a raise all they want is a lunch and I see no reason why they can't have a lunch here and I know that um the grant that is available now they say they can't have it they can't bring it over here but I see a lunch is going down to Muskegon on Fridays is that allowed but even if they don't get a lunch for five days. I can't see why the girls cannot have a lunch the seniors that work here, have a lunch for three days. That's my question thank you

Speaker: Um

Cheney: Can you put Staci Cheney in the queue when you get a chance thanks

Speaker: Yeah I'm just trying to figure out

Wells: I would like the ability to answer that if I could please

Speaker: Ok yes Ms. Wells go ahead

Wells: Hi, um there's nothing saying they can't come down and pick up their meals and those that don't have rides, I am more then happy to have them carpool with others to come pick them up. And there is nothing saying they can't do that. I can't run a delivery service because I am not allowed to be a doordash which I'm not insulting anybody when I'm saying that I'm just saying I am one person and right now I have the capability of feeding them if they show up and if I can have regular numbers of who's going to show up or to have an idea of how much to order because just to let you know the eggs for the salad bar alone you don't even want to know how much that is and I'm a limited grant funding program. I have never once told anybody they couldn't pick up their meals, I've never once said that and its part of our grant that says that I cannot deliver them like that every day unless you are homebound and that has been a policy of this grant for as long as this has been here that has been a thing as long as its been here. I'm not denying anybody food and I would love it, it's a congregate meal program which is designed to bring seniors together and I would love it if they came and joined us at Aki even just to pick up their lunch and maybe have a salad at the building that is doable. So I hope that answer some questions and as far as Muskegon goes, yes that is approved by our grant because it was listed under a congregate meal site when we applied for the grant. So and they are our elders and its not every Friday, its twice a month. I go down there, and yeah so that's that's kind of where that's at right now so if people would like to come over and pick up their meals that'd be great I have some that already do that. Um that's all I'm asking for thanks.

Councilor Wever: May I comment to Vicki Wells

Speaker: I guess you may go ahead

Councilor Wever: thank you well we used to have Val come over and pick them up but you didn't uh we weren't allowed to do that anymore and some of these girls only have a half an hour to work so she would pick up and I think it was like six meals, and then you took away their water, so they couldn't even have bottled water. But I'm asking Bill Willis and Lyle if

there's other grants there's um thousands of grants out there can we get a grant that the girls can have their meals here. I don't think they were asking much Val went over and picked them up. Thank you

Wells: Can I reply to that again please

Speaker: yup and this will be the last on this item Go ahead Ms. Wells

Wells: Understandably, so um with it comes with that, Val picking them up also not allowed because the only deliveries we can do are those who are homebound, those who are homebound. Which means that if you have the ability to get up and work and make a paycheck and stuff like that, then you have the ability to come down and pick up your lunches that is all my grant is saying and it was only allowed there was only one time it was actually allowed and that was during covid when most everybody was getting pick up lunches, because of the spread of covid and everything. So with that coming back to normal and us following the federal guidelines and the federal guidelines are saying shut down what in place for covid. That's why they're not allowed to be picked up and also these are to benefit the elders who need that socialization who needs that healthy food because if you could see some of the stuff I see out in our community; I think you might understand a little more why homebound is important and why the socialization is important because some of the things I have seen is heartbreaking. That's why I do what I do so I just want to let you guys know that if you want to come down together and it is literally a three and a half minutes to four minute drive to the government center. I've timed it because I'm over there multiple times a day. Um you are more then welcome to do that but as far as deliver goes you're not homebound and it's a congregate meal site and the government center was not listed on our congregate meal site. I hope that clears it up. As far as other grants go um yeah if there's more money out there let me know about it please because I'm still putting together a really awesome program that I hope you guys will continue to have faith in me to put together. Miigwetch

Speaker: Ok before we get to the next one people this is the kind of discussions that I do not like, because it's the abdication of duty of the executive office. Instead of getting up and trying to start little fires and griping and starting rumors maybe he should propose a project that didn't come from those guidelines when you recognize that there is a shortfall such as this. Propose a program budget for it and actually work it instead of getting up and being romper room with your time Mrs. Grantsynn

Grantsynn: Hello, um I missed out on some of the meeting and um I wasn't allowed into the meeting to begin with so but from what I have heard again Shannon is um you pounding the Ogema. And no one up there on that Council Says please stop you keep saying please stop please stop please stop every time um every time Larry wants to comment so you. I think Council um you need to choose another Speaker that doesn't have to comment on everything that anybody says that Shannon doesn't like. So that's my comment for the today.

