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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 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 27, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Wolfe said good morning everyone they are here for Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> regular scheduled Tribal Council Meeting at 10 a.m. Wolfe said meeting in-person in the Lodge and via the ZOOM. Wolfe said they will go to item one, Opening Prayer she has asked Elder Al Metzger to give Opening Prayer this morning so she will turn the floor over to him.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo. Metzger asked can they hear him.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah, he is coming across.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Al Metzger, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

Thank you Creator, for this beautiful, beautiful day and this beautiful life that you have bestowed upon us.

Take this time to pray for those children out there that they live a strong, healthy life.

Pray for our Elders that they continue to share the knowledge that they hold.

Pray for our Leaders that they make the right decision for our people.

He says Chi Miigwech Giizhemanidoo the Great Mystery.

Thank you for this beautiful life.

Thank you for what you have bestowed upon us.

Chi Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Ahaaw.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Al Metzger.

**II. General Business**

*Speaker Wolfe made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said so next order of business they will go over the participants in the Waiting Room and make sure everyone online is eligible to be here. Wolfe said when she reads their user handler name please identify themselves with their Tribal I.D. Wolfe said if they are here as a staff member please say that. Wolfe said looking over the list they have ghendler, okay, the audio is not working that is Grace Hendler, the Legislative Assistant moving on next they have in the queue is Vicki.

Ron Pete identified himself. Pete, Tribal #4158, Tribal citizen.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Ron Pete. Wolfe said okay, 231 398-6816. Wolfe said okay, it looks like they dropped the call. Wolfe said 231 564-8435.

Shannon Crampton identified himself with Tribal Citizen #1747.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said \_\_\_\_\_. Wolfe said okay she doesn't know if it is coming on or off as new but she will come back to that one. Wolfe said Antonio's iPhone.

Antonio Romanelli identified himself with Tribal #3954.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Bob Sanders.

Robert Sanders identified himself from the Natural Resource Department.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said it \_\_\_\_ on her.....Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore identified herself with Tribal #3225.

Speaker Wolfe said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells identified himself with Tribal #4839.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Diane Bellmore-Reeves.

Diane Bellmore-Reeves identified herself with Tribal #3978.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver said good morning, Director for the Natural Resources Department.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, frankm.

Frank Medacco identified himself with Tribal #1487.

Speaker Wolfe said Israel Stone.

Israel Stone identified himself with Tribal #1735.

Speaker Wolfe said um, Kimberly Crampton.

Kimberly Crampton said Boozhoo, good morning, Director of Health and Human Services.

Speaker Wolfe said Larry Olson.

Larry Olson identified himself with Tribal #1532.

Speaker Wolfe said Laura Echelberg.

Laura Echelbarger identified herself with Tribal #2276.

Speaker Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell identified herself with Tribal #3635.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske identified herself with Tribal #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa identified herself with Tribal #4478.

Speaker Wolfe said Shelly Memberto.

Shelly Memberto identified herself. Memberto said good morning, um, Financial Analyst with the Resort and is here to present Financials.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said okay, Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney identified herself with Tribal #0992.

Speaker Wolfe said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull identified herself with Tribal #3727.

Speaker Wolfe said Valerie Chandler.

Valerie Chandler identified herself as the Tax Officer.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

Venus Torres said Mno Kizpeh, staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said phone number 231 794-2566.

Connie Waitner identified herself with Tribal #0022.

Speaker Wolfe said then they did have Al Metzger.

Al Metzger identified himself with Tribal Citizen #0890.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Raymond Hugo.

Raymond Hugo identified himself with Tribal #1037.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, then they do have a few more in the Waiting Room to admit and those..... Wolfe said the first one they have is Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Wolfe said those that just joined they are asking them to identify for the record.

Lee Ivinson identified herself with Tribal #0099.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Joanne Green.

Joanne Green identified herself with Tribal #3580.

Speaker Wolfe said Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg identified herself with Tribal #0148.

Speaker Wolfe said then just to hear from Elise. Wolfe said she didn't know if she unmuted to join but they did not get her on record yet. Wolfe asked she dropped off now. Wolfe said okay, going through the list of participants everyone online is entitled to be here and present. Wolfe said in Tribal Council Chambers they only have staff available and Public Safety Officer Paul Aksamitowski, Budget Coordinator Bill Willis, Lyle Dorr in the Grants Department, Robert Medacco with Public Safety, Spring Medacco with the Courts, Allison Smart with Natural Resources, and Brad Pringle with Tribal Council. Wolfe said moving onto Item II.

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:11 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 quorum is established.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, the next order of business.

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

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 27, 2022, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III 2 POSTPONED AND III B.6 REVISED; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe asked would there be any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing none it is open for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none it is open for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe asked Pam to 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.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they do have the one person in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said they will have them try to enter and identify for the record. Wolfe said she sees phone number 231 398-6856. Wolfe asked can they please identify for the record. Wolfe said okay, they need phone number 231 398-6852 she is sorry she might have said 56 the first time. Wolfe asked can they identify for the record please.

Daryl Wever identified himself.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said so they are onto II D.

### **D. Tribal Council Minutes**

Speaker Wolfe said they have four sets of minutes to approve. Wolfe asked is there any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it for discussion from Tribal

members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she would entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR  
12/22/21, 2/16/22, 3/11/22, 4/1/22; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please 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 motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Ratification of Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual  
Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Little River  
Band of Ottawa Indians and USDA Forest Service Huron  
Manistee National Forest Contract**

For Tribal Officers to assist Forest Service when the U.S. Forest Service needs additional Law Enforcement Support. Under Agreement Tribal Officers could assist U.S. Forest Service on Huron Manistee National Forest.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with his designee Robert Medacco. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to him.

Robert Medacco, Director of Public Safety, represented this agenda item. Medacco said good morning Council, Director of Public Safety and Tribal member #0542. Medacco said um, this is.....he is requesting Tribal Council to approve the agreement between the Forest Service and their department. Medacco said basically this reimburses the Tribe for any dollars incurred by the Officers ah, whether they act on Federal Lands for the Forest Service whether it be property checks, um, civil or criminal complaints on those Federal Lands that are either adjacent to their properties are requested by local Forest Service Law Enforcement to respond as they don't have anybody in the area. Medacco said so this is an agreement for \$3,900 for the time period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Robert Medacco for the introduction of the item. Wolfe asked Tribal Council if they had abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion. Wolfe said okay they did have a work session on the item and she thinks all questions were asked in there and got clarification. Wolfe said it is for a one year annual agreement and it is something that the Tribe has been doing for several years um, they did get the one error fixed on the contract.

Robert Medacco said he was going to bring that up. Medacco said it wasn't an error um, that's when the agreement they processed it last year so that is when their starting point is. Medacco said when he discussed it with the person who originated the contract that is what it was. Medacco said it is not an error that is the correct date when they originated it last year because they are continuing on from when it began last year.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said she remembered they were going to check that out. Wolfe said thanks for the explanation on that. Wolfe asked any additional comments by Tribal Council.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said she does have one citizen with their hand raised. Wolfe said she will turn it over to her, Jessica Steinberg, she has the floor.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Recorder or Madame Secretary or Speaker. Steinberg said she will get it right. Steinberg said she has been reading a lot this morning. Steinberg said she just had one question about the Law Enforcement Liability Risk. Steinberg asked does the agreement itself then extend Federal Coverage through the USDA to the Officers that need to assist the Forest Service. Steinberg said that is her question. Steinberg thanked them.

Robert Medacco said it would depend on the activity um, if there were acting in lieu of the Law Enforcement Officer on scene, then yes, at their request other than that during their civil property check as they were doing business on one of their properties and it just extended over there he doesn't think the liability would be extended. Medacco said only if the request of a criminal investigation.....civil investigation would the liability then fall back on the Forest Service.

Jessica Steinberg um, okay, Madame Speaker just a follow-up then. Steinberg said when the Officers are on patrol then in the Forest Service territory which she often sees them out in her direction anyway then that falls back on the Bureau Agreement for their activity as far as Federal Court Claims Protection.

Robert Medacco replied yes, that would fall back on that they are acting as Law Enforcement Officers. Medacco said the only time it would fall back on the BIA would be as....as Special Deputy the liability inherently falls back on the Tribe as

they are the ones who employed them so if they are doing property checks on their properties that's....that's the law of the land so they are the ones liable.... Liable for those activities.

Jessica Steinberg said Madame Speaker just a follow-up. Steinberg asked um, Director Medacco one of the things in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Agreement is to extend Federal Court Claims Protection in the activities of his Officers she would really encourage him to review that document because she thinks he will find his Officers have a broad latitude as far as if their doing their police work um, they have Federal Protection under that agreement so she just wanted to make sure that um, it is recognized that the Tribe is actually second in line for liability so. Steinberg thanked them.

Robert Medacco said every five years they are required to do an um, agreement or re-apply for their license with the BIA. Medacco said part of that is um, covers the Federal TORT Acts and they were clear on this activity that the only time the Tribal Officers are covered by the BIA is when they are acting as a Federal Officer and not as a Tribal Officer.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for their comments. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue she believed Tom was ready to make a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-068;  
RATIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN & FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN  
THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND USDA  
FOREST SERVICE HURON MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST  
CONTRACT; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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 motion is passed eight in favor.

Robert Medacco thanked Council. Medacco said have a good day.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks and him too.

**2. Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Chantel Gamelin**

Approval of Master Service Agreement with Chantel Gamelin.

Speaker Wolfe said this item has been postponed.

**3. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Second Amendment to Marketing Resource Group Acquisition, LLC**

The Shoreline Task Force/Tribal Ogema have negotiated this Second Amendment to the Agreement with Marketing Resource Group Acquisition, LLC for work on the Muskegon Project.

*Whispering can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording but couldn't make out what they were saying.*

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema and he is there and ready for an overview of the item. Wolfe said to Ogema Romanelli that he has the floor, sir.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said ah, as it states this is the second amendment to the Marketing Regroup ah, contract to take care of some ah, public information regarding their Muskegon Casino Project. Romanelli said as they know they are down less than 60 days from the finality of this project. Romanelli said the Governor.....its on the Governor's desk and has been there for about a year and a half ah, she has until June 16<sup>th</sup> to make her decision ah, again they are down less than 60 days and thinks they are right at 53 days now. Romanelli said it is the suggestion and opinion that they should do this final push this is for \$95,000 as they talked about and the.....they have put money away..... the Council put money away ah, about a year to a year and a half ago is when Ron Pete was the Speaker and they put he thinks about \$4-500,000 away. Romanelli said this is only a portion of that money but this will get them through the finality of this project. Romanelli said as they know they have invested a considerable amount of money and considerable amount of time in this project and this is to do the marketing for the final 60 days or less. Romanelli said so if everything is about the same its just again, a second amendment, it has had a Legal Review done, on the original contract and ah, he thinks that's it.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Ogema Romanelli for the presentation. Wolfe said okay she will ask for any abstentions for Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no questions from Tribal Council she will open it up for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said first in the queue she sees Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is that she asked Tribal Council to stop spending any more money on the Shoreline Fruitport Project because a few

billboards and e-mails is not going to influence the State's decision at this point. Agosa said based on her observations and work sessions in Tribal Council Meetings Little River has some significant problems and these problems should be fixed before investment in a multi-million dollar project. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for your comment. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-069;  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF SECOND  
AMENDMENT TO MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP  
ACQUISITIONS, LLC; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Wolfe said again it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing quite a few in the queue. Wolfe said they will go with Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well like he said there is only like 53 days left before she is going to sign so his observation is they got a very, a very good chance and he believes it is going to happen. Di Piazza said this is going to get them across the finish line, like he said it would be sitting like a dragster on the track and put the doubts of gas in it and think they are going to finish in first place. Di Piazza said so it is discouraging when he hears that people that want to derail it at the final hour he doesn't think or believe that is correct so. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said she will go with queue for citizens first up she has citizen Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe. Thull said she was just wondering if they could have a dollar amount on this, what um, is being ah, used as far as um, for this final push.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, the dollar amount is \$95,000 is what they are asking for.

Susan Thull asked it is for um, marketing for advertising.

Ogema Romanelli said marketing....advertising yes.

Susan Thull asked so they are not really sure they are going to get.....she means he is thinking that the Governor might not sign....that they require this additional money.

Ogema Romanelli said well, all things considered if they spent, they know, they know that they spent \$30 million on this project they know that they spent 12 and a half years they are down to less than two months and his observation is that he thinks they are doing good, they are on track, there is no guarantee. Romanelli said there is never a guarantee as to what is going to happen um, but it would seem that this is a small amount of money to ensure or give it every possible chance at making the project happen after all this time. Romanelli asked does he think that it could happen without this money, yes, he does he thinks that, they know, they have done everything correctly. Romanelli said he doesn't want to risk the....the small amount....in this....in the scheme of things this is a smaller amount of money and its not to say its all going to be used but it would seem like they would give it their best shot. Romanelli said they don't get a second bite at the apple, there is not second do-overs or anything else so ah, in the scheme of things it seems like the reasonable thing to do at this time.

Susan Thull said he said that was \$95,000.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Susan Thull thanked them. Thull said she is done.

