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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on, October 25, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Good morning, everyone, it is Wednesday October 25, 2023. We are here for our regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting and we will start with an opening prayer; from Councilor Metzger, so if your able to stand please stand.

**1. Opening Prayer**

Al Metzger, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaghaash Interpretation to English:

*I ask the Creator to have pity on me, as I speak this foreign language. Uh, what I would like to do is uh, my granddaughter shared a story; it's how miigi's saved the world; and I would like to share that with my people. Back in the days, there was so much turmoil, conflict among the Anishinabek, that the Creator was sadden by how his people were acting. They were being deceitful and um egotistic and a lot of arrogance going around. So, Creator told miigis, I am going to start over again with different beings, cause the Anishinabek don't follow my teachings. Miigis looked at the Creator and petition him, give him four days to find a Anishinaabe that is still offering that sema to Anishinaabemowin. First three days Miigis flew around, didn't see any smoke coming, it was on the dawn of the fourth morning, Miigis took his final flight and happened to see that little boy kneeling by the Anishinaabemowin that fire, with his sema in his hand; petition the Creator to live in harmony, to have goodness, was that little boy that miigis saw offering his sema. So Miigis flew straight up to the Creator and with that loud screech that miigis had stopped the sun from rising, and petition the Creator there again, I have found one, one young one that is still offering his sema, still wishing to live in harmony with the Creator. So, with that story, I say chi Miigwech, chi Miigwech, chi Miigwech to that young man. Say chi Miigwech to miigis for stepping in for mankind, the Anishinabek and I say chi Miigwech to Anishinaabemowin for giving us another chance. Chi Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech,*

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Councilor Metzger for the teaching that you gave to all of us. First, we will identify the zoom users um, Karol Ann could you identify yourself please.

Chabot: Karol Ann Chabot 3742 good morning

Speaker Burmeister: Thank good morning, thank you, um Laura Echelbarger could you please identify yourself please

Echelbarger: Laura Echelbarger 2276

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Bill Ossignac, could you identify yourself please

Ossignac: Bill Ossignac 3877

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, galaxy user A32 could you identify yourself please

Galaxy user A32: 0748 um Robert McCaslin

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Grace Hendler, (*comment made to low*) um I will go down to Jolene O'Signac please identify yourself

O'Signac: Jolene O'Signac 3866

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Keegan Bordeaux, please identify yourself

Bordeaux: Keegan Bordeaux Legislative in-house Council

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Martha Howell, please identify yourself

Howell: Martha Howell 3635

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Misty Silvis please identify yourself

Councilor Silvis: Councilor Misty Silvis 2488

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Sandy Mezeske please identify yourself

Mezeske: Sandy Mezeske 0018

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Shannon Crampton, please identify yourself

Councilor Crampton: Uh, Shannon Paul Crampton, Outlying Tribal Council representative 1747

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Shawn Bertram please identify yourself

Bertram: Shawn Bertram 4779

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Sky Gonzalez, please identify yourself

Gonzalez: Sky Gonzalez, 1042

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Tina McClellan Payment please identify yourself

McClellan Payment: Tina McClellan Payment 2917

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Veronica Burrows, please identify yourself

*Someone had said Ok*

Burrows: Veronica Burrows 4754

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, zoom user, please identify yourself; zoom use

Zoom user: Connie Waitner 0022

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Corey Wells can you please identify yourself

Wells: Corey Wells 4839

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, hm, Thank you everybody. I wanted to start the meeting as a reminder, um, that there will be respect for everybody, even our comments, even when we are responding to those comments um, if I will get you 1 warning once and twice and if you continue with your behavior, you will be asked to leave the meeting. So, thank you. Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call please

## **II. General Business**

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

### **B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Recorder: Nine present, we do have Quorum

Speaker: Thank you,

### **C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Burmeister: would there be any Councilors abstaining from the approval of this agenda. Any Councilors with questions regarding the agenda, any citizens with questions on the agenda

Councilor Silvis: I have a question

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Silvis

Councilor Silvis: Um so I just, I'm not getting an updated agenda, and I know there was one add, is that the only change the one add?

Recorder Johnson: Um yes there was just the one um add beside the removal of five cause it was a duplicate in Budget Mods and then Budget Mod two, Holly Lindsey was added to it.

Councilor Silvis: You said there was an add to the Budget Mods?

Recorder Johnson: just a person

Councilor Silvis: Ok, Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Any further comments from Councilors; go... go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, no further questions I will make the motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday October 25, 2023. With the following corrections under Continuing Business III.B.5. was removed cause it was a duplicate and under V. New Business 3. Would be the 2023 Elders Conference Resolution, that's just it's to um pay for thee coming up conference

Speaker: Can I have a second on that please?

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker: Recorder Johnson can you do roll call for the agenda please.

**Roll Call # 1**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it has been accepted

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you,

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Addendum to Master Agreement for service with Conservation Resource Alliance for Pere Marquette River Habitat Restoration**

and Protection Ogema Romanelli and Archie Martell are the ones bringing this forward so Archie the floor is yours.

Martell: Well, thank you, um yeah, I am here to request this ah addendum to the Master service agreement to extend ah the contract for the project until completed. Umm there's just been some delays and permitting thee project and getting the contractor in place and that stuff has been completed. Um, construction should be starting here in the next couple of weeks for the in-stream work. Um, which puts us over the work um puts us over the um work that I had previously for the time period that I had as the planting and revegetation of this stream um enhancement project, improvement project won't be completed until next spring. So, this was approved last year to work with them, it's a collaborate project to work with the Conservation Resource Alliance and the overall concept of this project is to protect and enhance thee um Pere Marquette River, um next to a degrading um railroad grade. Ya know we don't want to have a catastrophic failure and an derailment into the river because of you know degradation of the stream bank into the railroad bed. Which also protects our custard property which is downstream from this location.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Archie, thank you Archie, um will there be any tribal councilors abstaining from this item. Any tribal councilors with questions, Councilor DiPiazza go ahead please.

Councilor DiPiazza: This is grant funding?

Martell: Yes, ahh this is grant funding through the BIA, Great Lakes Restorative Initiative that we applied for um a few years ago.

Speaker Burmeister: Any other councilors with questions. Any tribal citizens with questions. Any further discussion from councilors, if not I would like to entertain a motion for this item, please. Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: If there is no further questions I would like to make that motion,

Resolution #23-1024-174 Amend Ratification of amendment to Master Agreement to Service Contract for Conservation what's that?

Recorder Johnson: Today is the 25

Speaker Burmeister: He's going by the bottom

*Something mumbled too low to hear*

Councilor DiPiazza: My apologies, I should of known that since I approved the agenda. Anyways,

**Motion to approve Resolution #23-1025-174 Ratification amendment to Master Agreement for Service Contract with Conservation Resource Alliance for Pere Marquette River Habitat Restoration and Protection Support by Wever**

Speaker Burmeister: Is there any further discussion on this item. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 2**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it's been accepted

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you,

Martell: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Archie.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of Funds for the Department of Health and Human Services- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB\_2023\_\_\_\_ in the Amount of \$1,020.00** Ogema Romanelli and Kathleen Bowers, um are here to represent the item. Kathleen, you have the floor go ahead please.

Bowers: Good morning! I just want to acknowledge that Jessica is here as well. Um, as the program head on that. This is just accepting funds that came in for LIHEAP for 2023 in the amount of \$1,020.00.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item. Any councilors that have questions on the item. Any Cit oh go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: Ah yes, what is the total, um ah the total amount in that account?

Bower: Do you remember? Yeah, the total amount in that fund, ok yeah, I don't even have that right now.

Steinberg: Thank you for that question, Councilor Metzger, I'm Jessica Steinberg, the Members Assistance Coordinator. Um, I am in charge of this program I believe that the fund, the initially award started out in the neighborhood of 160,000 of the fiscal year

Councilor Metzger: Alright Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Any citizens with questions, any further discussion from councilors. I would like to entertain a motion for this item. Councilor DiPiazza go ahead please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Hold on. \_\_\_ my computer is really slow. Oh! Anyway, if no further questions I would like to make a motion to approve

**Resolution #23-1025-175 Acceptance of funds from the Department Human... Health and Human Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-62 in the amount of \$1020.00. Supported by: Councilor Metzger**

Speaker Burmeister: Is there any further discussion on this item? Recorder Johnson can you please do Roll call.

**Roll Call # 3**

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-1-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 8 in Favor, 1 abstain, it's been accepted. Er the motion has pass

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Kathleen. Oh sure, we had someone else who joined us. Jim Laporte will you please identify yourself.

Laporte: Yes, Jim Laporte, tribal member 3383

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you.

**Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan – 2023-2024 Home Visiting Expansion and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2023-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$80,000.00** Ogema Romanelli and Kathleen Bowers and Holly Lindsey are here to represent this item. So, Kathleen the floor is yours.

Bowers: Ok this is um, acceptance of the continuing grant on the home visiting expansion 2023/2024 uh year for \$80,000. Um, this plan year goes from 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024. The budget is attached if you would like me to read it into the record for the resolution.

Speaker Burmeister: Please would you do that.

Bowers: Ok, Salaries \$45,419; fringe \$15,087; Client Services \$6,505; Travel \$5,910; Supplies \$5,979; Professional Fees of \$1,100 totaling \$80,000.00

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, will there be any councilors abstaining from this item? Any councilors with questions on the item? Any tribal citizens with questions; any further questions from councilors? With no further questions, I would like to entertain a motion for this item.  
Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: With no further questions I would make that motion to

**Approve Resolution #23-1025-176 Acceptance of Grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan 2023-2024 Home Visiting Expansion and approving the Operating Budget MB-2023-63 in the amount of \$80,000.00. Supported by Councilor Wever**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any further discussion. With no further discussion Recorder Johnson can you do roll call.

**Roll Call # 4**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it's been accepted

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you,

**2. Acceptance of Funds from 2018 Indian Health Services (IHS) Indirect Contract Support Costs in the amount of \$124,475.00 MB-2023-\_\_\_ and rescinding resolution #23-0906-132. Ogema Romanelli and Kathleen Bowers have brought this forward. So, Kathleen you have the floor.**

Bowers: Um ok, I brought this back because of the wrong um account program number it should be 4103 and also, I had to add MB-2023 number in the resolution title; cause this was already approved on 09/06 bringing back for some clean up

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, will there be any councilors abstaining from this item. Any councilors with questions or er comments on this item. Any tribal citizens with comments or questions, any discussion from councilors. With no discussion I would entertain a motion for this item. Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: With no further questions I'll make that motion to



**Approve Resolution #23-1025-177 acceptance of funds from 2018 Indian Health Services (IHS) Indirect Contract Support Costs in the amount of \$124,475 MB-2023-64 and rescinding resolution #23-0906-132. Supported by Recorder Johnson**

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion on the item. With no further discussion on the item Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

*Recorder Johnson started roll call, but a hand went up and the Speaker took the comment*

Speaker Burmeister: Oh. Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, as past practice when we did stuff like this, we read the titles to the membership of what's being rescinded. Instead of just the number, it's been requested quiet a few times, recently it haven't been quiet the issue but that's been past practice.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you for that.

