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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022  
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 April 13, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

*There was a lot of disturbance on the ZOOM recording in the background during the opening of the meeting and it was hard to hear what people were saying.*

Speaker Wolfe said good morning everybody they are here for their regularly scheduled meeting for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Wolfe said it sounds like none of that went through. Wolfe repeated they are here for their Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting. Wolfe said she will go through the Participants online to ensure that everyone that is attending is eligible to be here. Wolfe said when she calls out their user handler name please identify themselves as Tribal Government Staff or Tribal member with their um, Enrollment I.D. number. Wolfe said beginning with the Participants online first. Wolfe said Andrew Jeurink.

Andrew Jeurink said um, Interim IT Director.

Speaker Wolfe said Vicki.

Ron Pete said #4158, Tribal citizen.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said #2494.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Al. Metzger.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo, Tribal member #0890.

Speaker Wolfe said Antonio's iPhone.

Antonio Romanelli asked did she say Antonio's iPhone.

Speaker Wolfe said yes, that is the one they are on.

Antonio Romanelli said #3954.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Brandy Martin.

Brandy Martin said Tribal Government Employee.

Speaker Wolfe said Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver said good morning, Natural Resources Department Director. Beaver thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said Grace Hendler. Wolfe said Joanne Green.

Joanne Green said Tribal member #3580.

Speaker Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635. Howell said they don't have any visual Tribal Council they only have audio on them. Howell said they can't see them. Howell said just so they know.

Speaker Wolfe said she thinks they were trying to correct that before the meeting but it appears that it hasn't been fixed so they will continue on. Wolfe thanked Martha. Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Speaker Wolfe said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Speaker Wolfe said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Speaker Wolfe said Tammy Bogue.

Tammy Bogue said #3179.

Speaker Wolfe said Val M.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

Venus Wilson-Torres said Legislative Staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said phone number 231 329-1568.

Shawwna Gonzalez said Tribal member #4700.

Speaker Wolfe said 231 564-8435.

Shannon Crampton said #1747.

Speaker Wolfe said then 902 386-8086. Wolfe repeated phone number 920 386-8086.

Dawn Moneyhan said Tribal citizen #5088.

Speaker Wolfe said everybody on the list the mics not.....the mouse is not using. Wolfe said they will take a brief pause while he is trying to hook up the video for Tribal Council. Wolfe said she thinks they exhausted the list but he has control of the mouse and she can't see.

*There was a lot of background noise on the ZOOM recording as things were being adjusted.*

Speaker Wolfe said so she is asking for user handlers that are participating online to identify themselves. Wolfe said they have one Raymond Hugo can he please identify himself. Wolfe said it doesn't appear that he has audio.

*There was a lot of background noise on the ZOOM recording was still going on.*

Speaker Wolfe asked Raymond Hugo if he had audio to identify himself on the record.

*There was a lot of background noise on the ZOOM recording continued. A voice in the background on the ZOOM recording that said, "you will have to share a screen."*

Speaker Wolfe said so it looks like they have got the video fixed where they are going to move on with that. Wolfe said it looks like everyone in the Participants List is eligible to be here.

## **I. Opening Prayer**

Speaker Wolfe said so with Opening Prayer she will turn it over to Councilor Di Piazza to give a prayer for them.

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Shaganaash.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.

Let us make the best decisions for our citizens and our Nation.

Keep everybody in their prayers no matter where they may be or what is going on in this world.

There is a lot of turmoil over in the Europe so keep that in their minds and prayers.

Keep all the front line employees no matter what they are doing in their thoughts. They are the ones that are the real heroes out there serving us as we go through our days.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him.

## **II. General Business**

### **A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said Pam please do a roll call.

### **B. Roll Call**

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Present	P. Johnson - Present
Vacant	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight is present quorum is established.

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

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; III A.1 CORRECTED, III A.2 MOVED FROM CLOSED, V B MOVED FROM CLOSED, VII C.1 MOVED TO OPEN AND VII D.1 MOVED TO OPEN; by Lewis.**

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have support on that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: III A.1 CORRECTED, III A.2 MOVED FROM CLOSED, V B MOVED FROM CLOSED, VII C.1 MOVED TO OPEN AND VII D.1 MOVED TO OPEN;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any abstentions. Wolfe asked any discussion on the item from Tribal Council or Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes     □ 11/17/21**

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/17/21;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe asked any abstentions on the item from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, seeing none um, Pam do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor, passed.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Agreement (MOA) with Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy**

This MOA allows the Air Quality Program to work in collaboration with the State of Michigan Lab, and Air monitoring Network to provide lab services, repair work, audits, and calibration of Ambient Air Monitoring equipment.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designee Allison Smart. Wolfe said she will turn it over to the sponsor for overview of the item.

Allison Smart, Environmental Manager at the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Smart said good morning Tribal Council. Smart said today she brings before them their annual Memorandum of Agreement with EGLE that covers services needed to help them keep their Air Monitoring ah, Program online and functioning properly. Smart said this includes their audits that are required under EPA Regulation as well as any maintenance that's above their capabilities. Smart said ah, the total amount for this Memorandum of Agreement that expires on March 31, 2023 is \$6,208.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will ask.... Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions from Tribal Council on the item. Wolfe repeated any abstentions for Tribal Council on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussions with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said with ah,...with this Memorandum they ah, help pay for the maintenance on the equipment also.

Allison Smart said yeah, so it covers any technical expertise they need maintenance wise um, as well as if they need a part a small part they normally have those in stock sitting down in Lansing so it's quicker than having to wait for something to get ordered and get someone else to install it.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none it is open for discussion by Tribal citizens.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-060;  
RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)  
WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GREAT**

**LAKES AND ENERGY FOR LABORATORY SERVICES AND  
EQUIPMENT UPKEEP OF THE AIR MONITORING STATION;** by  
Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe said just a clarification on the resolution that it is an Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding was taken out.

Councilor Guenthardt said that is what he said Approval of MOA with the Michigan Department of Great Lakes and Energy.

Speaker Wolfe asked any follow-up discussion with Tribal Council and/or membership. Wolfe said Pam do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

**2. Approving the Ogema's Execution of the FY 2022 Subcontract  
for Administration and Biological services with the Chippewa  
Ottawa Resource Authority**

Execution of contracts requires Tribal Council approval.

Speaker Wolfe said this being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee either Frank Beaver or Archie Martell. Wolfe said she will turn it over to them for presentation.

Archie Martell, Fisheries Division Manager for the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Martell said what they have before them is their um, subcontract with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, with CORA. Martell said that is the five Tribe management agency for the 1836 Tribes so that they work together to provide the best service and for Tribal citizens exercising their Treaty Rights. Martell said um, some of the things that CORA does is coordinate a lot of the meetings of the groups. Martell said also they have been coordinating some of the um, 2020 negotiations for the Great Lakes Consent Decree. Martell said um, negotiations are ongoing. Martell said um, maintain files. Martell said um, they do their vessel registrations for Great Lakes boats for both commercial and subsistence and also for their Assessment Program Vessels. Martell said um, on top of that the Biological Services Division of CORA provides services for representation for inter-agency and international working groups and bodies that

deal with fishing across borders. Martell said also provides coordination amongst the five Biological Programs for each of the Tribes. Martell said they know each of them kind of works in their own backyards but they try to get coverage throughout the 1836 Ceded Waters of the Great Lakes so that they are better informed to make better management recommendations to this process as they work to resolve those issues. Martell said um, so with that he will take any questions. Martell thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for the presentation. Wolfe asked are there any abstentions on the item. Wolfe repeated any abstentions from Tribal Council on the item. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said whoops. Di Piazza said he wanted to say that CORA has a little more function than just the Great Lakes that they have to deal with the deer population, the wolf and it's not just about fishing so.