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

Israel Stone thanked Madame Speaker. Stone said he just wants to ah, address a couple of things. Stone said one is the reference that they have ah, several significant issues here ah, currently. Stone said them guys just sat through their Audit Report, they sat through the Gaming Commission's Audit Report, they sat through the Government's Audit Report and not one of those audits were there any findings. Stone said so these references that are made in very public meetings as to significant issues here at the Tribe ah, these things land on YouTube at times ah, that could get out to the general public that hinders and harms their chance at getting this done. Stone said he just wants to point that out to people and Council they know that's the truth they had all of their audits and no findings, once again, that continues to be the case every year that they have no findings. Stone said the other thing is he doesn't know if they paid attention what's going on with the Governor's Office but she is making every push she can right now to ensure votes for this upcoming Election. Stone said for instance she just declared ah, ah, April in the State of Michigan ah, \_\_\_ Recognition Month and so anything of that she is doing right now is to ensure votes for her bid for re-election. Stone said things like this matter informing the public, getting the public on board and getting them to apply pressure to the Governor's Office especially public officials and people that are in those jurisdictions. Stone said that matters it is important for people to have that input and its their job to educate the public as to why this is right thing to do. Stone said he thinks that has been being done throughout this process he

thinks that regardless of the amount of money whether it is \$95,000 or \$900,000 the Tribe is required by the Revenue Allocation Plan to invest so much into Economic Development. Stone said this is Economic Development and this is even funding that is eligible for disbursement to Tribal citizens. Stone said so he thinks sometimes that borders the line or...or...or the direction that they go but they should be making a push and a very heavy push in these last two months or month and a half to make sure they get this across the finish line especially for the long-term viability and economic stability of this Tribe, all of its citizens, and the benefits of this project could create for all of the citizens of this Tribe. Stone said he just wants to thank the Shoreline Committee he thinks they are doing a great job. Stone said keep pushing and drive this project home for the Tribe and for the long-term viability and future of their people. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said she is going to take one break here they do have one that just entered and one still in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said Alicia Knapp if she could identify herself for the record. Wolfe repeated Alicia Knapp please identify herself for the record. Wolfe asked do they want to leave her in she just put a thumbs up. Wolfe said she thinks she has said several times that she doesn't have audio on her computer.

Councilor Wever said yes.

Speaker Wolfe said Alicia Knapp from HR and then the other person that joined is Judge Sherigan. Wolfe said please identify herself for the record.

Angela Sherigan identified herself. Sherigan said good morning Council.

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

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton asked if she could hear him.

Speaker Wolfe said yes, they can.

Shannon Crampton thanked Julie Wolfe. Crampton said okay, um, Tribal Citizen #1747. Crampton said he is glad that Mr. Stone brought up the Election of their Governor because that is going to be a pivotal piece to this going forward or being declined. Crampton said right now it does not look good in all reality. Crampton said he was at both Open Scope Hearings and supported the project but there is a time for reality. Crampton said there is a resolution about the position on the floor in the House right now in Michigan....opposition. Crampton asked is there a resolution of support he doesn't believe so. Crampton said right now the Governor is looking at three Tribes with deeper pockets than them with more members petitioning her that is more voters. Crampton said not too good. Crampton said the City of Detroit.....all the Gambling Casinos in Detroit these are

Constituents that she is weighing, these are people and factors that she is weighing now they got to consider what Sara Agosa is talking about is very real and Council knows this. Crampton said it all looks the same magically if the Governor says yes today or tomorrow. Crampton said they are going to have to get a loan and start construction. Crampton said them guys are not getting a loan with somebody who has a bankruptcy on their Council reality has to set in at some point. Crampton said if they have \$95,000 to throw away throw it his way. Crampton said if they vote for this day they are throwing away \$95,000. Crampton thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli asked may he respond to that.

*Councilor Wever was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what she was saying.*

Speaker Wolfe said sure go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said sure there has been opposition to this project for the 12 and a half years from various entities. Romanelli said he can tell them that this Tribe was told that it wouldn't get through the Washington, D.C. the Department of Interior. Romanelli said ah, they did that. Romanelli said it was very secure. Romanelli said it was asked again just recently or said again that the Biden Administration does not support this project they proved that to be incorrect. Romanelli said they worked through the Obama Presidency, the Trump Presidency and the Biden Presidency and each one of them have given support to this project at various times. Romanelli said because of the recent ah, allegations with the Biden Administration they asked for another Letter of Support to confirm that they still support them which has been done within the last four or five months and that still holds true. Romanelli said they also have worked through the Granholm Administration, the Snyder Administration and the Whitmer Administration and again, there were comments made that they wouldn't get it through the Granholm or the Snyder or the Whitmer and those allegations prevail even today or they are still stated today. Romanelli said he can tell them that this Tribe has had tremendous ah, relations with the three Presidential Administrations and the three Governorships and they do it today. Romanelli said they have worked very hard, they have had opposition from other Tribes it has been noted and they have addressed every one of the complaints that have been addressed. Romanelli said it wasn't easy it has been a lot of work but they are here now and he thinks that answers what Mr. Crampton is talking about.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have citizen Agosa.

Shannon Crampton asked Madame Speaker if he can respond to that.

Speaker Wolfe said she will put him back in the queue because she doesn't want to get with a back and forth and believed he was just trying to address his

comments. Wolfe said she will put him back in the queue Mr. Crampton. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she would like to say that 15 years ago when this project was initiated she was very hopeful and enthusiastic and thought it was a great idea now the problem is she is looking on the other side as someone in her mid-40's who has been enrolled for a number of years. Agosa said the problem is that there are strong signs that this project will not approved including strong opposition from other Tribes and in terms of some of the problems that have been identified in work sessions for instance just recently the limited scope of investigation of properties, the lack of a Strategic Plan for a number of years this plan was created but still need significant work, the Ogema's use of Executive Orders for his Gaming Enterprise Advisory Group which violates a prior court ruling... Tribal Council and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission v. Ogema Case #07103GC.....

Speaker Wolfe said she wants her to refrain from those comments that's pending litigation.

Sara Agosa said which she is in litigation over....the Golf Course that was purchased with 80/20 Plan Funds continuing problems with IT so she would just like to convey to Tribal Council and also Israel Stone um, that nobody is derailing this project.....no Tribal member is derailing this project it comes back down to the decisions of their Leadership. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Pete who has the floor.

Ron Pete thanked Madame Speaker. Pete said like the Ogema pointed out they spent close to or there.....\$30 million on this project 60 days or less of the window is counting down. Pete said they are proposing....they're proposing \$95,000 more and that is not even guaranteeing it is all going to be spent. Pete said he thinks it would be ridiculous for them not to move forward with this, not to move forward with the countdown to that last 60 days and he thinks that the Ogema has a right to move forward with this thing because he believed they need to put everything they can forward right now. Pete said there is no second fight. Pete said they need to put....they need to move forward and with the unity of the Tribe to get this thing done. Pete said there has been opposition there has been.... he has been to every single one of these meetings going all the way back to Fruitport High School 11 years ago. Pete repeated there has been opposition from, from, from not only from Gun Lake but from the Sag-Chipps they used to get out there and demonstrate at the High School. Pete said the Sag-Chipps have opposed every single casino that has ever come into Michigan including Gun Lake that they are not aligned with, including the rest of the casinos that were down.....that there.....down to the one in Battle Creek, Fire Keepers. Pete said they are

opposing everybody and he would not be one to surrender to them with 59 days left or whatever that is over \$95,000. Pete thanked Madame Speaker very much.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue is Mr. Crampton and he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton, Tribal #1747. Crampton said ah, what he would like to clarify is that what he said was there was a resolution of opposition on the floor of the House now he doesn't see and he just checked any resolution of support um, can somebody send him that resolution number because there has to be a corresponding number and a person who represented it. Crampton said there is no such thing so yes, there is opposition.... Resolution of Opposition but there is none of support. Crampton said word smithing doesn't help him change that back now he doesn't think anybody gave him a fight what they have to do is recognize the situation that they are actually in. Crampton said hanging this up is *"Yeah, we still got a chance we are still doing it"* that does not look highly probable and no this isn't about other Tribes fighting them this is him looking at reality they have \$95,000 on the line. Crampton said he they have no Resolution of Support, they have the Governor up for Election and this will be a nail in her coffin if she approves it those guys have to start looking at the real factors and then again, please somebody inform him how they are going to get a loan because Tribal Council has to sign for that. Crampton said those are his real questions. Crampton thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said Madame Speaker he can answer those.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comment. Wolfe said they will continue with the queue and next he has Councilor Di Piazza and she has him next Mr. Romanelli so Councilor Di Piazza go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, Miigwech Madame Speaker. Di Piazza said this is disheartening to hear some of these comments that they hear um, because everybody knows that the Governor signed that Extension Letter. Di Piazza asked do they know who prepared that Extension Letter by the request of the Governor's Office. Di Piazza asked anybody. Di Piazza asked why would they do that why not just let it fail six months ago and say *"ssssht"* and run it through the shredder. Di Piazza said he is telling them their.....what business are they in..... They are in the gambling business and they're not going to.....they are not going to wager \$95,000 for a chance at what.....what do they think the new one in Muskegon is going to bring in.....\$250 million a year....\$300 million.....\$500 million.....what is that going to do for their Nation and their citizens. Di Piazza said all he hears is Per Cap is so itty bitty its bungy.....its bungy. Di Piazza said now they went from \$95,000 million to \$500 million what is that going to increase it they all will be sitting on the beach with the little umbrella in their

glass, everybody so some of it is really disheartening to hear. Di Piazza said he is just saying \$95,000 bucks on a ½ million or \$500 million wager....they are in the gambling business that is what they do for a living. Di Piazza said it would be like buying a bit coin and laughing they gambled on a bit coin. Di Piazza said he doesn't know he, he is all set.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Ogema Romanelli and he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said in answer to ah, Mr. Crampton's statement that there is no ah, anything opposing the Legislature wrote in opposition they are not there. Romanelli said those are apples and oranges. Romanelli said where they are at is at the Governor's desk not the Legislature's desk so there is no need to respond to that opposition at this time. Romanelli said they have tremendous res....they have tremendous support from all entities within their nine county region....tremendous support from the business community, the schools, the unions and it goes right on down the line, the citizens are very supportive of this and have been through the 12 to 12 ½ years. Romanelli said the Tribal Council has supported this and he appreciates the support they received from the Council again, he doesn't think he needs a lot more discussion here. Romanelli said they can vote it up or vote it down and he thinks they are going to prevail either way. Romanelli said he thinks it would be a mistake not to take this final amount which is probably equates to less than 1% of all that they have invested in this at this time so. Romanelli said they are at the final stages, they are at the one yard line he believed and the....he thinks he will leave it at that. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comments.

Councilor Wever said Julie she wants to say something.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said well, this is only for a few people and she would love to call them hypocrites but she thinks Madame Speaker would be upset with her. Wever said this is for Sara Agosa, Crampton, Susan Thull and Chen.....Staci Cheney how many thousands of dollars have they spent for going to court for people here. Wever said she is not talking about hundreds she is talking about thousands of dollars they have spent for the Tribal money members. Wever asked can they answer that for her. Wever said she knows it is more than \$95,000.

Shannon Crampton asked can he respond Madame Speaker.

Sara Agosa said she would like to respond as well.

Staci Cheney said she would too.

Shannon Crampton identified himself. Crampton said he asked to respond, Madame Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe said she only has one person with their hand raised. Wolfe said Staci Cheney is in the queue and the rest of them can get in the queue so she can make up a list. Wolfe said right now she will turn the floor over to Staci Cheney and they will put Councilor Wittenberg in. Wolfe said to Staci Cheney that she has the floor.

Staci Cheney thanked them. Cheney said this is in response to Councilor Wever. Cheney said actually they haven't cost them anything they have paid for everything out of pocket and this has nothing to do with the topic. Cheney said if they want to put it on the agenda they can go there, they can have a work session but that would be the protocol. Cheney said she should know that because she is Council member. Cheney said that is all she is going to say right now.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next she has Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he wants to say Miigwech and wants to bring this on back to ah, what is on the table here; Approving the Tribal Ogema's Execution of Second Amendment to Marketing Resource Group ah, LLC and ah, \$95,000 is ah, short like what Larry said 1% of what was already put in there. Wittenberg said as Gary says that they are in the gambling business well now when they are in the gambling business, to him, they got to know when to hold and when to fold. Wittenberg said they go there gambling they are just not going to go hog out and turn around and ah, shoot.....ah, put everything on it and let it ride. Wittenberg said he thinks there is ah, to him, ah, to look at things as Larry said its ah, it could be through all the work ah, that these people put in is and that is good and they can see how far they have come but then they are in the last 60 days and put up signs, to him, what have them ah, and she got that six months extension that to him he is curious on that anyways ah, as why this six months why didn't they just go ahead and sign it why it would be it instead of waiting to the deadline. Wittenberg said that is just his opinion on it he is going to hold strong on it and so he looks at this 95 as is it or isn't it. Wittenberg said he thinks and feels that with what they did.....all they could do ah, and now it is just time to him to see how it goes even though this is their last desperate ah, stake at it. Wittenberg said to him its ah, either way it goes whether it be 95 or 195 or aghhh, hundred it goes on and on its going to be what its going to be. Wittenberg said so that is his view on it, Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Crampton he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton identified himself with Tribal #1747. Crampton said he don't.....he didn't hear who addres....who um, lobbied the first question about how much he cost the court or the Tribe in the court case. Crampton asked who was that.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Wever asked the ques.....make the comment.

Shannon Crampton said that is extremely disturbing to hear a Council member chastising members for exercising a Constitutional right. Crampton said that is extremely distressing to hear. Crampton said they are supposed to be their representatives not their dictator. Crampton said they are supposed to recognize their rights not try to diminish them or extinguish them. Crampton said he hopes the rest of them don't share that opinion.....that was horrible. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comment next in the queue is they have Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said okay, so....they know, this has been a long haul and, they know, over the years, they know, many people have put hard effort into this project um, they know, she, she, sees that, they know, its, it's a lot for the Ogema's position, they know, to have this on.....on his plate. Lewis said they know, she has been on the Shoreline, they know, for a few years and they know, she thinks everyone supports this. Lewis said every Tribal member support this project. Lewis said um, they know, they are down to the last bit of this but they know, she has to look at they know, her responsibilities as a Council person and they know, how money is being spent and they know, so she just thinks that they know, \$95,000 in this last little bit is....is a bit much they know, she thinks it would be much simpler if they know, just made a direct call to the Governor they're Elected Officials and they know, set up a meeting with her and have a face to face discussion they know, this would be a last discussion with her but she finds that to make much more sense than spending \$95,000 they know, for robo calls and signs, etc. Lewis said and....and they know, exactly where are they putting this all up in Muskegon and she is in Lansing. Lewis said they know, so she is just being cautious in....in....in spending they know, for their membership so yeah, she, she, she believes that everyone is on board. Lewis said everybody wants this to happen but so they really need to spend \$95,000 on the last 51 days. Lewis said they can just call her. Lewis thanked them.