Bowers: I can go ahead and read it

Councilor DiPiazza: I can read it, that's fine.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok you read it

Councilor DiPiazza: I will amend my motion to include

**Acceptance of funds and rescinded resolution #23-0906-132 as the funds were directed to go into the wrong fund. This item was postponed from the 10/18/23 meeting**

Speaker Burmeister: You have that?

Councilor DiPiazza: Already have that in the heading.

Councilor Crampton: That's not the title.

Speaker Burmeister: See that's

Councilor Crampton: That's not the resolution being rescinded.

Councilor Wever: Then it's the funds

Speaker Burmeister: Are you looking it up Gary?

Recorder Johnson: No, he's not

Councilor DiPiazza: That's what on there I can read the Resolution

**Acceptance of contract funds well resolution #23-0906-132 acceptance of funds 2018 Indian Health Services (IHS) Indirect Contract Support Cost MB-23-43 in the amount of \$124,475.** That's the heading on the other Resolution.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, do I have a second on that?

Councilor Wever: Oh, I thought you did, Ok

Speaker Burmeister: any further discussion. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 5**

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

**Motion Carried (8-1-0-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 8 in favor, 1 against it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you,

**3. Acceptance of Contract Funds from Indian Health Service – Office of Self Governance and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2023-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$1,347.00.** Ogema Romanelli and Kathleen Bowers are here to represent the item. So, Kathleen you have the floor.

Bowers: Eh, yes this was postponed from last week's meeting um there was question of whether it should be placed in the general fund or rather then in clinic operations fund. I did contract Eileen Yazee from IHS from Self-Governance, she did clarify that it does need to stay in the clinic operations program funds.

Speaker Burmeister: Thak you, will there be any councilors abstaining from this item. Any councilors with questions on the item. Any citizens with questions, any questions from councilors. With no questions I would like to entertain a motion for this item. Would like to entertain a motion for this item please. Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Well since there no further question, I will make the motion

**Acceptance of Resolution #23-1025-128 acceptance of contract funds from Indian Health Service- Office of Self-Governance and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2023-65 in the amount of \$1,347.00. Support by Councilor Wever**

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion on this item. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 6**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it has been accepted.

Bowers: Thank you, Council

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Kathleen. Number 5 was removed it was a duplicate of number 3, so I will move down to number 6.

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2023-\_\_\_ in the amount of \$19,989 and rescinding resolution #23-0920-155. Recorder Johnson brought this forward, so the floor is yours.**

Recorder Johnson: Um yeah, so this is just um cleanup it is um the MB and resolution numbers have been used prior, so just to make it clean um for the membership is to just go back through and um bring them forward on the floor to um clean them up give them their own number vs a used number. Um so that way they have their own number and identified as such so not using a duplicating number as such. I guess to put in simple terms. So, if you, I don't know any way to put it. Um, any questions?

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item? Any Councilors with questions, any citiz... oh go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: So, the only changes to the document are the ones identified by the um the recorder. Is that right.

Recorder Johnson: Uh no they were um are um are attorney looked at them as well. He said and he said he had agreed that we could just change the numbers to make them but to make them clean and um to make it on the record, that it was cleaner to do it this a way so it's clean and doesn't look suspicious to do them on the floor.

Councilor Crampton: The question was about cleanness the question was there any changes other than the ones you identified.

Recorder Johnson: Correct, that's the only duplication is like the resolution number or an MB number that would that's it.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Any further questions from councilors. Go ahead um go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Um yes, I'm kinda concern about the original resolution number they have some type of factor in that, so we are not rescinding two resolutions.

Recorder Johnson: Um when you um, I see what you're saying, um when you look at it what's attached to the paperwork um like the this one particular one um what it has to it the behind is... is he resolution that's actually attached to it is actually like that the second one the has the elders has attached to the amounts everything, like that descriptive one has everything and that's actually, being attached to um of course obviously the second one you can see its referencing the one before it. So those kinda cross check each other there.

Councilor Metzger: Yes, my concern is uh I don't want to rescind the original reason why we used that one 55 already thank you.

Recorder Johnson: You're not, it's...it's the packet is the ones you're actually redoing by the title.

Speaker Burmeister: Any other questions by councilors, any tribal citizens with questions, any further questions from councilors. Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Yes, again is it possible to have, I don't want to keep doing this every single time, um is it possible to read the title of the resolution that is being rescinded? I have to bring this up, I have never ever seen a council where the speaker just sits there and watches other people answer questions. Thank you.

*Low murmurs*

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: He's more than welcome to bring that resolution forward

Councilor Crampton: Again, my response, I have never seen a speaker just sit there and watch other people answer questions.

*Low Murmurs not sure what is said*

Speaker Burmeister: So, we write it on this prior one

Recorder Johnson: Yeah, but that's the same resolution. We're rescinding the incorrect one

Councilor Crampton: Forgive, but it's a fairly simple process, the title of the resolution that your rescinding, that's probably should be read to the membership.

Councilor DiPiazza: I have it, evidently, he doesn't have any information

Recorder Johnson: Ok, go ahead.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make the Motion I guess since he won't do it.

Recorder Johnson: Thank you

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, you should be, knowing what you're doing.

Councilor DiPiazza: Then please do it yourself, bring it forward

Councilor Crampton: I'm not the one doing it, you're doing it

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor

Councilor Crampton: You haven't been rec..

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, Councilor Crampton, please. Let Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor Crampton: Yeah but

Speaker Burmeister: He brought forward the motion

Councilor Crampton: You recognized him, when did you recognized him. You haven't.

Councilor DiPiazza: Let him go

Speaker Burmeister: Ok Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: You haven't recognized Councilor DiPiazza, you haven't recognized anybody but again your taking bias. All I'm asking you to do, is read the resolution title you're rescinding. That should have been prepared and ready by the person who submitted the packet or the councilor who is making the motion. Trying to dump it off on someone else cause you don't know what you're doing that's not protocol. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you for your derogatory comments. Councilor DiPiazza, you have raised your hand to make a motion can you read that please.

Councilor DiPiazza: I withdraw, cause I think Mr. Crampton was making the motion wasn't he, so it's done proper since we're all, evidently we don't know what we're doing.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok, so you're not making the motion

Councilor DiPiazza: Not this time, no

Speaker Burmeister: K. Councilor Crampton go ahead please

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, Speaker, again I would appreciate the speaker would not show her bias so blatantly to the membership. I did not say anything derogatory; I'm simply asking you to read once more time, the speaker to read the resolution that you're rescinding. This is something at every speaker. A speaker directs the meeting as the speaker should know what's going on in the meeting. A speaker should know everything going on today. I have never ever seen a speaker that has not known anything and sits there and looks like somebody, caught in the headlights of a truck every time they questions ask.

Speaker Burmeister: Do you really have to dog me out?

Councilor Crampton: Yes, no I'm not dogging you out, I'm listen you're trying to turn this into something so you can throw me out.

Speaker Burmeister: No, I'm not I'm just stating a fact. Go ahead Ogema Romanelli

Councilor Crampton: You're interrupting me again and I'm trying to clear, I'm simply

Ogema Romanelli: I have the floor. Time

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, Please

Councilor Crampton: No, you don't, I was recognized and you're trying I'm just trying

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, second warning, if you keep...

Councilor Crampton: So, you're taking me out of the queue?

Speaker Burmeister: You're going to be asked to be removed

Councilor Crampton: I am only asking you to read the resolution

Ogema Romanelli: Um I have the floor, he keeps talking

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you, at which of the seven grandfathers' teachings, tells one admonish the speaker, in a open session. This is getting ridiculous, in my opinion and he's had two warnings now and I would encourage the speaker to do what was said at the beginning of the meeting. We have uh prayer that was said in the morning before the meeting and it seems like

after the prayer it just goes south. Those are nice words but if they're not followed by humility and everything else then why do we even say it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Ok, once again I'm asking for the resolution that's being rescinded to be read to the membership that's been done as past practice and for the membership's consumption; I think you all understand what's being done here. Anything I ask here is going to be treated as derogatory of the speaker, will make comments afterwards. I am simply asking for the resolution to be read to the membership, Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: The prior resolution was #23-0920-155 and actually the title on that resolution was Approval of budget modification MB-2023-46 authorizing the modification to the Elders ARP in the amount of \$3,832. Yeah, see its attached to that. Yeah, the wrong resolution was attached to prior to this one. So, I would like to make a motion oh, I'm sorry about that go ahead Jolene. Any further discussion

O'Signac: I'm sorry I couldn't find my mute, um

Speaker Burmeister: That's ok, go-ahead Jolene

O'Signac: I just wanted to reaffirm that Councilor Shannon Crampton is simply trying to keep the meeting flowing in the order that it should and for him to be admonished for doing the job of the speaker, I think is unacceptable. I think the courteous needs to be extended and listen. Because he is simply bringing forth past practices and what is required of council to do their job correctly. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, any further discussion Recorder Joh, uh I would like to um make a motion to

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh, I'll make a motion now. Since no one else wants to do it. Um, if there's no further questions, I'll make a motion

**Approve Resolution #23-1025-op 179 Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department yup I got the right one of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2023-66 in the amount of \$19,989 and rescinding resolution #23-0920-155 and the header on that reads Approval of budget modification MB-23-46 authorizing a modification to the elders ARP in the amount of \$3,832 Supported by Councilor Wever**

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion, go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Yes, again as politely as I can say it, for the membership's consumption, for councils' consumption, derogatory comments are the comments Mr. DiPiazza keeps making when he's op... when he gets the microphone, speaker has yet to say anything about it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger, can you state what you were gonna state

Councilor Metzger: Yeah, *(he did not have his mic on but was saying something)*

Councilor Silvis: Your microphone is off

Speaker Burmeister: Your microphone is off

Councilor Metzger: I believe we are on item 6 not 7; cause item 7 is \$3,832; item 6 is \$19,989

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: The one being rescinded in the packet is the one for the \$3,000. They were numbered wrong, and the MB number are wrong, the resolution number double used or, this is to clean it up and get them the right MB number and the right resolution number it's all in your packets that's you received. It's in the packet down at towards the bottom that the resolution for \$3,832 is the one being rescinded because it doesn't belong there.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: So, I bring that up last time that there was room for them to be fixed because if we were only rescinding the previous resolution for \$3,832, we were not rescinding the resolution the accepted the \$19,989 and the 46, that's where the error are. So, these items need to be removed. Until they can be fixed correctly

Recorder Johnson: No, we actually *(drops off, no mic on)*

Councilor Wolfe: That's not how you have the paperwork to us.