Archie Martell said yeah, correct it does also cover the um, the Inland Hunting and Fishing Rights also through a separate work group under CORA.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Archie Martell thanked him.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any additional questions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for questions and/or discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make.....he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-061;  
APPROVING OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF FY2022  
SUBCONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND BIOLOGICAL  
SERVICES WITH THE CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE  
AUTHORITY;** by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Wolfe said again, she will open it up for any discussion on the item. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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



Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

Archie Martell thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said that moves them onto.....she wanted to take a moment and recognize some Participants that have joined since they did their roll call. Wolfe said um, she sees Jessica Steinberg has her camera on but if she can please identify herself for the record.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said Tribal citizen #0148.

Speaker Wolfe said then they had Santana Aker.

Santana Aker said yeah, how is it going and sorry about that. Aker said #4221.

Speaker Wolfe said then they had Chantel Gamelin.

Chantel Gamelin said staff.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe asked was that the only ones.

Acting Recorder Johnson said yeah. Johnson said actually Israel joined too.

Speaker Wolfe said oh, they have Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said #1735.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said so she thinks that is all that have joined since they called for that.

**B. Budget Modifications**

Speaker Wolfe said there are none.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Wolfe said there is none.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Approve Re-appointment of Shawwna Gonzalez to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Re-appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2025. The Interview was rescheduled to April 12, 2022, at 2 p.m. This item was postponed from the April 6, 2022, Tribal Council Meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with Shawwna on board. Wolfe said she will turn it over to the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said ah, as stated the Tribal Council did have the ability to interview Shawwna. Romanelli said this is a re-appointment and he fully endorses her appointment. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said she does know that Shawwna is in attendance in the interview. Wolfe said um, she did ask her if she would be available at this meeting to um, introduce herself and say a little bit why she is interested on serving.....continue to serve on the commission. Wolfe said so she will turn it over to her, Shawwna.

Shawwna Gonzalez, Binojeeuk Commissioner, said hello everyone. Gonzalez said um, she was born and raised in Muskegon, Michigan. Gonzalez said she has been serving on the Binojeeuk for just over four years now. Gonzalez said um, her passion for working with young children has been ever since she could remember she started babysitting at the age of 10. Gonzalez said then when she went to high school she started doing vocational um, learning and she was able to work in different schools and daycares. Gonzalez said she was also able to start her Child Development Associates and she ended up completing that at Muskegon Community College. Gonzalez said she loved her associates um, she went to Grand Valley and got her bachelor's there. Gonzalez said she continued and kind of worked in restaurants a little bit too while she was going to school and after. Gonzalez said that is where she met her husband who she has been married to for eight years and they have two beautiful little girls at the age of two and one. Gonzalez said so yeah, she has been busy the last couple of years um, she decided to actually get into the Binojeeuk Commission because she wanted to do something more substantial with her life that really mattered. Gonzalez said she really wanted to be involved with the Tribe and um, it was just like a calling for her so she applied and she ended up doing it. Gonzalez said she has been doing it for four years now, she enjoys it, she loves it actually, she loves being able to help especially children in the Tribe that truly needs the help right now. Gonzalez said so she hopes she can be appointed for another four years that would be amazing. Gonzalez said um, it works perfectly with what she is doing now which right now she is a stay at home mom kind of living her dream. Gonzalez reiterated that she is a stay at home mom and gets to stay home with her kids all week long until Saturday and that is where she go off and um, she bartends and she does this. Gonzalez said so hopefully them guys will consider her again.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe repeated any abstentions from Tribal Council on this item.

Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just one question. Di Piazza asked if she would have any problem representing the Binojeeuk Commission in court if.....if need be.

Shawwna Gonzalez said um, no actually that is a very important thing that they have been talking about. Gonzalez said she has been asked to be an Expert Witness not too long ago so she has been researching it and she has come to the conclusion that she could do it. Gonzalez said it was a little bit intimidating at first for her personally but um, she talked with her other Commissioners and she feels confident enough that she could get up there and represent so.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech. Di Piazza said that is it.

Shawwna Gonzalez said um-hum.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, is there any additional questions or discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for Tribal members if they have any questions or discussion. Wolfe said okay, seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Wever said she will make a motion. *Wever whispered to Councilor Wittenberg to go ahead.*

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said okay. Wever asked does she have to read the 22-0413.

*Both Councilors Wittenberg and Guenthardt said it is just a motion,*

Councilor Wever said oh, just a motion, okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SHAWNNA GONZALEZ TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION;** by Wever; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said they will again open it up for discussion for Tribal members or Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor it passed.

**B. Operations Report**

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Speaker Wolfe said this is presented by the Ogema. Wolfe asked are there any abstentions on the report. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council and open for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR  
FEBRUARY 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

**V. New Business**

**A. Approve ARPA Funding for Fast Command Emergency  
Communication Subscription Services**

2022 Subscription to Fast Command is currently due and was paid by CARES Act Funds in the past.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with Brandy being his designee. Wolfe said she opens up the floor to them for overview of the item.

Brandy Martin, Accounting Department and TERT Commander, represented this agenda item. Martin said good morning. Martin said um, this morning she is asking that \$6,000 of ARPA Funding be unrestricted in order to pay for the Fast Command Emergency Communication Service. Martin said um, in the past they have been utilizing COVID Funds so it was not put into a Budget this year ah, they were going to use ARPA Funds to pay for this and with those funds being restricted um, it kind of leaves them in a predicament when they have to ask for funds to be unrestricted. Martin said going forward they will put this in a Budget with um, TERT for 2023.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said putting herself in the queue. Wolfe said she just wanted to note for the membership this was a contract that started in June of 2021 and it was a contract that was authorized for 60 months so this year the fees are being assessed at \$6,000 um, as Brandy had stated it is an unbudgeted item so they are asking for the release of ARP Funding. Wolfe said the suggestion was made to look for other departments that possibly could pay for the subscription services that was determined.....that was not done so it is still asking to be using the ARP Funding. Wolfe said um, this service if they can explain a little bit more Brandy some of the typical service that they use with this subscription.

Brandy Martin said sure. Martin said um, this is an Emergency Communication tool it allows them to um, text or call anybody who is signed up for this service and they would be notified of emergency situations. Martin said um, some situations that they have used it for is for office closure usually amongst employees ah, they do have some Tribal members who are in the queue in the event they need to notify them. Martin said the residents of Aki are also signed up in case they need to be notified for ah, anything. Martin said what is kind of special about this tool is there is the ability to attach PDF's and there is a web deflection um, feature on it as well so that they can notify anybody who is trying to access their website that there might be issues. Martin said um, it is a very good tool to have um, and be proactive about having emergency communication being able to get out to those people that need it.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her again. Wolfe asked any other discussion by Tribal Council. Wolfe said they will open it up.....Councilor Di Piazza go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, he was just going to.....darn it.....he was just going to say back in 2020 when he thinks it was still Nixel he had six.....six Nixel Alerts about the COVID. Di Piazza said what.....*this part faded off*.....so he thinks the last couple of years it's been two.....two or three. Di Piazza said he thinks this year there has been two but it is a tool to have in their toolbelt because if something was to happen then it needs to be sent out to people, tornado or who knows what a big oil spill or something. Di Piazza said it's a tool. Di Piazza said it is a tool for their toolbelt and technically if they don't need it somebody is doing their job proper and he thinks it is just something to have in their toolbelt in case they need it. Di Piazza said he's done.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe asked any other comments by Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussions from Tribal members. Wolfe said she sees one in the queue she already forgot who it was so she should read their phone number. Wolfe said 920 386-8086.