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

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge at 10:53 a.m.*

Israel Stone said so he will just say.....*cleared his throat*....there is a big difference between them calling her and her Constituenting.....Constituents

putting pressure on her. Stone said that's what it is about. Stone said a phone call from them represents one person talking one on one with the Governor's Office or ten people talking one on one. Stone said the pressure from all of her Constituents represents thousands of people that have an interest in this. Stone said he's seen legal bills that total more than \$95,000 on this Council's agenda. Stone said he feels that ah, they know, ah, Councilor Wever she is doing a great job ah, see that proves the point right there that needs to be made here different people have differing views and that is why it is important to make this last push so that the Governor's Office can hear those views. Stone said he would not want to be the one sitting on the Council knowing that \$95,000 may have made the difference in a "yes" and not committing that funding and having it be a "no." Stone said at this point it's....they pull out all the stops they make every last effort they can and hope that pushes them across the finish line. Stone said if they don't get across the finish line it's okay they tried but all of this wasn't spent for nothing they still have real estate value down there. Stone said there is still a lot of economic development opportunity down there. Stone said there is a lot of other avenues they can go down. Stone said but no where near the economic benefit they are going to get from a gaming enterprise on that property parcel. Stone said he would encourage Council to ah.....to make this last step to spend the \$95,000 which they spend on a weekly basis ah, on different things to make this last push to get this thing across the finish line. Stone said the Governor's Office needs to hear support from the Constituents that vote for her not a one on one phone call from the Ogema's Office. Stone said no disrespect to the Ogema or Council.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment next in the queue is Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is interesting to hear that some are not willing to expend \$95,000 to make things happen. Di Piazza said ah, they were just having discussions on the Jingtamok which they are going to probably have to put \$50-60,000 into that Jingtamok to make it happen. Di Piazza said so he is having a hard time deciphering between the two. Di Piazza said granted that is an event for citizens and community or whoever may show up but so \_\_\_ they are not going to proceed with that. Di Piazza said in essence this is the same scenario so it is interesting to hear no. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said citizen Crampton he has the floor.

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge at 10:56 a.m.*

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker for entertaining him so many times. Crampton, Tribal #1747, said um, Speaker Lewis said something that reminded him of an instant um, this project was actually stuck in the Interior and wasn't moving at one time. Crampton said he just happened to be out in Washington with Councilor Lewis and they had a call from one of their Lobbyist said, "Hey see if you can do something stop by Interior," it was at that time he recalled a teaching

from his mentor, Frank Ettawageshik, on how to get things done in Washington. Crampton....*coughed*....said what he did with Councilor Lewis is they went and visited every office that they could find and in their conversations they would be going *"Yeah we have this ah, Muskegon Project and I am sure you heard of it,"* could they call over to Interior. Crampton said they did that to about 20 people. Crampton said when they get 20 Congressmen and Senators calling over to Interior asking what is going on with that project they get action. Crampton said a week after that it was moved out of Interior. Crampton said it was a suggestion by their Lobbyist but it worked. Crampton said there has been support for this project and there has been a lot of people moving this Councilor Wittenberg was right they have to know when to hold them and know when to fold them. Crampton said he hears a lot of pressure put on them saying *"If you don't do this you guys didn't do the last push,"* well, this look at the other side of the coin what if they do do this and they just threw it out the window. Crampton said they have to look at the facts and where their standing is. Crampton said there is no Resolution of Support in the House, they are not getting a loan, that's reality. Crampton thanked them.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said to Shirley Wever that to chastise members exercising their rights is extremely concerning um, because she has been elected to uphold the Constitution and laws of the Tribe. Agosa said so she is not really sure whether that comment came from and she certainly would like more information possibly even to set up a work session. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comment next in the queue they have citizen Pete he has the floor.

Acting Recorder Johnson said he is still on mute.

Ron Pete said he is sorry, Madame Speaker, he always puts it on mute because he doesn't want to sigh or say something or anything like that so he just puts it on mute, he apologizes. Pete said what he is saying to her, Madame Speaker, is um, and no disrespect to um, reign this in back to the question that is in the queue so they don't go off on these tangents. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, seeing that is the last person in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said four and four the motion has failed.

*Councilor Di Piazza stepped out of the Lodge at 11:00 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said that moves them on.

*Ron Pete can be heard saying "Jesus Christ the motion failed," in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said to Ron Pete that he is unmuted.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2022-\_\_-2<sup>nd</sup> QTR to fund Health Assessment of Gray Wolves in the amount of \$250,000 Supplemental Appropriation.**

Speaker Wolfe said this is a Supplemental Appropriation being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designee, Bob Sanders. Wolfe said she will turn it over to him Bob Sanders for presentation of the item.

Bob Sanders, Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Sanders thanked them. Sanders said yep, they had resolutions support when they brought his project before Council and just asked for their support. Sanders said essentially this is a research project that they are partnering with the Soo Tribe and the Busch Gardens Zoo down in Tampa, Florida where they are looking at territory size um, pack size, wolf density, mortality, and kind of their role in this project. Sanders said they are going to be looking at doing a health assessment of the wolf population. Sanders said they are using \_\_\_\_ Funding ah, which is external funding that they were essentially were awarded for grants that they had written and um, they are just looking to do a budget medication.....budget modification to essentially take um, um, revenue that is in...is in um, that they already have and they need to put it in the Budget. Sanders said sorry um, and this is a five year project so essentially spending around \$50,000 a year to do this research. Sanders said that is his presentation.

*Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge at 11:02 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his introduction. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said they have to have discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing no comments from Tribal Council she will open it up for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing two in the queue first she has um, citizen Crampton he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton said his question would be for Mr. Sanders. Crampton asked um, he said he was partnering with the Soo Tribe.

Bob Sanders said correct.

Shannon Crampton said um, he is sorry he didn't hear that.

Bob Sanders repeated yes, that is correct.

Shannon Crampton said oh, okay, because he is going to go up and see Aaron next week um, how much are they putting forward.

Bob Sanders said how much.....he doesn't know he would guess it was more than what they are.

Shannon Crampton said the last time they did this ah, Little River flipped the whole bill that's why he is asking.....*Crampton made another comment but it was at the same time that Bob Sanders was talking and it wasn't heard clearly.*

Bob Sanders said yeah, they have never done a research project they were involved with other things with wolves but they have never done a research project but no they are not flipping the whole bill. Sanders said this is their portion of this looking at the health assessment they are taking other parts of it um, as explained earlier of what their roles are and Busch Gardens will also be adding to the overall project as well.

Shannon Crampton said okay, um, why is this a supplemental in the second quarter he means is it something that just came up.

Bob Sanders said ah, well they.....

Speaker Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said Mr. Crampton it is not they did Resolution of Support for the multi-year health assessment, the grant has already been awarded, and it is just now getting appropriated into the Budget due to the Budget not being passed at the beginning of January.

Shannon Crampton asked so it is not Tribal Funding.

Speaker Wolfe said no.

Bob Sanders said no this is external funding. Sanders said this has....this has...no this is external funding.

Shannon Crampton said well, that is the best kind of funding he withdraws his question carry on. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment.

Bob Sander said she is welcome.

Speaker Wolfe said the next in the queue they have citizen Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone said this is ah, more to show appreciation, Bob, for him and the Natural Resources Department over there on all the great research that them guys do over there. Stone said coming from a citizen who is a hunter, fisher, gatherer um, having those scientific studies to be done to back them up when it comes to the Consent Decree Negotiations and all those things that are vital and important to the long-term viability of their established rights and continuance of those rights. Stone said he just wanted to thank them guys ah, for all the hard work they do um, on some very, very good projects them guys do an outstanding job and so to him particularly he has been doing this for the Tribe for a lot of years um, so it is just to show them some appreciation. Stone said he knows those guys don't get that often enough around here um, not from the Tribe itself necessarily but ah, a lot of times folks come on here for different projects and get beat up but they truly appreciate what they do. Stone thanked them.

Bob Sanders thanked Israel.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said it is open for discussion with Tribal citizens and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none in the queue they are ready for the motion, Mr. Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-070;  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-01-2<sup>nd</sup>  
QTR TO FUND HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF GRAY WOLVES IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000; by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Wolfe said she will again open it up for discussion between Tribal members and/or Tribal Council. Wolfe said she has one comment. Wolfe said she wanted to share kind of the breakdown of how this funding will go. Wolfe said it

is only estimated at \$50,000 allocations per year for the total five years. Wolfe said \$50,000 is for salary and wages. Wolfe said \$90,000 is Professional Fees, \$10,000 for Small Equipment and Furniture, \$10,000 for Supplies and \$90,000 in Travel and Training. Wolfe said she just wanted to read that into the record for the membership. Wolfe asked any other comments or discussion. Wolfe said Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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.

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 11:06 a.m.*

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$5,778**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to him for a preview of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Miss Speaker. Willis said um, this, as he explained on Agenda Review on Monday these funds are actually from 2021 there are apparently left over funds that are now being awarded to the Tribe. Willis said the funds are broken down ah, into two different categories \$5,284 is being dedicated towards Johnson O'Malley in other words the Education Department and then the remaining \$494 is dedicated to Road Maintenance so just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge at 11:08 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his introduction of the item. Wolfe asked are there any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no comments she will open it up for discussion with Tribal citizens. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTUION #22-0427-072;; by Lewis.**

Acting Recorder Johnson said resolution number 071.

Councilor Lewis said oh, she is sorry, she will amend that.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTUION #22-0427-071;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2022-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,778; by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

Councilor Lewis said amend that to 02.

*Tribal Council confirmed that the below amended motion was not correct and the one that Councilor Lewis first stated is the correct one.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTUION #22-0427-071;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2022-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,778; by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

*The following motion is the correct one.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTUION #22-0427-071;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2022-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,778; by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue 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 has passed.

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$117,196**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to him for an overview of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Speaker Wolfe. Willis said this item is ah, the initial allocation ah, to the Tribe.....

*Grace Hendler, Legislative Assistant, walked into the Lodge at 11:10 a.m. to discuss the agenda and a mistake that was made to the previous item.*

Bill Willis continued.....under its 2020 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said these funds will be utilized.....these funds are part of the base funding that the Tribe receives on an annual basis. Willis said these funds will be used to support allowable expenses for Family Services, for Education, for Natural Resource and Public Safety. Willis said so just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his introduction. Wolfe said before she calls for abstentions could he clarify what year he was saying.

Bill Willis said this one is the 2022.

Speaker Wolfe said okay.

Bill Willis said Self-Governance Compact, yes.

Speaker Wolfe said she thought he said.....

Bill Willis interrupted. Willis said the last one was ah, 2021.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah she thought on this one in his introduction he said 2020 so she just wanted to make clarification.

Bill Willis said if he did he apologizes, it is actually 2022.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, just wanted to make clarification. Wolfe said again, she will ask for any abstentions. Wolfe said they can address that one after they finish this item.

*Grace Hendler left the Lodge at 11:11 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe continued.....um, seeing no abstentions she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council um, just one other point of clarification. Wolfe asked what is TPA.

Bill Willis said Triba....he believed it is Tribe....Tribal ah, Priority Allocations, in other words it is a priority because it is their base funding so.

Speaker Wolfe said and that is what they um.....that is the way they allocate the funding in their Self-Governance Compact to which is the priority for the Tribe in the order like that.

Bill Willis replied yes.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, just making clarification point on that. Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had a comment.

Councilor Di Piazza asked was this the first payment.

Bill Willis said ah, yes this is the initial allocation so.....

Councilor Di Piazza interrupted. Di Piazza said so they are gambling they are going to get more money.

Speaker Wolfe said incorrect.

Bill Willis said he is confident they will get additional funds.....

Speaker Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said that is not the correct language.

Bill Willis continued.....from the Bureau in the course of the year.

*Councilor members were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said honestly.

*Councilor Wever made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said his apologies for that little disruption.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any other comments by Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any by Tribal citizens. Wolfe said she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-072;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN  
AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-03 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$117,196; by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they have to make a clarification that was just figured out. Wolfe said Item 1 was a supplemental appropriation not a budget modification so Sandy was correct when she said budget modification 001 so this one would be budget modification 002. Wolfe asked can he re-read his motion please.

*Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge at 11:13 a.m.*

Councilor Wever was saying support.

Councilor Guenthardt said make up his mind.

Speaker Wolfe said Pam tell him what to do since she messed it up. *Wolfe was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Recorder Johnson said the resolution number is correct it's the budget mod, her apologies, is incorrect it is 02.

Councilor Guenthardt restated his motion.

Councilor Wever said support again.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-072;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN  
AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$117,196; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.**

*Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge at 11:14 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe asked any discussions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please 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 has passed.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she just wants to ask for a clarification from Elise do they need to go back and correct that budget modification number from the previous item at this point in the agenda.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, asked can they hear her.

Speaker Wolfe said yes.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said oh, good yes, she would recommend going back and correcting it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, hearing that from the attorney they will move back to item B.2. and re-read that resolution number and that budget modification and that was by Councilor Wever.....she means Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-071;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2022-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,778; by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

*Councilor Lewis corrected the budget modification number to 01.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-071;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2022-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,778; by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said Pam please re-do the 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 has passed.

