



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 20, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Elder, offered the opening prayer.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Speaker Pete called this meeting to order at 10:02 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 - Absent	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Speaker Pete said thank you Gary. Gary, could you please do, have people state their name and their Tribal ID number if they are on the call for this Tribal Council Meeting.

Recorder DiPiazza said yes, would anybody that is on please give their name and Tribal ID number.

Others Present: Sandy Mezeske # 0018, Kelly Danger, Dawn Moneyham # 5088, Lyle Dorr – Grant Writer, Kelly Davis # 5125, Chelsea Densmore # 3225, Susan Thull # 3727, Rebecca Liebing, Bill Willis # 0207, Mary Thomas # 194, Clatus Clyne # 890, Julie Wolfe # 1062, Jamie Friedel # 4744, Valerie Chandler - Tax Officer # 236, Frank Beaver – NRD Director, Caitlin Carey – Unified Legal, Elise McGowan-Cuellar – Unified Legal, Brad Pringle - Comptroller, Larry Romanelli, Kathleen Bowers, Jay Sam #0145, Julie Theodore # 2854, \_\_\_\_\_ Pete, Gary Lewis # 190, Jessica Steinberg # 0148

DiPiazza asked is that it? Did everybody identify yourselves? Please put yourself on mute.

Pete said Gary is that it?

DiPiazza answered I believe so.

Pete said okay, thank you Gary, thank you everyone.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

DiPiazza said I will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: UNDER GRANTS & CONTRACTS ADD WOULD BE, A1 IS AN ADD, REQUEST FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HUD INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT TO ADDRESS IMMINENT THREAT RELATED TO COVID-19 TRIBAL RESPONSE AND THEN ALSO OLD BUSINESS B, THAT ONE PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE EITHER POSTPONED OR REMOVED, WE ARE STILL WAITING ON SOME NUMBERS SO WE WILL JUST POSTPONE IT AGAIN BECAUSE NUMBERS SHOULD BE HERE NEXT WEEK;** Gary DiPiazza; supported by Crampton.

Ogema Romanelli said this is Larry. Can you please share what the last thing was that was postponed.

DiPiazza answered Old Business B. which would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR appropriation.

Romanelli said okay, thank you.

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

Susan Thull said I have a question.

Speaker Pete said okay, go ahead.

Thull said thank you. Gary, could you tell me the amended agenda is on the website so that we can follow along?

DiPiazza said I believe it was. I'm not quite 100%. There is only one add and that was discussed Monday in Agenda Review. It was a late add.

Thull said okay and what number was that add?

DiPiazza said pardon, I'm having a hard time hearing you.

Thull said what number was that add.

DiPiazza said oh, I'm sorry. Continuing Business A1. Grants & Contracts.

Thull said can you get that updated for us please from now on.

DiPiazza said we are trying. This add didn't really get in until yesterday creepers, it was kind of late. It was discussed Monday at Agenda Review. Lyle said this one popped up and needs to be added.

Speaker Pete asked if there are any further questions?

Someone (unidentified) said I didn't hear anything quite well but I was wondering what was going on with the May stimulus.

Pete said okay but we are not to that yet.

They said I'm sorry.

Pete said did you hear me okay?

They said yeah I heard you.

Pete responded okay, thank you. Is there anybody that is going to abstain?

Councilor Lewis asked if I can make a motion since there is no discussion?

Pete said a motion was made on the agenda review Sandy.

Councilor Lewis said okay, I'm sorry.

Pete said it was made by Gary and supported by Shannon.

Lewis said I am ahead of myself.

Pete said okay. Sometimes I get way behind myself so maybe we can even up. Okay, Gary please do a roll call.

**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 -	Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder DiPiazza said the agenda for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been approved with the corrections.

Kathleen Bowers said Gary, this is Kathleen, Ron, this is Kathleen, I just went ahead and put the amended agenda on the website.

DiPiazza said okay.

Pete said okay, thank you Kathleen.

**C. Tribal Council Minutes**

Speaker Pete said I show none to be approved at this time.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Request for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG-CARES) Implementation Grant to address imminent threat mitigation related to COVID-19 Tribal response**

HUD has issued an ICDBG-CARES Grant solicitation notice under the regular ICDBG-Imminent Threat Program. Based on the formula, LRBOI appears to be eligible for up to \$900,000 and there is no match requirement.

Speaker Pete believes this was Lyle who put this on. Lyle are you here to represent this?

Lyle Dorr said I am, thank you. Sorry but the way that they describe it, it needs to be expressed when we apply for the grant. Um, so this came in like late Friday afternoon so I was researching it on Monday and it looks like it is viable for us. I talked to Tara and Bill who is over the top of Housing so I believe there were some discussions internally. It looks like

we may be able to get 4 to 5 houses through this ICDBG grant to address getting people out of crowded \_\_\_\_\_ apartment complex and getting them out of there and then the other way to tie it into COVID is we had no COVID infections here in the tribe so we would like to bring numbers into the tribal housing closer to medical care and whatever else. That is the way I would look at presenting it that it is valid for us to get COVID money for these new houses, probably 4 or 5 is what we are looking at. It has to be submitted by at 3:00 on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> so I appreciate everyone's responses.

Someone (unrecognized) said June 1<sup>st</sup> is Monday.

Speaker Pete said this is just an application to apply for the grant, approval to apply for the grant, is that correct?

Lyle Dorr responded correct.

Pete said okay. This is a non-matching grant. Is that correct?

Lyle Dorr responded correct.

Pete said okay, just to let the Tribal members know. Is there any further discussion on 1?

Jessica Steinberg said thank you Mr. Speaker. Question for Lyle, Lyle what will be the request for the grant amount?

Lyle Dorr said it is a formula based, again, we have talked about these a few times in recent weeks so it is formula based. Our formula we use is \$900,000 available to us for this grant. We are considered one of the tribes that doesn't receive as much money for um Indian Housing Block Grant, our normal block grant and that is what the formula is based on but in context what they did is they gave all the smaller tribes up to \$900,000. Like our normal one would be like I think it is like \$93,000 or something like that. So anyway, it is a significant 10 times what we normally receive for this type of a grant and they just did that to help out the smaller tribes to be able to really do something with the funding so.

Steinberg said thank you Lyle.

Speaker Pete said Jessica are you finished? I didn't want to cut you off.

Steinberg responded thank you Mr. Speaker, yes, thank you for the information Lyle. That was, that was very good to hear.

Lyle Dorr said your welcome.

Pete said is there any further comments? Or a motion?

Jamie Friedel noted Lyle said it was 4 to 5 houses, how much is that per house then since we are only applying for \$900,000. I think the houses are what \$250,000.

Lyle Dorr said yeah, it is under \$200,000 a home. We are looking at 2-to-3-bedroom homes. They are modular so we are able to get them in. We have 2 homes going in and they are just about finished now and they were both under \$200,000 I want to say or \$180,000 something or whatever.

Friedel said okay, thank you, because I know, I know some of the houses were getting up there in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range.

Lyle Dorr responded right. This, Michelle had worked with this company and found them and the Housing Commission had it and they did some bidding on stuff in the past and this company seems to be pretty reliable and um does a good job so we will see. It is an affordable option, like you said, they are getting up there.

Jamie Friedel said alright, thank you. The 2 houses that they did built those are actually really good-looking houses. Thank you.

Lyle Dorr said great, good to hear.

Pete said thank you Jamie. Thank you Lyle. Are there any other more, is there any more questions under A1 for Lyle or anyone? Okay, can I get a motion to approve applying for the grant?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-140, REQUEST: FOR A HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG-CARES) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT TO ADDRESS IMMINENT THREAT MITIGATION RELATED TO COVID-19 TRIBAL RESPONSE; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$12,133**

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete said I think Lyle or I think Bill is here to represent this.

Bill Willis said these are additional funds for fiscal year 2020 from US EPA for the Air Quality Program. It is kind of a formality to accept the funds and amend the operating budget.

Speaker Pete said thank you Bill. Is there any questions for Bill on item 1.? Can I get a motion on item 1.?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-141, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – AIR QUALITY PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-035 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,133; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Shannon Crampton said I apologize but I couldn't get my phone off of mute.

Speaker Pete said I couldn't hear what you said, I'm sorry.

Crampton said when you asked if anybody was going to abstain I was going to abstain but I couldn't get my phone off of mute. I apologize.

Pete said okay, alright.

2. **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 \$75,778**

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete said Bill, I believe you are here to represent this also?

Bill Willis responded yes sir. This item represents modification #6 of the 2020 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Service. These funds are specifically ear-marked for COVID-19 related equipment/purchases.

Pete said okay, thank you Bill. Does anybody have any questions for Bill? Not hearing any questions does anybody have a motion on this?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-142, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-036 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,778; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion.

Jamie Friedel said I would like to make a question on that.

Pete said who am I speaking with?

Friedel said this is Jamie Friedel.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry, okay Jamie, I didn't recognize your voice. Thank you Jamie.

Friedel said if that was #6 of our IHH for 2020 then why is it earmarked for equipment and services for COVID-19.



Pete said okay Bill.

Willis said the only response I can give is that a lot of these agencies, BIA, IHS, etc. are providing and awarding additional dollars even though the tribe hasn't requested them necessarily but they have awarded a number of dollars related to the COVID-19. These funds are specifically, as I mentioned, earmarked for equipment purchases related to the COVID-19.

Friedel responded so that is not any part of, this will be extra money coming in from them so we shouldn't earmark that #6 for the 2020 then correct.

Willis said well it is. I mean these, these, some of these funds, for example, these, have come in as part of our regular Self-Governance Compact whether they are COVID related or not. It is still a modification to the original award so that is why I make reference to that.

Friedel said okay, thank you.

Pete said okay, is there any more questions. Jamie, were you done?

Friedel responded yes Mr. Speaker I was.

Pete said okay, thank you Jamie. Is there any more questions of Bill on this?

Councilor Champagne said I have one. Bill, is this the one where I read if we don't use the funds for COVID that we have to return it to the government or isn't this one of those?

Willis said you are correct Cindy. If we do not spend these funds on equipment specifically we are required to send the funds back.

Champagne said thank you.

Pete said I believe that on Monday when we had a work session on this I believe that Dr. Wever was on the line and I believe that he said as to my recollection that he certainly had a home for these funds. So, I don't know if Dr. Wever is on the line but that is what

I remember him saying on Monday. So do I have any more questions on this or can I have a motion?

Jessica Steinberg said Bill maybe just so folks have a reference point one of the ways that the government transfer money to the tribe is through our Self-Governance Agreement and instruments. Because we had that contract in place it makes it quick and easy for them. Otherwise we might have to renegotiate another instrument and then it would be a separate bookkeeping matter so you know it is just a matter of housekeeping. It is easier for them to send it through the Self-Governance Compact then to do a separate agenda and another agreement.

Willis said that is correct Jessica, thank you for making that for the record.

Speaker Pete said okay, is there any more questions for Bill on item #2 or we will accept a motion on 2.

Recorder DiPiazza said the motion has already been done. Just waiting for you to call a vote.

Pete said I'm sorry, alright. The motion has been made and supported. I lost my place. Okay, is there going to be any abstentions?

Councilor Crampton said yes. I was going to abstain but I wanted to say that the reason I'm abstaining is not because there is anything wrong with these but I am the point person for this court case that is going on and I just feel that since we are waiting on another budget it would only be prudent to abstain at this point.

Pete said okay, thank you Shannon. Okay, can I have a roll call Gary.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

3. **Acceptance of grant funds from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council – Saving Lives Project and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$88,400**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete asked Bill are you here to represent this also.

Willis answered yes sir. These funds again, earlier in the year the tribe received similar funds from Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council for the Saving Lives Program or Project but those funds were not earmarked for COVID-19, these funds are. So I just wanted to make that, Council aware of that.

Pete said thank you Bill. Is there any further questions of Bill on item 3.?

Jessica Steinberg said yeah Mr. Speaker I have a question. Bill I just had a question about the sub award through GLITC from the Centers of Disease Control.

Willis said yes that is correct. These funds are, I call them pass through funds from the Center of Disease Control through Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

Steinberg said thanks Bill I'm all set Mr. Speaker.

Pete said is there any further questions of Bill on item #3.? Okay if there are no questions I am prepared to entertain a motion for this.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-143,  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM GREAT LAKES  
INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL SAVING LIVES PROJECT  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-037 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$88,400; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain? Gary do a roll call please.

Crampton said I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm going to abstain, this is Shannon I couldn't get off mute again. I'll practice getting better at that, sorry.

Pete said okay Shannon. Shannon is abstaining. Gary do a roll call.

Gary DiPiazza did not answer.

Pete asked ULD, if I've lost Gary I know I can't do both roles so what can I do here to appoint or can we vote on somebody to replace Gary?

Rebecca Liebing said you have in your Procedures Ordinance the ability to nominate someone pro temp whenever you need to so you just need to have someone step up to be the Recorder and do the roll call.

Kathleen Bowers said that might be him. Is that Gary back?

Pete said I lost Gary.

Bowers said Gary is back on I think. Gary?

Pete said Gary are you back on? Pete said could I have temporarily someone step up and be the Recorder.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, I'll do the roll call.

Speaker Pete said okay, thank you Sandy. Is that okay or do we have to vote on this?

Lewis said ULD is that by vote or can we just have somebody fill in because of the situation.

Liebing said make a motion and vote on it.

Lewis said okay.

Pete said can somebody make a motion to vote on Sandy stepping up and we can continue?

Councilor Champagne said go ahead Tom.

**MOTION TO HAVE SANDY STEP IN GARY’S PLACE;** by Guenthardt.

Recorder DiPiazza said hello, I’m back. I don’t know what happened.

Pete said okay Gary we were gonna vote to replace you so go ahead.

DiPiazza said I could hear everybody but I don’t know. I have no idea. It could have been a sunspot, who knows.

Pete said okay Gary we have asked for a vote on 3.

DiPiazza said okay.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Speaker Pete said I wanted to thank Sandy, thank you for being willing to step up okay.

- 4. Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Tribal COVID 2019 Response 2020 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$27,584**  
 Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete said Bill are you here to represent this please.

Willis responded yes sir. As I mentioned Monday . . .

Recorder DiPiazza interrupted and said if you lose me again don’t give up okay. Sorry. Sorry Bill.

Willis said that is alright. As I, as we discussed on Monday these funds are also COVID related but these are coming to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and these funds can be used for clinical supplies and vehicle expenses.

Pete said okay, thank you Bill. Is there any further questions for Bill on item #4?

Councilor Lewis said alright I don't have a question. Can I make a motion?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-144, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – TRIBAL COVID-2019 RESPONSE 2020 AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-038 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,584;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Shannon Crampton said yes, I'm going to abstain.

Pete said okay, Gary do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

- 5. Acceptance of funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Congressional Research Services (Cares Act COVID-19) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$3,637,072.13**  
 Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete said Bill I am assuming again you are here to represent this.

Bill Willis said that is correct Mr. Speaker. These funds are a result of the Tribe being, the Tribe was requested a month or so ago as part of the COVID-19, the Federal Government had 8 billion dollars available to assist tribes in their COVID-19 response, if you will. The CFO of the Tribe put together a bunch of data, Tribal enrollment numbers, employee numbers, etc. was

sent into I believe the Department of Interior, I mean Department of Treasury and so these funds were awarded as part of that, of that formula payment, if you will. I do believe there is additional funds coming but I haven't heard anything final on that. But these funds are all COVID-19 related.

Pete said okay thank you Bill so much. Is there any questions of Bill on this funding?

Councilor Champagne said I have a question.

Pete said okay Cindy go ahead.

Champagne said Bill these funds here, there is no match on it correct?

Willis said that is correct Cindy.

Champagne said okay and the other thing I want to ask if you don't, can you use these funds for anything else other than COVID and if you don't use it to the COVID-19 will any of them have to be sent back?