Dawn Moneyhan thanked Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said #5088. Moneyhan said um, she doesn't have any objections to this but she does have a question for

the Council. Moneyhan said she is wondering why this is still being funded or asked to be funded as such and not written into the Budget by now. Moneyhan thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe asked Brandy Martin if she had a response to the question or comment or the Ogema.

Brandy Martin said sure. Martin said they are still under Emergency Declaration and with the COVID and ARPA Funds being available um, they opted to use those funds in order to pay for it.

Dawn Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked any other comments or questions by Tribal Council or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0413-062;  
APPROVE ARPA FUNDING FOR FAST COMMAND  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION  
SERVICES; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, they will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one against motion is passed.

**B. Application for State of Michigan Liquor License Renewal for C-Store**

License is needed to continue sale of liquor at the Trading Post C-Store.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Israel Stone. Wolfe said she will open the floor to him.

Israel Stone thanked Madame Speaker. Stone said good morning Tribal Council. Stone said this item is their annual renewal process for their Liquor License at the C-Store ah, comes in a little late. Stone said they have been trying a little over a month now to get the renewal applications. Stone said the State of Michigan has been having issues with their online. Stone said so ah, they actually had to have them mail them a hard copy that is why this is coming to them at the time it is.

Stone said so um, again this is the annual renewal of their Liquor License at the C-Store and ah, to this point the C-Store since having the license has had no findings or violations of any of the Liquor Laws. Stone said so he would ask Council to move forward with approval.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for that. Wolfe said um, she will ask Tribal Council any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal members.....Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so the renewal is only 348.....er, 34285.

Israel Stone said that is correct.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, she sees two in the queue. Wolfe said first Dawn Moneyhan she has the floor.

Dawn Moneyhan said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said she guessed she just has a question knowing that their people have alcohol problems she guessed she has a problem with the promotion of alcohol. Moneyhan said um, there are Reservations out there where alcohol is forbidden and she is wondering why their Tribe doesn't consider something like that. Moneyhan said um, she saw an ad recently on Face Book for um, something.....one of their businesses that really upset her um, glorifying the purchase and use of alcohol in a community that has an alcohol problem. Moneyhan said so she is confused by all this. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Israel Stone said Madame Speaker may he respond to that.

Speaker Wolfe said sure, go ahead Israel.

Israel Stone said he certainly understands and appreciate the concern raised however he will say if she is talking about having a dry Reservation ah, the casino serves liquor and serves beer and wine. Stone said the ah, casin.....C-Store always served beer and wine. Stone said they give discounts to people for tobacco use ah, to their citizens. Stone said so when she is talking about addictions and long-term ramifications. Stone said they have five Marijuana Shops that are right down the road from their C-Store. Stone said um, great points ah, if they are able to move in that direction. Stone said ah, he understands that this is a part of their strategy that they have in place for the store um, and it has assisted them in inside store sales because people don't just buy a bottle of liquor when they typically buy ah, several other items like snacks and several different things. Stone said so he appreciates the point he would just however raise like they offer tobacco

discounts, they have Marijuana Shops down the road and they have always sold beer and wine.

Speaker Wolfe said okay.....

Dawn Moneyhan said if she could just respond to that please.

Speaker Wolfe said sure go ahead.

Dawn Moneyhan said she is wondering if this Strategy Plan also includes um, Abuse Counseling and services for those who are having problems um, since the promotion of it is being excused as a business angle. Moneyhan asked is their Tribe providing the right services to make sure that their Tribal members aren't suffering from addiction problems because of it. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Israel Stone said if he may Madame Speaker he will stop here he doesn't want to get into a back and forth. Stone said again, not to invalidate the points ah, is there any substantial or substantive proof saying that the liquor sales at the C-Store are driving Tribal member addiction and abuse problems of alcohol. Stone said he knows that the Tribe has several programs through the Health Clinic ah, for those substance abuse issues. Stone said ah, again great points but Little River Trading Post is not the number one cause for people's addiction and there is no.....nothing to suggest ah, that's the case. Stone said ah, primarily they want to market to their guests that are coming here, staying here for a weekend, um, and so again valid points ah, but let's just be realistic about this. Stone said if they drive down the hill ah, just down the hill, they have one of the largest liquor selections around them as does Wesco um, and Onekama. Stone said so he is not saying she is wrong he is saying the Tribe has made a significant investment in this and it has allowed them to turn around profit.....not just liquor alone but that investment and the strategy they have has allowed them to turn around a store that was losing a substantial amount of money annually to that no longer being the case. Stone said in fact in the month of March they had a record month. Stone said he is proud of that team over there and all the work they do. Stone reiterated ah, they had a record month in the month of March and they are on pace to beat that in April which has never occurred in those two months. Stone said so ah, again, not discounting, great suggestions, um, but there is nothing to say that the C-Store is the root cause for people's addiction to alcohol.

Dawn Moneyhan said she didn't suggest that it was the root cause just that it \_\_\_\_ faster and \_\_\_\_ for his answers and she does fully understand from his explanation that they have chosen money over people and okay. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Al Metzger. Wolfe said he has the floor.



Al Metzger said oh yeah, Boozhoo, good morning. Metzger said ah, he is kind of going on ah, ah, the question of is the C-Store on Tribal Land.

Israel Stone said it is.

Al Metzger added Trust Lands.

Israel Stone said it is.

Al Metzger said is this license ah, ah, a Michigan Regulation.

Israel Stone said actually it is ah, there is a 2022 ah, CFR he believed is the number....citation number and he can look that up. Stone said where is actually a requirement so it's a Federal Regulation.

Al Metzger echoed it is a Federal Regulation.

Israel Stone said it's in the CFR.

Al Metzger said it is a Liquor License from Michigan.

Israel Stone said well.....hold on yes, it's in the CFR he is certain of that and the CFR would be a Federal Regulation.

Al Metzger said ah, ah, do they have a Liquor License at the casino from the State of Michigan.

Israel Stone said they do not have an Off Premise Liquor License.

Al Metzger said because the question that he wants to get is ah, ah, why are they being regulated by the State.

Israel Stone said in, in, in.....

Al Metzger continued they should be practicing their sovereignty and anything issuing their own Liquor License. Metzger said Miigwech.

Israel Stone said so can he respond to that ah, Madame Speaker. Stone said Al great points again. Stone said ah, as they know they support the Tribe's sovereignty ah, and something in this particular case what it comes down is when those individuals are purchasing liquor at the C-Store they are leaving Tribal Trust Property and going onto State Highways, State Property and he believed that is the reason they have it set up that way. Stone said the casino doesn't sell packaged liquor for people to purchase a bottle of liquor to go out and leave the property with it whereas with the C-Store that is exactly what they do. Stone said so he understands what he is saying and he is going to look up the citation on the

CFR that actually mandates a ah, partnership in this or joint venture ship but ah, the Tribe waived and, and, and possibly in the State Tribal Compact for the Gaming Enterprise um, it's in there as well but he will find that citation for him but the reason being they leave the C-Store which is on Tribal Trust Land and they go out onto State Highways um, and that is the number one reason.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him for his response. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-063;  
APPROVING LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT LICENSE  
RENEWAL APPLICATION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN  
LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST;**  
by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Wolfe said again they will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to say that to buy liquor they actually have to go through the Michigan Liquor Control Board to actually purchase liquor so to get it here it still has to go across State Roads and State unless they want to bootleg it in but he thinks that would be a bad idea. Di Piazza said but that is just him speaking. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him for that comment. Wolfe said she sees two people in the queue. Wolfe said first Al Metzger he has the floor.