Speaker: Thank you Mrs. Grantsynn ok then, I'm gonna to Sara Agosa

Agosa: I just need to back track a little bit, um because I'm really unsure and I just want to make sure I understand when I asked the question about lawsuits, I didn't understand the

spreading a nugget comment and this question is to Shannon. Could you please elaborate or help me understand what you meant by that.

Speaker: Yeah, I didn't see anything on the agenda Mr. Romanelli got up during his time where it says Ogema's weekly status and business update and he mentioned that item and I don't see that on the agenda that was my explanation Mr. Romanelli was throwing out a nugget just waiting for someone to comment on it unfortunately it was you.

Agosa: Ok um Shannon I was just generally interested and I felt that as though you were kinda of putting down my question um that certainly was not my intention. I just wanted the information Thank you that is my comment.

Speaker: Uh I'm sorry that you took it that way, that's not the way it was intended. I was just being matter-of-factly and I do I am a member here and I will not ever agree with an executive that advocates his duty and lets the tribe run down to this stage and then gets up and gripes about another body. That just isn't gonna happen um Lee McCaslin. Oh sorry your on mute your on mute Lee.

McCaslin: Uh yeah I just wanted to reflect on today a little but um an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. And uh the overreach of what's happening from one government body to the next; you know and there should be such a thing as a protocol and you know and that's where that other governing body comes from and that overreach you see it constantly and uh our new freshmen who are becoming councilors you know their going to be their first term or whatever and feel like I'm not going to be represented again through the outlying uh membership until something becomes you know a delay of an overreach. And so that ounce of that ounce of prevention could have saved us a pound of that cured that's happening on the executive side. Um when our freshmen step up for their new uh rule that represents all of us I just uh you know I see the delay I see the overreach, and the boundaries that were not set; and its been out of harmony for a long time. Getting back to nature of things uh you know I I also the tightline for troops that's coming in. That's more of our Legislative bodies or, or are growing. You know and honoring uh at least we forget you know we got we got things uh, we got things much bigger than we are coming at us and uh you know just being just a clam in the shell. You know you never know what's going to open up that door of opportunity to you. So I just wanted to elaborate on the overreach, um speaker you your doing what you need to try to get a handle on that and I understand that and uh that's why your Masons and your procedures would go a lot longer one when one of us stepped out of harmony because nine of you represents all of us. Um you're able to you know your able to disbar for uh a period of time you got to go through the regulations to really understand the Mason's uh and then that would get you ready for statehood or federal hood of um understanding how a government works at a state level or a federal level. And the interpretation of laws you know a better understanding and how different organizations are able to grow and uh I just wanted to comment on that a little bit about the overreach. And to step back and and take that ounce of prevention a little bit serious because the pounds of cure that needs to happen within is uh running over into different districts. Or different uh what I can or can't do so; the honor of one is the honor of all and we all heard that before and I take the nine seats of a fire that went out a long time ago and the 1934 Reorganization Act in were older then that; so you know and I know the overreach of culture, traditional values, into a

modern day system so I just um would like to close there and um in that reflection of today. Move forward.

Speaker: Thank you Elder McCaslin. Uh I do agree with you holy the Masonic Lodge is far better then the Parliamentary Rules of Order and uh when people talk about colonialism we're still following the parliamentary procedures um I do agree we probably should look into adopting the Masonic Lodge um tenants uh I think you're absolutely correct that would be better fit for the tribal for tribal um communities and governments. Um I just wanted to I, I share I know you follow the teachings and I follow the teachings too I get tired of the lies. For six weeks now we've been told we've waiting on a call from the governor and then we nailed down the person that was supposedly had the call, we had that person come in that person told us that's absolutely untrue. I tried to bring it up today, walked out of the room because you know you've been caught in a lie. One of our teachings is truth, that's why I get so disturbed when all we have is we say weekly status business update and we get a bunch of lies. That's I, I pray for harmony in this tribe and that harmony will happen when all the branches will come together and do what their supposed to do. Council comes in here gives you their business every week and does their business we get to somebody's else's business they don't want to talk about their business they want to just make up rumors and start stuff and don't look at me, don't look at the lie. I was told last week; uh its frustrating but I wholeheartedly believe in what you say and thank you for those wise words. Mrs. Grantsynn