Willis said I believe if you don't meet the guidelines, the expense guidelines of which, just recently I think we received some guidance from Sonosky Chambers related to these funds but yeah they have to, if they are not spent on COVID-19 related expenses, we are probably going to have to end up spending, sending the unused funds back.

Champagne said thank you.

Willis said you are welcome.

Speaker Pete said thank you Cindy. Is there any further questions of Bill?

Dawn Moneyham said I have a question.

Pete said okay Dawn go ahead.

Moneyham asked do we have anything mapped out for the use of these funds yet?

Willis said to my knowledge we do not.

Moneyham said then also, is that something that can be applied to the re-opening of our casino?

Willis responded I can't specifically speak to that, not that I'm aware of.

Moneyham said okay. I am curious, the re-opening of our casino is that considered COVID-19 related?

Willis said again, I can't specifically speak to that.

Moneyham responded okay, thank you.

Pete said thank you Dawn. Pete asked if there were any further questions of Mr. Willis?

Sandy Mezeske said this is a question I guess for all the Council and Bill Willis, since the great amount of the funds that we are getting in from the COVID-19 has there been a thought to put a team together to, to spend this money? I mean a group of ah management so that, I guess I'm saying, if you put a team together then all these questions you know, one person would have an answer to it all you know if you put a team together. Just a thought. I'm done, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Pete said thank you Sandy. Are there any further questions of Bill?

Jessica Steinberg said thank you Mr. Speaker. Bill when I was looking through the treasury guidance and the way that these funds were awarded out to tribes and this particular pot of money, because all of this stuff is researchable on-line, um I was just wondering if um the data that the CFO put together was that data specific to our Reaffirmation raw territory or was it more specific to the employment picture of the Tribe. I know that wages, unbudgeted expenses to answer the COVID-19 pandemic impact was part of how these funds were awarded, I just was curious as to the population numbers or if it was based on the census data that is public.

Willis said Jessica I didn't specifically see the packet that was put together but I believe the total Tribal enrollment numbers were used, not just in a particular service area.



Steinberg responded that is great. I'm glad of that.

This is Larry.

Pete said there is one before you Larry but I didn't hear the name. Who was before Larry?

Jay Sam said this is Jay. I handled most of these CARES Act documents and ran them through the Office of Self-Governance and Communication and other sources that I used. The population request looked to be based on the total enrollment as reported I believe in 2018 on our HUD populous and census population. The number that was shown for us was approximately 3,396 people I believe. The second request was for employees of the Tribe and Tribally owned entities, which just went out, or will be going out very soon. That is what these funds were awarded from the 8 billion dollars that were upheld from a court order so and a response to COVID-19.

Pete said thank you Jay. Does anybody else . . .

Steinberg said I just have one follow-up then for Jay. This is Jessica Steinberg.

Pete said go ahead Jessica.

Steinberg said on the Tribal business entities Jay did they have a prohibition for the use for gaming enterprises in that information?

Jay Sam responded that the questionnaire basically had a line in it that said how many employees did you have for the quarter of 2019 for the government and then how many did you have for government owned entities. It didn't define what those were. So I would assume \_\_\_\_\_ have a prohibition for listing the casino as those employees.

Steinberg responded okay, thank you. Thank you that's good news.

Pete said thank you Jessica; Larry you're in the cue.

Ogema Romanelli said thank you. I just wanted to answer the question or the concern about bringing a group together on to send the COVID response. We have a group together. We have had a group for some time now that has been figuring out and applying for the different amounts of money related to COVID-19. That is where a lot of these things are coming back from because we applied early on, as early as we could. So that same group will be able to decide where we can help, decide where we can spend the funds because there has also been concerns being questioned from the US Government as to how they can spend. So we have people looking into that. We have had a group in place for quite a while and they will be very beneficial in how and where we can spend these funds.

Pete said okay, thank you Larry. Who is next in the cue.

Kareen Lewis said I just wanted to know because it sound like um that some of these funds were for employees, included employees, so is that like for the tribe and the casino to recoup some of their funds from paying salaries to people when they were actually off work or are they like funds to send out to the employees somehow? I don't understand exactly what it is for.

Jay Sam said under the Cares Act the information requested first for the population of the Tribe. They divide the 8 billion dollars to the tribes in \_\_\_\_\_. The second payment is based on employees of the Tribe. I have no idea what the rules for the expenses is supposed to make up for keeping them on staff and things of that nature or if it is just a number they are going to base on that ledger. The last one will be expenditures we made that were not part of the 2019 or 2020 budget because of COVID-19. That is the three criteria they use; they are using to \_\_\_\_\_ the money. I don't believe it is given directly to employees or cover any costs we have for those employees however related to COVID-19.

Kareen Lewis said thank you.

Pete said thank you Jay.

Susan Thull said Mr. Speaker I have a question. Thank you. This is for the Ogema. Could you give us the names of the positions of those members of the group that you said you have um for the COVID expenditures.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. I guess I would ask why. I mean . . .

Susan Thull said for our information. Why not?

Romanelli said this is getting frustrating quite honestly. We are working very hard to protect the Tribe, to protect the citizens and some of the information that people are requesting just is a little out there. Okay, I can tell you that we have a person from the Unified Legal Department, one of the attorneys. I can tell you that we have had the HR Director or HR Department represented. I can tell you that we have had the Grants Department represented. I can tell you that we have the leads involved with that. I can tell you that we have the Ogema involved with that and I believe Council has been invited to that. And right off the top of my head I think that is it.

Susan Thull said well thank you very much for answering my question.

Romanelli said can you tell . . . I mean, I guess what, what are you wanting the information for. I hate to sound paranoid but I mean some of these questions I'm not sure why they come through.

Susan Thull said I was just curious who was working on it.

Romanelli said okay, thank you.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any other questions for item #5.

Dawn Moneyham said I have one more question for Larry please.

Pete said go ahead Dawn.

Moneyham said I am just wondering who it is appointed that group that is handling the COVID-19 funds.

Romanelli said I think I put it together, yeah.

Moneyham said okay, thank you.

Romanelli said you're welcome.

Pete asked is there further questions?

Councilor Crampton said okay, well, yeah, it would be the executive that dealt with it. If you look on TV and you look at who is dealing with most of the things that come in they have, it is the governors. It is the head of the executive. It is the governor, then the president and then they have to go to the Congress or their board, their legislative body, to get it approved or ratified. So it would be the Ogema who would be taking care of this initial. Now secondly, what I don't get is I am \_\_\_\_\_ by the Ogema's answer. I think that when a member asks you something like that that there, there is no, I don't see anything propriety in that and if there is something proprietary please identify that now.

Someone (unidentified) said thank you Shannon.

Ogema Romanelli said so I will answer a couple questions here Shannon. First off are you suggesting that I should have gone to the Tribal Council to approve this group?

Crampton answered absolutely not. I am putting out that that's your ability as the executive. That's your duty. That's your responsibility to do that and then \_\_\_\_\_ you can \_\_\_\_\_, which I, obviously you said you did, but that, that is your baby.

Romanelli said thank you. Then on to your other question, some things are proprietary. You know I have to be careful that we are protecting the Tribe at all times. As you know, information goes out constantly that is incorrect and some of it comes from our own Tribal Council, not to mention some of our members. I can give you a long list right now if you want. The fact is that I have to be careful. I don't understand why somebody would want to know the names of the people that are doing this work here. I think it is a badge of honor in some ways but some of your questions are off base. As long as I am on that, I want to know why you're abstaining from the items. You said it had something to do with court. Can you please explain that.

Councilor Crampton said well this is an open court case so no.

Romanelli said so, I'm sorry.

Crampton said the answer was no.

Romanelli said I'm sorry, I still didn't hear you, you said there is an open court case no.

Crampton said the answer to your question was no.

Romanelli said I don't know what that is.

Someone interrupted saying Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said hold on you have to let people finish.

Romanelli said I guess I'm done.

Pete said Larry are you done?

Romanelli said yeah, I guess.

Pete said okay, I am getting all kinds of background noise in this and then I can't hear who wants to be in the cue. So if the person with the background noise please mute your phone or whatever you are doing so that the rest of the citizens on this call can hear. Who wants to be in this cue?

Chelsea Densmore said I do.

Pete said okay Chelsea you have the cue.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, thank you. I'm sorry for interrupting I just wanted to put myself in the cue. For the member that asked who was on the, who was in the group um I can \_\_\_\_\_ her concern for releasing names and private information but I really, really, really appreciate asking the question because it is really important to be acknowledging what parts of the Tribe, what departments are in the group, um what positions they're in, making sure that everybody is involved so that we make sure that the money is getting spent right, right. So I feel like there is a way to answer that question and be protecting just like you did right. So I don't feel like that was a bad question and I really appreciate the person who answered it. Um, and I just wanted to throw that in. Also, I do, as the Ogema, I hope you would come in a little more um, it felt a little aggressive in my opinion. Um, speaking to the membership and the Council or in the Council's meeting and all of that, \_\_\_\_\_. Yes, also you mentioned ah the information. Um, you're right, there was so much information that is skewed but that is why we are coming to the Council meetings,

we are calling into these meetings, we are trying to be involved and we are asking the questions so to be saying that the information is getting skewed on-line but then not giving us the information when we are asking is counterproductive. Thank you.

Romanelli said can I answer that.

Pete said Larry do you want to answer that?

Romanelli responded sure. I know sometimes my responses do seem a little aggressive but the aggression comes at me as well. I asked a simple question. The question that was posed by the Tribal member. And again was asked who and naming person and I prefer to not name persons, I would rather name positions, which I try to do and answer the question. So, but that question is not part of the discussion, the discussion shouldn't be part of the discussion on the substance of this grant that is on the table. That, you know, not part of the issue. We sometimes get off base on that. My question to the Councilor Crampton was very legitimate. He is asking to abstain from these because of some kind of court action. What is going to happen is we are going to get through here and then any acceptance of money or anything to do with money I'm assuming, that is what I was asking, then he will abstain through this whole meeting and I'm not sure. I know that they haven't abstained the proper way according to our Council, our Constitution. It is not being done properly but then I, I had to know why he felt the need to abstain because as you look through here we have a lot of different items on this so. But thank you for ah, for identifying that Chelsea.

Speaker Pete asked if there is anyone else that wants to be in this cue. We are talking over each other. All I heard was Ron Wittenberg. Ron did you want to be in the cue?

Councilor Wittenberg responded yeah if you don't mind.

Pete said absolutely, go ahead. There was somebody else talking and I didn't understand who so go-ahead Ron.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, ah, personally myself I can understand why that person was asking about who is on the committee. I can understand both sides but then when we turn around and we have committees we have names out there. Well it is the same thing is wrong . . . say like when the Board of Director was in effect, we all knew who was on the Board of Directors so we knew who was ah \_\_\_\_\_, whatever, what it comes up

to be. I can see both sides but the one side I'm looking at ah, to me, I don't see no problem with the person myself so but Megwetch.

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

Councilor Champagne said the only comment I would like to make is that you all know that I prefer to have transparency for our membership. I don't like a lot of stuff put in closed that I feel could be in open and when a member asks a simple question like this member did I see no reason to get defensive about it. It is not to attack anyone. They want to know what is going on and, \_\_\_\_\_ if I'm on a committee I don't care if my name gets out there. If anyone does I question why they would be concerned. That is my only comment.

Pete said okay, thank you Cindy. Anyone else want to comment? Did I have a motion for this?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-145, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICES (CARES ACT COVID-19) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-039 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,637,072.13; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion?

Recorder DiPiazza said I had a comment. This is Gary.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Gary.

DiPiazza said please keep in mind, even the, when all this was happening and the money was allocated they really still don't have a lot of protocols in place over this thing even from US Treasury. It is kind of changing as it goes. So there could be some things changing but until the Treasury Department gets more defined, um, usage, we still need to adhere to what they have out right now so. That's it.

Speaker Pete said okay, any further comments? Is anybody going to abstain?

Councilor Crampton said Shannon Crampton is going to abstain.

Pete said okay. Gary do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**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 \$2,694**

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Pete said Bill are you here to represent this.

Bill Willis responded yes Mr. Speaker. These are actually additional funds that are trickling in as part of the 2019 Self Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We may or may not see additional funds you know trickling in the future. Just have to accept the funds and amend the operating budget.

Pete asked if there is any further questions of Bill.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-146, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-040 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,694; by Lewis; supported by Corey.**

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

Councilor Crampton said yes, Shannon Crampton, I'm abstaining.

Pete said okay.

Councilor Corey said he didn't support but he will support it Ron.



Pete said I'm sorry Dave, I'm sorry I thought that was you. Maybe it was Tom I don't know. But thank you Dave for supporting it. Gary do a roll call.

Recorder DiPiazza said there is a lot of background noise can people put their phones on mute other than Council right this minute.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

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

Speaker Pete said I think this was put on, is this by Shannon or by Bill?

Councilor Lewis noted that it says Tribal Council.

Councilor Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry.

Crampton said I will represent it.

Pete said oh okay, Shannon go you got the floor.

Councilor Crampton said okay everybody knows this was put forth a while ago and voted on unanimously. At the time we had reviewed the numbers and in the interim we got some other numbers that showed how it would impact the casino and then a bunch of votes changed. Well I don't think that was appropriate and one should not be impacting the other. What we should actually be doing is looking at how this is impacting our members. I keep constantly hearing that we know how severe this is and we are watching out for our businesses and stuff well our, our Constitution obligates us to look out for the welfare of the membership. If we know it is that severe why is the membership the last people to be considered in this. They should be the first.

Now we are not, as we stated before in other meetings people have not even um discussed the impact of the um per capita yet. That is going to be huge. This was already contemplated when I put the bill together. This is why this is, this is the amount because it is going, you might get you owe us for your next per cap. Oh my God if it did I hope it doesn't go that way but it doesn't look very promising for the next ah next quarter for per cap but having said that I think that um Council really, we need to look at what we are doing here. You're not, we are not supposed to be dealing with that business over there, that is the Ogema \_\_\_\_\_. And ah we are supposed to be looking out for the membership and this is exactly what this still does. Now, now as sad as I would like it is, I would like to ah address the situation that happened at the initial vote when this happened. I called for a um ah a conflict of interest on Mr. Pete and ah the Speaker asked for United Legal review of it and at that time United Legal gave the advice that it wasn't appropriate to do that. Since then we found out that I was correct in the first place. So I would even question the validity of the first vote.

Councilor Wittenberg said Ron W. would like to speak in the cue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Ron.

Councilor Wittenberg said is Shannon done?

Councilor Crampton said well, I'm sorry but yeah I would like to raise that a conflict of interest again and have that vote like were supposed to. Because, in the interim I don't think, this is nothing personal but when we attempt to try to have discussion about how this is going the Speaker has made it overly clear in emails, in meetings, that he is very concerned about that casino, even over and above what I consider to be a duty for the membership. Then when you look at what is going on over there it is no secret that he has relatives employed over there. But I think that there is a huge conflict.

Speaker Pete said okay Ron W. and then I'm going to get in the cue.

Wittenberg said okay, thank you. Myself this it was voted unanimously. I do know that there are many people, our people, tribal people that are out there that are in need of this so that is what I would like to share and Megwetch again.

Pete said okay thank you Ron. Okay, it is my turn to get in the cue and I absolutely challenge whatever Councilor Crampton is, is bringing me up on a conflict of interest. First of all, anybody that works over there doesn't work for me. They work for the General Manager and consequently he works, they work for the um Ogema at the Resort who is the executor of those, of all of the employees over there. Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm going to bring up names and I'm only going to bring up a few names because in the first place if this is passed like this I mean there is a lot of Councilors children that are going to get money that is coming out of this \$500. In addition to that I would also like, my friend Tom Guenthardt, whose granddaughter works for the clinic that is going to come over there and get part of this and then I'm also going to say my friend Sandy Lewis, whose sister works at the, works at the Tribal Government so there is nobody around that doesn't have tribal people that are working at the casino and then \_\_\_\_\_ any other Councilors. That is the only ones that I can think of right now. I don't have any conflict of interest in not voting on this and if people want to bring me kind of up on charges like that, let them, let them go at it. It's, it's, you know what, it's, I'm down to nine months. So if they want to remove me from Council, wait a minute, for a conflict of interest let them do it. Anybody in the cue after me?