Al Metzger said ah, yeah, ah, concerning that um, Michigan Liquor ah, statement he thought they had a Government to Government relationship contract that ah, why not buy from the U.S. Government same way the PX's are supplied on Army bases that way they avoid the State. Metzger said the thing is that, ah, the idea of being regulated by the State where is their sovereignty \_\_\_ it that's where the point he is trying to make. Metzger said they know let's exercise that. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue is Jessica Steinberg, she has the floor.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said she is just wondering how the sales of liquor opens up the Tribe's liability since that store sits on Trust Property um, and what is the liability back to the Tribe um, let alone Little River Casino Resort and how are they prepared to address that. Steinberg thanked them. Steinberg said that is her question.

Israel Stone said oh, ah, if he may Madame Speaker he can respond to that if she would like him to.

Speaker Wolfe said sure, go ahead.

Israel Stone said so ah, the citation guys real quick he was way off on the number. Stone said Federal Registrar 645824 ah, that occurred under for the Tribe to sell liquor. Stone said the, the, the question that he would have in response to ah, citizen Steinberg is again, great points not discrediting anybody's points here. Stone said what the, the response he has back to that is there is more liability in a five gallon fuel spill than there is in the sale of alcohol. Stone said the fines, fees, clean up far exceeds any Dram Shop Lawsuit that they could ever face. Stone said it is the same liability ah, that any store faces under the State of Michigan if they sell to an intoxicated person and they leave their store and go out on the highway and get into an accident and cause serious injury or death to themselves or somebody else. Stone said every store that sells liquor is under the same ah, Dram Shop....Shop Laws. Stone said so there is a lot more...great point but there's things that are potentially a lot more costly to this Tribe such as a fuel spill ah, ah, ah, ah, fuel tank blowing up um, a pump getting sheared ah, there....so again, in the line of liabilities.....great point they are always considered ah, considerative of that but they need to consider all the liabilities of owning a C-Store in general and this is no different than if somebody leave the casino and venture out on the highway. Stone said so that is just quickly not so quickly sorry but those are the responses of....to that statement.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue Pam do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said they do have one citizen in the Waiting Room she will admit her and have her identify for the record.

Israel Stone thanked Council.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Laura Echelbarger she just joined please identify herself for the record. Wolfe said user handler Laura Echelbarger that just joined please identify herself for the record.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276. Echelbarger said thanks, sorry.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

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

Speaker Wolfe said she sees he is there at the microphone she will turn the floor over to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said nothing really earth shaking today. Romanelli said they are just basically doing day to day government business um, most of the week and ah, getting caught up on some of the issues that having a Budget so he thinks they are back on track and just like he says doing day to day work. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for that update.

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Council have one of those. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was just going to remind everybody to get their ah, their gardens in and get what they need planted. Di Piazza said the price is going up on Commodities it might be a good idea. Di Piazza said it doesn't have to be 30 acres enough to sustain themselves because unfortunately the Kremlin is trying destabilize the American dollar right now which their selling....they can only purchase stuff in rubbles and gold. Di Piazza said they are down \$1,400 for an ounce when the U.S. was about \$2,100 an ounce. Di Piazza said so keep that in mind they are trying to destabilize them. Di Piazza said they are probably mad that everybody stole their yachts but that's okay.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for that update. Wolfe said just for an update she wanted to quickly mention herself then she will call on Councilor Wittenberg. Wolfe said the 2022 Bear and Elk Applications are now out and being distributed she would encourage them to contact the Natural Resource Department if they are interested in applying for one of those permits. Wolfe said the Permit Applications are to be postmarked by Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Wolfe said the Natural Resource number is 231 723-1594. Wolfe said that is all she has for Legislative Affair Update. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, ah, he just wanted everybody to be aware ah, and it's been for a while that China is ah, locked down and it is really something to see their major highways and city nobody on the street and that is where originally ah, this virus come from and supposedly this one is worse than the last one so. Wittenberg said not to scare anybody but to keep in mind that should that

and it always has....well it did the last time it came over here to the U.S. and other areas in the world. Wittenberg said to turn around should that happen that one ah, would want to make sure that they have food and water and things of that nature should it happen if not then they could always have a good ole feast and invite people over.

*Councilor Wever can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording laughing.*

Councilor Wittenberg continued.....hopefully that doesn't happen the other way and they can have a feast together but just to keep in mind it is things like that that is not only in their country but throughout the world that can affect them also, their money and things of that nature. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis for Legislative Affairs Update.

Councilor Lewis said just a reminder too people um, that they do have two openings on the Health Commission so if they wanted to submit their application for that.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked any additional Legislative Affair Updates.

*There was a disturbance in the background on the ZOOM recording that sounded like a Participant didn't have their connection on mute but it couldn't be determined who or what it was.*

Speaker Wolfe said seeing none that moves them onto D.

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

*The background disruption continued on the ZOOM recording that sounded like a Participant didn't have their connection on mute and it still couldn't be determined where it was coming from.*

Speaker Wolfe said they have one in the queue. Wolfe said sorry, it is a little bit hard with this new camera share screening.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "tell them bye."*

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't know who was first in the queue she will go with Dawn Moneyhan. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Dawn Moneyhan, #5088, said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said um, Councilor Di Piazza and Councilor Wittenberg both mentioned about separation from what still may be coming as another wave of COVID and the economy

crashing. Moneyhan said their membership is struggling right now um, people that are above the Poverty Guidelines for Federal are still struggling because everything is just so expensive and hard to come by. Moneyhan said they are dealing with Bird Flu Epidemic now so like chicken and turkey and all the different poultries are non-existent in some...a lot of places. Moneyhan said Wisconsin especially they are getting hit really hard. Moneyhan said she is wondering what their Tribe is going to do for their Outlying members that are above Poverty Level and still struggling to help get through, they know, all of these struggles. Moneyhan said seeds for planting gardens that Councilor Di Piazza was reminding them about um, other, they know, food sources for them so they can survive this. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said the only seeds he can supply are their Sema Seeds right now so if she wants some of them. Di Piazza said they are not eatable but it could help get her through this crisis plant it and use proper. Di Piazza said they don't...they don't foresee a Seed Bank. Di Piazza said everybody unfortunately that is in the 1836 Area can hunt and fish which is probably going to be the way to sustain.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "Tina," and it sounded like a child was talking.*

Councilor Di Piazza continued that is a concern of everybody and no matter where they live nine county so.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording continued talking and did not put their connection on mute.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said first of all can she just remind everyone to make sure they are on mute because she loses her focus. *Agosa was laughing here.* Agosa continued said when there is interference. Agosa said she has a couple of questions and so she will just start with the first one a lot of them are economic. Agosa said so she wanted to go back to what Gary said about the stabilization of the dollar and that was also her question too when will Council work on a plan to mitigate inflation. Agosa said she asked a couple of weeks ago and at that time nothing was planned but she just wanted an update from Council. Agosa said so as of today no discussions or progress has been made because what she thinks would really be worthwhile is to create an Economic Task Force because poverty in their Tribe has been long standing um, in spite of all these other global pressures. Agosa said she would like Council's feedback on if they would um,

consider just developing an Economic Task Force and immediately tackling....ah, um, tackling some of these issues. Agosa said that is her first question, thanks.

Speaker Wolfe said anyone on Tribal Council wish to respond. Wolfe said okay, she can continue she still has the floor Sara.

Sara Agosa said well she is actually she is kind of a little disappointed that nobody has a response especially given the state of society right now. Agosa said she thinks this would be an immediate priority of Council so um, who can she follow-up with or this is something that she thinks is really important and so she guessed she will follow-up with Council via email but she is just very disappointed that no one has a comment. Agosa said she does have some additional questions.