Speaker Wolfe said just again for clarification in the record that was Item B.2. that was re-done to correct the budget modification-allocation number.

4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$838,256**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this once again is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said she will turn it over to him for overview of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Speaker Wolfe once again. Willis said this item is actually the second allocation under the Tribe's 2022 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in other words, it is modification one to the original funding of this \$838,256. Willis said \$551,352 is part of their Tribal ah, Priority Allocation in other words their base funding and the balance is identified as Law Enforcement Funding. Willis said so again, just have to ah, accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said and again, he does anticipate.....they anticipate getting additional funding from the Bureau throughout the course of the year.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his introduction of the item. Wolfe said it is open for discussion for Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-073;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN  
AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-03 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$838,256; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said and open for discussion with Tribal members and/or Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his time.

- 5. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$50,000**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this once again is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee as Allison Smart. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to her for overview of the item.

Allison Smart, Natural Resource Department Environmental Manager, represented this agenda item. Smart said morning everyone. Smart said ah, this is a \$50,000 addition to their EPA-Performance Partnership Grant Budget. Smart said how this works is EPA gets in the money for each fiscal year they then allocate it as they process it through their system. Smart said um, this grant started on 10/1/2018 and runs through 9/30/2022. Smart said um, the total grant amount is one....is around \$1.5 million and funds 3.3 positions so some of this allocation is going to salaries and wages and the other part of it is going to Professional Fees to complete a couple of projects including their Water Quality Monitoring Program as well as some Brownfield Program Phase II Assessments for some of the Tribal properties.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Allison Smart for that introduction. Wolfe said okay, she will ask for any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so Brownfield what ah, what properties are they gambling the Brownfield \_\_ *the rest of his comment was low and was hard to make out what he said clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Allison Smart said so previous Phases I Assessments that they have done ah, their focus right now is going to be on some of the Old Orchard Properties to look at potential lead and arsenic contamination that may still be on-going in the sediment. Smart said so they will hopefully get some sediment samplings done in the next few months ah, through using contractual support because they will have to go to a lab and using the contractor they will be able to assess with building that capacity to do that sampling.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for comments from Tribal citizens. Wolfe said okay, seeing and hearing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-074;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE  
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION  
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-04 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$50,000; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said okay, open for discussion with Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no comments 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.

Allison Smart thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said she is welcome.

6. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services 2022 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$2,956**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this has a revised title. Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Kimberly Crampton. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to her for introduction of the item.

Kimberly Crampton, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Crampton said Boozhoo and thanked them. Crampton said the Tribe received a new grant award from the Department of Health and Human Services for \$2,956 to fund the LIHEAP Program and it goes towards heating and cooling crisis and weatherization. Crampton said they are putting that \$2,956 into Client Services and they just need a budget mod.....to accept the funds and make the modification to the Budget. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for the introduction of the item. Wolfe said she asks for any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no comments it is open for discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-075;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2022  
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
(LIHEAP) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-05 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,956;  
by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

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.

- 7. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a**

**modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the  
amount of \$6,916**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said again, being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Kimberly Crampton. Wolfe said they will turn the floor over to her for overview of the item.

Kimberly Crampton, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Crampton said the Tribe received additional funding for \$6,916 for um, from the Health and Human Services Department and they are putting it into Professional Services. Crampton said they can use it for Tele-Psych additional funds for Tele-Psych. Crampton said they just need to accept the funds and do the modification to the Budget. Crampton said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her introduction. Wolfe asked any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said open for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she has herself in the queue. Wolfe said it just wasn't clear when she was presenting Miss Crampton the funding this...this amount, the \$6,916 is going into Professional Services to provide additional support in the Psychiatric Tele Services that are offered in the Behavioral Health Department. Wolfe asked is that correct.

Kimberly Crampton said correct, yes.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her clarification she just wanted to make that noted for membership. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for questions or discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-076;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN  
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO  
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-06 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$6,916; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue or no hands raised Pam please do a roll call.

### Roll Call #11

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.

8. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Health Services Center 105(L) Development and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$360,223**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee as Doctor Wever. Wolfe said Doctor Wever he has the floor for overview of the item.

Daryl Wever, Health Services Department Director, represented this agenda item. Wever said ah, yes, good morning, this is 105(L) Lease, ah, they apply for every year ah, this covers their overhead and their expenses for the Manistee Location. Wever said there is no match or contribution they just have to accept the funds and this is the total for 2022.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for the introduction of the item. Wolfe asked are there any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue she will put herself in the queue. Wolfe said so she just have a comment on this one. Wolfe said she thought when they brought this forward in 2021 when they received the payment they had discussions and they had talked about that this is a reimbursement of the utilities for the Health Clinic and that he was um, so it is based on the usage and expected uses. Wolfe said then he has this funding for 2022 and in 2021 he put it in Capital Outlay and they had the discussion that she didn't understand why it was in Capital Outlay because it was for Utility Services and then again when he is bringing it forward for 2022 he does have this funding going in again to Capital Outlay.

Daryl Wever said so yes, the last year and this year it was incorporated in part for the project in Muskegon so he believed when they discussed it last year ah, as they were accepting this he thinks it was split when it was accepted ah, but same thing because this is the first year they will be down in Muskegon ah, the two buildings the reason it is in that account discussing with Accounting is that they....once this year is finished they will have a better understanding as to the Budget for the two buildings so this funding is for ah, to help them assess what they need for ah, moving forward if it is needed and that is why it is in that

specific account. Wever said ah, he believed Bill Willis is on the line as well if they want to explain it in further details but this is their utilities and they will receive this every year they just have to accept it. Wever said basically when this...this program has been around for many, many years and so basically when it came down is there is two ways of getting these funds ah, as to Little River they were actually the first ones to apply for it in many, many years ah, they are the third one to actually receive the funds because well, they took the approach of getting ah, ah, accumulating all of their utilities ah, it was quite the project because they had maintenance, maintenance personnel with their costs in all the different departments until that's where that number has come from the 360,000. Wever said what they will do for the Muskegon Project for the two is he will be working with IHS ah, and that is being processed because the Ellis Building and the Harvey Building they will apply for the same program ah, and because of the location and because of the size and because of the diversity of the Clinic that is Norton Shores um, the Muskegon um, Health Center which is directly across the street from the hopeful ah, ah, the future casino down there ah, and so basically what they will do or what their doing in the process assessment of the property in that area and have that value submitted which they will probably have a greater ah, number than ah, taking individual ah, utilities ah, because it is their first year down there so that is why that is in this particular account until those new ones come in.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his explanation she does believe that is similar to what he said in 2021 and he was going to have it eligible she doesn't believe it should go in the Capital Outlay Fund based on it's a reimbursement of utilities and Cost Center for the Musk.....Manistee Office and he did mention at the Agenda Review that he was also applying for the Muskegon Facilities and that he expected to get an award for there so she doesn't understand the reasoning. Wolfe said if someone could give a better explanation of why they are allocating this to Capital Outlay Expenditures when either these are actual dollars that come into the Tribe for reimbursement of costs they are already paying for the Operation of the Manistee Clinic.

Daryl Wever said he is not sure Bill Willis is on but he can give her he guessed a better explanation is that they are being \_\_\_ they are processing for those two buildings. Wever said these buildings are complete thus for....ah, at this point so they are moving forward. Wever said there are expenses that need to be met ah, in.....this, this, this program has never been applied when he came on board two or three years ago they received \$660,000 the first year because they allowed him to do the, the, time he applied for it they allowed him to go back one year and then the current year so they never had this before at Little River for the Health Center so ah, they managed and they have ah, they can manage and they are paying their bills in their department also he wanted to add that they are living within their means so what they bring into the Clinic, the Pharmacy, the grants ah, all their funding, all their salaries....he knows the big discussion about the flags, the rocks and the different buildings and everything they have been purchase or

they are acquiring in moving forward everybody salaries, positions they are in the green they don't take anything from the casino, the government so all these funds and everything they are living within their means. Wever said these are additional funds that have been around for years and years and years. Wever said ah, they even commended Little River for being the first one to apply for it for many, many years ah, and ah, they can apply for these two additional ah, buildings as well. Wever said they have until September of this year to apply for the Ellis Building and the Harvey Building ah, if they go the route accumulating all the utilities because this is a new location and new buildings, new center and they have a full Pharmacy, full Clinic, a full Radiology Department that has already been installed and ah, calibrated they have a full Lab Center, Behavioral Health is already moving into he believed their portion of the Ellis Building and a Doctor's Dictation Area and an Admin Center. Wever said so it is a large building....two buildings down there and it does.....it is costly they can fund that ah, currently with additional funds.....

Speaker Wolfe said there is no relevance to the question that she asked. Wolfe said she knows all the services they have allocated all that.

Daryl Wever said well, he just wanted to make sure.....he just wanted to make sure what he is getting to is there is a lot of services and they are going to be moving in there and be working out of those buildings so there are cost utilities so with the 360 putting into this account they are.....they are in the process of applying for those two buildings so in talking with IHS and ah, head of this program he said he could get it it will be quick.....he said it could take a couple of months before they get that payment so these are accepting the funds and if they need them they are there for ah, the additional ah, coverage until the 105 Lease for the additional buildings come in but it could come in depending and it, its discretion of the opposite end so that is why they put it in there initially.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, again, thanks for that explanation Doctor Wever but that is not the question she asked. Wolfe said this is reimbursement for the Manistee Clinic for the 2021 Utility Service that was used. Wolfe said the correct account for this to be applied to should not be Capital Outlay Expenditure for the Muskegon Project and he also stated in his introduction that he would be applying for the Muskegon Clinics for this same amount of funding so this funding should be returning to the correct account in the Tribe verses getting dumped in Capital Outlay and if they are talking about needing more additional funds for Muskegon Clinic what they already expended is a tremendous amount of CARES Act Funding and they do have ARP Funding that would be eligible so this is what it is stated and brought forward is to be accepted into Capital Outlay Funditure which is the wrong account in her opinion and she will not be supportive of accepting these funds at this time until they can get clarification or correction on that item. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza he has his hand for a queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, that ah, Madame Speaker kind of brought some of it to light....yeah, what he is reading is for the Manistee location and it is all going into rent, Capital Outlay, so how much of this funding is allocated for construction costs or anything on that order whether it is Manistee or Muskegon or is this just for going back into the account because it is going into Account 4464 so yeah, he has got some concerns it is just not what he is saying and what he is reading..... it just doesn't coincide unfortunately.

Daryl Wever said he is basically working with.....working with Accounting and with Bill Willis and Steve Wheeler for the 2022 Budget that is why these funds went into that account is to cover ah, until they have a better understanding of the Budget ah, for the two buildings so that is why it is the 4464 is that account is ah, what is ah, using for anything large items or large expense....there are still some expense that comes through that are large and that is the account that Accounting Department and himself discussed for ah, moving forward then in 2023, either 2022 ah, funding he thinks somebody mentioned 2021 this is for 2022, this year ah, so that is why moving forward next year they will have a better understanding of what the costs is for that location and then that way it would be allocated for this 360 for proper accounts in Manistee and proper accounts for Ellis Building and the proper accounts for the Harvey Building. Wever said he is now sure he can't see if there is anybody from Accounting is on the call and if they have a better way of explaining it ah.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comment. Wolfe asked Gary if he had additional.....

Councilor Di Piazza said no, but he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS TO A WORK SESSION FOR  
MORE CLARIFICATION;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Councilor Guenthardt asked is there a deadline so they don't lose it.

Speaker Wolfe said no, it is just accepting of funds.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, it is just accepting.

Speaker Wolfe said she does have some citizens in the queue who would like to comment. Wolfe said first is citizen Thull. Wolfe asked is she still on the call.

Susan Thull said she is sorry, Madame Speaker, was she speaking to her. Thull said she wasn't coming through clearly.

Shannon Crampton said yeah, the Speaker is not coming through.

Speaker Wolfe repeated what she said, they have two citizens in the queue. Wolfe said they do have a motion on the floor to postpone the item but before they take roll call she wanted to see if them guys wanted to make their comments still so she has the floor citizen Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe very much. Thull said well, she is happy that um, that they are going to vote on postponing and she hopes that goes through. Thull said um, she was wondering ah, if....what other large items was the doctor was thinking he needed to put this into Capital Outlay.

Speaker Wolfe said if Doctor Wever.....

Daryl Wever said yes.

Speaker Wolfe continued.....it hasn't been brought forward to Tribal Council.

Daryl Wever said no, there haven't been any.....he has not had any sessions with Tribal Council but for the resourcing of the ah, the resourcing of the lot and he thinks it is \$6-7,000 that wasn't part of the project. Wever said there are larger items that have not been paid because it was decided to remove the HOA ah, associated with the Ellis Building ah, and doing it all internally so there is items that still have to be paid for the last three or four months um, so there are larger just ones they are paying now but anything that they do additionally for that location if they need supplies but that is why he guessed Bill Willis would be a better one.....is Bill Willis on the line.

Speaker Wolfe said he is not available.

Daryl Wever said okay, that is basically what they discussed with the ah, Budget for 2022 is to put that to the buildings down there if anything was to come up or any items that need to be put into that building ah, it tends to be expensive ah, dealing with the healthcare ah, that would allow them the opportunity to use these funds until they get the 105(L) for the two buildings.

Susan Thull thanked Madame Speaker. Thull said um, if this....the motion to postpone passes then she won't....save her comments for the work session. Thull thanked them very much.

Speaker Wolfe said she does have citizen Crampton. Wolfe asked does he still wish to comment.

Shannon Crampton said yes.

Speaker Wolfe said the motion on the floor is to postpone the item.