Councilor Crampton said yes, I want to respond. This is Shannon.

Speaker Pete said I'm sorry, who is going to be in the cue?

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore, I would like to be in the cue but mine is on a different topic so Shannon can go ahead and I'll wait.

Pete said does Shannon want to be in the cue?

Councilor Crampton said well I want to . . .

Pete said Shannon? Okay, go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said okay, well first of all, what I'm not talking, there is nothing in nepotism that says that individual has to work for you. It merely means related. And um, when we take our oaths of office we are supposed to uphold the tribal, we are supposed to uphold the laws of the Tribe. One of the laws of the

Tribe happens to be the Ethics Ordinance, which is still in play. Now under the nepotism policy, the Ethics Ordinance, you are not even supposed to be deliberating. Now I'm not saying that any, when you are talking about um, we have already had this discussion with United Legal so I am surprised its, the Speaker is trying either forgot what we talked or he is trying to confuse the membership. But this is going out to all the membership so there is no, excuse me, I'm sorry, um, there is no special interest for Council. This is bringing it out to the whole membership. My, my, my issue here is that even though they are talking, he brought this up. You had a special consideration. It is very obvious to the Council. The minutes show it and the actual law prohibits it so how you, the procedure is I am calling for a vote for conflict of interest. Now what Council does is they vote on that conflict of interest whether you have one or not. Where you go from there is up to you.

Ogema Romanelli said this is Larry again.

Pete said are you finished Shannon?

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay, so I have Chelsea in the cue.

Chelsea Densmore said um, if you guys want to finish your discussion and um, and I can go after. Mine is completely unrelated so if Larry needs to respond that's fine.

Romanelli said no, well, thanks Chelsea. I just want to know what conflict of interest now Shannon said that they should, the Council must vote on that. I'm confused. So, we have two people that possibly might have a conflict of interest on the issue is what I'm hearing so, thank you.

Crampton said oh, just to clarify . . .

Pete said okay, I got a question . . .

Crampton said I, I was just citing the one.

Pete said okay, so I'm the only one with a conflict of interest? Is that correct?

Crampton said Ron, I'm not saying that, I am citing that one, the procedure one, when we are talking about the procedure I am

saying you because when we had discussions you just, that's the way you go, it is automatically where you go. I mean it is very obvious. I mean even when we are trying to discuss things that aren't pertaining to that, that is where you go on this issue. Now you voted . . .

Pete said well . . .

Crampton said . . . unanimously to give this money to the membership and we voted on the word "shall" at that initial vote so nobody can say I didn't know that was in there. There was a lengthy discussion on the word "shall". Okay, after we got the numbers from the casino it became very apparent that your attitude changed and you brought that up over and over and over and over again as your reasoning for not moving forward on this for the start-up for the casino. So yes, you have a very big conflict.

Someone attempted to interrupt.

Pete said okay, I, I don't . . . okay . . . can I answer Shannon?

Someone responded yes.

Pete said okay, I don't perceive that I have a conflict with the casino because in the long-term I voted because I think it is so important that the casino keep going in its business and keeps providing distribution for the services that are per-cap and that's where I was going with that. I don't feel that I have a conflict of interest in letting one of our Tribal entities go and produce finances for the resort, for the government. That's what I said. And I'm going to stand by it. Okay, who else wanted to be in the cue?

Sandy Mezeske said Ron, this is Sandy Mezeske.

Pete said hi Sandy, go ahead.

Mezeske said you know I, I, this is a horrible way for them to do a conflict of interest, which you don't have because I always felt and continue to feel, anybody that has worked at the resort or been elected to Council, because they worked on, at the resort, is a great asset to the Tribe because you, you know, you have been on both sides. You have been on both sides. You've seen it. But at this point I think it is a terrible way to, to ah, vote on this because then guess what, its going to go their way. It's going to go their way. It's going to go to the 4, 4 that said yes and all I can say is shame on you. I'm done.

Councilor Lewis said okay, Ron, can I get in the cue?

Councilor Crampton said and I want in the cue, this is Shannon Crampton.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Okay, the first person I heard was Sandy I thought, okay? So Sandy, you can get in the cue first. Thank you.

Lewis said okay, um, I don't, you know, other than \_\_\_\_\_ (inaudible) I'm at least related to about 3,500 people. And the other 500, I am related to them through either marriage or \_\_\_\_\_ (inaudible). Ah, I don't feel I have a conflict. I, I talked to people all the time. There is so many people out there that I know are having a hard time. You know, we are all related, we are all one, we all have to get through this together. Um, yeah, we have a lot of work ahead of us which means we are going to have to move some numbers here and there so everything works. Everybody has to be understanding that yes, we are going to have um, you know, a few, um, cuts here and there. You know, I'm sure everybody is going to keep in mind when things change that, you know, I'm hoping everybody has a heart for the people. You know, and um, you know, many of us on the call, and I'm going to say not all of us, but many of us on the call, you know, are, have our central means provided for. But, there is a lot of people out there that do not and if you would just sit and listen to some of their situations it is really sad. So, you know, I don't feel that this, you know, either, you know, it is going to go your way or its going to go your way, no, its both the people that we step back and put the people before us. It's all for the people. I am just a servant of the people. And if I know that somebody is out there and they don't have food or something as simple as toilet tissue, you know, I am in full support of helping the people, and, and, I am not going to put fear in front of the people, you know, I am going to stand behind the people and put them before me and any decisions that I make throughout both of my terms and, and throughout the rest of this term, I am putting people first. I, I come last, you know, my wishes, my hopes, my dreams, that, that's on the back burner, you know, just like, you know, our own children, you know, um. We put our children first. You know, we are there for them and we help them. I am not saying that the people are children but we're all, you know, \_\_\_\_\_'s children. But, you know, as a leader, you know, a leader to me is you put the people first. Like I said, I, I fasted many a times for my people that the people would live,

that the people will have, you know, the things that they need in life. So, you know, I, I really suggest that, you know, Council, Ogema, Elected Officials, go fast, go fast. Go sit there for four days and don't eat food, don't drink any water, don't drink anything and if you come back and tell me how you feel about helping the people and making a sacrifice to make sure that they're okay and they are provided for. So, I will leave it at that and I am in support of this.

Many people were trying to talk at once so did not hear any one person clearly . . .

Pete said thank you Sandy. Thank you Sandy. Now, I'm starting to take a cue again and I can only hear one, who wants in the cue next?

Shannon Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton.

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore.

Crampton said I wanted to respond.

Pete said okay, Shannon . . .

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica.

Pete said Shannon.

Jessica Steinberg said this is Jessica Steinberg and I would like to get in the cue please.

Chelsea Densmore, I wanted to get in the cue please.

Pete said this is who?

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore.

Pete said okay. Okay, Shannon, go ahead.

Crampton said okay, just for clarification I want to get back to the topic of the issue at hand here and the issue at hand here was, what I called for was a conflict of interest and in the Constitution it says when a Council member has a personal interest in a issue or a matter to be voted by Council, other than those common to all Tribal Members, which requires balancing a personal interest against the interest of the Tribe, such member shall abstain from

voting on the matter due to the conflict of interest and shall disclose the nature of the conflict. Now, what you have before you is a resolution that encompasses the whole membership. What has been given as an excuse by the Speaker and other Council members is the opening of the casino, which is not held common to all Tribal Members. That only impacts a few. I don't know what, what you think your doing but I'm calling for the conflict of interest and we need to have a vote on that. The vote could go the other way and say hey he doesn't have a conflict of interest but that vote needs to happen. When I raised it last time we got all the information advice from our ULD that wasn't right. I was actually right so that should be taken into consideration before the last vote.

(There was coughing)

Pete said okay, Jessica.

Crampton said did you get the balls out of your throat?

Pete said yeah, I just got, okay. I'm, I'm, are you finished Shannon?

Crampton said ah, yes I am.

Pete said okay. Jessica.

Steinberg said thank you Mr. Speaker. Um,

(There was coughing)

Steinberg said um, I too (inaudible) open to the pages that um, that the page, in particular, that discusses a conflict of interest. Mr. Speaker, I'm just going to say that the quickest, easiest pick for this is really, even though you don't feel there may be a conflict of interest, um, this happened once before in a very important matter before the Tribe, before a removal of an Ogema, an individual had to, had to declare a conflict of interest. It was a very painful declaration and the Council voted that they had no conflict. So my suggestion Mr. Speaker is go ahead and vote on the conflict. Your fellow Councilors may say you don't have a conflict and you know what, it just clears it up and then we can move on from this and get to the matter at hand. It's not really any, I don't have any skin in the game to speak, but, you know, this discussion is getting kind of long so let them go ahead and hold a vote and if you don't have a conflict and you feel that you want to vote, then by all means, cast a vote. That's my suggestion.



Pete said okay, Jessica, I was going to follow that suggestion when the cue was done so that I want, I'm going to get the Tribal Council to vote openly on it and I'm going to ask ULD one question before the vote is taken and that's it. Chelsea, you're in the cue.

Chelsea Densmore said thank you so much. I am actually wanted to talk about the appropriation that you guys were originally discussing. It is not about um, that, so if you want me to be the first comment after your vote I'm fine with that. I just wanted to revert back to the initial discussion.

Pete said okay, thank you. Now, ULD are you on the phone?

Rebecca Liebing said yep, we're here.

Pete said absolutely because if I am going to call for a conflict of interest first of all its got to be through a motion and then its got to be supported and am I allowed to vote on that conflict of interest or do I stand aside?

Someone said you need to vote.

Liebing said everybody, every Council member decides whether or not they vote on an issue for themselves (inaudible), you have already opined that you don't believe there is a conflict of interest so um, you are going to do what you need to do. It is not a legal opinion on whether or not you have a conflict of interest. Every Council member makes that decision for themselves and what this vote is asking is the other Council members to opine on it and that really has to do with you reading the Constitutional language and deciding whether or not you have a conflict. And to vote is not, to vote for the conflict is not the same thing as the issue that is in front of you, right.

Pete said okay. I guess that's um, I guess that's not really the answer I was looking for so it all depends so at any rate . . .

Liebing said I mean, I understand . . .

Corey interrupted and said yes, yes, Ron . . .

Liebing . . . if ULD could tell you guys what to do but that is really not what our job is. You have to make those decisions . . . .

Pete said okay, I understand.

Corey said yes, Ron, you can vote, yes, Ron . . .

Sandy Mezeske said yes, Ron, you can vote.

Pete said absolutely, okay, then I can vote. I'm going to decide to vote so Shannon can you or not Shannon, but if someone wants to bring up my conflict of interest and second it and support it and then we can vote.

Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton, I believe you have a conflict of interest and I would like to a motion and have a vote of Tribal Council.

Pete said okay, so are you making the motion?

Crampton said yep.

**DECLARE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR RON PETE AND FOR COUNCIL TO VOTE ON IT;** by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion? Gary, do a roll call.

**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 -	Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Recorder DiPiazza said that motion has failed.

Speaker Pete said okay, I can hear, I can't hear you at all Gary. What were the votes.

Crampton said the motion failed.

Pete said okay, thank, thank you. Okay, so now, once again we are moving on to item 7.

DiPiazza said something that was inaudible . . . that's why.

Crampton said what?

Pete said I didn't hear him.

Chelsea Densmore said hi, Chelsea Densmore can I still get in the cue please?

Pete said okay, Chelsea, I can hear you perfectly. I wish I could hear Gary. Go ahead Chelsea.

Densmore said before I start can I make an, I would like just a little reference everybody, you guys have to mute your phones. Like I am hearing people gasping and like talking over and whispering, it is really hard to hear. Like it was hard to hear who was voting which way. Okay, so the first thing I want to acknowledge is about the approval of the supplemental appropriation that you guys are, you know, discussing. Um, first and foremost, like as I said a million times you guys made the commitment, you included the word "shall", this wasn't just about April, this was about April and May, right. You made the commitment to membership. I said that on and on, you know, everybody knows. Um, what I wanted, the question that I have is I am looking at the agenda and it says Approval of Supplemental Appropriation for over \$2,000,000 but my understanding was that the amendment to include the children is not until later in the agenda so how can you be voting right now on a supplemental appropriation that includes the children when we have not voted on the amendment to include the children?

Pete said okay, just a moment.

Densmore said like the supplemental appropriation that you are voting on right now, the \$1.9 for the adults, you haven't included the children, correct? That is later in the agenda.

Pete said okay, is Gary on?

DiPiazza said can you hear me?

Pete said I can hear you now.

DiPiazza said alright. I don't know what's going on but anyways, I'm back.

Pete said okay, so, there is a question from Chelsea and it is a legitimate question is the amendment that we're, the amendment that we are going to vote on right now approves ah, a transfer, approves assistance to payment program in the amount of \$2,073,500. And the question from Chelsea was how can we be voting on that now when we haven't even approved the appropriation for the children, which is coming later in Old Business on the agenda. Shouldn't that be um, Approval to Transfer the Funds of the \$1.9 million or whatever that was for the adults and then reapproving for the supplemental for the children on, on B on that? Wouldn't we be better off doing it that way?

Crampton said hello, this is Shannon Crampton. Can I get in the cue?

Pete said ah, Shannon, you can be in the cue.

Crampton said okay, no this is actually, this is pretty simple, what the appropriation does is it meets the obligation of the already adopted resolution and further on we amend it to \_\_\_\_ the children.

Densmore said I'm sorry, go ahead.

Crampton said no.

Someone said what do you know?

Crampton said I would ask that people who are not speaking put your phone your mute because I do share the concerns of Chelsea. I heard people trying to influence votes and saying yes, no, gasping, laughing. It is very unprofessional. So if you are not speaking just put your phone on mute that would be greatly appreciated.

Someone said can I say something real quick because there is 40 people that are on this call as far as I know and some of them may not have listened to the um, thing that says how to do it, push star 6 to mute and then star 6 to unmute. Thank you.

Pete said okay, Shannon, were you done?

Someone said hello.

Crampton said yeah, I hope that answers Chelsea's question. Did you understand what I was saying?

Densmore said so I guess, I guess I feel like I disagree. I mean you can't appropriate . . . so my, okay, if you, let's say you all vote yes for the appropriation which obviously you are not, many said specifically not consistently but even if you all voted yes for \$2,073,500, you are voting on right now and then you went down the agenda and voted on the amendment, right, and that voted down for the children then you are appropriating more funds than is in the current resolution, right. So you shouldn't be able to appropriate for the resolution happened for the amendment yet, right. The only appropriation you should be able to do is for the current resolution. I'm not saying we shouldn't include the kids; I'm just saying that like legally it should be the amendment first and then the appropriation second or if you are going to vote an appropriation now, it should just be for the \$1.902.

Crampton said can I respond? Ron?

Pete said is someone calling for me?

Crampton said yeah, I wanted to respond. This is Shannon.

Pete said okay, go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said um, yeah, I was going to say, can you cite that law that you are talking about when you say that legal because I don't find anything like that.

Densmore said I'm sorry, I shouldn't say legal. I should say that's the way it makes no sense. How can you appropriate for funds that you haven't amended in the resolution yet, right. Like, like you shouldn't be able to make up numbers for an appropriation. The current resolution didn't include the kids, or for the adults. I am not saying we shouldn't include the kids; I'm just saying that it should be in the correct order, right. You should move this down in the agenda and vote on the kids and then be voting on funds.