*Recorder Johnson is saying something with no mic on, not clear fully*

Councilor Wolfe: You don't have us rescinding the resolution that has \$19,989 in there. You didn't state that, there's an error.

Recorder Johnson: There's not an error, that what the new resolution is based on, I think you guys *(unsure what was said)* confusing today. None of this was mentioned Monday in the work session

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger um, um, you look like your gonna raise your hand.

Councilor Metzger: No, thank you

Speaker Burmeister: What's attached to this item that's being rescinded, there was a wrong resolution attached to the this one, which is a different dollar amount. I think that is where its



coming in, which it has, related to the next item on the agenda. So, I don't know if that helps clarify. Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: I'm saying for clarification we adopted a resolution, that says adopting contract funds from the Department of Interior-operating budget with the Mb number 46 in the amount of \$19,989. We're trying to readopt it correct the budget number but we're not rescinding the appropriate resolution, if were only rescinding the next resolution for the \$3832. The paperwork is not correct.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson did you, so does the motion need to be changed then because we have um Gary, brought a motion forward, Councilor DiPiazza, and Councilor Wever seconded that; and we have comments from councilors.

Councilor Wolfe: I think the item should be removed until Tribal Council has the correct paperwork.

Speaker Burmeister: So, did you wanna

Councilor Wolfe: Items 6 through 10. So, I will make a motion to

**remove 6 through 10 until we can get the paperwork corrected.** Supported by Councilor Metzger

Councilor DiPiazza: I still have a motion on the floor.

Recorder Johnson: Exactly

Councilor Wolfe: She asked for an amended motion.

Councilor DiPiazza: I made the motion, that would be for me not you

Speaker Burmeister: Gary made the motion, earlier and Shirley seconded it, and I asked for further discussion and Councilor Wolfe brought that forward ... hmm? Any other um discussion on it? If not, I would like to entertain a motion, and Gary already did that Shirley did already so Recorder Johnson can you do roll call on that?

#### **Roll Call # 7**

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

Motion carried (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 4 in favor, 5 against it has failed

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, moving down to number 7.

**5. Approval of modification, Budget Modification MB-2023-\_\_\_ authorizing a modification to the Elders ARP in the amount of \$3,832. Resolution of #23-0920-156 needs to be re-approved as MB-2023-47 was already used on 09/06/23. Removed on 10/11/23**

Councilor Wolfe: its being re-approved

Recorder Johnson: So, this one um, as it flat out states, this one just needs... the MB number was just um the MB number was already used the resolution um was fine, but the MB number had to be was um used so that was the issue with this one was the resolution number was fine the MB had to be um had to be redone. The MB number was a duplicate on this one.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item? Any questions from councilors, any citizens with questions, any councilors with questions. I would like to entertain a motion for this item. Councilor Wolfe go ahead please.

Councilor Wolfe: I would like to make a

**motion to postpone this item until we have correct information, and it doesn't appear that the title or anything is accurate or correct.** Support from Councilor Metzger.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger

Councilor Crampton: Give it to Councilor Metzger

Speaker Burmeister: Yes. Any further discussion? Record... Councilor Metzger ... Recorder Johnson can you do roll call.

**Roll Call # 8**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 5 in favor, 4 against, it's been postpone

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: Uh yes, I would like to uh, make a motion

**Remove items 8, 9 & 10 err not remove, I would like to make a motion to postpone 8, 9, & 10 till proper paperwork is filed.** Supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Burmeister: Any discussion, Recorder Johnson

Recorder Johnson: What type of paperwork are you looking for?

Councilor Metzger: Proper explanation of resolution and MB numbers ma'am

Recorder Johnson: Can you specify a little better?

Councilor Metzger: I'm good

Speaker Burmeister: Um, go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, there's a motion and this isn't an inquisition of another councilor from one to another. The speaker probably not allowing that. Um if th th if she wants to have a work session for further clarification that's great; but this is not open floor discussion. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, go ahead Jolene

O'Signac: Yes, I'm just wondering why there's so much um error in all this documentation; are they not being submitted properly, are they not being listed properly, where's the problem? This seems to be an ongoing issue, and it needs to be corrected, and getting fixed.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Did you want to respond to that? Um, Victoria did you have your hand up? Oh ok.

O'Signac: Excuse me, its Jolene again, I would like an answer to my question. It wasn't just rhetorical.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Jolene, the only comment I can make is look who brought forward the items. That's the one who is making the errors.

O'Signac: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, Speaker, well I'm speaking for myself as a council member to my constituents what I have been witnessing on council. Well since the last election, and what I have been witnessing is a clear division on council. Where 5 council members are trying to do their job, and there's 4 council members that are trying to undermine. In my opinion, their trying to do the executives bidding on council from the legislative's seats. Um, it's been a division going on, we've had late investigations that should have taken one maybe two days um take four or five weeks. We've asked for other investigations that have been stalled off we've um identified things like bad checks going out and council members refusing to stop signing them. It's a mess. It's a real mess on council right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Um Councilor Crampton can you stick to the item please um not go off on all this other stuff because there's. Save it for another time please.

Councilor Crampton: I... I... I, no this is answering Jolene O'Signac, she asked a question. You're trying to stop me from answering a question.

Speaker Burmeister: That wasn't the question that Jolene had asked.

Councilor Crampton: That was, she asked why there's so many mistakes going on and I'm giving her the reason. I know you don't like to do, to tell the members but I'm going too.

Speaker Burmeister: That's uncalled for, and your showing disrespect. That's not to quest... you're not answering the question specifically to what

Councilor Crampton: Jolene, am I answering your question

O'Signac: You are, and you're bringing forth important issues that I was going to bring up in public comment. Thank you.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, then that makes the interpretation of the speaker absolutely incorrect. Thank you, Jolene. Now to continue with what I was saying, now there is a division...

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, if Jolene has those comments, in public comment can you answer them then please.

Councilor Crampton: Shhh aloud to ask them here Speaker, you're really going off protocol with your bias

Speaker Burmeister: No, she said she was gonna bring them up in public comment. I'm not gonna barter, banter back and forth on this. I want to move forward please.

Councilor Crampton: Your absolutely corrupt thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok so we have a motion by Al and supported by ...

Recorder Johnson: What was the resolution again? I need the resolution again. Can he repeat it again

Councilor Wolfe: postponing nine? *(a bit too low to catch what she said)*

Recorder Johnson: Ok, well, I need the postponement again

Speaker Burmeister: The language?

Recorder Johnson: Yes

Speaker Burmeister: Council...

Councilor Metzger: my motion was to postpone 8,9, and 10 *said something... no mic on... didn't catch it all...* what else can I say?

Speaker Burmeister: For review (*something else a bit to low*) did you get Al and Julie on that? Any further discussion. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 9**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 5 in favor, 4 against they been postpone.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. We have a Tribal Citizen in the waiting room. Chelsea Densmore, can you identify yourself please.

Densmore: Are you asking me? I just caught the end of it.

Speaker Burmeister: Chelsea, can you just identify yourself

Densmore: I'm so sorry, Chelsea Densmore, 3225

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, um Laura you have your hand up, go ahead please

Echelbarger: Thank you, I just want to remind you guys to turn your microphone on when you're speaking. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, moving down on the agenda

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure** there's nothing listed under that. Moving down

**IV. Old Business**

**Operations Report** um it was submitted for **2023** will there be any councilors abstaining from this? Any councilors with questions, any citizens with questions, any councilors with questions. With no questions I would like to entertain a motion for this item please. Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: Yes, if there's no further comment or questions I'd like to make a motion to

**Accept Operations Report September 2023 Support by Wever**

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion, with no further discussion, Recorder Johnson can you do please roll call

**Roll Call # 10**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Old Business

**A. Gaming Commission report was submitted for September 2023**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item, any councilors with questions, any citizens with questions, any questions from councilors I would like to entertain a motion for this item please. Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: I make a motion to accept the

**Gaming Commission Report September 2023 Supported by Councilor Metzger**

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 11**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it's been accepted

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Moving down to

**V. New Business**

**A. Appointment of Christ Campeau to the Natural Resources Commission Ogema Romanelli brought his name forward.**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item. Any councilors with questions, go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Is he available today, I specifying remembering you asking if he would be present.

Speaker Burmeister: He is not on the call. He is not present. Any further questions from councilors. If not, I would like to entertain a motion on this item please. Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make that motion,

**Appointment of Chris eh Campeau to the Natural Resources Commission** Support by Councilor Wever

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion on this, go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: What seat is he going to be in? How long is his term

Councilor DiPiazza: Seat 4

Councilor Wever: two years

Councilor DiPiazza: Isn't it? I don't... I thought he had it in front of me.

Councilor Wever: I thought I read two

Speaker Burmeister: Seat... seat 4 is two- or four-years Gary.

Recorder Johnson: Two years

Councilor Wever: Two

Councilor DiPiazza: It's uh two-year term

Speaker Burmeister: Two year ok

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll quick look.

Councilor Wever: Its two

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I know its two, but I don't know seat 4 I don't remember. Everyone should have that paperwork in front of them; but

Councilor Metzger: *Said something... but not quite sure of what... just low enough*

Councilor Wever: I do!

Councilor Wolfe: These were questions during the interview. Maybe it was going to be corrected or other information presented. Which was not

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, just saying. No cause it is a two year term, and it is seat 5.

Councilor Wever: Oh.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 12**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 5 in favor, 4 against, he's been accepted

Councilor Wever: 5, that was close.

Recorder Johnson: Um, do you want this guest in?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, then I'll ....

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Speaker Burmeister: Guest umm number 1.269.391.0737 could you identify yourself please

Agosa: Sara Agosa, 4478

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, under New Business

**B. Elders Needs Assessment Survey Resolution Request** Victoria Wells and Ogema Romanelli um are the two people that brought this forward. Victoria the floor is yours.

Wells: Good morning! This is just a survey that required by title VI for us to keep getting our grant monies. And this is done through the National Resource Center on Native American Aging and what this does, I sent a copy to you guys, it lets us know how our Elders are doing all the facts on where we can improve and it would eventually allow us to apply for more grants through Title VI to help support our Elders; and this requires a resolution in order to give us thee um results from our surveys. And as far as I know, I talked to the issuers of this survey and I don't think we ever turned in last time, so we really need to get them done.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Victoria. Any councilors that will be abstaining from this item. Any councilors with questions, go, um go ahead Jolene

O'Signac: Yes, um my question, I guess to Victoria, will these questionnaires or surveys be sent out to all Elders?



Wells: They are to be sent out to all elders in our nine-county service area, if you are not in the service area, I can't issue them to you just because our grant funds only allow me to service those in the nine-county area. It's my hope to be able to issue during the Elders Conference as well, it's coming up next weekend. I believe its next weekend.

Speaker Burmeister: Jolene did you have a further question for Victoria?