Shannon Crampton said yes, yes, yes he wanted to just comment and say moving forward with these projects....this project he doesn't think it is just enough to say they are all in-house or they can do this or they can do that. Crampton said Tribal Council really needs to grab the reigns on this thing and do some Feasibility Studies, look at utilization and need, just because they can doesn't mean they have to. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue. Wolfe said so she has a motion on the floor by Councilor Di Piazza and supported by Councilor Wittenberg, Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor and two against motion is passed.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approve use of ARP funding for COVID-19 Identified Project: Upgraded Court Recording System for Hearings & Contract with BIS Digital**

For Tribal Council to approve use of ARP funding to update the Court Recording System which will allow for a greatly improved remote court hearing experience and approval of contract with BIS Digital. Estimated cost is \$29,381.83.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema there are two representatives both are present. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to Court Staff, Judge Sherigan or Spring Medacco to present on the item.

Spring Medacco, Tribal Court Administrator, represented this agenda item. Medacco thanked them. Medacco said good morning. Medacco said she is the Tribal Court Administrator and also Tribal member #0136. Medacco said um, they are asking for approval for ARP Funding to cover an upgrade to the current Court Recording System which is just about 13 years old. Medacco said um, it is wearing down, the technology is beginning to become obsolete, especially in light of the fact that um, COVID-19 has kind of forced them to be a mostly virtual courtroom at this point and time. Medacco said um, but eventually they will need to be a hybrid courtroom um, they still need to have these virtual capabilities. Medacco said um, so um, yeah they are just asking approval to pay for those upgrades.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said it is open for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said she wanted to say that she thinks Judge Sherigan is doing a wonderful job. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne.

*Councilor Champagne asked.....in their budget but it wasn't clear what the rest of her comment was because she couldn't be heard on the ZOOM recording.*

Spring Medacco said well, she means.....they came up with it last year for approval for CARES Act Funding um, it was previously approved under that. Medacco said um, as far as....it didn't go through because they couldn't get it installed by the end of the year and so now they are bringing it forward again for ARP Funding. Medacco said as far as was it put in their Budget, the Court's Budget, no it was not.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will put herself in the queue. Wolfe said she just wanted to note for Tribal membership that this was a Sole Source Item to have an immediate.....to meet the immediate needs of the program objectives and to protect the health and safety of employees and Tribal members and of the Tribal Court they are going with BIS Digital because the current recording system for the court is using that this is an upgrade. Wolfe said she does agree that it is allowable under the ARP Funding. Wolfe said the only comment that she has is they are actually just upgrading a system that already has....has in place so does it correctly meet the identified Treasury Guidelines for ARP Funding based on that it was not. Wolfe said it is an existing program and project that they had in mind.

Spring Medacco said she doesn't have the answer to that....she doesn't.....she doesn't know the guidelines for ARP Funding so.

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't believe they got um, a Legal Review that says this is compliant with Treasury Guidelines.....

*Spring Medacco made a comment but she was speaking at the same time as Speaker Wolfe and her comments were not heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe continued.....based on this not being a.....yeah, this is an identified project that should have been budgeted, correct, but it was planned and pursued in 2021 so now that they are changing the funding source from CARES to ARP its eligible based on they determined this was a need. Wolfe said so like Treasury has guidelines that say if it is already an identified project its not eligible for the supplemental ARP Funding and she doesn't see that clarification in the Legal Memo.

Spring Medacco said she has a Legal Review here from January 20<sup>th</sup> that mentions the Treasury Overview of the Fund Review is that what she is referring to. Medacco said to Lyle Dorr she doesn't know maybe this is something he could answer better.

*Spring Medacco was conversing with Lyle Dorr but his comments couldn't be heard on the ZOOM recording just hers.*

Spring Medacco said Elise is on here.

Speaker Wolfe said Elise they are asking for clarification from her.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said she provided a Legal Review regarding the use of ARPA Funds for this project. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said they can discuss it in Closed Session if necessary. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said um, but the packet has that information and that this project meets these guidelines.

Speaker Wolfe said so she didn't hear clearly what she said other than the information is in the packet. Wolfe said the direct question that she is asking because they had planned this project in 2021 they had allocated funding for it and then it got postponed because it wasn't going to meet Treasury Guidelines for CARES Funding is there any guidelines in the ARP Treasury Guidelines that state because it was already a planned project now that this upgrade is happening is it still eligible for ARP Funding. Wolfe said that is all she is asking is for clarification.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said it is still eligible.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Wolfe said again, it is open for comments or questions from Tribal Councilors. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said now the BIS Digital that has been in place for quite a long of time right, 13 years.

Spring Medacco agreed 13 years.

Councilor Di Piazza said things wear out, right.

Spring Medacco said they do and they are.

Councilor Di Piazza said kind of like this stuff here. Di Piazza said it is old it is wearing out and causing problems. Di Piazza said everybody wants to ZOOM in or.....he doesn't have a problem with it plus he believes it does fall within the

Treasury Guidelines even for upgrading the system because that is what they money is there for to help not spread the COVID he guessed so. Di Piazza said he would comment another comment but he will get yelled at so he will refrain because that is a gamble.

Speaker Wolfe said they should gamble on this equipment holding up for another year.

Councilor Di Piazza asked why not.

Speaker Wolfe asked why not.

Councilor Di Piazza asked why not, let's go two, let's go three.

Speaker Wolfe said ARP Funding will still be available in three years.

Councilor Di Piazza said that's right take the gamble.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments or discussion by Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion for Tribal members. Wolfe said first in the queue she has Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is that she would like to provide feedback. Agosa said currently the court is sending hearing recordings via CD through the mail and for her this is a hardship because CD's aren't um, typically used anymore. Agosa said so she would like to see the court upgrade their recording formats and find a format that is more up to date. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe asked so does this new system include an upgrade on their recording format.

Spring Medacco said yes it does.

Speaker Wolfe said so that is what is included on the upgrade currently Sara. Wolfe said just for clarification. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Susan Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Madame Speaker. Thull thanked Sara for asking that question. Thull said um, that was a very good question because yes, many of them don't have CD Systems and their computers that, they know, that wouldn't be the way to communicate. Thull said so um, it will be something other than that something that is new that, she means, they have to upgrade their computers then for what they are sending to them or would it be online type of thing then.

Spring Medacco said she doesn't have an answer to that right now. Medacco said that is going to have to be something that is decided on by the judges. Medacco said um, she just knows they will have the technology to be able to do alternative forms of services of court hearings.

Susan Thull said perhaps maybe it would....would be able to go over the internet rather than having to be physically mailed then.

Spring Medacco said ah.....

Susan Thull said that would be a good thing if it could. Thull thanked Spring Medacco. Thull said the question that she had raised her hand to ask is just um, for Council does.....if they already done a resolution with CARES Funding do they have to repeal that resolution then.

Speaker Wolfe said so they did not do a funding with CARES Funding to encumber those funds for this project. Wolfe said it was brought forward and recommended then it was unencumbered at the time when they determined that it was not going to be installed in 2021. Wolfe said so the answer is no they don't have a resolution to rescind.

Susan Thull thanked them so much.

Speaker Wolfe said next in the.....

Susan Thull said she is done.

Speaker Wolfe continued.....Stone he has the floor.

Israel Stone said ah, she can take him out of the queue Madame Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Israel Stone. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Crampton. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton, Tribal #1747. Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton said he just wanted to say that um, he is kind of in line with Sara Agosa and Susan Thull that the court does need some upgrading and its one of the pillars of their ah, government. Crampton said ah, he supports this and he can also see a little bit more ah. if the judge's feel they would like to move in that direction making it more accessible to members because they are not a centralized Tribe and just recently the courts have been exerting jurisdiction outside of the Manistee Area so anything that they can do to make it more accessible to members out of the area would be greatly appreciated. Crampton said maybe even accepting payments like other...other courts do he has no problem doing it in Traverse City over the phone. Crampton said they haven't gotten that upgraded at Little River. Crampton said so any upgrades they can do because ultimately, even though they

are one of their three pillars, they are there for the benefit of the membership. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Councilor Di Piazza. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was just going to say if they are sending out audio CD's then most vehicles have a CD Player that if it is a visual most everybody he knows has a Play Station or an X Box which they watch movies on them. Di Piazza said that and a CD Player nowadays is about ten bucks so.

Speaker Wolfe asked him if he was making a motion.

Councilor Di Piazza asked they don't have a Play Station.

Councilor Wever said she does.

Councilor Di Piazza said he does, the only reason he has it for watching Blue Ray Movies he doesn't play games but.....

Speaker Wolfe said he plays games all the time.

Councilor Di Piazza said he knows. Di Piazza said he knows he plays games all the time....they only had like four skids of.....

Speaker Wolfe asked is he making a motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will.

Councilor Wever said Tom is.

Speaker Wolfe said they have a citizen on the floor still. Wolfe said Tom they still have citizens in the queue.

Councilor Guenthardt said oh, he thought she was asking.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wants to say that she disagrees with Gary's statement she doesn't have a CD Player in her nor does she have a game station. Agosa said she does have a removable CD Player thankfully because of

one of one of her family members giving it to her however there are lots of hiccups. Agosa said she has a hard time fast forwarding and rewinding its very awkward to use. Agosa said so she thinks it is absolutely crucial to upgrade um, the judicial...the Judicial IT System she fully supports it and she would also like to see improvement in the payment system as well. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for your comments. Wolfe said that's no one else in the queue go ahead Mr. Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-077; APPROVE USE OF ARP FUNDING FOR COVID-19 IDENTIFIED PROJECT AND CONTRACT WITH BIS DIGITAL;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion with Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue and hearing nothing Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #13**

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)

Speaker Wolfe in the middle of the vote asked Gary Di Piazza that he voted yes.

Councilor Di Piazza replied yes he did.

Speaker Wolfe said she thought he was gambling for two or three more years.

Councilor Di Piazza said them guys are the ones not wanting to gamble. Di Piazza asked are they gambling or not gambling.

Speaker Wolfe said he said this was the item to gamble on. Wolfe said she voted yes. Wolfe thanked them.

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 11:57 a.m.*

Councilor Di Piazza said so is everything else. Di Piazza said he is gambling that his tire doesn't fall off on the way home.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Spring.

**2. Approve ARPA Funding utilization for the Little River Casino Resort for replacement of two IPAC HVAC Units for the Gaming Floor**

The LRCCR is in need of replacing two rooftop air handlers to significantly improve the air quality of the main Gaming Area.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with Michael Burmeister as his designee. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over to him for overview of the item.

Michael Burmeister, Little River Casino Resort Facilities, represented this agenda item. Burmeister thanked Speaker Wolfe. Burmeister said good morning. Burmeister said they are looking for some funding to replace the other two IPAC HVAC Units at the Resort. Burmeister said there are a total of four of them and they replaced two last year they would like to do the other two this year. Burmeister said he has some letters of endorsement from the Clinic, the insurance company about how this will help their, their ah, quality of air circulation and they want to replace they're over 20 years old and that's about it he guessed.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his introduction of the item. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said just if he can read into the record Mr. Burmeister what is the dollar amount of funding he is requesting from ARP Funding.

Michael Burmeister said \$1.56 million.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked Michael Burmeister. Wolfe asked additional comments from Tribal Council.....Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked so if they don't use ARP Funding where is that funding going to come from to replace them units that are 20 years old and probably on their last leg but he doesn't know.....he will refrain from saying it.

Michael Burmeister said it will come out of ah, come out of the Capital Fund if its available but ah, other than that it is going to come out of distribution is the bottom line.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what will happen if they just up and give up the ghost and they can't get them repaired because they're 20 years old, what happens. Di Piazza repeated what will happen.

Michael Burmeister said then they will have some sweating customers or a cold customers.

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 11:59 a.m.*

Councilor Di Piazza asked so air will not circulate through that facility.

Michael Burmeister said it will run.....he can try to run on two units because there is four of them but he doesn't recommend it. Burmeister said he highly does not recommend that.

Councilor Di Piazza said so they would have some very uncomfortable patrons over there.

Michael Burmeister said it is a possibility yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

*Councilor Wittenberg left the Lodge Room at 12:00 p.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none they have um, queue going for citizens. Wolfe said first she has Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa said can they please.....can she be put in the queue because she needs to find her notes real quick. Agosa thanked them,

*Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:00 p.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay, then next they will move onto citizen Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked Madame Speaker. Stone said he thinks this is a very important item for not only the, the, Gaming Enterprise but the Tribe in itself ah, as they all know they are the number one generator for the Tribe is the Little River Casino Resort. Stone said there is additional costs to not being able to fund this project fully for instance, if they ever have to try to fund this out of gaming distribution or gaming proceeds um, and they were to do them one unit at a time he believed each unit in itself is going to cost them \$890,000. Stone asked Mr. Burmeister if that was correct.

Michael Burmeister replied that is correct.

Israel Stone said in addition to the 890 so they are asking for \$1.5 million out of their funding to do them both at once which includes crane operation setting, curb work and all electrical, correct.

Michael Burmeister said correct.

Israel Stone said if they do them individually at \$890,000 a piece that is a total of \$1,780,000 if they were to try to fund that out of gaming proceeds which \_\_\_ an increase of cost but it is an increase of down days on the gaming floor, correct.

Michael Burmeister said correct.

Israel Stone said he can tell them in ah, in a very ah, low estimate on the low end but they lose for being down on the gaming floor a day is roughly ah, it's a lot of money he doesn't want to get into dollar amounts but it is a lot of money. Stone said the other thing for Council to consider ah, to boil this down to the most basic ah, piece is ARPA Funding came from the Federal Government that funding does not impact the distribution of the Tribe, it does not impact distribution of the citizens, for instance, every bit of distribution that comes across the street is now a 50% revenue split for Per Cap so if they lower Per Cap by nearly \$3 million by doing these separately and funding them through Gaming Enterprise that is \$1.5 million in distribution that isn't going to every Tribal citizen, correct.