Crampton said okay, I, I just wanted to say that I understand that is your opinion but I wanted to get it clarified for the members that

are listening that there is nothing inappropriate about this. And the fact that you are just not understanding what I'm saying . . .

Someone said can I get in the cue.

Crampton . . . if we do this, if we do this right now and that pretty much kills the next resolution. If you adopt it now it pretty much obligates the next resolution. You see what I'm saying.

Densmore said but shouldn't you be voting on the appropriation for the current resolution?

Crampton said we have a resolution that obligates funds for April and May it is already adopted. Do you understand that?

Densmore said yes, for the adults. That's what I'm saying.

Crampton said so what we're doing is we are adopting this, if it is adopted, to meet the obligation of the other resolution further on down it would be amending to add the children.

Densmore said yes. I completely understand all of that. What I am saying is that there are Tribal Council that could be voting and saying no because of the number but they should just be voting on the kids, or they should just be voting on the adults because they haven't voted on the kids yet, right. I understand what you're saying that if this is voted down it would cancel out the other one but you are also canceling out the adult by voting on it with the kids, right. You should be voting on the kids first or just the adults and then the kids.

Crampton said no, I can't see it, (inaudible) we are just going to have to leave it that.

Densmore said I understand. I guess I just disagree.

Dawn Moneyham said this is Dawn Moneyham, can I get in the cue please?

Pete said okay, Chelsea, are you finished right now?

Densmore said yes, thank you so much.

Pete said oh, thank you Chelsea. Okay, Dawn, you're in the cue.

Moneyham said thank you. Um, I guess I am wondering if the problem is, is where the funding is coming from and how much is allotted for it and the inclusion of the children, this resolution was adopted before the feds released that \$3.6 million. Why is that not being used to help make up some of this different that there is this disagreement on the Council for the funding for the children. Um, it is specified, it is COVID-19 relief funds. This would qualify either to put it towards the, the, um, stimulus for the adults and include the children or to use it to appropriate to help get the casino back open. Doesn't that make up the gap?

Pete said well, from my, this is Ron by the way, un, Dawn I'm going to try to answer you on that. Thank you. Is that I don't think that the \$3,000,000 whatever it was that we just got done, the \$3,600,000+, I don't think that has been fully vetted on how we can spend that yet and we are still waiting on some of those answers. My only answer to you right now Dawn, I don't have the full amount of what we can be doing with the \$3,600,000+ that we are waiting to, I'm sorry I'm getting lost, but, okay.

Moneyham said no, I under, I understand what you're saying and then I have one other question. I know that um, they haven't released all of the funding to the tribes yet from the Federal, from the CARES Act, um, do we know how much more we are expecting to get or is that still a big question mark?

Pete said Dawn, the answer that I have is that there still is a question mark what is still available. I know there is funding still coming down but I don't, but there is no numbers yet for what, Dawn there is no numbers yet for what we could actually um, count on I guess is what I'm trying to say.

Moneyham said okay. And then my last question is actually for you, um, and for any of the other Council members who voted no for the appropriation of funds the last time. Um, can I ask what specifically is the discrepancy that is causing your no votes?

Pete said is that question directly asked, asked to me Dawn?

Moneyham said yes, please.

Pete said I'm going to answer that, thank you. Okay, there is a little bit of explaining to this to do but I'm going to do this because at this point you know they have already taken a, a vote on whether

or not I should recuse myself from this vote. But what I'm thinking, you know, in the long term of the Tribe, the Tribe's biggest money maker that they have is the Resort and it has been that way for 21 years. We need to make sure, in my opinion, that we need to make sure for the survivability of the Tribe for its programs down the line is that, the survivability of this Tribe, in my opinion, just my opinion, is that I am thinking long term for this Tribe. I am thinking and I'm probably not even going to be around here anymore 10 years from down the line, is that we have sustainability for our services, for our people in this Tribe that are yet to come and then its, we need to make sure, in my opinion, that our Tribe can open up its casino and get over this under \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of the year before this terrible tragedy hit. The casino was way ahead of budget, way ahead in distribution and they were really, you know, this, this, this pandemic that we are going through is not anybody's fault. It is the fault of, it, wherever it happened and I think the most important thing for us now if I was fully convinced that this thing had enough money to open this back up and there was no problem I have nothing against the Tribal Members. People say I don't think about it but I do. I do think about them and I do think that some people are going through harder things than they are the other ones. And I would really, in my mind, if I was, in my mind completely assured that we would have the funds to go through with our unencumbered funds to get this place back opened up, I would vote for this in a minute. I am not . . .

Someone said Speaker . . . excuse me.

Pete said can I finish a minute?

They said okay.

Pete said can I just finish a minute?

They said yes, go ahead.

Pete said okay, thank you so much. And the answer to that is, is that, I guess I'm getting confused talking more so I'm just going, I'm' I'm, I'm going to say I hope that was enough Dawn. That's all I can say.

Moneyham said well, that just triggers one extra, one more question from you. I guess if that's how you're feeling then I am wondering why you voted yes with the unanimous vote and then changed your vote to no for the appropriation when you knew from



the beginning that the allotment was \$1,000 per adult. It was just a matter of splitting it up into two months instead of sending it all in one, one lump sum. If this had gone out as one lump sum, the money was there at the time of the unanimous vote, correct?

Pete said I'm, I'm going to say yes.

Moneyham said okay. So, I guess I'm confused why the discrepancy here. If the money was already appropriated for it, enough that you voted yes the first time, why did you change that to no the second time?

Pete said well I guess maybe I thought that we would be opening up more quicker and the casino. And you know what, I'm just saying what I'm saying so. I'm going to leave it at that.

Moneyham said okay, Megwetch.

Kareen Lewis, can I get in the cue please.

Pete said who was, I'm sorry, I didn't hear who wanted to be in the cue now?

Kareen Lewis said Kareen.

Pete said Kareen, okay, Kareen go ahead.

Kareen Lewis said um, okay, I would like to say that I completely agree with I think her name was Chelsea Densmore, um, that, no there is not a law saying, you know, don't do this, but it is grossly unethical to um, do the vote that way. Um, the vote should be on the initial resolution which just included adults and you should do a separate vote in regard to the children, um, and, um, I would like to say that to remind all of you that our Tribe is our people. Um, that is not just employees and um, clearly, we paid weeks' worth of salaries for employees who were not working and helped them out and smoothed the transition for um this epidemic. But, your \$500 was less than most people's weekly salaries, um, that work for us and so I don't see why \$500 for two months, um, you know, \$500 for one month and \$500 for another month, um, is now all of a sudden the thing that is going to break us so that we can't re-open. That is just ridiculous. Um, and I don't think that um, you are really considering because I know how much money that most of you guys make who work for the Tribe because I worked for you guys for 16 years very loyally and um, and then I got pushed out and now I've been having a hard time and, and, so I know what,

how much you guys make and that you guys are fine. Um, but the rest of the Tribe who does not work for our government or our casino, um, is not in such good situations. There are people who are taking care of their grandchildren, um, single moms out there. There is people who have been waiting tables who now have zero income. There is independent contractors who now have zero income. You know, there is a whole bunch of things like that. I, myself, am 59 years old, I have not got my unemployment yet, I have not got my stimulus yet and um, so I am like, I'm bare threads right now and \$500 would help me greatly since my car insurance is due Friday. And, um, so I, I just don't understand there is so many more people that are in this Tribe that could use that help and guaranteed that we still have enough money to re-open our casino. And aside from that, I was also on the Commerce Commission for several years and there were many things that were brought to the Tribe for other ways that we could be making money that were always voted down by both Council and the Ogema's Office. And, so, us relying solely on the casino, that's your fault. Thank you.

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

Councilor Champagne said yes Ron, Cindy.

Pete said Cindy, go ahead.

Champagne said I want to make a comment on some statements I heard that there are Council members on here whose families are going to benefit from this. Well, I'm here to tell you that I have grandchildren not enrolled in the Tribe and that's fine. My grandbabies are not going to benefit but I'm still pushing forward for this relief payment because I have talked to a number of our members and I hate to say this, I feel sad when I have to say this, a lot of them were elder members that are struggling. And I know there are some of them that, in their eighties, and they are out there working just part time to get enough money to pay their way. And this would have helped them a whole lot. So I am voting for it and I'm supporting it because our membership needs it. It is not going to benefit my family and that's okay. So when people make those statements it kind of upsets me because you have to look at why are you voting for it. I am voting for it because it is supposed to be helping our membership and that's what I'm trying to do. Thank you.

Pete said thank you Cindy. Is there anyone else . . .

Dawn Moneyham said this is Dawn Moneyham. I would like to be in the cue.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker . . .

Pete said okay Dawn, go ahead.

Jessica Steinberg said this is Jessica Steinberg I would like to get in the cue also please.

Pete said okay. I'll have you right after Dawn okay Jessica?

Al Metzger said I would like to get in the cue please.

Pete said okay, so I got Dawn first.

Dawn Moneyham said Megwetch. Um, I would like to make a suggestion. Is it possible that we split the children off of this resolution and make the children's payment a separate resolution with separate funding for the children and then work on finding funds to put that forward instead of denying the adults something that was already promised them?

Pete said does anyone have an answer for her to do this right now or Sandy . . .

Councilor Lewis said yeah, I would like say Ron that we could separate it and we should separate it because there was already a resolution that went through (inaudible) adult \$500 for April and \$500 for May and if this does not pass then you are going against the first resolution, so. They should be separated and, and next week vote on the children.

Pete said okay, but in the meantime, okay, just a moment, I have a cue here so I'm going to start then . . . Sandy, are you finished right now?

Lewis said yes.

Pete said I'm going to go, I'm going with Jessica. Jessica, you're up.

Jessica Steinberg said thank you Mr. Speaker. Um, I'm . . .

Pete said yes ma'am.

Steinberg . . . I'm going to agree with Councilor Lewis. I think at this time because of the way the appropriation is set and Councilor Crampton I'm sorry to have to disagree with you a little bit um, the way that this appropriation measure is set, if this gets voted down then there is no funding for the original resolution, um, even though it is still on the table to be funded. And then the measure for the kids really needs to be separate and apart from the vote for that second round of funding for May. You know when that first vote was taken, that appropriation that was made following that vote didn't cover those payments and I think that's the thing the members need to hear. The initial appropriation was only to cover the April payment for that resolution that was passed to assist Tribal Members. I think they need to understand that. Because there is confusion out there that the entire thing was funded and then the funding was taken away. No, the entire thing was never funded, only the April payment. So, let's clean it up. My suggestion is to clean it up, appropriate the May money, go back and add the kids and appropriate the money for the kids and it is a few extra steps but that way it is real clear to the members what's happening and what the intention is of Council to fund it or not. If this money doesn't pass, those, that resolution for the kids is basically dead in the water because there is no money to follow it. Thank you.

Pete said okay, Jessica, this is Ron. Can I answer you for a minute there please? I don't know if Jessica is still on but okay. Let's go to Al.

Al Metzger said boo zoo. Al Metzger - #890. And the question I ask and I've been hearing a lot about and I believe some members would like to know is exactly how much are we talking about on starting up for the casino? I do know that the government has paid off quite a few loans for the casino and where are we on those payments. Again, I would like to know what is the projected \_\_\_\_\_ that it is going to cost them to open up the casino. They already have a building and we have machines. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Al. Cindy, did you want to be in the cue? Cindy.

Lewis said no, did you say Sandy? No.

Champagne said who did you say Ron, Cindy?

Pete said I thought you said you wanted to be in the cue Cindy?

Champagne said I did.

Pete said okay, Cindy, you go ahead.

Champagne said okay the only thing I want to say is people are saying let's put this aside, put the children off and um, let's just do for the adults and take care of the kids later. We all know that if we put the children aside at this time the children will never come back forward. They will never get approved. And my problem is, is this Tribe has continuously pushed the children aside. They didn't give them per cap. There are a lot of things they took away from the kids and I, and I don't care what anyone says, these kids have to eat just like the adults have to eat. They have to be fed and I know how expensive it is to feed kids because I am caring for my grandbabies right now. So, I don't agree with that. I understand what they are saying will happen but that is going to happen regardless so. Thank you.

Pete said okay, who was, I heard somebody, who was next?

Al Metzger said oh, Al Metzger is next please.

Pete said oh, I think, Al go ahead.

Metzger said well I would still like an answer to my question. What is the estimated cost on opening up the casino?

Pete said we are going to get into that next week. We have a date to make, I think to make that happen, I think with the Ogema.

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker.

Pete said who is this?

Chelsea Densmore said this is Chelsea Densmore. Um, I know Jessica, I don't know if she is still on the phone but you were going to make a comment to, you were going to reply to her comment. Could you still reply because I would be really interested to know what you were going to say.

Pete said okay, thank you Chelsea. I wasn't sure if I lost her or not but what I wanted, I'm not sure quite what I heard from, I think I heard her but I think what she is suggesting that we um, go ahead and do a, we have to do another resolution and bring that down from the 2.73,500 to the \$1.900,000 that it was and then bring up another resolution to approve the paying of the children and then put a resolution on there to approve the paying of the children. I thought that is what I got out of it but I wasn't really sure. That was the question I was asking um, Jessica.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, I'm on the line. You know, just like Shannon, I'm old, I have time, I have a hard time sometimes with this mute button. Um, I just looked at the agenda and one of the things you could do Mr. Speaker is you could actually suspend the rules on the order of business. You have an amendment for that kid's payment which you do in item XI Old Business A, you could move that forward and adopt that amendment now and then move ahead with this appropriation since you really don't have a motion on the floor. Um, at least by my notes. I don't see a motion on the floor for this um, item III B7. So maybe that's the fix. Move Old Business XII A, which is the amendment up with the suspension of the rules, vote on that and then vote on your appropriation. Then you can be all set.

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker . . . this is Chelsea Densmore.

Pete said okay Chelsea, go ahead.

Densmore said I completely agree. That is exactly what I think should be done. I don't think we should not include the kids. I don't think we should not be voting on the kids. I just think we should do it in the correct order. I think you guys should suspend, like I think it was Jessica said, go forward with the amendment and then based on what the amendment does, you know what to appropriate. You know whether to appropriate the \$2 or the \$1.9. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you.

Dawn Moneyham said this is Dawn Moneyham I would like to be in the cue again please.

Pete said go ahead Dawn.

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Moneyham said I just wanted to point out I wasn't trying to neglect or um, remove the children from consideration because I agree that the children are important and they need the funding as well. Um, my concern right now is that if the sole person for the no votes is the additional funding to include the children and it eliminates um, by vote, um, the funding completely, then not only are the children out the money but the adults that are caring for the children are also out the money and then nobody gets anything. If you split the resolution and held a separate resolution for funding the children at least in the meantime we can get the appropriations for the original resolution for the adults who are caring for the children and if somebody would commit today to drafting that resolution for the children then it is not going to be neglected and forgotten as was mentioned earlier. Thank you.

Champagne said Ron, I would like to get back in the cue.

Pete said okay, is this Cindy?

Champagne answered yes it is.

Pete said okay Cindy, go ahead.

Champagne said okay for those who are saying that my only thing is why don't you ask the people who voted no and the children weren't included in this resolution if they still would have voted no.

Moneyham said that is a fair question, I would like to put that forward to you Ron and anybody else that's, that voted no.

Pete said well I think that is an unfair question of Councilor Champagne is that the people who will vote on this will have a record of how they voted on it. So I am not going to be showing how I want to vote on this thing until the vote is actually cast. Now any of the other Councilors that want to it that is up to them. So, the floor is open.

Corey said hey, just cast the roll call and vote on the dollar figures and get the bookkeeping figured out however its got to be so that we can get on with this meeting.

Someone said right.

Someone said um.

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker, are we saying that we can't do what Jessica proposed?

Pete said I'm not saying that we can't do what Jessica proposed. What I'm saying is, is David, did you want to make a motion on this, is that what you wanted to do?