Grantsynn: Well it's too you know when you say Larry and we wont if that's the lie that's a lie that's a lie, but you never say specificaly what it is. You just um you just go at him until he does walk out and I don't blame him because um you are being so disrespectful but um when someone else speaks that you do not agree with you do the same thing so I think its time for you to step down and let someone else be the speaker it is not going to interrupt what happens in that meeting. Thank you

Speaker: Ok and thank you Mrs. Grantsynn and I will clarify since you asked. Mr Romanelli and its in the minutes, videos told us forever that Mr. Boldry had uh he was waiting on the phone call from the governor and Mr. Boldry could confirm that. Council met with Mr. Boldry that is not true. So there that is your clarification. Um Mr. Vanas. Mr. Vanas

McCaslin: Roy you got your hand up.

Vanas: Yeah I'd like to know when the list of close session meetings that have been behind for two years is going to be on the website because I believe that's way before the so technical difficulty that you keep talking about.

Speaker: I apologize, I didn't hear the question, you're going in and out

Vanas: So I was wondering when the list of closed session meetings that has been behind a few years is going to be (*inaudible*)

Speaker: I, I if I heard your first part, I'm not aware of any closed sessions that have been kept from the membership that's incorrect.

Vanas: Well, their not on the website

Speaker: Neither are half of our records. That's the problem If you go back and look for minutes in 2016 go check it out right now your not going to find a video. (*Vanas, did make some comment*) It's a huge problem and IT is underneath the Ogema. Maybe if you spend time taking care of the business and update that would might not be the issue. Ok I've we've exhausted the queue I will entertain a motion to end first open.

Cheney: Shannon can you put Stac I Staci Cheney doesn't have a hand but can you let me go real quick

Councilor Wolfe: There is also two people who have their hands up Speaker Crampton

Speaker: Well is Mr. Vanas and Mrs. Grantsynn I don't think Mrs. Grantsynn took hers down and I tried to get to I'm sorry

Councilor Wolfe: The recorder would have to call him I can't ready as far away

Speaker: yeah, I see Jolene O'Signac and I got Staci first though

Cheney: Ok um and I will make this quick um I'm trying to think of a way to say this um using the teachings and it is to Councilor Wever. Um you've been on Council for two years now Councilor Wever and your so passionate about this lunch program and I just sort of feel that um I wish you could show this passion towards um other things that Tribal Council does like writing some legislation and um and um I sort of feel like I said this to you a couple of weeks ago that if I wanted you know if you wanted to address a citizen maybe do it privately so I am asking you if I write an email addressing some of the things that I want to say would you be willing to read it because I feel like that would be more mindful. Would you check your email. Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever: What did you ask, you want me to check my email

Cheney: I will write you an email if you check your email

Councilor Wever: Sure:

Cheney: Ok, I'll I'll do it that way; I feel like that's more, I asked her not to address citizens directly so I just dropped

Councilor Wever: Any citizens I was directing the Bill Willis and

Cheney: uh, yeah I know I'll just I'll just do that I was just gonna say something about something you said, but I'm gonna just write you a private email and so just check your email and I'll do it that way thank you.

Speaker: Ok

Cheney: I'm done

Speaker: Ok, I'll go to Jolene O'Signac

O'Signac: Yes I just wanted to thank Speaker Crampton and Susan Thull for the comments they made during the Ogema's portion of the meeting. I to get very distressed that we are not getting an update from the Ogema rather a complaint session. That's not the place to be doing it so I appreciate that I also wanted to reiterate that it is council's job to hold the Ogema accountable and as Susan pointed out with so many deficiencies in reports not um issued and done as as required. Um Council needs to step up and make sure that these things get attended to. Thanks.

Recorder: We have Samantha Holley Speaker

Speaker: I see her. Um uh Jolene you still have your hand up Jolene

O'Signac: Sorry, I'll put it down

Speaker: Ok uh Samantha Holley

Holley: Hi good morning yes um when I asked the question uh back in April well it was the end of March, that last meeting of March and then I asked again at the membership meeting about the minutes um I actually got cc'd into uh email exchange with IT because um when the minutes got posted after that meeting they posted March but then they missed the end of February meeting; and they stated that the Tribal Council would not release that meeting to minutes so I don't know if its uh miscommunication like you've said or what. But I'm just letting you know that that's what the emails from IT said so thank you that is my comment.