Michael Burmeister said correct, he believed so.

Israel Stone said he knows it was brought up in the work session about....

Speaker Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said let's not stop every way to make a correct comment because....just continue with his comment.

Israel Stone said okay. Stone said okay, sorry Miss Speaker he was trying to make sure the members fully understand what is before the Council right now and he apologizes for doing that and move forward. Stone said the question came up in the work session in regard to PILT Monies.....PILT Monies being new of text is 2%. Stone said if they give 2% because they fund this through ARPA money verses giving up 40 or excuse him 50% funding it through gaming dollars there is a big difference there. Stone said a big difference in the advantage of the Tribal citizens to fund this through ARPA money. Stone said the other thing is the health and safety impacts with COVID air circulation all the other things that occur um, through these air handling units. Stone said at this time um, he can't ah, tell Council one.....he can tell them this to not fund this out of the ARPA Funding has a deleterious or a detrimental impact on the citizens of this Tribe because it directly impacts the benefits that they are able to provide each one of those citizens and lowers distribution by nearly \$3 million which \$1.5 of that \$3 million belongs to the Tribal citizens according to the Revenue Allocation Plan. Stone said he will stop there. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe. Thull said she has a question. Thull said um, they installed two of these last year how were those paid for.

Michael Burmeister said paid for out of the Capital Funding therefore paid out of distribution.

Susan Thull asked does he know how much they have in Capital Funding right now.

Michael Burmeister said he cannot answer that question.

Susan Thull said okay. Thull said and um, that American Rescue money is.....does not have to be spent this year and it is for the Tribal membership to support them during this Pandemic so um, she is looking at it differently than what some of them are probably but she looks at it as a safeguard for their people ah, to have that so. Thull said that is just her opinion um, she would rather see that come of the casino's ah, and have that um, expense for by the casino. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments. Wolfe said next in the queue is Sara Agosa. Wolfe asked is she ready.

Sara Agosa said yes, she is. Agosa thanked Speaker Wolfe. Agosa said so her comment is she checked the BIA's website on how ARPA Funds can be used and it lists four designated areas. Agosa said one-Tribal Housing Improvement, two-Tribal Government Services, three-Public Safety and Justice and four-Social Services and Child Welfare Services. Agosa said this website does not have any information on the use of ARPA Funds for casino purchases so her question is what ARPA Guidelines allow for this purchase and where can she find it and can't the Tribe utilize the Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement Fund for this upgrade instead. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

Speaker Wolfe said she can answer one part of it but there has been a Legal Review and it is eligible for ARP Funding and two the Online Gaming Fund Reimbursement is restricted for future land purchases by Tribal Council um, just the funding source changing from one to the other doesn't make much sense to use this fund instead of that fund. Wolfe said the Online Gaming Reimbursement Tax Funding is already restricted. Wolfe said next in the queue they have um, Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe said he has the floor.

*It can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording someone saying "Get'cha next," but it couldn't be determined who made the comment.*

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said he will be brief. Romanelli said they know and it has already been covered that these costs continue to increase as they know just from last year and this time but also know there is a significant time to build and install this. Romanelli said they just don't purchase it and it goes on the roof. Romanelli said they also know that if they

don't do the two together they have to shut down the casino two different times rather than one getting the job done and there is a cost too to do them independently as well. Romanelli said so he fully support and encourage the passing of this item and it also has to do with the health of their patrons and their staff over there and it actually an upgrade and they have to do it before the roof is installed which the roof is 20 plus years old too so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue is Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say the full explanation and everything that can be utilized out of that ARP Funding came from the Treasury.....BIA is okay but she forgot to hit on the little link that goes down on the side because it opens up all kinds of other stuff with the link on the side. Di Piazza said he did open up that e-mail was he going to respond to it, no, because he would get in trouble so.....but they actually need to go to the Treasury and read them guidelines and not BIA.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his response. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Councilor Wittenberg, go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Miigwech, ah, to his understanding they had two installed last year ah, Mr. Burmeister.

Michael Burmeister said yes, sir.

Councilor Wittenberg asked how were they paid.

Michael Burmeister said they paid out of the Capital Funding.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay, so he looks in his mind and he looks at what is going on what is in the funding right now and so naturally he can understand going to ARP instead of the Capital Outlay but it still so.....in his mind its ah, Capital Outlay because he is looking at the....what they do for the members now um, Ogema Romanelli brought up as he himself of the roof so he is just curious okay, say this gets passed today and its on ARP how long is it going to take for them for the casino to come across and say okay they need a roof now because it is theirs and it needs to be paid.....needs to be reroofed because it 20 years old and he is just curious on that if he doesn't mind.

Michael Burmeister said it is coming up shortly probably within a year or two.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked Michael Burmeister.

Michael Burmeister said he will tell them if he may.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes.

Michael Burmeister said he has a.....he has three different quotes for roofs from roofing companies and every one of them was over \$3 million.

Councilor Wittenberg said that is what he was thinking.

Michael Burmeister said as they know costs are rising everywhere.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah. Wittenberg said okay. Wittenberg thanked him.

Michael Burmeister thanked him.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for their comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone said well he can appreciate those questions that is the cost of doing business. Stone said did they really believe that they were going to build a Gaming Enterprise and it was going to maintain itself for years to come when the demand from the Tribe for distribution done nothing but increase year over year ah, and the first place that they usually attack prior to this year because now they have a ruling that says it is done differently ah, the first place that is usually targeted is capital. Stone said this building needs to be maintained and it needs to be maintained at a level um, in a more committed level than it has been in the past. Stone they know the, the, the congratulations and accomplishments should go to the Facilities Department because these end of....end of life for these pieces of equipment he believed is roughly eight to ten years the fact that they did a good job of upkeeping maintenance to keep them going this long but the reality is they can only put a Band-Aid on stuff for so long. Stone said they talk about what impacts the citizens, again, where is that \$3 million going to come from because the government already has a Budget laid out for what their requirement is ah, to operate the government for here.....for the year so where are they getting this \$3 million. Stone said now they can stop all other Capital Projects but they see where that has gotten them in the past. Stone said their parking lots are in disrepair because of a lack of capital. Stone said they need attention....the roof needs attention. Stone said there is outside.....things on the outside of the building things on the interior of the building that need attention so, again, they have this source of funding that is eligible to fund this project and he understands Miss Thull's comment about ah, how that ARPA Funding was intended for the citizens but the number one intention for the citizens should be maintaining the number one enterprise.....

*Councilor Champagne left the Lodge Room at 12:11 p.m.*

Israel Stone continued.....that generates the revenue that not only provides for programs but supports every Tribal citizen in this Tribe via Per Cap and doing

those things, again, take it from gaming proceeds and distribution 50% of that comes right now the Tribal citizens pockets. Stone said there is no impact by doing it through ARPA Funding in fact it's the smart way to do it using someone else's money to make it work for the Tribe. Stone said and so the fact that they're even having this debate right now some....somewhat challenging because the question they have to ask themselves is what is the priority. Stone said this isn't a Vegas Casino where they run it for 20 years blow it up and build a new one. Stone said that is not in their \_\_\_\_\_ *during this moment there was increasing loud static taking place*. Stone said they have to work through the constraints that they have and continue to improve that property and update this property. Stone said they knew when they built this property the roof was going to be needed to put....repaired at some point. Stone said they also knew that the Urganal Units would have to be repaired. Stone reiterated it is the cost of doing business. Stone said and so what he thinks is being asked here is very reasonable to take this funding from ARPA Funding that is not going to have the impact on Tribal citizens unless the Council has a plan just to pull this through and pay out distributions to Tribal citizens because it sounds like what some of the citizens are asking for right now but here is the impact of that if they don't do this project and they don't get this done and those units go down its more than the wait time to get them replaced he guarantee them that is going to have a detrimental impact on servicing customers and guests here at this property and they will lose clientele which will further drive down the revenues of this Tribe and have a bigger impact on the Tribal citizens so he is asking Council for this. Stone thanked them.

*Councilor Di Piazza was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not picked up clearly to be understood.*

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't have any questions for the Resort its just comments to....from the people.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Wolfe said so next in the queue they have Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she had the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to go back to the Treasury Guidelines and the disconnect between the BIA's information and supposedly the Treasury.

*Councilor Champagne re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:14 p.m.*

Sara Agosa continued.....she would like a specific guideline or reference number to read it herself um, and also too she questioned why the Executive Branch hasn't planned for this upgrade in advance if these units always existed certainly not provoked by the Pandemic so she has concerns with that and she would like to share her opinion with Council that she feels these ARPA Funds

should be designated to members and member services and to vote no. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said citizen Crampton he has the floor for his view on the item. Wolfe said it doesn't look like he is muted but nothing is hearing anything come across.

Shannon Crampton said no, he can't hear the Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe said citizen Crampton he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton thanked Speaker Wolfe very much. Crampton said um, Madame Speaker, Shannon Crampton, Tribal #1747. Crampton said well he, he, his time away from ah, the Tribe down there has done him well and he can see why. Crampton said it seems he entered the bizarre world every time he comes back into this everything is upside down and backwards. Crampton said there shouldn't be dumps on the Council as they make or break it the casino has management they should have planned for this, there should have been a contingency, they should show up here and know their Capital Outlay amount and continuously run back to the Council to repair their mistakes is not the way to handle a functioning business. Crampton said them guys have the answer to why they are doing so poorly right there in front of them. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe. Thull said well, her comment was going to be um, pretty much the same as ah, as ah, Shannon Crampton. Thull said to her they are talking about the Muskegon Casino and they build that and how long will it be before that casino comes with their hands out saying, "*give us some money here for this.*" Thull said EDC comes to them they need money um, as far as she knows they have been in business now for like five years. Thull said um, she just feels there is poor management and there is poor oversight in these different entities if they have to come back and ask the government for money. Thull said they should be self-supporting.....

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 12:17 p.m.*

Susan Thull continued....they should be planning to cover these expenses and she means she understands funding them for a certain period, they know, they did that with EDC. Thull said it is time to stop funding them if they need money they need to then pro....they need management, their Boards, their Advisors whatever they need to manage that money so that they have those reserves. Thull said she does not agree with giving them...*stammered here*.....opening up the wallet and handing them the money. Thull asked didn't they.....didn't they pay off the loan for them just a while back. Thull said she just thinks that they have to be self-

sufficient. Thull asked where does it end. Thull thanked them. Thull said she is done.

*Michael Burmeister tried to comment but the podium microphone was so full of static that his words could not be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comments and didn't believe she asked a question so she will put him in the queue. Wolfe said Ogema Romanelli they do have um, citizen Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked her very much. Stone said they know, it hard sometimes as a citizen and a Team Member of this property to sit here and take the shots that they take but he just wants to clarify a few things for the record. Stone said Shannon Crampton talks about entering the world of the bizarre he is directly responsible.....directly.....from his years on Council of stripping this casino.....

Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Stone if they could please stay on topic and not mention names that would be appreciated.

Shannon Crampton said oh, no let him go he is recording this.

Israel Stone asked is that rule applied to everybody equally.

Sandy Mezeske said yes, because it does not apply to Crampton.

Israel Stone said because he just had Susan Thull and Agosa talk about management of this property, okay.

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:18 p.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said if he could follow the rules please it would be appreciated.

Israel Stone said okay, he apologizes Miss Recorder. Stone said so there are former Council members that are directly responsible for stripping of....for years of stripping this, this, this Gaming Enterprise of its Capital Outlay.

*Councilor Lewis left the Lodge Room at 12:19 p.m.*

Israel Stone said now that said they do plan they do Budget so they understand as citizens that roughly about 50% of the annual depreciation is all that is funded through Capital at this property. Stone repeated 50%. Stone said so their depreciation...depreciating twice as fast as what their ah, investing in their property that is a problem. Stone said now to keep this property up and running...to keep it moving forward they need slot machines....the fact that they need slot machines, they need roof repairs, aireon units, parking lot repairs all this stuff and they are only funding at 50% depreciation. Stone said they can't blame

the Ogema's Office and they can't blame management. Stone said what this problem is here is truly now because of the way the court ruling just went they can fix this problem because the Ogema can simply say do everything they need to do to the property and the Tribe is going to have to live with what they have to distribute because that is what is within his authority now. Stone said that is how they solve that problem so if they want to point fingers and place blame and say it is poor management that's inadequate, inappropriate comment. Stone said look back through the history of this Tribe. Stone said look back through the Budget Cycles and Funding Cycles. Stone said look back and see the truth because there are people on here and its Election Time and they are running for office that are spinning a lot of stuff out there. Stone said he doesn't care if he records him it is a direct fact Council has traditionally.....historically reduced Capital spend and Jessica Steinberg can tell them because she was on Council when it was occurring not that she did it but she was there and seen it. Stone said other people have been there and seen it.

*Councilor Lewis re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:20 p.m.*

Israel Stone said he seen it. Stone said it is historical in this Tribe so to blame the Ogema or blame Management or \_\_\_ poor planning, no, the fact of the matter is for a lot of years this property was not reinvested into and that was a position taken by the Tribe.

*Acting Recorder Johnson left the Lodge Room at 12:20 p.m.*

Israel Stone said in fact at one point over 50% if their machines were ten years or older so he wants people to put that in perspective and understand that what is being spun here is not the truth. Stone said look back, research, and figure it out for themselves. Stone thanked them.

Susan Thull identified herself to Madame Speaker. Thull asked may she address....respond to Mr. Stone since he mentioned her name.