Kareen Lewis said I would like to be back in the cue.

Sandy Mezeske said Ron, this is Sandy Mezeske, I would like to be in the cue.

Pete said okay Cindy, your first. Cindy.

Kareen Lewis said you mean Kareen?

Pete said well, I thought it was Cindy that wanted to be in the cue.

Champagne said no, no, it was Kareen and Sandy.

Pete said okay Kareen, I'm sorry. I didn't recognize your voice.

Kareen Lewis said I didn't say my, okay, that's okay, sorry about that. Um . . .

Pete said go ahead Kareen.

Kareen Lewis said what I wanted to say was what I saw saying before is ethically stick with the same resolution that you already passed for both months um, because if you add more money to it now that could sway the votes of certain people. I am all for um, giving money to the kids. I wanted that back when we voted um, on whether or not our kids should be allowed per capita. I wanted that to happen and I remember a bunch of people who were elders at the time who were saying that um, oh it should be the responsibility to take care of your own kids you should have thought of that a little but they were mostly people who had pensions and who were married 50 years and, you know, who really didn't have any kids and um, didn't have grandkids that were eligible to be enrolled and so they didn't want it because they wanted more money for themselves and then they doubled up on the elders payments rather than taking care of our own children. I am all for, I have five kids of my own and nine grandkids and one



great-grandchild, I am all for supporting the kids. And um, but, ethically, you should go back to the first resolution, the way it was passed and then decide on the children next. And I hope that you are in favor of taking care of our kids but at least give people some help to be able to take care of them. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Kareen. The way this resolution is written right now, the way that it is, is there anybody on here that does, that is going to make a motion or forget it.

Councilor Corey said I will make the motion to approve it, Ron.

Sandy Mezeske said I'm still in the cue.

Pete said who's in the cue?

Sandy Mezeske said Sandy, remember.

Pete said so ahead, Sandy.

Mezeske said I'm going to go back to the original, I'm going to go back to the original question of last week that has not been brought up. Are the funds there? I'll direct that to Larry.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, I can direct it to Steve Wheeler if he is on. He is our CFO. If he is not, I'll answer but . . . Steve, are you on? Bill Willis are you on? Okay, I guess ah, that is kind of frustrating. Ah yes, the funds are there. There is money in our, I think all of Council has been um, known of this and the short answer is yes.

Mezeske said thank you.

Pete said okay, Dave, it's your turn.

Corey said I just want to put the motion through and put through the floor so we can vote on it and fix, you know, the paperwork however it's got to be.

Pete said so do you want to make a motion on Item #7?

Corey said yeah, I want to make a motion to vote on it.

Councilor Lewis said can I say something real quick though. Um, this, this is like just the certification of the funds so just as a \_\_\_\_\_ everybody.

Pete said okay, thank you. Dave, go ahead Dave with your motion.

Corey said I'm just pulling it back up on the screen. My thing went into sleeper mode, just a sec. Okay, what number are we on? What, what number is it going to be?

Pete said we are on number 7, under Item B.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-07, 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR TO FUND THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,500.00; by Corey; supported by Wittenberg.**

Pete said okay, is there any further discussion?

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said Shannon, you, okay Shannon.

Crampton noted I just wanted to say that um, I, that ah, if there is any question of what, what, how this should go down if there is anybody that is going to claim later on that this was out of order maybe we should do the appropriate thing and um, ah, suspend the rules and switch the resolutions. That would solve the problem so there would be no argument at the end. Because as we just heard and it is going to come out in um, the budget process anyway when we go through it, that the funds were there. The only excuses that they weren't there and all that is a bunch of lies. Their there. The only question is people want to know where they are going go. Whether they are going to supplement the income of casino employees or it is going to go to help our membership survive. That is the only question. But, I would like to ask the motion maker to ah, reconsider and ah, make a motion to suspend the rules and switch the resolutions.

Pete said okay, Dave made the motion. The motion is on the floor.

Crampton said I am asking the motion maker to make a, for reconsideration.

Pete said yes, that's what I just asked him.

Crampton said okay.

Corey said Shannon if the money is there, whatever, the motion, nobody is going, nobody is gonna make an issue out of we did it wrong and try to jip the kids out of getting paid. So we are going all in at Little River. You guys, nobody can answer are we going to make it through. I'm telling you, were going to make it through if we have to sell old blue, what the hell ever. We will make it through. We are going to support everybody. We are making it through this shit.

Crampton said yeah.

Corey said instead of just fighting about who is in power of the Tribe or whatever, put some motions on the floor Shannon. You've got a lot of suggestions and you never put them on the table.

Crampton said we are voting on one of my motions, Dave. Where's yours?

Corey said I'm ready to vote and you want us to vote it down because . . .

Crampton . . . said you just,

Corey . . . get it out of order.

Crampton said I'm not saying that. I'm saying that if anybody is going to use that as an excuse later on . . . but I would like to point out since you brought this up, we are voting on one of my motions, where's yours?

(Giggling)

Pete said okay, you know what, we are going to keep this thing civil.

Kathleen Bowers said this is Kathleen I made an error on the agenda it should be actually supplemental appropriation 08, if we can make a note of that.

Pete said okay, Dave has already made the motion, does anybody second it?

DiPiazza said I believe Ron Wittenberg did.

Wittenberg said yeah.

Al Metzger said I'm going to call a point of order please.

Pete said go ahead.

Metzger said I would like to call a point of order. Isn't there a motion on the floor to vote on adopting the second amendment first?

Pete said no. The motion on the floor . . .

Someone said no.

Pete . . . for 7 to appropriate the funds.

Metzger said okay.

DiPiazza said can I ask, am I still on the line?

Pete responded yes you are.

DiPiazza said okay, sorry, I had to ask, I'm sorry, I got bumped twice for whatever reason so.

Pete said Al, there is a motion on the floor made by Councilor Corey, it was seconded by Ron Wittenberg. Now, . . .

Metzger said (inaudible) Mr. Crampton's motion.

Pete said he did not make a motion.

Metzger said something that was inaudible.

Crampton said I, I, . . . it wasn't a motion. I was just asking the motion maker, which was Dave, for reconsideration. He does not have to entertain that motion. He has already got it on the floor and a second. And in the grand scheme of things, it is nothing against Dave, like he said, we can make it through this thing. There is really no, there is really no issue here. It is just a bunch of

people running around like the chicken, like a chicken with their heads cut off and we got the money.

DiPiazza said can I ask you refrain from any of the innuendos, you know.

Crampton said I apologize, I apologize.

DiPiazza said well, you know, I've been putting it up, putting up with that for a long time and it needs to end.

Crampton said on your part too but I apologize.

DiPiazza . . . (inaudible)

Pete said okay, so.

DiPiazza said same as opening up today's agenda at 11:59 and reading it so.

Councilor Lewis said can I get in the cue?

Pete said okay, so just before you get in the cue, I'm going to get in the cue. Okay?

Lewis said yep.

Pete said what we're doing here is we are certainly going to try to run a meeting and we are going to run this meeting with everybody, with everybody's decorum involved where we don't get to things like that. Look, if we, if we don't come together on this thing and we not put a vote and agree on everything else but what I think we need to do is to still come together as a Council, as a government and as a, as a tribal government try to get through this thing and it is hard on everybody so please refrain anything that is going to say or going to put something down or do anything on the phone and our conversation and especially in front of our membership that would not be, that would not be right for everybody here. And I'm losing my words so I'm sorry so who, I'm going to ask again, the motion's been made, the floor is open, is there any further discussion? If you've got discussion . . .

Lewis said yes.

Pete . . . please let me know.

Lewis said I, I wanted to be in the cue, Sandy.

Pete said alright, sorry, Sandy, you go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said okay, um I'm, I'm just asking ah if you would suspend the rules and I'm asking Dave, Councilor Corey if he would go ahead and um move up to VII A. and if you would amend that motion to vote on VII A. first and then vote on um, the B. 7. And that's just the certification of the funds.

Pete said okay, well, it, I can't, the motion has been made by Councilor Corey. I believe that he wants to get this thing done.

Lewis said okay, can, is he willing to amend it?

Pete said pardon?

Lewis asked if he is willing to amend it?

Councilor Corey said ah, I'll pull my motion from the floor. Ron, Ron, Ron, I'm going to pull, pull my motion from the floor.

Pete said okay, he has pulled his motion from the floor. So now what are we going to do? Suspend the rules and get done with A first or B., is it, um.

Lewis said yeah that would be the best way to vote because the first resolution already stands so.

Pete said okay, so, is, is, are we going, do we have to suspend the rules and take a motion on that?

Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton, can I get in the cue?

Pete said um, yes you can.

Crampton said alright, I would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND SWITCH THE RESOLUTIONS, THE ORDER OF THE RESOLUTIONS, THE TWO CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS THAT RELATED TO THIS ISSUE;** by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Pete said so we are voting on, okay, so we are voting on A. first and 7, right?

Crampton said yeah, it would be, yes, that would be the motion. The motion would be to suspend the rules and switch the resolution, the order of the resolution.

Pete said okay so Shannon has a motion on the floor to suspend the rules. Sandy supports it. Is there any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain? Do a roll call, Gary.

**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 -	Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder DiPiazza said the rules have been suspended.

Pete said okay, so now we are moving on to VII. Old Business. Just a moment. Okay, so VII would be item A.

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

This item was postponed at the 5/13/20 Tribal Council Meeting. 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 is there any discussion or can I get a motion on that? Can I get a motion?

Crampton said I don't have the packet. I'm looking for my packet right now, I don't have a packet.

Lewis said okay, um, I, I make a motion.

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**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 20-0520-146, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM OF 2020;** by Lewis; supported by.

Recorder DiPiazza said it is 147.

Lewis said it is A, right?

Pete said that was Old Business A. Approving an Amendment . . .

Lewis said 147, okay, I amend it. I amend that to 147.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 20-0520-147, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM OF 2020;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Pete said okay, is there any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

**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. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder DiPiazza said Resolution #20-0520-147 passed.

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

Pete said okay, so now we are going back to item #7 under B. Do I have a motion for Item 7?

Councilor Corey said I'll, I'll make the motion.

Pete said okay Dave, go ahead.



**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-08, 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER TO FUND THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,500;**  
by Corey; supported by Champagne

Someone said he doesn't have a resolution number.

Speaker Pete asked if I have any further discussion?

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, Jessica Steinberg.

Pete said okay Jessica.

Steinberg said I did not hear the resolution number and the motion, sorry, sorry Dave. Um, I know Sandy amended the action you just took to have a motion, the resolution be number 147 so are you going back to resolution # 146?

Pete said I don't have the number with me but if we are going back . . . you got that Gary?

DiPiazza said its 148.

Someone said right, you can't go back.

Steinberg said Mr. Speaker, can

Corey said I'll make a motion to amend my resolution via the approval of Resolution # 20-0520-\_\_\_\_\_, what's the number Kathleen?

Bowers said ah,

DiPiazza said 148.

Bowers said it is 148 but it is supplemental 08.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-148, THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-08, 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER TO FUND THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,073,500, RESOLUTION # 20-0520-148, APPROVAL OF;** by Corey; supported by Wittenberg.

Pete said okay. Is there any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

Councilor Corey said I have had several citizens contacting me asking me to change my vote. When I started I thought I was to do my job and do what was in my heart, to do what the creator and the \_\_\_\_\_ tells me to do but after this week I realized that my citizens do not want a leader with a heart. They want one with the checkbook. I vote yes by an overwhelming outcry from the citizen membership not because it is what my heart tells me to do.

Mezeske said you are a good man, Dave Corey.

Lewis said thank you Dave.

Councilor Crampton said I made several votes that were in my heart that I felt personally were the wrong positions but we are elected to be the representatives of the voice of the people. Based upon that, that I made my vote accordingly so my vote is yes.

Pete said okay. Gary, continue.

Recorder DiPiazza said I got to say what Dave is saying, you know, we haven't gotten to even the reforecast of the casino what is coming over, we know these times are hard and I guess if we got sell everything and not have anything later, I don't know what to say anymore, but . . . I'll vote in favor. You got what you wanted.

Lewis said thank you everybody.

DiPiazza said okay, well.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Pete said okay, what is the vote total?

Recorder DiPiazza said Resolution # 20-0520-148 passed.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

1. **Operations Report – February 2020 – none submitted**
2. **Financial Report – February 2020 – March 2020**

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

**A. Gaming Commission Report – March 2020 and April 2020**

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

**VII. Old Business**

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

This item was removed from the 5/13/20 Tribal Council Meeting pending further documentation.

Quarterly Appropriations of Funds.

Speaker Pete said we removed that from the agenda. Is that correct?

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Approval for Dingers to use the Tribal Seal/Tribal Logo Logo Wear Apparel**

A Tribal member is requesting use of the Tribal Seal/Tribal Logo to sell Logo Wear Apparel.

Speaker Pete said we had a discussion on this and, and in the agenda meeting so do I have a motion or any, can I have a motion to support this or not?

Corey said I will make a motion to support it.

Pete said okay Dave, go ahead, thank you.

Corey asked does it got to get a number or is it just a motion.

DiPiazza said 149.

**MOTION TO APPROVE FOR DINGERS TO USE THE TRIBAL SEAL/TRIBAL LOGO FOR LOGO WEAR APPAREL, RESOLUTION # 20-0520-149, by Corey; supported by DiPiazza.**

Kareen Lewis said can I ask a question.

Pete said okay, just a moment. Is there further discussion? Cindy.

Champagne said that wasn't Cindy, I think it was Sandy.

Kareen Lewis said Kareen.

Pete said oh, I'm sorry. Gosh I can hear voices, Sandy.

(Laughing)

Kareen Lewis said Kareen, um, yes, I was just wondering I haven't seen any information on that. Is that a tribal, like is that a company that we as the tribal government owns or the casino?

DiPiazza said no. I, I, I can answer that.

Pete said okay, go ahead.

DiPiazza said no, this is a Tribal Member Bill Cross owns a embroidery and screen-printing business. It has been around for a quite a while. This is just authorizing him to use the seal or logo and then he will have a spot on his website where Tribal Members can go and order logo wear.

Kareen Lewis said um, well, I would just like to say that if you are going to consider this as an option because there is a law against anybody using our logo then that would include opening it up for any Tribal Member that wants that owns a business to be able to use the logo.

Corey said yes, we could rescind that law. We just have to look up the number and put it on next week's thing and that's what I was, I will put that forward.

Kareen Lewis said I think it should be done before you approve one Tribal Member.

Laura Eichelberger said I would like to be put in the cue also please.

Pete said okay, um, I lost a minute. Now who wants to be in the cue?

Laura Eichelberger said Laura Eichelberger.

Pete said okay Laura, go ahead.

Eichelberger said I just had a, just a concern actually about this. Um, I, is it that he is going to be selling these to the membership or whoever actually, anybody can purchase them, and then he is going to be getting a portion of the sales, which is \$1.00 per piece, per certain amount of money . . . I guess my concern is beyond the dollars we are just getting in this and we aren't going to open this up to other people, um, he could potentially charge anything he wants. I'm not saying that he would or wouldn't um, it just seems we are very limited in submitting this and my concern is what ah, the process and what the Tribe could miss out on also, actually.

Corey said it is just about the artwork, and so.

Eichelberger said I think . . . I keep getting that option and paying a dollar right to the Tribe?

Someone said no.

Councilor Lewis said can I answer that?

Eichelberger said yeah, I would love that.