Speaker: Thank you Mrs. Holley. Lee did you have something else?

McCaslin: Yeah, um I just wanted to to share a little bit more about the AI and uh when taking a notice out there and the other uh places.

Speaker: I apologize. Are you speaking about artificial um intelligence

McCaslin: Right that artificial intelligence that you can feed in and uh be very aware of that it's real um just a note on some different uh things that's going on in the country is ih there's a lot of fraud going along with that and one of the incidences like um oil field right now is going through a fragile part of that and can offer you um 134 percent more then you're going to invest in you know. So their their starting those scams those fraudulent scams out there and uh so that AI all I got to do is feed it into a program and then it will tell me how the movie is going to be directed so um I see a lot of a lot of that going on in Texas at this given time but just wanted our Council to maybe put something in line or will protect us against uh you know the outside world coming in and that 3D imaging promising us more then what we're gonna get so that's that's what I had to share during the public comment.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McCaslin and I'll go to Karol Ann Chabot. Did you still have your hand up Karol Ann

Chabot: Yeah, I took it down but I wanted to comment I, I attend all the work sessions and a number of Tribal Councilors do not and as following the work sessions councilor um Wolfe,

you and Ron Councilor Wittenberg have found different things wrong during these work sessions that are not being done such as a strategic plan and there's a big uh question on the enrollment commission because they don't have all their ducks in a row so to speak. And so Councilor Wolfe, an you have done a great job of finding some of these efficiencies and finding out some of the through uh. Sorry, ordinances are not being followed if you've not been enforced since 2007 and on up so this is happening with the work sessions and want people to know that and appreciate what you guys have done and Councilman Wolfe is very uh well read she knows what she's talking about; I would like to see rest of council members speak up I see Pam Johnson there and Gary once in a while but they never comment or bring anything to the meeting forward of any suggestions or any help so that's my comment thank you, you do a great job.

Speaker: Um thank you, I'd like to take credit for all for that but I can't this body actually um done more to correct most of the problems in this tribe than any other body prior and that includes bodies that I have sat on prior we've identified uh ordinances that are not being followed as you have said. Three or four of them now um where they haven't been followed or implemented correctly since the day that they were installed some of them going back to 2007 some of them going to 2013 and these are supposed to be rules and regulations that the membership expects to be followed because their out there in print; but we found out that is not the case. Now, I hope the next body continues with that work because there are still several other deficiencies out there and most of the wiggle room that we get from the executive side that screws everything up is based on those articles so I think that if the Council does its job moving forward and continues to correct those ordinances there will be less wiggle room. Is there anything else for Public Comment at this time. I'm sorry, I will go with Mr. Vanas. Uh your still on mute Mr. Vanas

Vanas: Yeah Sara Agosa mentioned something about the Tribe and lawsuits, I was wondering uh how many personal lawsuits against the Tribe or its members have you had Mr. Speaker?

Speaker: How many how many lawsuits have I had against what?

Vanas: Have you open against tribal members or any any tribal members

Speaker: No tribal members sorry

Vanas: or the Tribe at all

Speaker: I filed against the Ogema

Vanas: Ok, so he's, he's the tribal member any

Councilor DiPiazza: Filed one against Sandy Mezeske, filed against Sandy Mezeske for slander

Speaker: Yeah, those are all public record

Vanas: Oh so

Speaker: their public record

Vanas: So what you just got done saying was a lie

Speaker: Mr. Vanas. Look, Look I'm not going to do the Duck Dynasty today with you ok Listen your, your, your, schoolyard antics I get them

Talking over each other

Vanas: I don't want with you either question how many

Speaker: Mr. Vanas

Vanas: How many lawsuits have you brought against members

Speaker: I understand you want *(talking over each other)* Ogema lying about the Muskegon project. Yes you are. Its all public record. I don't remember

Vanas: no I am asking you a question. Oh I don't remember.

Speaker: Yes there is your answer

Vanas: It started off zero

Speaker: Listen Mr. Vanas, play your games

Vanas: I don't remember

Speaker: Play your game, play your game, but don't waste your time Mr.

Vanas: No I'm just wondering if your going to be a liar or not

Speaker: I'm not gonna lie about the Muskegon project like the Ogema if that's what your asking.