Speaker Wolfe said she can continue she has the floor.

Sara Agosa said okay, she is pulling up her notes. Agosa said um, in the Membership Meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> the Ogema said that he has appointed members to his Gaming Enterprise Advisory Group. Agosa said her question to Council is does Council know how much money has been spent through these Executive Orders and if so how much.

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't think they have the questions of what she is asking Sara. Wolfe said if she wants to kind of restate her question.

Sara Agosa repeated on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ogema's Presentation he said he has appointed members to his Gaming Enterprises Advisory Group which was created by Executive Order so her question to Council is how are they tracking any expenditures made through these Executive Orders.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording sighed heavily there was no way of knowing where the sound came from.*

Councilor Wever said that is his job, Brad.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "Sssst."*

Councilor Di Piazza said they do get a Financial Presentation every month from the Resort.

Sara Agosa said so expenditures made through the Gaming Enterprises Advisory Group are included in these presentations.

Councilor Di Piazza said expenditures.

Sara Agosa said she can follow-up with Council via email on that one as well. Agosa said she will move onto her second question. Agosa said this is regarding the Shoreline Fruitport Project. Agosa asked has any more expenditures been made on this project recently.

Councilor Wever said nope, no update.

Councilor Lewis said no, they have not.

Sara Agosa said okay. Agosa thanked her. Agosa said she does have one additional comment. Agosa said well actually she has two if she can. Agosa said she wants to go back to the Membership Meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Councilor Di Piazza took a hand vote of who supported the Enrollment Audit but because the Chat Window was blocked and members couldn't participate virtually she believed this vote was inaccurate because as an Outlying Member who was attending virtually she would have liked to participate in this vote and she would have voted yes in support of the audit so she just wanted to make the Ogema and Council aware that um, she would like to see more transparency in these meetings and that information is not portrayed in a way that comes across as biased or is manipulated. Agosa said her final comment is about something they talked about last week. Agosa said she just needs to correct some information. Agosa said it was regarding the legal proceedings for Ryan Champagne and on the court's docket on March 29<sup>th</sup> there was no arraignment and on April 29<sup>th</sup> there is going to be a pre-trial hearing so she just wanted to correct that information from last week. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her comments.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said that straw....that was a straw vote at the member....at the Membership Meeting and his apologies she couldn't be there or take part but ah, there is, they know, he doesn't know the roll call was like 201 something members that were there that day if not more so it just gives him an idea and he didn't say he was implementing that. Di Piazza said everybody wigs out when he does these things. Di Piazza said so that gives him an idea of the people that want to be involved and be here even though it's the ZOOM like he said ZOOM is ZOOM. Di Piazza said they can't see nobody, they can't see their facial expressions, he is one to sit down and have a cup of coffee and a donut or breakfast or dinner or something but they know, that is just him. Di Piazza said like he said it was just a straw vote to give him ah, some sort of idea what was, they know, yeah.....was it legal he doesn't believe so because there wasn't a quorum but he.....anybody can do a straw vote wherever they want or whenever they want to do it as far as he is concerned. Di Piazza said maybe he is wrong if so tell him and he will step back. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said the only one she sees with their hand raised is Dawn. Wolfe asked her if she still has a public comment.



Dawn Moneyhan said she does, Miigwech. Moneyhan said um, first she wants to back up to her original question and conversation with Councilor Di Piazza about the gardening supplies and the seeds and such. Moneyhan said um, if they don't have a dispensary she understands that the Tribe hasn't put anything like that together before but then maybe there is a way to come up with some funding so that the members could be issued some kind of a gift card maybe to go purchase these things for themselves. Moneyhan said something that helps that helps their members to survive all of this economic downturn. Moneyhan said next she would like to say that she supports Sara's um, idea of a task force because they need to know what their members are struggling with so that the Tribe has a way to help them. Moneyhan said if nobody is investigating what their members are struggling with then nobody is getting any help. Moneyhan said the last thing she wanted to address it was already brought up was that Membership Meeting this is the first Council Meeting that she has been able to attend since then and she apologizes for that when she is working two jobs right now and that actually brings her to her point. Moneyhan said Councilor Di Piazza he should be ashamed of himself he sat at that Membership Meeting and he wagged fingers at the camera at those of them that could not be there in person and attempted to claim that they did not care or the Tribe was not important enough to them because they weren't there in person. Moneyhan said he has the luxury of a job there so when he shows up there he can get to his job the next morning. Moneyhan said those of them that don't live up there or work up there don't have that luxury they have lives to live out here. Moneyhan said they have jobs that dictate their schedules for them and that is no fault of their own and this same goes to their Ogema for supporting and saying basically the same thing at that meeting. Moneyhan said how dare any one of them accuse their Outlying Members of not caring because they don't have the money or the ability to just up and leave their lives on their whim. Moneyhan said that's terrible. Moneyhan said how dare they. Moneyhan said she was never more offended by anything them people has done than that. Moneyhan said at that very moment the criminal behaviors, the bullying, the cussing and swearing at each other, the fighting all of that takes a sidestep to what they did at that meeting. Moneyhan said she is hoping that never happens again. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked her for that observation.

Speaker Wolfe said next in the queue they have Staci Cheney she has the floor.

Staci Cheney said well, after Dawn just got done saying what she was going to say she was just going to say because Gary just got done saying if they don't like it then tell him so....*laughing here*....she was just going to say.....

*Councilor Di Piazza said in the background on the ZOOM recording, "head butt."*

Staci Cheney continued Councilor Di Piazza she doesn't like what he did. Cheney said he said that there was 201 people that were at the conference does anybody know how many people were on the ZOOM call.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has no.....he has no idea. Di Piazza said he is just speaking on his own so.

Staci Cheney said she is not talking to him directly she just said does anybody know how many people were on the ZOOM call.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, most of it is directed towards him so the people are.....

Staci Cheney said she just said she is not talking to him specifically.

Speaker Wolfe said the Ogema's Meeting he would be the one that would have the number for the Participants on the ZOOM call.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set.

Staci Cheney said well, asking the Ogema is a joke so her point is that she does know and it was in the hundreds so even though there was 201 people that were there there was a great, great handful on ZOOM too. Cheney said they didn't have the opportunity to participate they sat there quietly and listened to everything go down and even though they were very upsetting things being said about them outliers they still took it all in and they just listened respectfully. Cheney said so when they are doing things like that and then they talk about how they have a divided Tribe how aren't.....how are they not encouraging that division. Cheney said that is just something she would like to leave them with to ponder. Cheney said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe said okay. Wolfe asked Drew did he have a response to that public comment.

Andrew Jeurink, Interim IT Director, said he sure did. Jeurink said there was a total of 14 Participants on the live feed um, and that's not....that's not also including three or four IT people who were monitoring the audio. Jeurink thanked them.

Staci Cheney asked who was that.

Speaker Wolfe said that was the IT.

Staci Cheney said because she has a list of every single person that was on the call. Cheney said that is not true. Cheney said she will send the report of every single person that was on the call.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what is her number.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said okay, um, she sees Dawn she has her hand raised again for a public comment she has the floor.