O'Signac: Um it just seems out of balance that its only, I understand that service areas and certain things happen, but I think were um, negating a large population of our elders that live outside of the nine county, whose opinions do count and should be heard. Thank you.

Wells: I wish that I could offer services to those but since this is covered by title VI I can only survey only those that I can issue services too. I apologize for that.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: You know ahh. In the nine-county service area, how many elders do we have?

Wells: I'm waiting for Mary to get back from her trainings to get an accurate number on that, as soon as I do get that, I will gladly email you that number.

Councilor Metzger: Miigwech

Wells: The estimation was 1,526 was estimated but that doesn't sound right to me, so were waiting for Mary to get back.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Karol Ann

Chabot: Jolene asked the question I was going to ask but, I like to know, this is for Victoria, if Victoria has looked at other grants that it would include all elders in the van um, I think the Outlying members are doing, disservice to them from not being included in these grants. I don't know if the grant people are looking for grants that accommodate all elders or all members instead of just the nine county. So that's my question. To Victoria.

Wells: I think the way Title VI, well I know for a fact the way Title VI works is, say if you're up somewhere by Traverse City, you should be able to access their Title VI program as well. As long as that tribe as has, because its flexible across the board. I think that's why the have the rules the way that they do. So that we're not double dipping by accident. I wish that I could find some other grants. I'm actively looking for more every day. I promise you cause I would like help everybody.

Chabot: Thank you. So, I need to contact and possibly the Pokagon Band to see if they have the same program and I can hook on theirs, is that correct?

Wells: Absolutely, because, we been working together Title VI and all of us that run our programs through them to include everybody who is a part of a federally recognize tribe as long as you're not actively double enrolled in their program. I would definitely look into it and the Pokagon's have a really good program going.

Chabot: They certainly do, they take care of their members. Much better than our Band does. Thank you.

Wells: You're welcome.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: ah yes, this is just a comment, I... I find it disheartening that are tribal elders would have to reach out to another nation to seek services that our own nation should be ahh willing, able to participate uh I just find it disheartening.

Wells: I... can I respond to that real fast,

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Victoria

Wells: I would say that um in the past we've done a tribal match, I'm not saying I'm bringing that forward anytime soon but in the event that I had money that wasn't issued by my grantors it's kinda, it's kinda hard to do that though, limited staff, limited funding I don't even have transportation for my elders right now. I'm still work... actively working on that too, but we try

Speaker Burmeister: Karol Ann did you have another question?

Chabot: No but I I agree with Councilor Metzger's um assessment. Down here in the lower part of the state to get um well and water assistance or we had to go through the Pokagon to get it done. Because our Band would not honor or do anything to help us so thank goodness for Pokagon they have done, they are very, very helpful. I'm able to get commodities through them, because I live in their um service area so they... they have helped me tremendously and I appreciated it. Thank you, Victoria.

Wells: Your welcome

Chabot: Did you get my email?

Wells: I, I meant to reply back to that, but yes, I'm sorry.

Chabot: If you can give me a phone call, I just have a couple of questions rather than email back and forth. I'd appreciated it, thank you

Wells: You're welcome.

Speaker Burmeister: Any further comments, questions, ok um, with that I would like to ent.. go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: I would like to make a motion

**Resolution #23-1025-180 Authorization participation in cycle A Natural Resources Center of on Native American Aging needs assessment, identifying our needs to survey our elders.** Support by Councilor Wittenberg

Councilor DiPiazza: Can you repeat that, she said something about Natural Resources

Councilor Wolfe: Oh,

**Make a motion to approve Resolution #34-1025-180 Authorization participation in cycle A of the National Resource Center on Native American Aging needs assessment, identifying our needs to survey our elders.** Support again by Councilor Wittenberg

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion, Councilor DiPiazza go ahead please

Councilor DiPiazza: I was gonna say this is just about the survey to get sent out. Technically there's are 1500 elders, there's a total from the last operations report so um, remind everybody that don't know, the reservation is here that's, I don't know till I don't know, a lot of the other Bands will swap with us. Like the well and septic, we did pay for that, we swap out with members that are not citizens of this tribe same as Gun Lake, everybody. So glad you're getting assistant but some of that we have to swap. So,

Wells: To follow with that, that's part of our teachings as well. If I have elders from other tribes come, I feed them. Just as much as ours. It's part of our teachings as well so I agree, I'll shush.

Speaker Burmeister: Karol Ann you have a question, go ahead please

Chabot: No, I forgot to lower my hand Sorry. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: That's Ok thank you. Recorder Johnson can you do roll call on this item please.

**Roll Call # 13**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor its pass

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Victoria Moving down to C. it's an add.

**C. Elders Conference Resolution** Councilor DiPiazza is a liaison and Jessica Steinberg is the chair. So, Councilor DiPiazza the floor is yours

Councilor DiPiazza: Um, this is just for the Elders Conference coming up. Yeah, it was over the \$25,000 that has signature authority, so it's for \$31,000 and some change. So, it does need to come in front of Council to approve this expenditure. That's the conference coming up November 4 and 5 for the Elders Conference. That includes the rooms, food um activities that's it.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors abstaining from this item. Any councilors with questions, any citizens with questions, go ahead Karol Ann.

Chabot: This is for Jessica, is there gonna be an agenda posted on the government website?

Mezeske: Tammy this is Sandy,

Councilor DiPiazza: What? Repeat it

Speaker Burmeister: Karol Ann can you repeat please

Chabot: I said is there gonna be an agenda on the website of the agenda

*Councilor DiPiazza is saying something but there is noise in the background difficult to hear what he is saying.*

Speaker Burmeister: Sandy, Sandy could you answer that for Karol Ann please.

Mezeske: Um Karol Ann, uh yes, we met tonight for our final meeting and we um pretty much have all done, it just want our ducks in a row and Jessica will be posting it.

Chabot: Thank you very much

Mezeske: Your welcome

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, any other questions, Sandy do you have a question

Mezeske: Sorry, forgot to lower my hand

Speaker Burmeister: That's Ok, Karol Ann do you have a further question oh she lowered her hand. Ok. Um, with no further discussion I would like to make a motion. Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: I would like to make a motion

**Resolution #23-1025-181 approval of 2023 annual Elders Conference at the Little River Casino Resort to be held on November 4 and 5, 2023 and further approving**

**estimated budget involved as outlined and supported in the informational packet submitted by Elders Committee as contain here end.** Supported by Councilor Wittenberg

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion, with no further discussion Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

**Roll Call # 14**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor it's been accepted

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**B. Legislative Affairs Update** will there be any councilors giving an update?

Speaker Burmeister: I just want to say I talked with a couple tribal members um, this pass week and it was nice to get to know them, and I appreciated them calling with questions that they had um, so I want to thank Sara Agosa and Staci Cheney. Any other comments, questions for legislative. Ok moving down to

**C. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Burmeister: Do we have any comments, questions from citizens. Go ahead Jolene

O'Signac: Yes, I have grave concern with this council not appearing to hear when information is given on voting clearing indicates that something should not pass there's kinda a core group that historically votes together; and inappropriately so I think you need to tune in to what's being presented, hear it, and vote accordingly. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Comments from other citizens. Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Yes, thank you speaker, yeah, thank you Ms. O'Signac that is exactly my concern here. When your elected to office on the legislative body, the council, your elected to do the bidding and of the membership, your constituents. Ah you're not elected to be on the executive or to do the bidding of executive. And I think what we're having here is ah clear abuse of office. And ju just, an overhaul, throwing away the member of your duty. Um that's my opinion from what I've seen here. Um, you've seen here today, there is some that, there's a vote, a voting line like Jolene had identified. No matter if its right, or wrong or beneficial for the membership. If the Ogema says yes, that's the way its gonna go, that's not legislative

representative that's not a representative of the membership. That's not, that's a violation of your oath office. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I just want to say, we're all voted in here to do the best for the citizens, and that's every one of them. Lot of this, people get the packets, I don't know if they read them or don't um no idea. Sometimes I wonder. It's like voting down the commissioner um, yeah, so where do you want to draw the line as far as 4-5 vote. No, we don't do the bidding of the executive side. I don't give, care what you say. I have a mind I use it. So, you can say whatever you want. It doesn't really matter; I know where I need to be and what I need to do. I'm done.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton your next go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, well just to remind everybody, nobody's needs any validation from Councilor DiPiazza do anything and I don't ask for it. and I never would. Um, we are legislative bidding, and I think the people are not as ignorant as some think they are. They can clearly see exactly what is going on here today and what's been going in the past. As I've stated before I have never seen a council like this where the investigations should of taken one or two days are taking four to five weeks. Council members have to basically set thee agenda, this has normally been done by the speaker in the past. Um, all the questions should be known by the speaker, here the speaker should be setting the table I have never seen anything like this in any council before in the past. Um, what I witnessed in, and the membership have witnessed it too and questions are asked of the council, the body, the leader the head of the body, should be answering those questions instead we get this stare and look around the room at everybody else for an answers. I, this is not uh this is not the body that the membership thinks it is. I want to make it clear so that they understand exactly what this is. From my perception, you have five council members trying their best to avoid every little low noise around them and do something their fiduciary duty be for the membership. Be fiscally responsible. There's another faction that doesn't care what you spend as long as you betterment for the people in Manistee and that's it. and that's what's going to happen. That's what I've witness, that's my opinion. Thank you very much.

Speaker Burmeister: Victoria, you were next in line please.

Wells: Morning again, um, I just kinda wanna go over that um, it's in your constitution what the official duties of the speaker, recorder are encase of you need to brush up on this sir. Um, yeah, I can read 'em but, speaker, speaker of the council shall preside at all meetings of the tribal council, calls special meetings when appropriate, receive reports from the committees or commissions and deliver reports as such to council, perform the duties of the tribal Ogema in absent or of due to inability of the Ogema to preform those duties. Recorder of council shall submit a record of all tribal council meetings and make sure report available to the membership of the tribe. Keep members informed as to status of council and all other matters that effecting the tribe and its members. Maintain and protect tribal seal, perform the duties of the speaker if the speaker is absent, or unable to full fill those, so that being said, kinda handy to have this um, I know I speak a lot, and sometimes I make little to no sense, but there's a section in here powers

of tribal council, so I wanted to bring up and remind you all of, which is section 7 part 2, which it says to promote, protect, and to provide for the public health, peace, moral, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members. Of which I have not seen a lot of outta certain members of this council; I'm not calling everybody out, I'm just saying, and that is what the membership being. I read, I read our Constitution, I read our policies and procedures, ordinances, I read it all of those. And it just hits still sad, ongoing sad, but it's getting kinda irritating, to see this constant bickering it's like two, it's like children. And and it's not bra, it's not sides, its branches. I would just like to remind people that, it's not sides, its branches. You have executive branch, and then legislative branch and then need to work together for the betterment of this tribe and the members of this tribe which includes outlying, and here. What all you see, not everything you see, not everything is what it seems. Little bit of wisdom, we could all use humility, and a lot more love out of our seven grandfathers, that is all that I have. Chi Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, go ahead Councilor DiPiazza, you were next in the queue

Councilor DiPiazza: Nah, I'll refrain cause I know how the speaker and recorder should be doing these things. An, yeah, the constant bradge of somebody doing something wrong all the time. Yeah, I don't know where that falls, falls under some of them teachings but yeah, it hasn't changed in two years we haven't done anything except court battles, and internal fighting so am I tired of it, absolutely. I'm I going to just roll over, br, no, cause I always seem to be right when I quote the Constitution. Which some wanna, yea, I'm good. Right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, thank you, Councilor Metzger you are next.