Lewis said okay, um, we, Bill actually was going to do this and he originally he was not going to make any profit on it. Ah, what was suggested is a work session and, you know, we wanted to take a look at whether or not we could charge like a little extra so then, so funding could go into children's programs with sports, whether it be \_\_\_\_ baseball, basketball, etc. and that was just something that was discussed because Bill is giving us like amazing rates on this. I mean he has, from what he said he has top quality gear so like a hat would be \$7.00. A hoodie would be \$20. So we had suggested well what if he charges a little bit more just then that way the Tribe is making money. Originally Bill was not going to make any profit off this. He as just gonna do that because there is a large request from Tribal Members that want to be able to buy something with our logo on it and um, we have no where to put our stuff.

Karren Lewis said this is Kareen. I would like to be in the cue.

Sandy Lewis said and that's for um, you know, his \_\_\_\_ they wanted that. So, I mean, I don't even know if you guys want to amend the motion again and then um, have another work session because this has the potential to be much bigger than it was when it was originally brought forward and there are a lot of things we could discuss on it. It is the logo and right now the Recorder is always the keeper of the logo but it wasn't for profit so.

Eichelberger said okay, that was really my question, my biggest concern to be honest. Thank you, I'm done.

Pete said okay.

DiPiazza said can I get back in the cue?

Pete said okay, go ahead Gary.

DiPiazza said well over the years ever since the C-Store was closed, um, we had no problem getting the logo gear of any sorts. Um, and like I said, we have had numerous work sessions before trying to get somebody to do it. Last time it turned into, I don't remember who, who was going to do it, but they said, no, that's enough I'm done because it turned into, it turned into more than what it was . . .

Someone spoke but it was inaudible.

DiPiazza said hello?

Kareen Lewis said sorry, I had asked to be in the cue and I was wondering if you guys caught that?

DiPiazza said um, I don't know. Um, anyways, like I said, he is not making any profit on them. I don't think, Bill, are you on the line?

Bill Cross responded yes, Gary, I am.

DiPiazza said okay. Um, like I said, there is no, there is no monetary value, um, like I said, then you are going to have to figure out how you are going to keep track of this and you are going to have to audit his books and things on that order. Like I said the last time we were trying to get this set up and everything, that was creepers, a couple three years ago and that um, I can't remember who we had lined up that was going to do it but wanted them from Tribal Council and wanted to oversee the whole thing. They wanted to be part of the website. I am not saying it is anybody here or anything but, um, but, who is going to orchestrate it? Everybody is wanting this logo gear and, to me, it was just the quickest way to get it going, so.

Bill Cross said Speaker, this is Bill Cross.

Pete said go ahead Bill.

Kareen Lewis said this is Karee Lewis said I was in the cue before Gary.

Pete said okay Kareen, go ahead, I'm sorry.

Kareen Lewis said um, thank you. Um, I would still like to stay with what I suggested in the first place that there is a law in place saying that um only the tribal government is allowed to use our logo. Um, so, um, by passing this it um, it applies favoritism towards Bill. I am all for entrepreneurs. I hope that we have a whole bunch of entrepreneurs who are successful Tribal Members and I am not against his business. I fully support his business and I think that's great if he is going to do that. That would be nice to be able to purchase things with our logo on it, however, I still feel that this is another form of favoritism or at least it appears to be and that in order to eliminate that, that we should open this back up to all Tribal Members being able to use the logo if they want to whether it is for money or not.

Pete said okay.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg, can I get in the cue after Bill please?

Pete said okay, Bill, you go ahead. Bill.

Cross said okay, um, thank you Mr. Speaker and Tribal Members and Tribal Council. I just wanted to say one thing here, um, #1 – all I ever wanted to do with the store and all I have ever wanted to do with my Tribe is do and be of service. I've been to my Tribe many times with lots of different things. Um, I've, I've always #1 have been Anish and cared about my Tribe and my Tribe's people. I've helped my Tribe in many, many different ways and I served on the Land Acquisition Board. I served on the Construction Committee. Um, way back in the 90's. I've been a culturalist my whole, my whole time walked the red road. I've, I've done everything I can for as many Native American kids and family members and Tribal Members that I can think of. I did my sweats when I was 18. I built my log house when I was 21. Um, I've always thought of my Tribe first before I ever thought about anything about myself. And anybody who ever really truly ever knew my, my actions, which I don't think a lot of you have ever really got to know me besides Facebook or maybe a little bit in the newspaper or things that you've heard. When it comes to it, I am Anishinaabe first. I'm Little River first over anything that we ever think of so my intentions at any given time is for my people. I have also talked to \_\_\_\_\_ and I really want to have a workshop. I want to come up and I want to take any money that we make from this to be put right back into

youth programs that I can bring in. I can do clinics, softball clinics, I know an awful lot of you know that I am a softball coach, college softball coach and I coach at Lansing Community College. Um, we can do a lot of different things with this. But first, first things first is the, is the image and also the seal. It means a lot to me. Um, I'm proud to be a member of this Tribe. I'm proud of our members and I do understand what, what, some of the concerns are but I just wanted to let you know my first and foremost only is my Tribe and that's all I have to say.

Pete said okay, I think Jessica, were you in the cue next.

Laura Eichelberger said can I be put back into the cue, Laura Eichelberger.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry, first of all, is Jessica in the cue?

Jessica Steinberg said yeah I am, I am. I didn't hear who wants to be after me.

Pete said I think . . .

Steinberg said okay. Um, yeah, I'm looking Mr. Speaker and I'm sure that Mr. Cross is um, an extremely honorable person and sounds like a pretty upstanding guy but I want to bring to your attention that the use of our logo is protected under 96-100-01, that is the ordinance that deals with the official seal of the Tribe. The logo of the Tribe is not merely an art piece. It is the official seal of our government and its representation. That's how we identify ourselves in our government-to-government relationships with the State and with the Federal Government. And in that ordinance, in Article IV, the official seal is very clearly defined . . . I'm not sure who is banging around behind me but it is really starting to irritate me. The other part I want to say is in Article V, the limitation on the use of the ordinance is spelled out and there are reasons for the limitations of use. Again, in the official representation the meaning behind our seal describes the journey of our people and our Tribe. Um, 5.01 which is under Article V limits the use of the connection on private correspondence. I'm not even allowed to add that to my personal correspondence stationary without the expressed um, consent of my Tribe. I have to ask for that. 5.02, when we use it for a subdivision of our government operations, they have to ask for that. The police have to ask to put it on their uniforms or anyone else has to ask for use of our government seal. The commercial use is even more restricted. What I would suggest is if you want to have a, a ah, a rule that allows Tribal Members like Mr. Cross to use it in a commercial venture, his own private venture, to sell it back to Tribal Members to create a fund, you need to address that in the law because there is no, there is no room in the law as it's written to allow it. So, I think you have to do some housekeeping here.



And Mr. Cross I really admire everything that you talked about on Monday and everything that you have explained here today but I am always going to air on the side of what my government laws say because that is the exercise of sovereignty. So, um, maybe a work session is in order, not necessarily to discuss Mr. Cross' business venture but to discuss how commercial use of this item should be handled and whether or not there should be a licensing fee and royalties for its use. I for one think as a representative um, of the government that I have a lot of blood, sweat and tears invested in, I for one would like to see a licensing fee for anyone using it outside of my government and a fee as a royalty for anyone that uses it to produce their commercial goods. Thank you Mr. Speaker and that's all I have.

Pete said okay, thank you. Is there anyone else that I, I'm sorry, I can rephrase, is there anyone else that wants to be in the cue?

Dawn Moneyham said this is Dawn Moneyham I would like to be in the cue.

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker . . .

Pete said oh, okay, I got two voices. Which was the first one?

Dawn Moneyham said Dawn Moneyham.

Pete said okay, Dawn.

Laura Eichelberger said and Laura Eichelberger.

Pete said and then who is the second person that wanted to be in the cue?

Laura Eichelberger said Laura Eichelberger.

Pete said okay, Laura. Okay, Dawn, go ahead.

Dawn Moneyham said um, I would like to make a suggestion. Um, I agree with what Jessica was saying as far as the restrictions and the use of the government seal and the way that it is written in our laws, what about the creation of a new seal for our entrepreneurs to use where um, its maybe something added to our government seal to make an extra, a new seal um, just for use for our Tribal Member artists and entrepreneurs. As a Tribal artists, I can tell you that having representation of your actual Tribe increases the value of your work in the eyes of the general public. It adds authenticity and that could be really useful to all of our Tribal artists and it wouldn't be real hard to set up some kind of a list, a registration, so that

we know who is using it, um, and I would be happy to volunteer to help create one. Um, but I just wanted to throw that out there.

Pete said okay, thank you Dawn. Um, Laura.

Laura Eichelberger said hi, sorry. Um, I just wanted to ask a quick question, since Bill is willing to do the non-profit and he is going to donate those profits to something else for the kids, um, would that fall under a different guideline? And wouldn't, and if so, wouldn't it be able to go forward with that if it did?

Councilor Lewis said can I, after you answer this can I jump in the cue Ron?

Pete said okay, thank you. Um, I would have to really check and see what, if he can do something like that under a different area so I'm not prepared to answer that right now. Um, so I am going to defer to Sandy. Is it Sandy who wants to be in the cue? Sandy, I'm sorry.

Councilor Lewis said yes, well, I heard earlier in the discussion that this was the quickest way to get this on. I don't think that is really a good thing, you know, the fastest way we can. Ah, I already asked if Dave would amend that and table this pending a work session because obviously there is like a lot of discussion and a lot of different um, legalities, um, you know, this could also be something good. I mean, it has a lot of potential but I think we need more discussion on this because not everything has been addressed here so I'm just asking it again that if Dave would amend this motion to table it pending a work session.

Councilor Corey said I just want to leave it on the floor Ron. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_. Vote it up or down.

Lewis said okay, well I really don't want to say no but legally I, I, I, you know, you can't say yes.

Corey said the man is trying to run a business he needs to not be hindered to do what he wants to do. If you change the logo, all you got to do is take the two birds out of it and its not the same image and we can't go after anybody. So, it's a great idea. I love protecting our seal and our, you know, hard work and stuff but it was used for years for brand marketing. We spent millions of dollars for that brand marketing, our old colorful image with Little River people remember that. Its burned into their minds forever.

Lewis said okay, can I answer something on that Dave or say something, you know, to add.

Pete said okay Sandy.

Lewis said okay, um, that's, that's good if you take out a couple birds but that's still doesn't change what the motion says the Tribal Logo and, and that's what we're addressing here today is the Tribal Logo.

Pete said okay, thank you Sandy.

Corey said it has been issue for three years and I can see why people don't want to use our logo because they have to go through this right here and as a business owner, I would not be on this conversation. I would have probably hung up already.

S. Lewis said yeah, and the legality of it is what I'm looking at.

Pete said okay, at this point, I do have a motion on the floor. Do I have any support for that motion?

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton. I will support that motion plus I would like to talk to ULD. Are these legitimate concerns? I mean because I just came from an industry before I got elected to this position where everything was killed because of \_\_\_\_\_ law and a napster kind of came in and made everything that I developed and sold was now free. And like Dave said, we are looking at a \_\_\_\_\_, like if you make one modification we have no, absolutely no recourse on. Now, also, when you are looking at our seal being out there this is always just fractured me, when I go to other tribes every GSA vehicle they own, every vehicle they own has their label on it. This is marketing, free marketing, that goes out to the people. The proceeds that come back to the Tribe are valued, are numbered in that marketing. We don't have that, we don't have that on our GSA vehicles, we don't have it on our vehicles, we give people grief when they want to use it. I say throw that damn thing everywhere it can be, anywhere.

Kareen Lewis said Kareen would like to be in the cue.

DiPiazza said can I get in the cue after . . . sorry.

Crampton said yeah . . .

Pete said just a moment, Shannon is not done.

DiPiazza said I'm sorry.

Pete said Shannon go ahead.

Crampton said I would like a review from the ULD to see if these are legitimate legal concerns because, like I said, the industries I came from, the music industry, there was no legal recourse, you just folded up the \_\_\_\_\_.

Pete said Shannon, are you finished?

Crampton said yes.

Pete said okay, I just, I just want to make sure. I didn't want you interrupted. Now, there are some more people that want to be in the cue and now I lost track so who wants to be in the cue?

DiPiazza said I wanted to be in the cue if you don't mind, at some point.

Pete said okay Dave. Okay. Who is on, Gary? Gary, and then Karen.

DiPiazza said the Tribal Seal Ordinance is 96-101. 5.03 of that commercial use of Tribal Seal or reproductions. Um, I remind everybody to refer themselves to that. For commercial use it means that authorized resolution by Tribal Council. So, you, everybody can go read that, read that document. I, I, you know, we had this discussion like I said when the C-Store closed, everybody has been wanting logo wear. Um, like I said the last time I know Council wanted to like put out a vendor bid to everybody, then they wanted whoever did that to come to a Membership Meeting with every size, every color, every configuration of anything that you could sell at a Membership Meeting, which for somebody to invest that amount of money into, into stock not knowing if you are going to sell it all because it is the wrong color, it is the wrong feel, like I said, what Bill is asking for I don't think is out of line. Like I said, because he is going to be operating a website. He is going to be shipping it. That is part of the price. It is not a get rich and also in that Ordinance also, if people want to use it for personal use they have that right to do that. That's why my arm, if somebody wants to come cut it off and remove the seal from my arm, have at it.

Pete said thanks Gary.

DiPiazza said yes.

Pete said okay. And now I got Karen. Karen, you're in the cue.

Kareen Lewis said thank you. Um, so now that I know you have a tattoo, Gary, of our logo, um that is illegal so you committed a crime.

DiPiazza said arrest me.

K. Lewis . . . said I would like to make an official record of that on our, on our Tribal Council notes.

DiPiazza said sure.

K. Lewis said and um, I know Bill, I remember Bill, when he used to work there. He is a great person. He is very respectable person. I really hope you have a great successful business and I appreciate his, you know, concern for wanting to help the Tribe and all the good things that he does, however, I still feel that because of the favoritism that I've seen at our Tribe over the years for certain people, and I'm not saying or accusing Bill of anything, um, but I've seen that over and over with certain people that allowed to do things and other people are not. There is a law in place. You can't just say oh okay, but, this law is set for this person because we think he is cool. We think he has a great business. Um, benefit the kids' program, well there are all kinds of people that could, you know, say well I will throw something in for the kids too. You know, that is just not how it works. This is business. And, and, this is our Tribal Government Logo and reputation and um, all of that, that we are trying to protect because if you, if I use that logo and you know . . .

Someone said something that was inaudible.

K. Lewis said what are you saying? Who is whispering? Is someone talking to me?

Pete said I heard voices too but I don't know what they were saying Kareen. I have no idea.

K. Lewis said okay, so, so, if somebody, you know, starts using that and you know, starts doing something that, you know, the Tribe doesn't want to be associated with then you know, what happens? Then what happens? So, um, we really need to have some rules in place so I agree this should be a work session done um, to further discuss changing the law and making some kind of um, you know, different regulations or something to follow if you are going to be able to use that and then if we are, that is open then to any entrepreneur in the Tribe. Thank you.

Pete said thank you Kareen. Okay, right now, I am going to say that I have a motion on the floor by Dave Corey. I got it seconded from Shannon Crampton.

DiPiazza said I supported it. I thought I seconded that, but that's okay.

Kathleen Bowers said I had Gary as well.

Pete said I heard Shannon second it.

DiPiazza said no, that's fine.

Crampton said no, I, I said something after it was already on the floor. Dave put it on the floor, Gary supported it.

Pete said okay Gary, I'm sorry, Gary did support this. Okay? Now.

DiPiazza said I wasn't worried about it but . . .

Pete said okay, you supported it. Is there any further discussion?

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton. Can I get in the cue?

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said okay, well I just wanted to say that in 2014 the, we gave it to ah a sports youth organization. The last one I'm aware of I think we gave it to the Warriors Society to make a license plate that weren't actually our seal, they were a little bit off, um, so I don't think its Council picking and choosing people, I think if people ask and actually going through the process of applying and asking, like Mr. Cross did. I, I, I don't see the value in not having our logo out there as many places as possible. It just drives me nuts because you are talking about pennies on the dollar when you are talking about getting licensing fees compared to what that will do for somebody in Chicago that sees one of our shirts and says hey, I've never heard of that place maybe I want to stop there. The value, that's where the value is to me. So I support this. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Shannon. Okay, . . .