Dawn Moneyhan said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said yeah, she wants to follow-up on what Staci just said. Moneyhan said um, she was on that June Meeting for the Membership Meeting. Moneyhan said she sat through the whole thing, watched everybody eat their lunch, she attempted to ask a couple of questions in the chat on that ZOOM Meeting on the YouTube Channel where it shows up and as soon as she asked her questions the Chat was disabled. Moneyhan said so to further Staci's point not only were they forced to listen to all of that stuff and not be able to respond what little opportunity they found to try to respond and they were shut down like they were nothing. Moneyhan said that is insulting. Moneyhan said again, shame on them people. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said okay, moving on next in the queue they have Israel Stone he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked her. Stone said ah, he guessed he is somewhat confused as to the references because he was there during the meeting and the only person....persons he heard anybody speak up about not being there were actually Council Members not citizens but he also thought that the notification was made prior to the meeting that questions could be emailed but weren't guaranteed to be answered and that they weren't taking questions from ZOOM or online and the Ogema verified that but he thought that was laid out in advance. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said okay, seeing next in the queue Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to let Council know that she submitted four questions to the Ogema via email in advance and the Ogema only decided to answer three. Agosa said she did not see anywhere that it was stated the Ogema would select um, which questions he wanted to answer. Agosa said the Ogema did not answer her fourth question and she feels that is a great disservice to the membership. Agosa said she is very concerned with how information is controlled in these meetings and she would also like to say that she did not appreciate....appreciate the way the Ogema was speaking to her. Agosa said very clearly he was angered by her questions which for any CEO should be typical standard questions used to answering and because she was on mute um, it made her feel extremely uncomfortable. Agosa said she would just like to share once again to Council that because she is a voting member even though she lives in Outlying that they absolutely should have a right to interact in these meetings.

Agosa said um, and that putting pressure on them to drive up there is really um.... is really unfair because like Dawn stated they have other obligations sometimes they live too far away and virtual technology would enable them to participate but she really thinks the issue is is that certain people in Leadership Positions and most definitely the Ogema doesn't really want Outlying Members to participate and that is from her own personal experience. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said next they have in the queue Staci Cheney she has the floor.

Staci Cheney thanked her. Cheney said um, she just wanted to add onto that last comment that Mr. Stone said. Cheney said um, yes they were given....granted an opportunity to submit questions but in the last Informational Meeting that the Ogema had she had submitted questions and she was made fun of when he read the questions so she is very hesitant to trust her questions with him being the answerer and it is on video. Cheney said so wouldn't they feel a little hesitant if they were the one submitting the questions and then made pretty much a laughing joke so she doesn't trust a lot of what is going on. Cheney said she is not blaming necessarily the people they are talking to right now however, they are their representatives and if they can't stand up and speak for them and voice their concerns who does. Cheney said they know, they are all fighting a battle right now that they are losing. Cheney said everybody says *"oh, if you don't like what is happening then go to the court system."* Cheney said the court is where they got to go and that is getting them absolutely nowhere and then their like....and then people are like get really involved and participate and get everybody active in the Elections and they see where that went. Cheney said she is just feeling like the more she is involved the more discouraged and the more outed what's going on up there is happening. Cheney said she is telling them she knows that a group of them are seeking higher people who is going to take this whole thing down because there is are very corrupt things happening up there and she is not threatening anybody she is just saying that the things that have been going on up there for a really long time are going to stop. Cheney said they are not going to stop until they make sure that happens. Cheney said she is done. Cheney thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Dawn she has the floor.

Dawn Moneyhan said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said she has a question for their Ogema. Moneyhan said um, Mr. Stone pointed out that they were told ahead of time that they would not be able to contribute live and all of that. Moneyhan said she is guessed she is wondering why not. Moneyhan asked why were they cut out in the first place. Moneyhan said the capabilities were there for them to be allowed to contribute and this thing about the questions being submitted ahead of time as that meeting plays out how many people have

questions once they have the information. Moneyhan asked how are they supposed to submit questions to things that they don't have the information about yet. Moneyhan said that doesn't even make any sense. Moneyhan said they can skirt around this all they want but their Outlying Members are well aware that they are being....it tracked and cut off and they're angry. Moneyhan said she will reiterate what Staci just said they are not going to stop until this bullshit stops. Moneyhan said enough already. Moneyhan said they are members of this Tribe and they are supposed to be equal members of this Tribe. Moneyhan said they are supposed to have equal voting rights in this Tribe yet they are voting for people that don't represent them and they are getting railroaded into having representatives who are not standing up for them. Moneyhan said they are not talking to them. Moneyhan said they are not giving them any information. Moneyhan said they are not answering their questions, their phone calls, their emails they get excuses when they do try to track them down nobody is working for them. Moneyhan said the last she checked their jobs on the Council and in the Executive Branch are to work for the membership. Moneyhan said well, if they are not working for half of the membership then maybe half of their pay needs to go back in the pot and be given back to the membership so they can fend for themselves because that is basically the situation they are putting them in. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said she sees the Ogema is there for a response. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli said the comments referring to him in her statements at least in part. Romanelli said the membership has a right to send emails to Tribal Council and the Ogema at any time. Romanelli said ah, due to the constraints with some of the information ah, IT technology etc. that those meetings it was in his best interest for the membership to not go back and forth with questions that came to the meeting. Romanelli said after the meeting happened, they got the information, and they still email him and hopefully get responses. Romanelli said now when somebody accuses him of....of ah, he guessed affecting their mental or their physical health which has happened most frequently.....recently he will not be responsible for those people and there has been several of those situations came up. Romanelli said while they try to answer questions the best they can he does hear and that is why he is at this meeting he is not any more obligated to be in this meeting than Tribal Council says they have to be at the Membership Meeting but he is here because he wants to listen. Romanelli said he wants to hear what is going on. Romanelli said but even when they give them answers such as Julie did from the IT Department these questions, they know, no that is not correct. Romanelli said so they give the best information and they are always eligible to write emails and he will try to answer as long as they are not accusing him of affecting their physical or mental health. Romanelli said he is not saying her Dawn but there are those things that come through. Romanelli said so they did the best they can for the most part they got a lot of good responses most from people that are Outlying. Romanelli said so in no way are they trying to eliminate