Councilor Metzger: Ah yea, I just like to clarify why I voted no on the appointment today to the commission. He was asked to appear today, and uh where is he? I mean if people can't show up to an appointment, then are they gonna make it to the meeting. Um, an also, you know ah yes council has been dragged into courts, over the last twelve years, council has changed, what's consistent, and I say chi Miigwech to Ms. Wells for those kind words, that you shared. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton you were next

Councilor Crampton: Ok, just to I don't agree with anything that was said by Miss Wells cause that's not factual the Constitution does read that, but it gives the power to constitute, Constitution to the council, to make its own rules. The mee, the membership needs to look at any procedure's ordinance and then uh, the administration ordinance procedures act. Cause those flow from the Constitution. Then you will see exactly what I'm talking about. Um no, Councilor DiPiazza, hasn't been right about Constitution, he keeps trying to say that, but we have week after week find out that he's wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong. The self-promotion is really outta place, when the facts don't back it up. Um, as far as seven grandfather teachings ever since member on this line right now, call all the local tribes around here and ask about Shannon Crampton, I think your have uh, going to find something surprising if you don't think I don't follow the seven grandfather teachings. Now, in comparison, when you call the same tribe, and ask them about

Little River, and I think you're going to find something out that I'm telling you the truth, and that those seven grandfather teachings aren't exactly in Little Rivers reputation. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, go ahead Councilor Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, I want to say ah Chi Miigwech for er, for all, everything above me, everything with me, everything below me, and what is within. And we turn around sit here and talk about, bout ah, teachings, and then one ah, turn around and different ones pointing fingers ah, it starts when we get up in the morning and look in the mirror, that's where it starts at. According to the seven teachings outta us and our members turn around and didn't know about the teachings: but the new morale, good morale. Where you turn around and that even comes in with the teachings it's just that we're going by the teachings. So, when we turn around, and being respectful to one another, uh to love one another it goes on and on with this seven teachings, but it turns around that if your outta sync with one your outta sync with them all. And that's where we have not a little bit of this and little bit of that we need ah to put 100% in there. Turn around and look at different corporate cities, and if everything is going fine, then we're not in court when it doesn't go fine, we're in court, it's just put of what is going on. Yeah, different council people, turn around and look at different things that shouldn't be. Just not going with the roll. Roll with the tide. Ya, know sometimes one has to stand their ground. So those are the things that are uh to me, my opinion on these things. Ok, Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, I also have a comment, is I treat everybody the same, with respect. I don't name call, I don't banter back and forth, I don't believe in it because it doesn't solve anything. We all have our differing opinions, and I believe every councilor sitting here votes the best that they can with what they feel for all citizens. Um, I read everything I my packet and based on the facts that are presented that is how I vote. I'm not influenced by anybody else, as it may be thrown out there that I may be on this side or that side. I'm not. I'm very open minded, and I look at what's the best for all citizens um yeah, I don't call, I don't call names, accuse people of things, I don't believe um that that should be done because it doesn't solve anything. And just to kinda clarify the whole investigation that keeps being brought up, that I haven't done this, or I haven't done that. In work sessions I have asked, um for, a motion to be made to move forward on things so when it's said that I'm procrastinating or I'm not doing it, I'm doing anything unless there's a motion that's brought forward and I have followed through on motions that have been brought forward. So, I just wanted to clarify that for the record, and that's all I have to say. Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, um well nope my statements are absolutely correct. The speaker is the one who is supposed to set the tone and agenda. For the council and ahh and preparing things for council to do. Keep the um work sessions flowing, keep the legislative moving. You just witness, she sets and waits for motions, this is what I've experienced and it's not the council table being set when you get there. Like, all of the speakers like all of the bodies there's a person sitting there waiting for you to suggest something to sit at the table. This is what I'm talking about when its different from all of the councils. Um, if you just go back and look at the recordings you'll see. Council Speakers have had the answers across the board. Cause they know the agenda, and then when it's said they know what's going on. Um, you can take it as personal as you want, I'm not mentioning any names, I'm just saying, the speaker position right



now is totally outta sync with everything else and like I said its lost and we have investigations that should of taken a day, they should of taken a day, council Wolfe, Council Metzger, Council Wittenberg, myself asked hey what happened to that four or five weeks ago. That was maybe three weeks ago. Now we're about seven or eight weeks out. And were still having this pity pat back and forth when there should be a hammer coming down and saying this is the law and this is what is written, and we want the information today! But we don't get that happening. What we get is a delay, delay, a delay. So, I in, ya know, I hate to put anyone on the spot like this, but I'm going to. Because I hear it all the time. I hear everybody going, we don't believe in Christianity in this we don't believe in the seven grandfather teachings. And then I say ok tell me about the messenger er the um child. The biggest look of silence, and confusion that comes across people's faces and their lost. Well, I believe in the seven grandfather teachings, ok then you should know all about them, the messenger and the child. But I... I believe in the seven grandfather teachings that's as far as it gets. So, I mean, when you're at, when people say that I would delve a little bit deeper or so, your making sure they're not just saying uh I know the seven grandfather teachings. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, any further questions or comments. Go-ahead, go-ahead Corey.

C. Wells: Thank you, Speaker, um there's a bunch of stuff going on today, and I think I'm going to take time to digest what I've heard, and I will be in person next week and I'll have some comments to deliver. Until then um councilor um, Councilor Crampton said something about the Administration Procedures Act and Tribal Councils Procedure er Tribal Council Procedure Ordinance um on the tribes website the Administration procedures act is not there it's a 404 not found file so not sure if that's something tribal council can um fix or send out so members can read that administration Procedures Ordinance but ah, hard to argue with anything in it if you can't read it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Corey. You're referencing the legislative procedures ordinance, correct?

C. Wells: Under 100 Chapter in the ordinances oh title 7 Administration Procedures Act is not there. I don't see a legislative procedure ordinance

Councilor DiPiazza: Op, yup not found.

C. Wells: So, yea can't read it if it's not there.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok, we will... will look into that and see why ok Corey.

C. Wells: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Your welcome thank you, go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Are so just to restate nobody said legislative procedures accept Mr. Wells. The documents that I asked to be record recorded of the tribe is Tribal Council Procedure Ordinance, and the Administrative Procedures I don't know who made up legislative procedures

but don't think there is one. Um yea if that's missing from the website, that would be something to take up with the Executive side and IT. Last time it was there. Just another thing ah another thing missing under IT. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor DiPiazza go ahead please

Councilor DiPiazza: I have no comment, but I'd like to make a motion

**To end first open.** Supported by Councilor Wever

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please

**Roll Call # 15**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

*Councilor DiPiazza said something but not clear*

Recorder Johnson: 6 in favor, 3 no, we are um ending first open at 11:46 am

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call to move to second open please

**Roll Call # 16**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 9 in favor, we are in second open at 4:14

Speaker Burmeister: Gary?

Councilor DiPiazza: Wha, um no

Speaker Burmeister: Um,

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll defer to her

Councilor Wever: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Um, go-ahead, go-ahead Councilor Wever

Councilor Wever: I'd... I'd like to make a motion If I may, I guess I this ah, if this sounds right but, I'd like to make a motion

**To get a total of all legal fees by outside legal that represents Mr. Crampton in case, I'm not sure got the right number but, I think its #23-097-G7 er C and all his legal fees associated with the case #23-097-GC. So, Mr. Crampton can pay for all these fees and pay the tribe back for all the legal fees already paid out of tribal funds. Support by Councilor DiPiazza**

Recorder Johnson: Can I have a repeat?

Councilor Wever: It's sloppy

Councilor Wittenberg: Why don't you just give her the copy that you have written down

Recorder Johnson: Or that works too

Councilor Wittenberg: It will make it a lot easier, for the person then turn around vote a lot easier

Councilor Wever: Well... how's this?

Councilor Wittenberg: That be easier yet

Recorder Johnson: Or just... ok, that works too, I, I'm good

Councilor Wever: I don't think I wrote, no I didn't

Councilor Wittenberg: I, I'd like to

Recorder Johnson: I'm good when ready

Councilor Wittenberg: I'd like to add uhhh Mr. Ogema's on their please

Councilor Wever: Ogema's on were

Councilor Wittenberg: On that

Councilor Wever: No, he's not

*Councilor Wittenberg said something but too low to catch it*

Councilor Metzger: Support

Speaker Burmeister: You can't add on to her motion

Recorder Johnson: No, you can't add

Councilor Wittenberg: Ok, make my own

*Several talking over each other... to catch what was said*

Speaker Burmeister: Have to be separate, um, go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, Speaker, um, the council already has the cost, and the council is the one that appointed Mr. Pitchlynn. So, I have no idea of the sanity of that motion, but council already has the cost, council is the one that assigned Mr. Pitchlynn. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: I also want to say for the record, there is not a case that Mr. Pitchlynn is single handling of Councilor Crampton

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza, and then I have

Councilor DiPiazza: So who's giving Pitchlynn direction on this, council as a whole per this last order that just came out for contempt of court, the court does say has repeatedly stated, that council is not a party to this matter. Um, the courts eye, council not part of this. Just saying. It was given, who was given outside legal direction on this case. Council as a whole.

Councilor Crampton: Is the speaker gonna answer the record, you know you did.

Speaker Burmeister: I was waiting to let him finish

Councilor DiPiazza: Nah, I'm done go ahead

Speaker Burmeister: Well, when I was first asked, in um, at the hearing actually, I was on zoom. Judge Sherigan did ask me, and I did said um Mr. Pitchlynn. I'm not going to deny that I said it, I said it.

Councilor Crampton: What I'm talking about is

Speaker Burmeister: what you talking about

Councilor Crampton: The body sat here and ordered Mr. Mr. Pitchlynn came in and gave you... Is this groundhog's day? You guys can't blame me for saying this because this is crazy! Mr. Pitchlynn came in here and talked to all of us. No matter whose name is on it, it's against council. Council as a body voted to have him do this. What is going on here. This is insanity that you're allowing these two too keep rehashing this when you know that th their being insane! Council as a body gave Mr. Pitchlynn the order to do it. and you let him keep going without... when you going... Speaker for real, when are you going to address the fact that he keeps lying week after week. Trying to advance his theory on record, now on record this body knows that they already gave Mr. Pitchlynn the authority, but you're going to continuing let him tal, lie into the record, that's insanity. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, you're in the queue, go ahead Keegan.