Councilor Lewis said can I get in the cue real quick, this is Sandy.

Pete said who is this?

Councilor Lewis answered Sandy.

Pete said Sandy, go ahead.

Sandy Lewis said okay, um, the way its written, I mean I really don't want to but I'm going to have to say no. Um, you know, I really want a work session because the potential that this has I think is pretty amazing, um, you know. I'm, I really do like Bill and I, I do like all the things that he spoke of and, you know, the way our discussion went when we were talking about this. There, there is potential for some really good things but you know, the way its written I'm going to have to say no today but I, I want a work session to actually address every option we have with this so. That's it.

Pete said okay, thank you Sandy. Cindy.

Councilor Champagne said yes, I would say, I was impressed by everything that Mr. Cross said. It's not that and I think some of his ideas are excellent, the only thing is I can't see us voting to ignore the laws that we put in place. Ah, we should have a work session if we want to do stuff like this we should revise the law whenever but to vote to ignore the laws that's in place, that's just not ethical and I don't even think legal. But, . . .

DiPiazza said can I get in the cue again?

Champagne said thank you.

DiPiazza said can I get in the cue?

Pete said okay Gary, just a moment, hang on. Cindy, are you finished?

Champagne said yeah, I guess so.

Pete said well Cindy, I didn't want to cut you off. It is just Gary wanted to get in the cue before you were done.

DiPiazza said sorry.

Pete said alright, Gary, you're in the cue.

DiPiazza said well I would suggest everybody read the Tribal Ordinance 96-101 and 5.03 is specific on that. You are not violating any, any law. We have given, like he said, the Warriors Society for the license plates, we

have given the Commerce Department usage, um, quite a few different places and it has always been by a Tribal Resolution. 5.04 is, if anybody wants to go read that, is that you can use that Tribal Seal for personal use only and that you can't sell it. So we are not violating any law because we have done it numerous times. So I ask for your vote, it's fine. I'm done.

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. . . . I'm so sorry, can I get in the cue too please, Chelsea Densmore?

Pete said okay, Chelsea, go ahead.

Chelsea Densmore said I just wanted to make a comment. I know there are legal issues and there have been some questions but I really hope that this doesn't deter Mr. Cross, like I really do think that some of the stuff you have talked about doing for the kids was amazing. It was, I, to be honest did not, I was not able to catch the beginning of the discussion where they actually said the numbers about the shirts so that I don't know but I, some of the stuff you have talked about doing for the kids was amazing and we just voted to give the kids money and we have been talking non-stop for the last couple of weeks about how we needed to do more for the kids. This has the potential to do a lot for the kids. Um, and I just wanted to say I really appreciate that. I know there is a lot of work that goes into it. You are not talking about making a lot of profit, if any profit. Um, so I appreciate it, thank you.

Kareen Lewis said Kareen in the cue please.

Pete said thank you Chelsea. Is there anyone else that . . .

Kareen Lewis said Kareen would like to be in the cue.

Pete said okay, go ahead. Kareen, go ahead.

Kareen Lewis said oh, okay. Um, so I would just like to point out in my argument that (inaudible – poor connection) . . . tribal government property which Gary DiPiazza clearly did and um, (inaudible – poor connection), . . . while he was at work as a Tribal Councilor and then now he is clearly just using the logo as he wants to. And, um, so that is what I'm talking about are some things like things like that, that come up that there is clearly favoritism for and um, somebody should be holding him accountable for breaking our laws when you guys are sitting here, you know, going over everything saying oh yeah, we gotta apply to our laws, well, do it then. And, um, and, I agree with Chelsea again too that I think it is great, there is money that somebody is interested in helping our kids. It has been years where we haven't done anything for them and that is all I have to say for today. Thank you.



DiPiazza said ah, it's me again.

Pete said is this Gary?

DiPiazza said I don't mind the personal attacks that's okay, that is something I gotta bear and I gotta burden. I do have a CPL, . . . not. I took responsibility. All I ever hear from anybody is nobody ever takes responsibility. I took responsibility for what I did and I paid that price. So, you think I got away with something . . .

Kareen Lewis . . . (inaudible) so how are you still there?

DiPiazza said well, read the law.

Pete said okay, you know what . . .

Kareen Lewis said I know the laws.

Pete said you know what . . .

DiPiazza said then you would have read . . .

Pete said . . . a personal attack on anybody.

Kareen Lewis said it is not a personal attack. I'm telling that Tribal Council and our government, our Executive side, does not uphold our laws. There is favoritism and that's what I'm upset about. It is the favoritism, clearly check yourselves.

DiPiazza said I am . . . I have never even, other than a work session, dealing with Mr. Cross. So to say it is favoritism on his part or my part, no its not. The Tribal Seal falls under the shoulders of the Recorder.

Kareen Lewis said I didn't say it was on Bill's part. It's on your part.

Pete said okay. Alright, look it guys, we have a motion on the floor, we got it supported. Is there any further discussion?

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton, can I get in the cue?

Pete said Shannon, go ahead, yes.

Crampton said given the discussion right now I don't want to move forward on any speculation because I pretty much know what the law is but for everybody voting I don't want to see this go down the wrong road. I would hope that, and ask Dave, just to make the, amend his motion to postpone this to second open pending legal questions in closed because I would like to get to the bottom of this. I pretty sure I know which way its gonna go, I just want to make sure everybody votes with knowledge.

Wittenberg said support.

Pete said okay, but you got to have Dave, excuse me Shannon and Ron, Dave has to amend his motion. His motion is on the floor to pass it the way it is.

Crampton aid yes, and my request is that he, (inaudible – poor connection)

Pete (inaudible – poor connection) Dave.

Councilor Corey said I guess I will remove the motion from the table then.

Pete said and then we can take it up in the second open, is that okay?

Corey withdrew his motion.

Crampton said I will make a motion.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE PENDING LEGAL REVIEW;** by Crampton; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion? Gary, take a vote.

Jessica Steinberg said Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg, I just had one quick question, um.

Pete said okay.

Steinberg said because I don't have the original motion on Mr. Cross' use of the logo in front of me, does the original motion have anything in it, per our Ordinance, and thank you Mr. DiPiazza for bringing the Ordinance up and you reading it. Does the original motion have anything in it that is (inaudible – poor connection).

There is discussion in the background . . . someone to call me back. It's cold out here let me get my coat on.

Champagne said I don't know who is talking and I think it should be muted because I can't understand what they said.

They said I'm sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said where are we at with this?

DiPiazza said I have no idea.

Steinberg said the reason I ask that question when you bring it back out of ah, your closed discussion in the second open, section 5.01 is pretty expressive about how the logo is used. You can ask legal but 5.03, which Mr. DiPiazza keeps referencing talks about commercial use and about um, remunerations of the seal used from any commercial venture has to have some amendment in the agreement so it goes back to the Tribe's general fund. And then with personal use there can absolutely cannot be any profit involved. So I wanted to make sure that those two items were covered in any amendment or any resolution supporting the use of the seal. That is all I wanted to bring to your attention.

DiPiazza said that is why he wasn't making a profit.

Someone said right.

Pete said okay, can I get a, can I get a vote now of folks to postponing this to the second open, pending a legal review?

Crampton said yeah, you have a motion from me and a support from Dave so there needs to be a roll call.

Pete said Gary, do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder DiPiazza said that item has been moved to second open.

Speaker Pete said okay, that brings us on to concluding business.

Councilor Champagne said excuse Ron.

Pete said yes.

Champagne noted that Gary said one against, I didn't hear the against.

DiPiazza said I voted no.

Champagne said oh, okay, I didn't hear that.

DiPiazza said okay.

Pete said okay. Is everything squared up? Okay, now concluding business.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

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

Speaker Pete said Larry.

Romanelli said thank you very much. Um, first I want to ask the leads if they would report if they are still on the call.

Jay Sam said I'm still hear sir.

Tammy Burmeister said I'm still on the call, I'm sorry Jay.

Jay Sam said sorry Tammy.

Romanelli said okay. Mary, Bill? Okay, thank you.

Romanelli said okay, I'll just give you some brief updates. It has been a long meeting. Um, reopening of the government. We are trying to work at that and see if we can reopen within the next couple of weeks. The Resort – I'm lifting the stay-at-home order I believe, unless something comes up from the Governor, at the end of when this one expires. Ah, I would like to ask if Jamie Friedel is on the call still? Okay. Well, I have some questions, pardon me, I didn't hear you. Okay, well I have some concerns that continue,

Someone said something that was inaudible.

Romanelli said pardon me. Who is this?

Pete said I said go ahead Larry.

Romanelli said okay, um, the thing is there are things that are written on Facebook and you wonder why I get a little frustrated and get short with people but I'm reading stuff that is sent to me and for example, we have Jamie Friedel talking about the Ogema still hangs the Muskegon carrot out in front of us every time there is something that we are talking about. I would like to ask Jamie why he figures the Ogema is hanging a carrot. You know this gets old. Then I have Kim Zuliger who says, so provided there is no malfeasance in past Ogema misappropriated funds and backdoor deals with the mobs, oh my god. That is the kind of stuff that is written and I would like somebody that is on those websites to comment. I would like someone like that to, to see where they come up with this information. You know nobody responds to that crap and I have to listen to that time and again.

Tim Zuliger said this is Tim Zuliger can I get in the cue.

Pete said after he is done.

Romanelli said explain to me why you would write that there is malfeasance, misappropriated funds by the Ogema, past Ogema, whatever, I don't know if you are talking about me or who or are you talking about backdoor deals with mobs. Please explain Kim.

Tim Zuliger said I am going to explain the malfeasance of the past Ogema was not you. It was explained to me by another Tribal Elder years ago before you were in office. There was also somebody from a Tribal Elder that told me about backdoor deals with the mob when we first became a tribal entity. So, whether that is completely true or not, I do not know but I went by when an Elder told me that everything that I hear from everybody else. I, I am in Wisconsin and I do the best I can to try to keep up with this Tribe but between everybody's bickering back and forth I don't know what's true and what's not. All I know is that years ago we had "x" amount of dollars that were, that was in our reserves and now we are \$7 million is what we have left. We had, we had a casino that was already paid for and now we still owe more. I mean where is the money going? I'm not saying that it is directly related to the Ogema. I am not saying it is directly related to the Council but there is damn well something going on moneywise why our Tribe cannot make it and we, we're spending money, its going out the window, and our Tribal Elders, our Tribal Members, have no real clue where this money is going because

A. reports are not being got on a regular basis, whether quarterly, whether monthly. I try to look them up, I can't find nothing. And nothing reported this month, nothing reported this month. If you expect us to trust in you Ogema and as well as the Council I expect to see those things on our Tribal website or be available and that is where I am getting upset, yes. I may have over spoken and I apologize for that but it is getting frustrated to hear that all this stuff keeps going on and, and at this point we're when COVID-19 happened, we are arguing about helping our own Tribal Members and our Tribal Elders because we are afraid of not having enough money. Now that's just ridiculous. Our Tribal Elders, our Tribal Members should come first. If you don't have us you will not have a Tribal Membership. You will not have a Tribe. I believe if I, I may be misquoting, but isn't there supposed to be so many members in order to have a tribe? Well, the way it is going it looks like that is going to not happen very soon if we don't take care of our Tribal Elders and our Members. They should also come first as well instead of all these damn projects that we keep putting money towards and we have no clue where that money is going and we are getting nothing back. And again, I'm not saying you Mr. Ogema Romanelli that it is directly related to you but I know that you're one of the number of people that are supposed to be fiduciary responsible to the elected body and then also elect to the elected or to the our citizens. That is where I am getting upset. And if I over spoke I apologize.

Romanelli said and I accept that apology and I understand the frustrations. And I would ask you to please, you know, if you have a Council representative as well. Please direct those questions to them as well because that is part of the problem too and you know, we, we give out information as much as we can. And if you have been on this call you realize we've already appropriated a couple million dollars going out again and we have, and we don't know when the government is going to reopen, so, not at this time. I am hoping within the next week or so as well as the casino. And it really, it really gets tough and I would ask you to please, you know, clarify that because I catch a lot of hell for this type of stuff when it says the Ogema. It didn't say Council, it said Ogema. Now it says past Ogema and ah, you know, where we are going with it I don't know and I accept your apology and I understand your frustration. But please ask your Council representative or representatives to give you the information that you looking for and I'll try and handle the stuff at this end. And I thank you Tim . . . on before . . .

Tim Zuliger said just real quick, there is a second part to that, it is also really hard to try to contact, I understand that the Tribal, that the casino is closed but as far as for membership, there is no reason why I should have to try to leave a message for anybody in the tribal government and if you are doing stuff at home or if your getting paid salary during this COVID-

19, and I'm not talking about you Ogema, just you, I'm talking about everybody. There is no reason why I shouldn't get a phone call back. I did apply for some energy assistance back in March and I just heard back yesterday after months of waiting to hear what's gonna, if I'm getting approved or not. When I hear that the message thing is full and I can't leave a message, and I tried several ways. I mean this is ridiculous. Tribal government yes, some things should be closed but there should be some small portion of people that are able to call and say hey, we're looking at it, we'll get back to ya, hey, um, stand by, whatever, but it's frustrating when I can't even get a hold of my own tribal government in a time of need. Thank you very much. That is all I have to say.

Romanelli said you're welcome. And I understand that as well. Please call your Tribal Council Representative on that too.

Romanelli said I want to ask Council finally as a last thing, ah, when you say you are going to go into second open, how does the 30 or so members that are on the call know when you are going to go into second open?

Someone said he announces it.

Romanelli said who announces it?

Pete said Larry, I don't have a clue. I don't have the time. It's depends upon how fast closed goes and then right from that we go into a second open, so maybe we should schedule a time the next meeting and say here is what we do. But, as you know, I'm sorry, I'm just speaking for myself right now trying to answer you, as you know, sometimes these open sessions they go on for two hours, two and a half hours and sometimes we keep answering the same thing, same thing, same thing, same thing, same thing, yes it is frustrating. Simply, at some point maybe we should do a time limit on it. I can't do a time limit on it. It is open for every Tribal Member to speak. So, I would like to say look it, we got open until um, 10 to noon, that would be great. And then take, excuse me, and then let's take a half an hour lunch because there are people like me I got to eat and take my medicine and then we can go into closed at 12:30 and say we go into the second open say at 1:00. That would be a great schedule for me but as you know we can't do it the way things are going right now.

Councilor Lewis said Ron, can I . . .

Romanelli said I wasn't trying to keep this thing going.

Lewis said this is Sandy. I was just going to give an option. Okay, so far this meeting has lasted three hours twenty-two minutes, twenty-nine seconds, thirty seconds. Okay, as an option, I mean, there are times when

I call in and then I just let my phone play and as soon as, you know, the meeting starts it lets me know so I don't know if people can just like keep their phones like, you know, give it about a half hour, call in, after closed and then just put your phone on and it will tell you when the meeting starts. As an option . . .

Romanelli said okay. I'm done with my report.

Pete said Sandy, okay, Ogema are you finished?

Romanelli said yes I am.

Pete said okay, I'm, maybe we can discuss this and I would like to have it a different way. I would like there to be time limits on some of this stuff because some of the questions are asked five and ten times. And so I would like to be able to say we could do an open session until like I said until noon and then 12:30 for closed and 1:00 again for the open. I am going to make a suggestion. I don't know if it is going to fly. But Larry, thank you for your status update. Is there any further from you on your weekly status and update?

Romanelli said no, I'm done. Thanks.

Pete said thank you Larry.

Pete said okay, Legislative Affairs Update.