Outlying. Romanelli said the ones that were there from the Outlying ah, community stated that they got information that they hadn't gotten from their Outlying Representatives. Romanelli said it was rated a very good meeting and he is sorry that she feels that she is not getting the information. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Israel Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone said he is going to do something that he rarely ever does and he is going to defend Council in this. Stone said that meeting is not the Council's Meeting no different than the Council Meetings being theirs and the Council setting the structure for the meeting. Stone said the Ogema sets the structure for, for his Membership Meetings and those are meetings he calls. Stone said he thinks that he had in place a structure that allowed everybody opportunity. Stone said how do they manage 14 people online and 210 or whatever it was in the room and so because they can email in questions and so they email if, if, if every person emails in ten questions there is not enough time in the day for the Ogema to answer every single one of those questions. Stone said so again, he thinks the meeting ah, was very informational he thinks that ah, there was a lot of great discussions had probably for him the Friday Meeting and Greet probably was a little more informational than even the, the ah, actual Membership Meeting because there was more interaction. Stone said so as it relates to ah, representatives not properly representing them they have that opportunity to change that via vote. Stone said if they don't feel like they are representing them then vote for somebody else that they feel is going to but at the end of the day um, he thinks that the meeting was ran ah, very well he thinks. Stone said he thinks a lot of information was shared and he is appreciative.....appreciative of, of everybody that did get involved and participate. Stone said it is unfortunate.....they are not a Reservation Tribe their citizens are spread across the United States and they are never going to have a forum where everybody feels equally satisfied by the outcomes because they are fractionated there are so many people living ah, all over the United States that are members of this Tribe. Stone said so that is a challenge and he doesn't know how they solve that challenge. Stone said ah, but he doesn't think it's going to be solved anytime in the near future he really doesn't. Stone said unfortunately ah, this is the seat of.....the seat of the Reservation, they know, and the seat of the government. Stone said he hates to say that he moved here other people have moved here and some people can't move here. Stone said ah, but those meetings are held here for a purpose so he doesn't know how they solve that maybe looking at regional meetings in different locations geographic regions he doesn't know. Stone said he doesn't know....he doesn't think no matter what they do if they held five Membership Meetings across the State they are still going to have somebody ah, that is upset by the way it was ran. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said okay, she is going to move onto people that haven't spoke for public comment so she will call next in the queue Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger thanked Madame Speaker. Echelbarger said she is sorry she got a little thing going on. Echelbarger said she just wanted to say a little bit too um, as an Outlying Member also um, it is sometimes typical to let their voice be heard but she would encourage any Outlying Member to come into one of these Membership Meetings, go to the Ogema's Meet and Greet, go to the Council's Meet and Greet if they have it again, listen to them and speak their feelings. Echelbarger said let them hear what they have to say. Echelbarger said she loves that they have ZOOM and she loves that the Outlying can participate via ZOOM but sometimes sitting across from someone and looking at them expressing their thoughts and opinions means something more at that point. Echelbarger said she knows not everybody can get into the Membership Meetings but they are so worthwhile coming in they always know when the Membership Meetings are being held in April and October. Echelbarger said make a plan to come in October let their voice be heard stand up during the Q & A Session and let the Ogema, let Council, let the Election Board is there let everybody know what their feelings are. Echelbarger said they are there to listen also she will say as someone who participates in the Meet and Greets the Ogema and her do not always see the same point of view but he is always willing to listen to what she has to say or her thoughts and opinions. Echelbarger said he is always very open to that as is Council she doesn't always agree with everything that every single member on Council is doing or how they vote but they are always open to listening especially when they have them in person. Echelbarger said so she would just say make a plan for October come in and let their voice be heard if the Outlying wants their voices to be heard please come in. Echelbarger said everybody is open and sometimes it is so good to just have a conversation with somebody they don't believe votes the way they wish they would or if it's the Ogema like sit down with them and sometimes those things will come to pass because they have been able to express themselves to someone who is actually listening. Echelbarger thanked Julie. Echelbarger said she is done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue....

Sandy Mezeske said Julie, Scott Wahr is in the Waiting Room.

Speaker Wolfe said next in the queue they have 231 564-8435.

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton identified himself and Tribal #1747. Crampton said um, he heard a bunch of stories on how things are. Crampton said he thinks a bigger solution would be to look at the Membership Meeting themselves because they are actually found under Article VII in the Constitution under General Membership Poll. Crampton said they are meetings of the membership and the Ogema only officiates them. Crampton said they are not

the Ogema's Meetings they are the membership's meeting. Crampton said there is some ambiguity on how they are conducted Council could easily write rules on how they are conducted. Crampton said he doesn't think it is realistically in the Tribe where half of the people are Outlying Members to expect them to be at that meeting. Crampton said he also thinks it's highly unrealistic to keep avoiding the technology of today. Crampton said after they are done here he is going to do an interview with the paper and then he is going to talk with somebody in Texas face to face. Crampton said so just utilize the technology today, write some rules, problem solved. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe asked Scott Wahr if he could identify himself for the record. Wolfe said user handler Scott Wahr please identify himself for the record.

Scott Wahr said #4689.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, the Ogema has asked to be in the queue so she will go with the Ogema then Sara then Dawn.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said they know, it is often referred to the Ogema's Meeting and it's not the Ogema's Meeting as they all know and that is why it is listed as a Membership Meeting. Romanelli said what is required by the Constitution is two meetings per year, they set them up in Aug.....April and October so that it would be right after people receive their Per Cap to assist them if they need to. Romanelli said really those Membership Meetings could be probably three hours long or less. Romanelli said they don't need to be held for an audience even per the Constitution basically what it is it says the Chairperson needs to be the Tribal Ogema who will officiate at these meetings. Romanelli said at these meetings the membership will be informed as to the affairs and state of the Tribe. Romanelli said that is it so they try to do a good job. Romanelli said the fact is they try to bring them together in a large meeting hall so that more people can attend. Romanelli said they have allowed spouses and a guest so that people can interact as a family and have some quality time talking about issues so. Romanelli said anything more than that um, he guessed is something that they try to do and he thinks they've done a good job. Romanelli said he thinks they consistently had them in the April-October on a regular basis and he thinks people know where to find it. Romanelli said they have to notify the membership and he thinks overall the membership does a good job. Romanelli said that's it. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sara.

Sara Agosa said if she said Sara she didn't hear.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah, she has Sara in the queue.



Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she is sorry the sound is kind of going in and out. Agosa said she just wanted to share her opinion with Council that it seems as though there definitely are um, clusters of people with shared beliefs and there is a way to make them all mesh or to cooperate on these issues but she is going to emphasize that it is very unrealistic for some Outlying Members to attend in person. Agosa said for one she really would like to see the Tribe um, pay for gas and lodging if that is indeed the case they have to be on site because it is expensive especially with gas prices. Agosa said there is also a Pandemic so she definitely thinks there should be accommodations and really that the Tribe moves forward develops a technology plan um, because she has really been concerned when the Executive Leader who is virtually the CEO and states he's technologically deficient. Agosa said in 2022 that is a great determinant to their Tribe they have to think about the next generations and how to manipulate the external pressures. Agosa said all organizations and companies are using technology it is actually really.....she feels as though Manistee is kind of been in a bubble the last couple of decades. Agosa said just attending meetings and being exposed to the Tribe in community she is just absolutely shocked at how far behind they are but there are opportunities to catch up and that needs to be done ASAP like immediately. Agosa said that is what she hopes with the Leadership. Agosa said she heard with the Leadership even their Councilors who don't even turn on their computers and that is absolutely inexcusable. Agosa said so that her comment for Council. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said they are going to the Waiting Room user handler Larry Olson please identify himself for the record. Wolfe repeated user handler Larry Olson please identify for the record.

Larry Olson said #1532.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Dawn. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Dawn Moneyhan said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Moneyhan said um, couple of things she wanted to go back and touch on. Moneyhan said responding to the Ogema and Mr. Stone. Moneyhan said um, the comments about the meetings being the way they are Sara really just kind of said that for them with let's get with the technology the Tribe is living in Prehistoric times at this point. Moneyhan said the technology is there their Tribe has access to it. Moneyhan said their Tribe has more access to it than the average company because they are a government and they have Federal help but their Tribe isn't using it. Moneyhan said um, those submitted questions for their Tribal Meetings how do they respond to the things that are happening as those meetings are playing out when Councilor Di Piazza stood up on that stage and started wagging a finger at their Outlying members for not being there in person. Moneyhan said they couldn't have predicted that was going to happen and submitted questions about that flyer too. Moneyhan said there are things in the moment that just can't be accounted for that

way and Laura Echelbarger encouraging their members to travel there. Moneyhan said that is wonderful if they can afford that. Moneyhan said the majority of their members can't afford that. Moneyhan said they got two people in her house and they are living on \$50,000 a year. Moneyhan said 20 years ago that would have been fine they could have afforded that. Moneyhan said in the economy today they are living from paycheck to paycheck. Moneyhan said there is no money for travel they are barely eating. Moneyhan said they have to keep this real. Moneyhan said she hears a lot of me, me, me about convenience for the government, convenience for the Manistee area but she wants to remind everybody that the majority of their Tribe is Outlying so the me, me, me convenience in all of this is for the minority in their Tribe and the majority is being lectured about how it is their fault or their problem and the minority should not be expected to do anything about it. Moneyhan said that is unacceptable. Moneyhan said she is very outspoken and she is very angry right now because all of this is just unacceptable this is 2022. Moneyhan asked why are they not living in reality there is no excuse for this. Moneyhan said she is going to stop now before she says something she will regret. Moneyhan said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Susan Thull she has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza asked did she forget him.