Bordeaux: Yeah, just want to clarify, in a practical way, heard the language, per the resolution, but practically speaking, we had to break this down in layman's terms. For anyone to understand, what is the motion trying to accomplish? Cause there could be a couple different things here, so is one, one of them, is tribal council ordering Mr. Pitchlynn to stop representing Councilor Crampton, or is tribal council trying to enact some type of like a fine or something for Councilor Crampton. I'm not quite sure what the practical effect would be.

Councilor Wever: No, I just want him to pay the fee, he has spent thousands and thousands of dollars of the tribe's money um on legal fees and court

Councilor Metzger: I would like to call to question

Councilor Crampton: Council ordered it.

Councilor DiPiazza: *mumbling something*

Speaker Burmeister: Hmm

Councilor DiPiazza: *mumbled some more, too low to pick up*

Councilor Crampton: Who supported it?

Councilor DiPiazza: I didn't

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Keegan

Bordeaux: Yeah so, it might be best if I give advice in closed session. But there's potential legal problems comes with the language as its written.

Councilor Crampton: No let em' go... let em' let em go Keegan. Let em

Bordeaux: No, I'd be ah be ah not be doing a great job as your attorney if I didn't mention it. You're in open, so I have to be limited what I can say. Tribal Council might have serious enforcement with the language which as its written, as Councilor Wever stated on the record, the attention is for Councilor Crampton to pay um the legal fees that Tribal Council already approved and also paid for in the case. I'll leave it there in open but there's potential enforcement problems with the motion. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger you...

Councilor Metzger: I call to question! Earlier

Speaker Burmeister: So, we have to vote on that.

Councilor Metzger: Vote on her motion

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, roll call please

**Roll Call # 17**

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

Motion carried (3-5-1-0)

Speaker Burmeister: I can't abstain, can I? Can I give a reason why, can I do that?

Councilor Metzger: We already had discussion ma'am

Councilor Crampton: No, you already had discussion

Speaker Burmeister: Ok, um

Councilor DiPiazza: You can still abstain, *(stated more but to low to catch)*

Speaker Burmeister: I'm gonna abstain

Councilor Metzger: That too

Speaker Burmeister: Yup

Recorder Johnson: So, your abstaining?

Councilor Crampton: Well, it failed. Let's just hurry up.

Recorder Johnson: 3 in favor, 5 against, and 1 abstain it failed.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: I would like to make a motion to have Madam Speaker to give Councilor Crampton permission to contact federal authorities with all pertinent reports concerning 2 million dollars/ Mr. Swains contract and to release all yeah, all information. Thank you

Recorder Johnson: Can I see that since you have it wrote out? Versus having you repeat it.

Councilor Wolfe: Support!

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Keegan

Bordeaux: Thank you, Speaker Burmeister, it might help if council, if council when entertain a motion, it might help if you specified in the motion what you're doing, you're authorizing a release of records held in confidentiality or close

Councilor Metzger: I understand that that's why I said all pertinent information.

Speaker Burmeister: He said confidential though. You mean like closed work sessions

Bordeaux: Yes, so anything that you hold in close, whether its closed minutes, or video recordings or anything you could say something that you held confidentially. For instances my email to councilors are confidential records for example

Councilor Metzger: All pertinent confidential records and reports.

Councilor Wolfe: Still support

Speaker Burmeister: Any further discussion. Ok, Councilor DiPiazza

Recorder Johnson: What is that

Councilor Metzger: Federal authorities

Recorder Johnson: Ok, thank you

Councilor Metzger: yup

Councilor DiPiazza: I don't believe you can assign him that authority of the officers but that's their duty plus in Law and Order 11.400.3 ordinance 12.04 yeah, to move forward but be cautious. Ok, do what you're going to do.

Councilor Wolfe: I believe the speaker has the authority to delegate any of her duties to another councilor. No, prohibition against it.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Keegan

Bordeaux: Thank you, Speaker Burmeister, technically what is happening right now if the motion passes, Tribal Council, the body is giving authority directly to Councilor Crampton even though the motion evokes the speakers name. What's happening is Tribal Councilor would be the one delegating, giving the authority.

Speaker Burmeister: Keegan I have a question for you, I want to make sure it gets done correctly, does it need to specify those 5 things that Councilor Crampton mentioned?

Bordeaux: For clarity, I think it would be good if you're authorizing him to release particular records, to define those particular records, that way there's no potential dispute later. Say, a month, year somewhere down the road about what exactly Tribal Council authorized him to

release just for clarity's sake, its usually best to point out specific records that you wish to release. That way there's no fights, arguments or anything down the road.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Yes, and I would argue it's the opposite, if you get too specific then that's where the argument is going to come into court. I like the motion as it is, it says all pertinent information. It's gonna be hard to argue in court what I give them on tapes, is not pertinent information. If you get too specific that's where the argument is going to come in so, this time I disagree with Mr. Bordeaux, and I like the motion as it is.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you.

Councilor Crampton: Oh, and I just want to say again, I'm going to keep saying it, every time that we come up with that Mr., DiPiazza doesn't like, he tries to influence the council by stating law that he does not know. So, he is just trying to bluff you guys again, and he will do it again, and again, and again. You guys need to watch these tapes, it's like a comedy show, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I know law and order quiet well. That is the law and ordinance and that is the number that you might want to reference too, but you know all, see all so do what you're going to do. I'm done, do what you're going to do.

Speaker Burmeister: Pam you got that all written down.

Recorder Johnson: uh-huh

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson will you do roll call on that please.

**Roll Call # 18**

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

Motion carried (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 4 in favor, 5 against, it has failed

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: Hmm, ok so, now that, that has failed going into the one, now it comes back to my understanding, the speaker

Speaker Burmeister: The motion failed, so somebody would have to bring it forward

Councilor Wittenberg: That motion failed



Councilor Wolfe: Can I see your motion?

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Well Thank you, before you two get to far in left field yes, Councilor Wittenberg is correct, exactly right, it still stands on the old motion so now instead of authorizing me it goes back to the Speaker, and I will be, we will be doing that when, I will be mentioning it every Wednesday, every work session, we need to be *(garbled)* now it just falls back onto the speaker. And the council has already taken a vote. So now the responsibility is on the speaker that should be done today. Now, I would like to make a second motion. My motion is to have the speaker, to have the public safety investigate the signing of the Dennis Swain check yesterday um I'm sorry Thursday after the Wednesday vote. That's my motion.

Recorder Johnson: What was that after the investigate the check signing?

Councilor Crampton: the two checks that were signed for Dennis Sw.. the two checks that were signed for Dennis Swain. Without a contract.

Recorder Johnson: Let me *(could not make exactly what that was said)*

Councilor Crampton: So have the Public ... the directive speaker that's the body directing the speaker to have the public safety investigate the signing of the two checks for ur for Dennis Swain and um by the two council members. Gary DiPiazza and Shi Shirley Wever

Recorder Johnson: Um... um, on what day?

Councilor Wolfe: He amended it. He didn't include a date, you amended it Shannon and didn't include a date, correct?

Councilor Crampton: Correct

Recorder Johnson: Ok, so, to investigate the signing of the checks for Dennis Swain how did you end that the signing of the checks for Dennis Swain

Councilor Crampton: By two council members; Councilor DiPiazza and Councilor Wever

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes

Councilor DiPiazza: Since I'm being accused. You're accusing me of a crime, right? Are you accusing me of a crime?

Councilor Crampton: Um, one more time, to have the speaker investigate, investigate comes before any type of allegation, this is an investigation

Councilor DiPiazza: Yup, you're slurring your speech, besides that I have the floor

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor DiPiazza: Anyway, I will revert to our law and order again 11-400-03 12.4 and 12.9, you're accusing me of a crime again.

Councilor Crampton: One more time, no one is accusing anyone, its investigation I'm asking for

Councilor DiPiazza: K, but technically you are.

Councilor Crampton: No, absolutely not

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor, but ok

*Some chatter, just enough overlapping of voices not sure what was said*

Councilor DiPiazza: Keep interrupting

Councilor Metzger: Once again, I would like to call to question

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please. Read back the motion

Recorder Johnson: Ok, yeah, I...

Councilor Silvis: Um, I am going to abstain, thank you

Recorder Johnson: So, just to make sure I have this correct Shannon; um if you don't mind, to direct the speaker to have a public safety investigate the signing of checks for Dennis Swain by the two councilors DiPiazza and Wever that sound, correct?

Councilor Crampton: No, it doesn't, to have, one more time, I'm going to go slow have the speaker, the body is directing the speaker, to initiate an investigation with the public safety office, let me know when you got that.

*Low chatter going on*

Recorder Johnson: check signing...

Councilor Crampton: Of the Dennis Swain check or checks I would say check and checks by councilors DiPiazza and Wever

Recorder Johnson: Ok, let me write this over this looks horrible

Councilor Crampton: And it doesn't matter if Councilor Silvis did them a favor cause their both conflicted.

Recorder Johnson: So, the motion, to have the body to direct the speaker to have public safety office to initiate an investigation, the signing

Councilor Crampton: I didn't, listen, I didn't speak broken English like that what I said was I want the speaker

Recorder Johnson: I have it all chopped up, sorry

Councilor Crampton: Ok let's go in phases, phase 1. To have the speaker, that's phase 1 let me know when you got that.

Councilor Wittenberg: *said something too low to get clearly*

Recorder Johnson: No, no sarcastic sorry, my paper is scratching and arrows here and it just looks... ok... to have the speaker go ahead... Shan

Councilor Crampton: Contact public safety

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor Crampton: to have them initiate

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor Crampton: and an investigation

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor Crampton: of the checks, signed

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor Crampton: By Councilors DiPiazza and Wever

Recorder Johnson: Ok

Councilor Crampton: Or Dennis Swain or payable to Dennis Swain and I am going to make a motion right now since Councilor, well it's not a motion, but I am going to call it, calling for uh

Mrs. uhh Silvis has abstained that we have to do a vote now on if conflict of interest. I'm calling conflict of interest on both of them. Those two.

Councilor Wever: I have no conflict, no, no. I'm not ...

Councilor Crampton: Listen, Listen the body votes

*(breaks into several councilors talking at once)*

Councilor Crampton: wait, wait the body votes

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger already called a question

Councilor DiPiazza: It sucks to be you

*(breaks out again with councilors)*

Councilor Crampton: Oh my God, it doesn't matter

Councilor DiPiazza: uh-huh

Councilor Metzger: I would like to ask Council member Silvis why she's abstaining

Speaker Burmeister: We have to have a vote on that

Councilor Metzger: uh-huh

Recorder Johnson: Yes, we do.