Speaker Wolfe said she is in the queue but she is not allowing for back and forth conversation but she does have her in the queue Miss Thull. Wolfe said next in the queue is Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe again. Romanelli said this is the cost of doing business, they know, the \_\_\_ that a bank requires or it is normally required is 3-4% on a yearly basis he can tell them that over the years the Resort has not received that annual Cap Ex. Romanelli said what happens is things start to fall apart and there is depreciation and there are things that wear out. Romanelli said that casino is 20 plus years old and it has needs. Romanelli said the roof etc. this isn't by mismanagement or anything else ah, so he thinks that is what this comes down to....them coming back here. Romanelli said what should be put into place is a regular percentage of Cap Ex that comes from.....that goes to the Resort.

Romanelli said they have tried to keep oversight in place but as they know he doesn't have to go that far they have tried to have it. Romanelli said this Management Group that at the Resort has done a tremendous job over the years so he will leave it at that but they know, again, they are pointing fingers in the wrong direction he thinks that Michael has brought this for them in a reasonable way they know that timing is an issue and if they continue to delay it the cost will just go up so he will leave it at that and by the way the member asked about the Muskegon Project sure they will be coming....that is what happens with business the cost of doing business things wear out after a while and if they can do the Cap Ex and keep it in the Budget they wouldn't be coming back in this fashion ah, very often. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have um, citizen Steinberg. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said well, they know her she looked it up and found the Treasury's final rule and guidance. Steinberg said the final rule simplifies administration so small businesses operated by Tribal Governance or on Tribal lands are presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the public health and negative economic impacts of the Pandemic then they talk about commercial properties and supporting of micro-businesses.

*Acting Recorder Johnson re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:23 p.m.*

Jessica Steinberg continued.....Treasury includes Tribal Development Districts which are the commercial centers for Tribal hospitality, gaming, tourism and entertainment industries. Steinberg said in the list of impacted industries eligible to receive a.....that responds to those impacts. Steinberg said she is looking at the final rule right on the Treasury Website so she is not sure what all the hullabaloo is she is not sure that the request is out of line with the Treasury's guidance but whether or not they want to appropriate the money is strictly up to them but she wanted to make that clarifying point. Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker and that is all she has.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Crampton. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton, Tribal #1747, said well, despite the things that have been said back here each and every member can just call another casino or go to them and ask how this is going on. Crampton said to continually come back here Directors, Managers they come to a Board like this all the time wouldn't be employed at other Tribes. Crampton said all of.....  
*stammered here a little.....*those guys has to go forward with this because of somebody's lack of diligence on their part that's fine they have to do it but let's be clear let's not keep spinning this story that everything is hunky-dory because every assessment that they are going to look into historically says there is too

many employees over there, too many managers. Crampton said they have a choice keep paying the checks and the benefits or fix the place and benefit all. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments.

Michael Burmeister said Madame Speaker.....

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "Collecting cocktails there," but it couldn't be made out where or who made the comment.*

Speaker Wolfe said sure, go ahead Mr. Burmeister.

Michael Burmeister asked how do they think those benefits are paid for. Burmeister said he is getting a little bit tired of standing here taking these shots. Burmeister said he is tired of them.

Shannon Crampton asked is he speaking to him.

Michael Burmeister said yeah, he is speaking to him, he is a Tribal Elder.

Shannon Crampton said he thought he was.....*made more comments but they faded out here during the back and forth conversation that ensued.*

*Both Shannon Crampton and Michael Burmeister were speaking at the same time unchecked and it was hard to follow the conversation.*

Michael Burmeister said he is tired of taking these shots. Burmeister repeated he is tired of it.

Shannon Crampton said let them do business.....let them do business.

Michael Burmeister said game over.....\$3 million extra to the Tribe.

Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Burmeister they have to get back on.....

Michael Burmeister said he is sorry.....he is sorry.....but this is getting out of hand.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah, they don't just want to keep this going back and forth. Wolfe said next in the queue is Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is that she doesn't feel their multimillion dollar should be considered a small business by any stretch and she does have another concern to share with the Ogema and Tribal Council. Agosa said um, because basically she is really unsure why the Organizational

Development Director continues to come to these meetings and vocalize management viewpoint.....viewpoints of the casino and why the General Manager is not including.....included in these meetings to give an official viewpoint um, this is an occurrence that she has never seen in any other company organization. Agosa said she really doesn't appreciate her comments being railroaded either. Agosa said she feels that she should be able to come to these meetings and not have a dovetailing of criticism or control on her comments so she would like to share that concern with Tribal Council. Agosa said she feels it is extremely inappropriate. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said everybody has had multiple chances to comment and they have made different opinions. Wolfe said they have Councilor Di Piazza in the queue then she is going to um, ask for a motion on the item.

Susan Thull said Madame Speaker. Thull identified herself. Thull said she did want to um, reply to Israel Stone's comment. Thull asked may she please have that time.

Speaker Wolfe said she will entertain Councilor Di Piazza then herself.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe.

Israel Stone said then he wants to reply to Sara Agosa then if they are making exceptions.

Speaker Wolfe said she had already put her in the queue Israel he can't keep on going back and forth. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, he was just going to say over the years even when there was a Board of Directors and even before the fussing that has transpired kickbacks and expenditures at the casino have been gutted and continue to be gutted so how do they....how do they keep something looking nice and functioning whether it is even their car.....do they put any money in their car or do they just drive it until the wheels fall off. Di Piazza said he doesn't know. Di Piazza said sometimes they got to put money into businesses whether it is a small business or a large business. Di Piazza said large businesses cost more money because they are not small anymore. Di Piazza said yeah, Muskegon at some point is going to need funding to build it and things are going to wear out and break there too. Di Piazza said he doesn't believe anybody's car is still.....needs some repair unless they just don't do it and just buy a new one every year because they can....

*Councilor Wever was making noise and comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they weren't clear enough to be understood,*

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....some of them can and some can't. Di Piazza said he is done.

*Speaker Wolfe made a comment but Councilor Di Piazza was speaking at the time and it couldn't be determined what she said on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said he is just saying we....they....the...the...all that Cap Ex has been gutted over the years whether it was the Board of Directors, no Board of Directors, no oversight.....no oversight so. Di Piazza said he is all set.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, citizen Thull, she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe. Thull said she just wanted to reply to Mr. Stone and um, also Mr. Burmeister. Thull said she is sorry that he is there feeling attacked ah, when she says um, management she is not saying one person she doesn't look at....she is sorry she doesn't even know what his position actually is um, Mr. Stone. Thull said she believed he is a Director she knows.....well she is pretty sure he is a Director but she is saying management she is saying the oversight the Board of Directors ah, what she is saying.....it is just that she knows some Tribal Councilors feel that they are being attacked but its not an individual type of thing. Thull said so she is sorry if he is taking this personally because it certainly not meant personally at least not by her. Thull said she truly wants to say when she looks at this she is actually looking back to Wendall Long, prior management so maybe she should correct herself and say.....and she will try to do that, she, she, kind of old and she is forgetful sometimes but maybe she should say prior management....prior Board of Directors....Directors ah, and maybe some of today's but she just wanted him to know that she is not launching ah, ah, a personal attack on any of them. Thull said she thinks their casino is one of the best as far as for the um, customer. Thull said she always made it that she didn't go to any other casino, they know, she just came to their own Tribal Casino she wouldn't spend her mon.....her money at other casinos or on food there or they wouldn't stop to eat until they got there. Thull said a, a, ah, she is proud of that casino but she thinks she hopes they would agree that they had some really bad management in the past and she hopes it is improved she thinks that um, the person....their GM now ah, ah, she couldn't find.....

*Speaker Wolfe was making a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't coming through on her microphone and was not clear to understand.*

Susan Thull continued.....fault with him but she would just like to say that this is not a personal attack when she says management. Thull said that's her comment so please don't take all of this personally he is not the only manag.....they know, the only Director um, this was.....her comments were more even on just current.....she is saying in the past things have been done and she believes that those places where they were injured could still be continuing now from past

experiences they need to um, reassess everything but in no way is she pointing out one person. Thull thanked them. Thull said she is done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment, again, she said that would be the final comment she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-078;  
APPROVING ARPA FUNDING UTILIZATION FOR LITTLE  
RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR REPLACEMENT OF TWO IPAC  
HVAC UNITS FOR THE GAMING FLOOR;** by Guenthardt;  
supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion. Wolfe said they do have three people in the queue. Wolfe said they will go with the ones that haven't spoken first. Wolfe said Shelly Memberto.

Shelly Memberto, LRCR Finance Analyst, said this is just a general comment that the General Manager of the Resort was in the Waiting Room.

Speaker Wolfe said it is not coming across to Tribal Council, Shelly, what she is speaking.

Shelly Memberto said pardon her.

Speaker Wolfe said they cannot hear what she is speaking can she speak louder for Tribal Council.

Shelly Memberto said oh, she apologizes she said this is just a general comment that the General Manager was waiting to be let into the meeting but she doesn't know if it was an oversight or he was just wasn't let in. Memberto said he was online waiting to be let in for about 20 minutes.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said they do have people in the Waiting Room and they do not allow them in in the middle of discussions. Wolfe said they go through the queue so apologies to the General Manager but it was not the appropriate time to let him in. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Lee Iverson. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Lee Iverson thanked Speaker Wolfe. Iverson said all good discussion, good batter in different its all good discussion. Iverson said so getting back to um, the topic at hand. Iverson said um, she does want to commend Michael for his efforts in bringing this item forward. Iverson said um, he had full support from the Director Team to bring this forward. Iverson said time is of the essence um, since the two systems are 20 years old. Iverson said in the event they go down they have to take

into consideration the two new ones that are going to have to labor through the heating.....or the cooling months um, in the event they do go down. Ivinson said Michael has been very proactive in informing this team of the state of the two ah, systems so with that again, time is of the essence they've....they've shared ah, the two means of...of being able to replace these. Ivinson said having the ARPA Funds available, they know, it is capitalizing on the means so they are not affecting distribution. Ivinson said in that their thinking very sincerely of the membership and the distribution because there has been a lot of things happening over the years that the ah, the Resort has had to kind of take the brunt um, of ensuring that they have a healthy Government Budget and they will continue to do that. Ivinson said so please she asks for support in having these two um, IPACS replaced as soon as possible before the summer months um, so they don't end up going down. Ivinson thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments. Wolfe said last in the queue they have Israel Stone and that will be the last comment for this item.

Israel Stone thanked Madame Recorder and Miss Thull he appreciated her comments. Stone said it sure gives him a clear understanding of what her intentions are and he certainly apologizes to her specifically ah, if he offended her as well. Stone said um, Council ah, they know what he doesn't always....*cleared his throat here*.....take the, the best approach to things ah, he can certainly say he is very emotional or passionate about what they do over here um, because they are Tribal citizens. Stone said so they take it personally when people make comments like that it feels very personal because they are over here working very hard for their people. Stone said just like they are over there trying to make a difference and so when these things become passionate is it tough, yes. Stone said ah, no disrespect to Council on the other commentary. Stone said ah, the Ogema is his boss ah, and the General Manager it is an Executive function as clarified by court ruling in the Ogema v. Council um, he is there supporting this item. Stone said he is here supporting the Resort because that is what he always does. Stone said um, now that said it makes sense Council. Stone said it makes perfect sense ah, to do this with ARP Funding, doesn't impact distribution, this isn't because of poor management, it's not because of poor planning, it is because of demand on funding and the required demand on that demand to the Tribe. Stone said so they spent countless dollars on....on many things and no offense to anybody he thinks the Health Clinic stuff is great, he thinks the Muskegon thing is great but their number one enterprise and driver is Little River Casino Resort. Stone said that is the golden goose and by keeping them up and fully functional ah, that keeps them operational and keeps their guests coming here. Stone said they are not coming here hat in hand, they are not always coming to Council like it was made to seem was the case ah, but when they have funding available it makes sense to use somebody else's funding rather than distribution which again, 50% of which goes directly to their Tribal citizens. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, that is the end of the queue Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said four and four against motion has failed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said that moves them on. Wolfe said they will take time to add those in the Waiting Room and they will have them identify themselves for the record.

*Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 12:39 p.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said it does look like they have two citizens in the Waiting Room who just joined the meeting. Wolfe said if they can please identify themselves for the record. Wolfe said the first one they have is Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225.

Speaker Wolfe said the second one is Lynn Saunders. Wolfe asked did she drop the call or join the meeting. Wolfe said she doesn't see her in the attendance. Wolfe asked Lynn Saunders is she still available and still online.

Acting Recorder Johnson said it looked like she dropped.

Speaker Wolfe said it looks like she dropped and she doesn't see Andrew in the Waiting Room either, the General Manager from the Resort. Wolfe said so they will continue on with the meeting. Wolfe said it looks like everyone that is there is eligible to be here.

**IV. Old Business-None Submitted**

**V. New Business**

- A. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for the Tax Department Budget**  
Accepting the Monthly Internal Audit Results.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by Councilor Johnson with designee Brad. Wolfe said she will let Brad give an overview of the item.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said good afternoon Council and membership. Pringle said this resolution is for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for

the Tax Department Budget. Pringle said for ah, the Government Business and Accounting Act he is expected to perform internal audits. Pringle said um, the Controller did.....or he did perform an audit for the 2021 Tax Department Budget. Pringle said um, he has prepared an Audit Cover Letter that was sent to the Tribal Council and the Ogema on January 31, of 2022 and they did cover it in a work session on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Pringle said now per the Speaker's request she did ask that he go through the findings which are in each of the audits.....three Internal Audit Reports that will be presented here today for them. Pringle said um, on the Internal Audit for the 2021 Tribal Tax Department um, under the Findings he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Act of 20.....ah, ah, 2013 as it ah, as it appears for the Tribal ah, Tax Department and found no issues.