Speaker Wolfe said he is after her.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh. Di Piazza thanked her. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, said Miigwech. Thull said she was just going to ask if they could um, have one or two of their ah, reps....their Council people sponsor a work session on the Membership Meeting they have one coming up in the fall and perhaps they could um,...have some input.....the membership could have some input on that if ah, have maybe two Councilors that would sponsor a work session. Thull said Ron Wittenberg ah, Sandy Lewis would they um.....

Sandy Lewis said yes, she would be willing to put a work session on if the membership would like to meet and they know, have their input, the things they would like seeing in the future at the Membership Meeting.

Susan Thull said she would appreciate it because it is the Membership Meeting and if they had that um, some input she thinks that could make things run a little smoother and help them all out. Thull said so Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Wittenberg if he wanted to respond.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, and he also can ah, support that also. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said they have Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to remind everybody, they know, their campgrounds, the Pow Wow Grounds, that has electricity, campsites and everything opens April 1<sup>st</sup> and closes in October after the Fall Membership Meeting. Di Piazza said that was devised so people could come here and, and they have in the past but not lately. Di Piazza said he has seen members all the way from Florida come up here and hang out in the campgrounds and it didn't cost them anything. Di Piazza said they enjoyed it they come up because Steelhead are running they're exercising their Treaty Rights out there fishing, spearing whatever they want to do when they come up here and he has seen quite a.....he seen a lot of Outlying Members that the Membership Meeting and they know, one of them in particular came out of Wisconsin all the time. Di Piazza said granted money is tight absolutely but the Pow Wow Grounds are open for camping and he doesn't know what to say its, its, they know, he knows he gets singled out all the time because he is a little outspoken um, but if they don't want him to be outspoken he will just sit in the back and won't say nothing no more. Di Piazza said but then good luck on a lot of stuff. Di Piazza said they got to remember in 2020 when the COVID hit a lot of this stuff was not in play and some of them that were here had to figure out how to make things work with stuff that wasn't designed to do it to begin with. Di Piazza said this stuff here wasn't really designed to kind of do what they are trying to do. Di Piazza said look at the kind of problems they had today. Di Piazza said he is not....he doesn't....he is not IT but does he know a lot about it, absolutely. Di Piazza asked did he get a lot of this stuff running, absolutely. Di Piazza asked does he know how to fix it, certainly do but he is not IT and he gets in trouble when he touches wires together so. Di Piazza said that is all he has but the Pow Wow Grounds are open so there is their lodging portion right there. Di Piazza said but that is up to how people want to, they know, presume it or he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he is good.

*Speaker Wolfe was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they could not be heard.*

Israel Stone said Julie they couldn't hear her.

Speaker Wolfe apologized. Wolfe said she does recognize Jessica Steinberg in the queue she hasn't spoken here in public comment so she will turn the floor over to her.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said just looking at the Little River Band Constitution in Article VII, Section 1, which talks about the General Membership Meeting um, A.3 talks about um, at least 30% of the registered voters of the Tribe are present and verified by the Election Board. Steinberg said she thinks if....if she may, in the work session um, she applauds Councilor Lewis for....and Wittenberg for wanting to move forward with that one

of the things they have to look at to incorporate ah, the latest and greatest in information technology is how to amend this Constitution so 30% of the registered voters being present can be verified by an IT solution and also by the Election Board prior to a quorum call. Steinberg said she, she agrees that there is a need to expand participation but one of the things to expand that is going to have to be ah, some sort of amendment to that particular Constitutional language so. Steinberg said she just wanted to bring that forward and if Councilors Lewis and Wittenberg would think about that perhaps that's the route that they are going to have to take. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Councilor Lewis has a response to that comment.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, and um, she is sure she is aware that they have to do a Secretarial Election to like change anything in the Constitution but they are still going to bring forward the work session and they know, um, get everybody involved and work together so they can come up with a, they know, good solution that works for everyone. Lewis said all right. Lewis thanked them.

Jessica Steinberg said if she could just respond to that Madame Speaker. Steinberg said she agrees with that there needs to be some solution so the Outlying citizens can fully feel like their participating and their voices are heard but in order to have a...a quorum call and perhaps affect some changes in the government she would like to see that section addressed so there is a way that um, membership participation can be verified and they can be duly counted in a quorum call. Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said that is all she has.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Israel Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone said yeah, and actually ah, kind of same right Jessica made some valid points and his point was going to be as they are listening to these Outlying Citizens at this meeting today say how they can't be here ah, how it is difficult and that is understandable and he gets their point but then also limits the other purpose for the Membership Meeting is for the exercise of the General Membership to exercise their Constitutional Right to enact legislation and to take action as a group. Stone said so if they are hearing the majority of their...if the majority of their Outlying Citizens are feeling that same way or that's the issue how are they ever going to get quorum to exercise their Constitutional Authorities as a General Membership and so he won't beat that Jessica did a great job with it. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in queue they have Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to respond to Gary's comment about using the campground which is great especially for Michigan residents but she does have a relative and friends who are members who live in California and realistically they simply aren't going to spend thousands of dollars on travel costs just to stay at their campground for a Membership Meeting. Agosa said they also have members who live in other countries so she just wanted to remind Council of the barriers and distance and share something else as that recently she learned another Tribe in the area is doing really well with making sure that there is no distinction....distinction in treatment between Outlying and Reservation members and the culture is one of inclusiveness. Agosa said the members there feel welcomed and feel as though programs and services and any resources are available to everyone. Agosa said everyone is treated equally so the problems at Little River are unique to Little River and there are solutions and that is what she would like the Tribe to work toward is to grow. Agosa said simply just start growing and ah, Ron Wittenberg is sponsoring the Virtual Meetings Act and they are working on that. Agosa said the quorum issue is something that they will address and they are asking for the ULD's input on that so that is coming forward soon and she just wanted to share that with the membership. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Shannon Crampton. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton, Tribal #1747, thanked her. Crampton said um, well he does think the quorum count is a valid issue that would \_\_\_\_ on what they are talking about...what with ah, really suggest that they take incremental steps and he thinks the work session first Outlying rules for participation um, would be the most prudent step. Crampton said then they can work on the Constitutional Amendment that would take them about one year to two years. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said she doesn't see anyone else with their hand raised to be in the queue so at this time she will close public comment. Wolfe said that moves them onto Closed Session.

***The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.***

Speaker Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to end First Open.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Speaker Wolfe asked does she have support on the motion.

**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask Tribal Council if there are any abstentions on it. Wolfe asked any comments or questions. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked everyone's attendance today.

**XI. Open Session**

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they are to the agenda item for Open Session they have a motion on the floor by Councilor Guenthardt. Wolfe asked is there any support for his motion.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on that or any discussion. Wolfe said Pam do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

*Councilor Wever was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording when the vote was being taken but it wasn't clear what she was saying.*

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven for and one absent into Open at 3:25.

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

Speaker Wolfe said okay, in Open Session the only thing they have is A. Wolfe said they have none they are moving today. Wolfe asked any comments or discussion on that.

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

**IX. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on the motion to adjourn. Wolfe asked any comments or discussion on the motion to adjourn. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

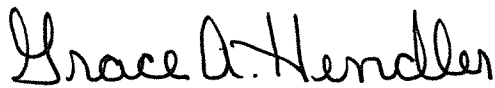
Councilor Di Piazza said Tom told him to vote yes.

Councilor Wittenberg asked Councilor Wever what should he say.

Speaker Wolfe said no sidebar conversations during the vote.

Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and one absent. Johnson said they are closed at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



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Acting Council Recorder