Councilor Crampton: We got to vote on con, when I raised a conflict of interest, it doesn't matter when it is. Look at your rules.

Speaker Burmeister: we have no rules

Councilor Crampton: We have to take a vote, on whether a conflict of interest or not.

Councilor Metzger: I'm more curious on Council member Silvis

Recorder Johnson: Yup

Councilor Crampton: Yes.

Speaker Burmeister: So how do we state that then? Do we, I meant, does it have to be

Councilor Metzger: I would like her to state her reason.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok we can just ask that. Councilor Silvis, can you state your reason for your abstention please.

Councilor Silvis: Yes, my reason for abstention is because there is not enough information, we just requested more information on how um it if that was to be um what's in the contract so without having all the information were supposed to get it tomorrow, I'm abstaining for that reason.

Speaker Burmeister: Soo Rec

Councilor DiPiazza: So, he called the question, let him...

Speaker Burmeister: That's right.

Councilor Crampton: No, no... no that's (multi councilors speaking) you're letting him call the procedure

Councilor Metzger: Do we vote on her abstention

Recorder Johnson: Uh-huh

Speaker Burmeister: Yes

Councilor Crampton: And now we also vote on their conflict of interest after that.

Councilor DiPiazza: That's not how that works

Councilor Crampton: Yes, it is. It's in the meeting proce, you guys open up the meeting procedures ordinance. Don't listen to him no more

Councilor DiPiazza: He called a question before

Councilor Crampton: Oh my god, there's no procedure for that, open up the meeting proce...

Councilor Metzger: She abstained, she abstained after I called the question, I'm questioning her abstention.

Councilor DiPiazza: Your fine.

Councilor Metzger: I want to know what her conflict of interest is

Speaker Burmeister: Correct, she stated what it is, and now we vote on it.

Councilor Metzger: Yup

Councilor DiPiazza: Do we want to have a discussion on this or

Speaker Burmeister: No

Councilor DiPiazza: Or were, no. Ok, I remember a couple a few weeks ago there was uh

Councilor Crampton: Speaker! For real, is he, you're going to allow him to do this again?

Councilor Metzger: I believe what's up for a vote is uh... uh Mrs. Silvis er Council member Silvis' abstention.

Speaker Burmeister: We vote on it.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker,

Speaker Burmeister: Your welcome.

Councilor Crampton: You vote on the abstention, and you also vote on the conflict of interest

Speaker Burmeister: Right. So, you have to read that

Councilor Crampton: First up is the abstention

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, must be majority vote yea, oh you're writing it.

Councilor Wolfe: Get a pad of paper.

Speaker Burmeister: Write it down for conflict, abstention, do we have to write down her abstention?

Recorder Johnson: Her reason?

Speaker Burmeister: yeah. I don't that's why I'm asking.

Recorder Johnson: Um, (*mumbling*) she said I don't think I have too.

Councilor Metzger: Such member shall have to abstain from voting on that matter due to conflict of interest and shall disclose the nature of the conflict. Constitution.

Speaker Burmeister: Yup, and that's what we're doing right now.

Councilor Metzger: yup. So, there's no discussing it. She already explained so... let's move on

Speaker Burmeister: yup I'm waiting for her to write all that down.

Councilor Metzger: Ok. Thank you

Recorder Johnson: Ok, I guess if you're ready.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, if you can do roll call on that please.

**Roll Call # 19**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Metzger: Clarify, we voting not to accepting her abstention or not?

Recorder Johnson: Yup

Councilor Metzger: Ok so do I accept her... so no

Recorder Johnson: So, no.

Councilor Silvis: I can vote on it.

Councilor DiPiazza: People have before

Councilor Silvis: Oh Yes.

Councilor Crampton: I'm gonna need a point of clarification, what are we voting on?

Recorder Johnson: Her abstention

Councilor Crampton: Yeah ok, what voting on her abstention to what, to do with her abstention.

Councilor Metzger: Whether to accept it

Recorder Johnson: Yeah.

Councilor Crampton: Whether to accept it

Councilor Wittenberg: Yes, I accept it or no I don't.

Recorder Johnson: *(said something, didn't catch it, Wittenberg was speaking too)* Right.

Councilor Metzger: Yes, she can abstain, or no she can't

Recorder Johnson: Or no she can't

Councilor Crampton: Ok, oh yes, yes because you can't, never mind

Recorder Johnson: So, 3 in favor, 6 against her abstention failed.

Councilor DiPiazza: Constitutional, she can vote anyway she wants.

Councilor Crampton: Ahh in the Meeting Procedures Ordinance and in the Constitution, you can't compel her to vote, even though we took that vote. That's why I argued against it.

Councilor DiPiazza: Tell her to vote

Councilor Crampton: You can't

Councilor DiPiazza: No, but she can vote if she wants too.

Councilor Metzger: Now back to call to question ma'am

Councilor Wolfe: What about the two conflicts of interest by Shannon?

Councilor Metzger: What?

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, yeah that's the next thing to vote on whether they have a conflict of interest.

Councilor Wolfe: The two that signed the check

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I don't believe I do.

Councilor Wever: I don't believe I do either.

Councilor DiPiazza: I don't believe I have a conflict of interest on any of that.

Councilor Wever: I did what I was supposed to do.

Councilor Crampton: It's like an abstention, you need to look at the Meeting Procedures Ordinance I've raised the issue now it needs to be voted on.

Speaker Burmeister: Voted on

Recorder Johnson: (something said) Abstentions?

Speaker Burmeister: Yup

Councilor Wolfe: It's not an abstention,

Speaker Burmeister: It's a conflict



Councilor Metzger: Conflict of interest

Recorder Johnson: Excuse me, (unsure of what I said)

Speaker Burmeister: I know

Bordeaux: Speaker

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Keegan.

Bordeaux: Speaker Burmeister, I'm happy to listen to uh folks that have been around longer and have had to deal with this more and interpret this these rules more, but my quick thinking of the Constitution suggests the vote on the abstention is taken only after someone invokes their own conflict of interest. So, if a councilor has not invoked a conflict of interest my understanding of the Constitution at least, doesn't require a vote to be taken on the existence of one. Only after someone invokes it; but then again, I'm just saying the council has had their own interpretations, in past practices of how it interprets its rules. Uh that's my quick reading of it.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Keegan. Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I was gonna say, I think it was last week, there was an abstention on every item on the agenda and nobody called for a vote on that. Their abstained. So please follow the rules all the time not just part of the time. That's all I'm asking.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: Uh, I believe uh councilor Wolfe did give a statement she wasn't involved in uh work session and choice not to vote on the matter. Therefore, she wasn't properly informed.

Councilor Wolfe: I don't think were voting on abstentions, we're voting on Councilor Crampton called conflict of interest

*Councilor Wittenberg said something to low and Councilor Wolfe was speaking at the time)*

Councilor DiPiazza: Tell me something I don't, it's been voted on once before. It was voted I didn't...

Councilor Crampton: Why am I sitting in the queue? If he gets to talk when he wants.

Councilor DiPiazza: Cause I'm sitting here and you're accusing me of something which...

Councilor Crampton: There was a queue, Speaker please get to the queue

Councilor DiPiazza: Yes, you are, and I love it.

Speaker Burmeister: Gary, Gary

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm sorry

Speaker Burmeister: Um, go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Oh my god

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm sorry that was a snidely laugh

Speaker Burmeister: Gary

Councilor Crampton: You're like a small child.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yes

Councilor Crampton: Um, is there a way you can get him to stop. I mean throw in a romper, romper or something.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor DiPiazza: *Said something... just low enough to not catch*

Speaker Burmeister: Gary!

Councilor Wittenberg: Gary!

Councilor DiPiazza: I didn't hear, ya whatcha say?

Councilor Wittenberg: Gary!

Councilor DiPiazza: I can't hear ya cause I'm gonna own every...

Councilor Crampton: Speaker

Speaker Burmeister: Gary, stop

Councilor Crampton: Speaker please speaker please c'mon

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Your guy's comedy routine is getting boring. Um, yeah, uh... uh I'm sorry again but I'm gonna have to disagree with Mr. Bordeaux. There's a Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance and it's in the ordinance its and it states these are the rules for Tribal Council and if there is any rule lacking then you will look to Robert's Rules of Order. Roberts Rule says when there is a conflict of interest raised by any member, of the floor there does need to be a second, that there is a vote. And I appreciate Mr. Bordeaux listening to people who have

been around a lot longer cause that's how it's been handled. So, if you look to the meeting procedures ordinance the Constitution gives the council the ability to make its own rules and regulations. It made its own rules in the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance flow from that constitution requirement. Um, er authority, sorry, um in the meeting procedures ordinance they said if there is a conflict of interest that they shall abstain and if and if there is anything missing in here and need further guidance you shall look to Roberts Rules. And Roberts Rules of Order there are many conflicts of interest, the only one in our Constitution is a mandate. That does not mean that there is only one conflict of interest that means that there is one cited in our Constitution as a mandate. So, if you follow what I'm saying, there is a constitutional authority given to council by the Constitution to the council to write its own authority. They did a the Meeting Procedures Ordinance. In their it says, if there is anything lacking in here you look to Roberts Rules. Once again, Roberts Rules states the most recent one 2023 that if there is a conflict of interest um uh raised it does need to be seconded and there is a vote. Whether that complicates this. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Um, gonna go ahead and let Sara go, I'm looking something up. Her hand has been raised for a very long time. So go ahead Sara

Agosa: Yeah, I just want to make sure that the rights of members can make comments is upheld and I tried to look up the Administrative Procedures Ordinance, I know it was brought up in council meeting today, I'm getting a 404 error so, I can't even look up the ordinance. But I'm really concern about the use of these abstentions. I just want to make sure that they're not overused and I even had a question about Misty Silvis's abstention, to me, I question if waiting to view the documentation is appropriate use of an abstention. I question that whether that is a conflict of interest. So, I'm just asking council please, become informed of the rules and do these the right way. Thank you, that is my comment.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Sara. Um, go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I was gonna say, the resolution number for that ordinance is 11-1109-379 in case you want to look that up, can find it better that way, since you're having an error 404. Trying to help you out.

Speaker Burmeister: Keegan, could you help me look that up? Where that would be in the Robert's Rule of Order

Bordeaux: Yeah, so I can, can point you to your own rules before we get there though.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok

Bordeaux: There's steps we got to do first.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok,

Bordeaux: We're lookin, I can read it out loud if that's ok.

Speaker Burmeister: Go, go right ahead.