Susan Thull said Ron, Ron, this is Susan Thull.

Pete said yes,

Thull said I would like to speak.

Pete said I don't, I can't hear you.

Susan Thull said Susan Thull.

Pete said yes Susan, go ahead.

Thull (inaudible) . . . and others that we need to start communicating via email, text, whatever our membership prefers. If you have that all set up now you could just simply when you are ready for closed simply send an email or a text, you pay for a service right now on your email and let us know that you are going into open again.



Pete said okay, any other further comments on that?

Councilor Crampton said yeah, this is Shannon Crampton and I just wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ we are talking about going to the rules and stuff, I would caution everybody to look back and at the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance because you are only supposed to be talking about items that are on the agenda. You know it is the Ogema's Weekly Status and Business Update, it is not the personal blithe hour so. We have no jurisdiction over what people say on Facebook. We never did. So that is not a status update.

Romanelli said oh, now we are going to go that route huh?

Crampton said are you interrupting me?

Romanelli said after all the conversations . . .

Crampton said Mr. Speaker, please, control the meeting. This is not the Ogema's meeting.

Pete said alright, Shannon, I didn't think you, I didn't know you were done. Shannon, it's your, it's your cue.

Crampton said yeah and I'm not picking a fight. I'm just stating the obvious. We have all talked about rules. The rules need to be \_\_\_\_\_ if you stick to the agenda item. Every week Mr. Romanelli gets up and we have to listen to the Jerry Springer Show. Very little business and status updates. All things about him and how it is connected. We have no jurisdiction over Facebook, sorry, that's reality. It pertains nothing to business.

Pete said okay, but I don't think we need to make a reference to the Jerry Springer Show, please.

Crampton said I am sorry for that but I get frustrated with this. I mean we have, . . .

Pete said well, we all get frustrated with things.

Crampton said when you talk, I agree with you, if we are going to talk about sticking to the rules then stick to the rules. This is why this meeting is so long.

## **B. Legislative Affairs Update**

Pete said okay, so I'm on to Legislative Affairs Update. Is there anything under Legislative Affairs?

Shannon Crampton said yeah, this is Shannon Crampton again.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said I am just watching the re-openings and the hot spots and what we are looking at right now it seems to be there are spots that are opening up. They are creating hot spots. Now the problem is the CDC has just released their guidelines this morning on how to reopen and everything and put out by the Whitehouse for a while but they are out now. So there is a standardized format. We should be looking at those. The only, ah, fault that I find in those regulations is that it takes three weeks to actively identify if you actually have it so if you read the guidelines there is no way of actually telling if somebody has it for three weeks so it is just something we need to look at.

Pete said okay, thank you. Anybody else for Legislative Affairs Update?

## **D. Public Comment Period**

DiPiazza said I had you on mute, I'm sorry. I was just going to say China has locked down two more cities because of another outbreak so.

Pete said well, go for the Chinese.

DiPiazza said well.

Pete said okay, anything else for public comment.

Matthew Chandler said Matthew Chandler, 1687.

Pete said okay, just a moment. We got some people in, Matt, okay, go ahead Matthew.

Matthew Chandler said I want o um follow-up on some questions that I asked last week and I would just like for somebody to try and figure out what were spending at the casino in expenses per month because as most people have said that we were not bringing any money in to the casino so if we are not bringing any money into the casino, then how are we paying those individuals at the casino that are still employed and still getting a

check. Or are they using last quarters funding to fund the salaries this quarter. And if you do that does that go to take away from the 40% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter that is supposed to be distributed to the Tribe. The other, the other statement is I understand that the pain that Larry goes through being a public servant and people making names and stuff like that. I mean I have gone through that myself but that is public service. I mean look at how many time people have said something about Obama. Then how many times people are saying things about Trump or about this senator or that senator. They're in public service. So you are going to see it. I know its frustrating but it is going to happen. Thank you.

Romanelli said can I answer that.

Pete said okay, anybody else want in public comment?

Romanelli said I would like to answer that.

Pete said who is this?

Chelsea Densmore said its Chelsea Densmore, I want to get in the cue after the Ogema.

Romanelli said let Chelsea go first and then I'll go.

Pete said okay, Chelsea.

Densmore said hi, um, so I wanted to, I think the Ogema brought up a really good point that um, that has definitely been lacking, its really hard for the membership to be aware of when the next open starts. Um, I know that Councilor Crampton has his Facebook page, I know that Councilor um, DiPiazza, has his Facebook page and is that something that they could post. I know that Councilor DiPiazza has um, is really good about posting like the agenda and all of that stuff and like other people post on his page so I don't know if somebody could be updating those so at the very least we have some sort of communication. That would be amazing. Um, one thing that I wanted to bring up that happened at the beginning of the meeting was there, I can't remember who said it but one of the members had specifically asked about the agenda being updated on-line and then it was immediately updated which was amazing. Thank you so much. Is that something that can be done every single week that we can make sure the agenda is updated on-line prior to um, the meeting starting and then also off of that, if we make sure everything is updated on-line. You know, like, there is the financials that weren't updated for a while. All of the past videos for the Council meetings still aren't updated for this year. Um, the minutes haven't been updated. And I know that probably falls more like on the IT Department and maybe that's an Ogema question more so

than Council. I'm not sure how that goes but it is really hard for members um, that aren't in Manistee to be able to get a lot of this information so we rely on these meetings specially to get accurate information because Facebook just like the Ogema said, is so hard to find accurate information. Um, lastly, with the Ogema's comment, you know, I completely understand the frustration of having people, you know, spread a bunch of stuff you know and I definitely encourage people, like if you don't know the facts, maybe don't say it. I totally understand that but I expect more professionalism from our Ogema and from our Council and our leaders. So I would hope that this wouldn't be the source to be calling out specific members for specific comments. Um, everybody is getting that. Gary was absolutely taken throughout multiple different Facebook posts. Councilor Crampton is always, you know, in multiple Facebook post. You know, like everybody is talking bad about everybody and while we definitely need to fix that, um, and I would hope our membership can come together and we can work together better, Council, Ogema, Membership, everybody, I expect better of you guys. Thank you so much.

Pete said okay, thank you Chelsea. Larry, go ahead.

Romanelli said I just wanted to say yes, other people are talked about whether it be Obama or Trump or whatever and they all respond back too. We all have our different ways. I prefer not to tweet and do things like that. I prefer not to stay off of some of those Facebook posts but some of those comments that are said make the Tribe look really bad and some of them look like we are outright illegal and I just think its not productive to our Tribe at all. You know, and again, if the people have a question or a concern, um, please get with your elected officials. You have nine Council members as well, please if you are having a problem. You know, and going back to Matt Chandler's question about the money and where does it come from and where does it go to? Um, you know, Council has that information. I have it as well but your Council representative does as well so I would ask that, you know, get with them and find out what's going on. So, thank you.

Pete said anyone else in public comment.

Matthew Chandler said yes Mr. Speaker, Matthew Chandler.

Pete said okay Matthew, your first.

Chandler said since the Ogema wanted me to direct that question to Council, that's what I'm going to do. I'm asking Council how much, how much are we spending in expenses at the tribal casino knowing that the tribal casino has zero coming in and are those salaries being paid from last

quarter and if they are being funded from last quarter, then what does that mean for the 40% distribution that is supposed to take place. Thank you.

Pete said okay, I will answer that.

Romanelli said thank you Matthew.

Pete said the 40% distribution has been already made and there is, there is an account already for that. It cannot spend the 40% of the distribution for the Tribe. It does not spend that. Where the casino is exactly right now, I can't put the final number on it but we are going to have a meeting next week and I'm going to make sure that I have that number when you bring that number up next week at Tribal Council. I will make sure of that and that's my answer for right now.

Chandler said alright, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Pete said is there anyone else that is in the cue?

Dawn Moneyham said this is Dawn Moneyham in the cue.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker . . .

Pete said okay Dawn.

Steinberg said this is Jessica Steinberg, I would like to get in the cue.

Pete said okay, Dawn and then Jessica.

Moneyham said I would just like to remind everybody and this is Ogema, Council and our Members that we are a Tribe and at the end of the day no matter what the bickering and the fighting and the disagreements and the opposition, we have to work together because if we don't we go exist. We have to remember what the meaning of the word tribe is all about. We have to put the national politics and the state politics and all the rest of that aside and remember that we are a family and everybody is supposed to contribute what they are able and everybody is supposed to reap in the end so that nobody is left out, nobody is forgotten and that applies to our elders and all the way down to our children. I hear a lot of, of forgetfulness of our culture and it is disturbing. Um, it makes me very sad and as an outlying member I have been begging our Tribe for the last decade to make more cultural teachings and such available to our outlying members who can't get to Manistee and it falls on deaf ears. Listening to this meeting today is just another example of how much we need our culture and we need to re-embrace that or we are going to be losing everything. Without our culture, what are we? Um, the Tribe itself is our

culture, our culture is the Tribe. And I just want to beg everybody to please take a minute in your day, each day, and remember we are a Tribe and we have to do this together because there is nobody else going to do it for us, thank you.

Pete said thank you Dawn. Jessica.

Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker. And I apologize I meant to get to this earlier, today on the agenda there was an acceptance of reports and I skimmed over and I was looking at my notes, the Operations Report, but there was two February and March Financial Reports listed and I just wanted to know if those were up on-line because I don't think you actually mentioned it in the discussion of the acceptance of reports.

Pete said okay, I'm checking and maybe, I missed it . .

DiPiazza said they are not put on-line until they are approved.

Romanelli said would you run that by me again.

Pete said okay, can, can, Gary can you give me a minute because I was in the middle of apologizing to Jessica. I probably missed it.

DiPiazza said sorry.

Pete said you are 100% right. Okay, I just apologize. And the Financial Report – February 2020 and March 2020 is approved. I did miss it. Its on-line and I apologize.

Steinberg said I circled it on my agenda. I print out the agenda before the meeting so I circled it and I thought well you had mentioned it. I just wanted to find out if they are approved, then we can look for them up on-line pretty soon. Thanks Mr. Speaker.

Pete said okay, and thank you, just a moment. Once again, Jessica, I do apologize for missing those two reports. Okay, who wants to be online now.

Councilor Lewis said me, Sandy. I just wanted to do a quick um thank you everybody. I want to say thank you to Dawn because that is good words and, you know, thanks for bringing that understanding to the people. I, um, I just want to say that, you know, yeah, sometimes we don't always agree but you know I have spoken with a few Council people and they are okay about agreeing to disagree. Um, you know, the great thing that makes us is we don't all think alike and that's good because when we don't think alike we all have different ideas and we bring those

out. You know, sometimes there is a few words that we could leave out but, you know, I kind of myself, personally, I just like get through it but, um, you know, I want to thank everybody because this is new to all of us and you know I thank the ones that, you know, agree to disagree, and people know who they are that I have spoken with and, you know, I think it is great that we have ah a diverse crowd here in Tribal Council because, you know, sometimes one doesn't think of certain things but the one brings up that subject, you know, that's what makes a really good Council. It's good that we have different thoughts and, you know, because then, you know, in the end, you know, we always bring it together. So, I just want to say thank you to everybody, you know, Council and the Ogema, and all our membership because, you know, yeah, thank you to everybody.

Pete said thank you for your kind words Sandy. Um, it is now 1:35, can I get a motion to move out of open session to go into closed?

Susan Thull said may I get into the cue first please?

Pete said okay, yes Susan, go ahead.

Thull said thank you so much. Ah, first I would like to thank you for passing the relief payment but I hate to bring this question up but I know that there is going to be people messaging me and calling me. When can the membership expect to receive the um, the relief fund?

Pete said well I'm sure it is probably go like normal. If it is normal, they receive it in a very, very, in a short time because first of all the members that have direct payments to their account as registered with it, with the um, ah, with the government, probably will receive theirs first. The other ones that will go out will be by checks and then they got to make sure that they got all the kids done. So I can't give you that exact answer but I think it is going to go out as quickly as they can process it. That is about what I can promise.

Thull said okay, um, do you know if the children have already been exited to the accounting program.

Pete said I have no idea. I think that, I don't know if that is . . .

Thull asked does the Ogema \_\_\_\_\_?

Pete said I don't know if he is still on.

Romanelli said can you repeat that? I'm still on, what's the question again.

Thull said do you know if the children are already entered to the accounting program so that they can receive the check?

Romanelli said I believe that is going to take a little longer time if I remember what the CFO said that there are like 700 hand entries that have to happen so it will take a little extra time.

Thull said okay. So, do you think they will get it next week maybe?

Pete said no.

Romanelli said I am believing probably not.

Thull said okay.

Romanelli said I can, we can check but the way it sounded like it was going to take 4 or 5 days just for the entries, so, maybe, I can't give you a clear answer on that. I wish the CFO was still on the call.

Thull said I understand. Just, you know, I know that the quarantine is going to be out there so. Thank you so much.

Romanelli said thank you Susan.

Councilor Crampton said this is Shannon, can I get in the cue real quick?

Speaker Pete said go ahead Shannon, please.

Crampton said alright, I just wanted to answer Susan's question, the last time I talked to Steve he said that ah, the adults were as easy as pushing a button because they are already entered into the system when we just did the last payment. Like the Ogema said, what would take a longer time would be the inclusion of the children and adding them into the system, entering them into the system. Um, that we could probably do it, get the adults out as quick as possible and then wait for the children when they are ready.

Thull said okay, thank you so much.

Crampton said and I just wanted to point out to Matt's question there. Yeah, I have the same concerns about that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and that 40% but I am calling for a hearing on the issue to bring it all up to the public.

Pete said okay, so, can I still get a motion to move out of the first open.



Crampton said so moved.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Crampton; supported by Champagne.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion? Gary, do a roll call. Gary.

**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

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

Pete asked if anybody was going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

**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 -	Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Entered second open at 2:10 p.m.

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

**1. Approval for Dingers to use the Tribal Seal/Tribal Logo for Logo Wear Apparel**

Speaker Pete asked if I have any further discussion on that or can I get a motion.

Councilor Lewis said I am wondering if um whatever happens with this if we can still have a work session as I see so much potential in this.

DiPiazza responded absolutely. Nobody said no but you know he has all kinds of things to get done even before he can do anything.

Lewis said at this point I am going to say no but um I do want a work session because I know this has a lot of potential. Alright, thanks.

Pete said thank you Sandy.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0520-149,  
APPROVAL OF DINGERS TO USE THE TRIBAL SEAL/TRIBAL  
LOGO FOR LOGO WEAR APPAREL;** by DiPiazza; supported by  
Wittenberg.

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

Councilor Crampton said hello this is Shannon. I wanted to make a comment.

Pete said okay Shannon.

Crampton said just so the membership is aware because now we are in second open that the Council has reviewed and a number of concerns have been brought up in the open are actually legitimate so we are okay to move forward on this.

DiPiazza said while it is on the record, also, I'm sorry Ron, I have to make a statement . . .

Pete said you interrupted me again . . .

DiPiazza said I'm sorry.

Pete said go ahead.

DiPiazza said you'll get used to it. Bill Cross is nowhere related to me, he is not a friend of mine, um other than being on Facebook friend, I have only met him once or twice in a meeting in the government building when he has proposed some things. So favoritism, there is none because you know I don't know if I like him or not and that has no bearing on how I'm going to do anything. I'm done.

Pete said thank you Gary. I'm just going to say thank you Shannon for pointing that out to appear in the second open as it is much appreciated, okay?

Crampton said okay.

Pete said now, is anybody going to abstain from this vote? Gary, do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

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

**IX. Adjourn**

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

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion or is anyone going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

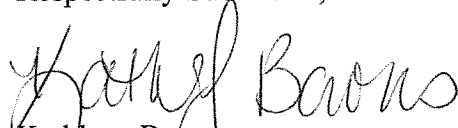
**Roll Call #13**


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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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