(Both are talking over each other again)

Speaker: I don't remember Mr. Vanas now please you've had your answer

(Talking over each other again)

Speaker: Mr. Vanas, please this is childish now stop Mr. Wa oh my gosh

Vanas: No childish is evading an answer, this is lying about an answer

Speaker: I'm not gonna lie about the Muskegon project like the Ogema did

Vanas: I didn't ask anything about that I

Speaker: I know you didn't you're trying to steer it away, you're trying to steer away from the fact that the Ogema lied. You're trying

Vanas: It has nothing to do with that. Your trying

Speaker: I know

Vanas: Diversionary tactics

Speaker: Mr. Vanas!

Vanas: I asked you a simple question (*he kept talking over others*)

Speaker: Mr. Wahr if you would like to use your time. I've told you its public record. Now accept the answer or don't

Vanas: I was waiting to see if you were gonna tell the truth or not

Speaker: I'm not gonna lie (*talking over each other*)

Vanas: Got nothing to do with anyone other than you

Speaker: I know you want to steer it, you want to steer it, look like Duck Dynasty goodbye...
Mr Wahr, Mr. Wahr

Wahr: Hello, thank you Speaker Crampton, uh earlier I asked about the minutes for council being posted in the video recordings being posted. Uh you said its an IT issue um that they can't for some reason get the council minutes posted um wondering if its by choice uh that you guys don't provide them to the IT to uh get them posted because there's several commissions that

Speaker: I, I think we can forward you the email that we got from our director this morning asking if we could get with Its because they're not posting our stuff and we have things from our press secretary too.

Wahr: Could Could you provide that then

Speaker: yes we could

Wahr: How will you go about doing that and when can I see that?

Speaker: Um as soon as possible

Wahr: As soon as possible you have it at your disposal correct

Speaker: Mr. Wahr, as soon as I can get it to you I will do, you have an email, an email uh email me and then I'll return it to you as soon as we get done with the meeting today.

Wahr: I've emailed you in the past and you do not respond

Speaker: Mr. Wahr um I understand what your trying to do I, I know you're friends with the Ogema but that's ok, but please listen to what I am saying. Just send me an email, let's drop the rhetoric if you truly want the answer just send me the email I'll send it to you after the meeting.

Wahr: I will send you an email

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Wahr. Harriette Grantsynn

Grantsynn: Ok you do the same thing you're the one that brings up all the money you think everybody that you know that's on here that just disagrees with you is Larry's fault. It's not we just listen to you interrupting all the time, all the time and then its childish you say its childish its childish well you are being very childish because you keep commenting when you should not be, you're the speaker, you're in control of the meeting but do not comment on everything anyone says

Speaker: Are you through Mrs. Grantsynn?

Grantsynn: yes

Speaker: Ok thank you, um is there any more public comment?

Recorder: Al Metzger

Speaker: Al Metzger

Metzger: Boozhoo, Can you hear me?

Speaker: yes

Metzger: All right uh just just going to go on a couple subjects here uh one, one is about the Election Board and we're really trying to ratify a situation uh to get it back on track to get all elected officials seated uh. I think their doing a marvelous job uh but I do know outlying at this time does need proper representation. As you can tell uh one of our representatives is not again present uh so I'm just waiting on uh clarification and have the Election Board ratify the situations we, we have been working on Concerning the financial reports uh my other comment is to Councilor Wever uh I, I know you want Bill Willis to uh get grants and to deliver meals uh but why don't you also be so animated about him being a former CFO to have our financial reports updated. Miiwetch

Speaker: Ok I'm I'm still seeing Mr. Wahr's hand up do you still have something else Mr. Wahr?

Wahr: Sorry I don't

Speaker: Um ok thank you, the only thing I would say to Mr. Metzger is that this is the kind of problem that gets exasperating, I know Ms. Wells has been doing a very good job. Um and doing what she can this and the comments for the Tribal Manager and everything they have a boss. It's the executive and these problems are known for all this time, this is where you propose a program and you fund it and budget it and you take care of the problem you don't stand up there and talk about another body when you're so far behind but please just keep in mind when your talking to the people that are trying to do the jobs and stuff that they do have a boss that who is responsible. And they're doing the best they can with such a mess. At this time, if there is no other public comment I will entertain a motion to end first open.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by
Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker: Is anyone going to abstain. Is there any further discussion from Council. Any further discussion from the membership. One more time for Council. Hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Recorder: All right, favor motion in first open has been accepted, pass

Speaker: Thank you, and thank you to the membership and I just want to hear the recorder say Cindy Champagne six times fast..

Respectfully Submitted,

Transcribing

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