Bordeaux: So, we're looking at section 7.04 the actions of the Tribal Council shall be interpreted, so that's where, it shall be interpreted in light of the processes set forth in the ordinance. In the event additional direction is necessary, the latest edition Roberts Rules procedure recognizes the National Association of Parliamentarians; shall govern that interpretation. Uh then it says provided that following that specific set of rules of order shall supersede Roberts Rule procedures. So, if we scroll down to B. below it, I don't know if anyone has it in front of them, but subsection B actually describes the action required for abstentions for voting that means that there are problems with that language. It uses the verb interpretation, lets even if we pretend it doesn't say interpret, and pretend it says incorporate we will incorporate Roberts Rules except for the following, and then it lists the process for abstentions for voting, so I'll read the abstention section Roberts Rules of Order definitely does not apply to abstentions cause of the way the Order is written.

Councilor Wolfe: How can we not have abstentions?

Councilor Metzger: I don't know.

Bordeaux: So, I can read it for Councilors; I know you probably don't have it in front of you.

Councilor Crampton: Ah listen, before, before you go to that trouble, the vote only abstention is over. This is on conflict of interest

Councilor Wolfe: Correct, that was my comment. I don't know why we're talking about abstentions

Bordeaux: So, what would a conflict-of-interest vote do then?

Councilor Crampton: The conflict of interest once its raised would vote whether that person has a conflict of interest. Not for that, ... we're on to something different Mr. Bordeaux, uh it the abstention was on Councilor Silvis, who wanted to abstain from the vote.

Councilor Wolfe: That failed

Councilor Crampton: I'm saying that the vote I put to a motion, to have the Speaker report the two council members. I am raising a point of order saying there is a conflict of interest on Councilor Wever and on councilor DiPiazza from voting on this issue, cause their conflicted

Bordeaux: So, in theory, what is actually happening here is that a councilor is making a motion that would band certain other councilors from voting on a matter

Councilor Crampton: No, it's well that's what the conflict of interest would do. Yes, it saying they have a conflict of interest. It doesn't band them, it puts the ownness on them.

Bordeaux: Ok, I'll keep reading, I haven't, I don't recall in your ordinance or Constitution that lets the body ban individuals from voting on topics, but I'll keep looking.

Councilor Crampton: I didn't say it was in our law, that's where it. You're talking about the abstentions it says in our ordinance it says Roberts Rules supersede except for and then you named abstentions. It doesn't name conflict of interest. So that's where we look at Roberts Rule of Order

Speaker Burmeister: Ok go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor

Speaker Burmeister: Yup, when he's done... go ahead Councilor

Councilor DiPiazza: You do know also when you call eh uh question it has to be voted on right. Roberts Rule 16.6/07. Also, he likes to place this conflict of interest cause he played that some years ago on Ron Pete and me because that is a removable offense, but I don't have a conflict so, of interest what's so ever. Cause I have no monetary value whatsoever (mumbled something). You guys keep doing what you're going to do.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Ok, this is probably for membership consumption at this point uh um, it would be um amazing if somebody who is accused of a crime got to vote whether they were charged or not. How much sense does that make; that is absolutely absorbed this is my point. There is a conflict, one which is on you, no one would let Ted Bundy vote whether he is guilty or not. I don't see how nobody is not seeing a conflict here. You don't let somebody vote whether they're going to be prosecuted or not or if there is going to be an investigation on them. Cause of course

Councilor DiPiazza: Will you shut him up please.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, you just recognized me in the queue. So, I'm...

Speaker Burmeister: So, keep going

Councilor Crampton: Alright, please stop, please stop him from interrupting ... alright thank you. Um, no, that's not, you don't let that happen I don't see how you guys don't see the conflict of interest. I mean, I know I use the words small child but at this point I think I'm insulting small children. I think that anybody can see a huge conflict of interest. You don't let somebody accused of something or investigation vote on whether or not they participate or not. Not whether it goes forward, that's called a conflict of interest. Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: Can I respond?

Speaker Burmeister: Um there's others in the queue

Councilor Crampton: I did not address him at all.

Councilor DiPiazza: That's addressing when you say my name and all those things

Speaker Burmeister: Just wait, I'll put you in the queue. Um, go ahead Sara

Agosa: Well first of all, I would really appreciate Gary to stop disrupting the meeting with all this chatter, its its very disruptive. And I personally would like to see both Councilor DiPiazza and Councilor Wever if this vote is regarding an alleged um action or questionable action that you recuse yourself and I would feel more comfortable if you left the room. And I think that is our of respect for members and the tribe thank you that is my comment.

Councilor Wolfe: Shirley wants to be in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: Um Shirley, I will put you in after Gary and Misty

Councilor Silvis: Thank you, I would just like to um state as of right now there is nothing that is showing that they are doing anything illegal and this is why I wanted to wait till there was more information, so now we're doing a vote on something when there is no information on so until you know, I don't see a conflict of interest if there is no information brought forward. It's not coming in until tomorrow, and this vote should of waited but Councilor Crampton brought it forward now anyways, so I guess we need to take a vote, when there's nothing at this point.

Councilor Wever: Thank you Misty.

Councilor DiPiazza: Do I have the floor

Speaker Burmeister: Gary's next, go-ahead Councilor DiPiazza, and then I have you next

Councilor Wever: Well, Misty said that

Speaker Burmeister: Oh, so you don't want to be in the queue?

Councilor Wever: No, I don't need to now

Speaker Burmeister: Ok,

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah

Councilor Wever: I'd assume not say anything

Councilor DiPiazza: I...

Councilor Wever: I did not do anything

Councilor DiPiazza: If there's uh... you're accusing me, I don't know you need to make up your mind. Whether you're accusing me of a crime or not. Cause you just kinda said I was

Councilor Wolfe: We're not accusing you

Councilor DiPiazza: That's not what he said, he said on the record that's recorded. I'm sorry.

Councilor Wolfe: That's not the motion

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm Sorry!

Councilor Wolfe: Not accusing you of a crime

Councilor DiPiazza: He said, it doesn't matter. I love this recorded stuff. I'm just saying. I don't have a conflict, and he called a question, under Roberts Rule, you gotta vote on it also; and last week even want to vote on stuff, you don't want to vote on stuff. Vote on this I don't care. Because again, I'm just telling ya law and order 1100-403 12.4 and 12.9 you better google it, that's all I can tell ya.

Speaker Burmeister: Are you done? Councilor Crampton and then I have you Councilor Metzger

Councilor Crampton: Uh, thank you, um well this is to have an investigation done, we have um the information already. Everyone was already pretty much privy that there was no contract voted on in open, in open on Wednesday there should have been no check signed on Thursday I don't know what Councilor Silvis is contemplating about, the membership can understand that's pretty much black and white. So, I don't know how much more investigation you need.

*Mumbling at the table*

Councilor Metzger: Go ahead Shannon

Councilor Crampton: Hey Speaker

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Shannon

Councilor Crampton: And I wanted to say eh, uh you keep allowing the confusion to go on. Councilor Metzger called a question on the abstention of Councilor Silvis, that had nothing to do with the other one on the table right now and you called the vote when question. Now, again you're having some trying to shake their head and confuse the table. What we're on right now is my motion and I call, I'm saying they have a conflict of interest. Now, you can look at Roberts Rules of Order, I haven't heard from Mr. Bordeaux again he said that there was two things and I agree with that, that there is two things that supersede that and that involved the abstentions nothing in there that supersedes a conflict of interest. So, you do look to Roberts Rules of Order. And I can wait for Mr. Bordeaux to look that up, cause I'm absolutely correct. Now there needs to be a vote taken on whether they have a conflict of interest or not. You can't compel him or ban him it doesn't take away their vote. It just says the body says they have a conflict Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Keegan

Bordeaux: Thank you, Speaker Burmeister, so just to clarify that I understand what Councilor Crampton is mentioning so he's not making a motion to decry of a vote he's making, sorta making a factual termination of some kind. And I have a follow up after that. Do I understand that correctly.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Council...

Speaker Crampton: Yes

Bordeaux: Ok, so in my follow up I haven't gotten the newest edition version of Roberts Rules of Order in front of me, so I won't be able to answer the question immediately right now. I'm sorry, its gonna take a little more research to whether or not Roberts Rules newest edition covers for a vote like this to cover a factual determination that Tribal Council decides whether these two councilors have a conflict of interest.

Councilor Crampton: Um, I apologize Speaker, for jumping in, just to avoid all this, I am going to withdraw my motion with having you initiate an investigation. I apologize to Councilor Wolfe and the Councilors. Just wait till tomorrow, Councilor Silvis, and wait till we get the information that we're waiting for tomorrow. And then I will, it only takes two to call an emergency meeting. Thank you, so I want to withdraw my motion at this time, so we can move on.

Speaker Burmeister: Um, go ahead Councilor Metzger

*Councilor DiPiazza mumbled something*

Councilor Metzger: He just withdrew his motion

Councilor DiPiazza: ok never mind, my apologizes

Councilor Metzger: My concern is there has been going on, from my point of view what other tribal members have been seeing corruptions since day one. So now you want to start crawling and dancing around jigaboo dadada. No ordinances were written illegally, meetings have been held illegally. For the last 20 add some years, has anybody ever called those into question? No, but no when it comes down to Courts decision, now everything has to be proper and primer uh-uh we all know there has been illegal activity goin on up here. I'm here to stop that. I was voted in to stop that. I was voted in to get this tribe back on track going great. We are a bunch of sick adults sitting around doing pittly sh\*t. We were a great nation at one time. I want us to achieve that again. Thank you, ma'am. I'm done.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Councilor Metzger. Lost track of where we were at. Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a motion to end second open



Councilor Wever: Support

Councilor Metzger: Your supposed to wait for the motion to be finished ma'am

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Let me know when you're ready, Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please

**Roll Call # 20**

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

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton has his hand up also

Councilor Metzger: Is this really necessary? Is this really necessary.

Councilor DiPiazza: No, it's not

Councilor Metzger: Then why are you doing it?

Councilor DiPiazza: What do you want me to do.

Councilor Metzger: Nothing, Nothing

Councilor DiPiazza: Then ok

Councilor Metzger: Sit there and be quiet

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, you guys we're in the middle of roll call. Um

Councilor Crampton: Speaker... Speaker, listen I was next to call to call on

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, and I said you were. Go ahead Councilor Crampton, I did say you were next in queue

Councilor Crampton: Ok well you have to stop this. You have to stop this, have to stop blaming everybody else but Councilor DiPiazza when he acts like a three-year-old.

Councilor Metzger: Shannon Please!

Speaker Burmeister: Ok stop! Recorder Johnson can you finish roll call please

Councilor Metzger: Let's finish this vote.

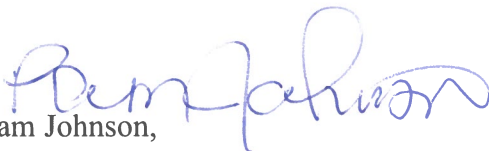
Councilor Crampton: You have to stop that monkey from doing that crap


Councilor Metzger: Shannon please

Speaker Burmeister: Shannon stop everybody stop.

Recorder Johnson 7 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstain we are closed at 5:07

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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