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 12:41 p.m.*

Brad Pringle continued. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Regulations, Chapter 1, Purchasing and Procurement as it pertains to the Tribal Tax Department and found no issues. Pringle said he reviewed the Accounting Policy and Procedures Manual, 5.17, Small Procurement and Placing of Orders as it pertains to Tribal Tax and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Tax Department Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Tax Department Expenses and the docume.....and the documents below as they were prepared for the MIP Software or the Tribe's MIP Software Systems. Pringle said he reviewed Page 48 of the November 2021 Monthly Report from the CFO as it pertains to the 1040 Tribal Tax Department Budget. Pringle said he audited all Budget Line Items and compared them to the Budget and found no overspending on any Budgetary Line Items and found no overbudgeted items in their particular Budget. Pringle said he reviewed the December 2020 and the November 2021 Operations Report from the Ogema and found no issues or inconsistencies.

*Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:42 p.m.*

Brad Pringle continued. Pringle said he reviewed the 2021 Tax Revenue Budget. Pringle said Tax Revenue was \$401,428 on a Zero Budget. Pringle said the 2020 Revenues were \$312,250 on a Zero Budget. Pringle said this represents a 29% increase in Tax Revenue and considering all the COVID related issues in the last couple years the increase in revenue is welcome. Pringle said he audited the only two Accounts Payable Records that were ah, for the Tax Department and found no issues. Pringle said he audited a single journal entry for postage and expenses and he found no issues. Pringle said there is a note that the Tax Department is an excellent employee labor expense ratio of 99.5% of every dollar that is spent on labor costs. Pringle said they only spent \$307 on any other expense related to the Tribal Tax Department. Pringle said so in general they did a good job with their Budget and their Budget is um, really precise.

Speaker Wolfe said just to note on the Audit there were no recommendations or corrective actions planned for the \_\_\_\_ *the last word of her comment faded away here.*

Brad Pringle said yeah, right.

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any abstentions on the item from Tribal Council. Wolfe said open for discussion from Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis, sorry.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-079;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE TAX  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again open for discussion from Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Councilor Wever said restroom.

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven for and one absent, oops, sorry.....six for, one against and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks.

**B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit  
Report for the Manistee Pharmacy Budget  
Accepting the Monthly Internal Audit Results.**

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by Councilor Johnson with designee Brad. Wolfe said she will turn it over to Brad for presentation of the item.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said once again, Council and membership, this is for acceptance.....resolution for acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for

the Manistee Pharmacy Budget. Pringle said once again the Budget.....the Government Budget and Accounting Act requires that he do Internal Audits. Pringle said he has performed an Internal Audit on the 2021 Manistee Pharmacy Budget.

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 12:45 p.m.*

Brad Pringle continued. Pringle said um, this Report Cover was ah, turned into Tribal Council and the Ogema on March 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2022 and it was covered in the April 19<sup>th</sup> um, work session. Pringle said so once again, for the ah, this information is coming from the um, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, cover that went to the Ogema and the Tribal Council. Pringle said um, under the Findings he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 as it is related to the Manistee Pharmacy and found no issues. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Regulations, Chapter 1, Purchasing and Procurement as it relates to Manistee Pharmacy and found no issues. Pringle said he reviewed the Accounting Policy and Procedures Manual, 5.17, Small Procurement and Placing of Orders as it pertains to the Manistee Pharmacy and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Manistee Pharmacy Department Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Manistee Pharmacy Department Budget and Expenses on the documents that were given to him or available on the MIP Software Reports. Pringle said he reviewed the 2021 Monthly Report from the CFO pertaining to the 1010 172 Manistee Pharmacy Budget. Pringle said he audited all Budgetary Line Items and compared the Budget and here is what he found. Pringle said he found Salaries & Wages, Workmen's Comp, Retirement, Supplies, Service Fees and Phones & Beepers all slightly overspent. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Overspend in Salaries & Wages and Workmen's Comp and Retirement, the Pharmacy Staff ah, received a 2% Standard Raise that increase was actually enough to put them over their Budget for that particular line item. Pringle said in 2021 ah, what.....overspending in the 5702 Service Fees um, there is a service charge for accepting credit card payments and there was no money budgeted for that particular cost. Pringle said that overspend was \$1,088 for Service Fees to the Budget. Pringle said he further reviewed the historic expenditures for the 5207 which is the Service Fees and since 2018 there has been \$8,993 worth of expenses there and there has been zero dollars budgeted in fact, there is still nothing budgeted for 2022. Pringle said so any time the, the ah, Pharmacy takes in a charge card there is a service fee and those service fees are not being budgeted into their department.....in their Budget. Pringle said he audited the 2021 overspend in the 603 Phone & Beepers and it appears that the February billing has.....was double billed by their IT Department and he worked with the Accounts Payable Department and they are going to look into why that was double billed. Pringle said let's see here he found no overbudgeted items. Pringle said when he says overbudgeted he means there is a lot of money in the line that never gets spent so he looking for places that where he doesn't want to say.....he is looking for any budgeted line items that has too much money in it that doesn't traditionally get spent which there is a lot of reasons for that but um,

in fact that is one of the things that he looks at in every Internal Audit and he found none in this particular audit. Pringle said on Page 43 of the December 2020 and the Page 43 of the December 2021 Operations Report he found that revenues are up and write-offs are down which are both positive signs of growth for their Pharmacy. Pringle said he reviewed the 2021 Pharmacy Revenue to Budget and revenue was \$1,392,620 on a \$874,275 Budget. Pringle said this represents a 13% increase over 2022 considering all the COVID related issues um, the revenue, once again, is welcome. Pringle said it appears that the Pharmacy underbudgeted the program revenues that \$874,275 in 2021 so the Pharmacy budgeted revenues, expected revenues to be \$874,275. Pringle said in 2019 they received \$1,173,212 and in 2020 they received \$1,230,790 in revenue both exceeded this number by 34% so it appears that the revenues were um, underbudgeted compared to the last two years of revenue that actually came in. Pringle said he audited Accounts Payable Records two from Phones & Beepers, two from Postage & Freight, three from Professional Fees, and three from Supplies and found no issues with any of the Accounts Payable Records. Pringle said um, he did discuss the extra charges with the Verizon Bill found in the 6003 Budget.....

*Councilor Wever said "oh" to Councilor Wittenberg in the background on the ZOOM recording while they were engaged in conversation during Brad Pringle's Presentation.*

Brad Pringle continued.....Beepers with the Accounts Payable Clerk she did review the concerns on the December 2020 pho....um, he is sorry she did review the concern and she told him that the December 2020 Phone Bill was mislabeled as of January 2021 so that is why there was an over-expense. Pringle said he dis....he discussed the above lack of budgeting services under the 5702 with the Tribal CFO and he agrees that the Pharmacy should be budgeting the service fees in the Annual Budget. Pringle said his recommendations were to review the audit with the Pharmacy Staff, the Executive and Tribal Council and his recom.....whomever pre....prepares the Pharmacy 1010 172 Budget should begin budgeting dollars into the 5702 Service Fees Budgetary Line Items.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for the presentation of the item. Wolfe asked okay, any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none one comment for herself. Wolfe said she wanted to note that is an attention Finding they can look at the billing from Verizon and catch that and not make that double payment to them and that wouldn't happen without these audits taking place she doesn't believe. Wolfe said um, any comments or discussions from Tribal Council.....any from membership. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-080;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA**

**INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE MANISTEE  
PHARMACY BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any additional comments or discussion on the item.  
Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #16**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said six for and two against motion is passed.

**C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit  
Report for the Tribal Ogema Budget**  
Accepting the Monthly Internal Audit Results.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by Pam Johnson with designee  
Brad Pringle. Wolfe said she will turn it over to Brad for presentation of the item.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said once again, Council and membership this is a resolution for acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for the Tribal Ogema's Budget. Pringle said um, the ah, Government Business & Accounting Act requires the ah, the Tribe ah, to....the Comptroller to perform internal audits. Pringle said the um, the Comptroller performed an internal audit on the 2021 Tribal Ogema's Department Budget. Pringle said the ah, the Controller did prepare and present this cover to the Tribal Council on the Ogema on April 5<sup>th</sup> of 2022 and they did work on it again at a work session on April 19<sup>th</sup> of 2022. Pringle said these are their notes from the Cover Letter dated April 5<sup>th</sup> and he will get into the Findings. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 as it relates to the Tribal Ogema Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he reviewed the Budget & Appropriations Regulations, Chapter 1, Purchasing and Procurement relating to the Tribal Ogema Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he reviewed the Accounting Policy & Procedures Manual, 5.71, for Small Procurement and Placement of Orders as it relates to the Tribal Ogema's Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the 2021 Tribal Ogema Department Budget and found no issues. Pringle said he audited the Tribal Ogema's Department Budget expenses on the documents below from the MP.....from the MIP Software. Pringle said he reviewed the December 2021 Monthly Report from the CFO pertaining to the Tribal Ogema's Department Budget he audited all budgetary line items compared the Budget and found five line items were overspent. Pringle said um, Workmen's Comp, Vehicles, Sponsorships and Donations, Books and Reference Materials and Phones & Beepers. Pringle said

from there he audited the overspend on the Workmen's Compensation Premiums and it appears that the Workmen's Comp was....was expensed reasonably but the cost simply exceeded the Budget by \$166. Pringle said he audited the overspend on Vehicles and there was \$2,000 that was budgeted and the spend was \$2,454. Pringle said after further review of historic spend on vehicles since 2018 there has been \$2,000 budgeted and it just seems that the increase in cost is the direct relation to why it was overspend. Pringle said as they know fuel has gone up on these Budgets get done a year a little, they know, they get done months in advance before the actual Budget is implemented and fuel cost were the reason why the ah, there was a \$454 overbudgeted in that particular line item. Pringle said he audited the 2020 Overspend in Sponsorships & Donations there was zero dollars budgeted and there was \$500 spent. Pringle said after a review of historic expenditures there is no history of spend on this particular line item through the years, all the way back for ten years. Pringle said this line item should have been budgeted under Tribal Charities & Donations which is 8600. Pringle said he audited the 2021 overspend in Books & Reference Materials and there was no money budgeted in that particular line item and there was \$42 spent. Pringle said after a historic review of their expenditures there has been no history of spend on that line and this line item should have been budgeted to Supplies which is 5602. Pringle said he audited the 2021 overspend in Phones & Beepers and it appears that the.....in 2019, 2020 and 2021 their expenses were \$2,931, \$5,101 and \$3,475 respectively and all three years it was budgeted at \$3,000. Pringle said so in fact in 2022 they are still budgeted at \$3,000. Pringle said so in general it looks like whoever is preparing the Budget just needs to spend a little more time on historic spend to actually get that dollar amount where it needs to be. Pringle said he audited and found no overbudgeted items. Pringle said he audited ten Accounts Payable Records from Professional Services ah, Dues & Subscriptions, Supplies and Meals & Entertainment and found no Accounts Payable issues. Pringle said recommendations was to review the audit with the Ogema's Staff, the Accounting Department and Tribal Council. Pringle said that is it. Pringle thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Brad Pringle for his presentation on the item. Wolfe asked any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Champagne.

*Councilor Champagne asked a question but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording and not heard at all.*

Brad Pringle said he can get her that information he doesn't have it with him right now but.....

*Councilor Champagne's microphone must not be working because none of her comments or questions were coming through on the ZOOM recording.*

Brad Pringle said that's correct.....that's correct it should have went to the Tribe's overall Charities & Donations, that's correct.

*Councilor Champagne thanked Brad Pringle but it still wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.*

Brad Pringle said yep.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal members. Wolfe said um, citizen Thull she sees her hand raised. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe. Thull thanked Brad very much and it was a great report and they appreciate his service. Thull asked will he be attaching those two to the resolutions, the documentation.

Brad Pringle said yeah, to the best of his knowledge the Cover Letters will be part of the resolution.

Susan Thull thanked Brad Pringle very much.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, her question is about Charitable Giving to Native American Organizations. Agosa said its actually two part but um, just for Brad she didn't catch it have any Charitable Donations been given to Native American Organizations.

Brad Pringle said as it pertains to this particular audit, no, if it pertains to the whole 8600 Charity Donations, yeah, absolutely there is.

Speaker Wolfe said she just wanted to make one correction to citizen Thull's comment the Internal Audits are not published with the resolution. Wolfe said Limited Scope Investigations were allocated that way so that is um, they will be posted with the resolution. Wolfe said she can do a Records Request with Tribal Council if it is a report she would like to have a copy of.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Wolfe.

Speaker Wolfe said moving on um, she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0427-081;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE TRIBAL  
OGEMA BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

**Roll Call #17**

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said five for and three against motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe said okay they are at the end of their meeting, Concluding Business, she wants to admit Steven and let him know they are running late and he can communicate to the Presenter. Wolfe said oh, so they are in there.

Councilor Guenthardt said she is and the other ones are online and waiting to get started.

Councilor Wever asked who me, really.

Speaker Wolfe said so she just admitted Steve and it is not Steve Wheeler that is just joining the Tribal Council Meeting. Wolfe asked user handler "Steve" can he please identify himself for the record. Wolfe said she doesn't know if he has voice capability um, so they will put him back in the Waiting Room and let him continue. Wolfe said Steve if he can hear Tribal Council if he can just let the 1:00 Appointment know they are running late um, at this time if they can just hold on and wait for them they will be there shortly. Wolfe thanked Steve.

"Steve" said got it.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Steve again.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

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

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't believe that the Ogema is present at the meeting any longer and he is not online either.

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Councilor have a Legislative Affair Update. Wolf said okay, so seeing none from others she will put herself in the queue. Wolfe said there is two updates um, Tribal Council has put out a Save the Date

flyer for this year's Annual Jingtamok they are planning the Pow Wow for July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> those dates are for 2022. Wolfe said those dates are what they have chosen. Wolfe said there is a small block of rooms at the Resort. Wolfe said she just wants to encourage everyone to call and make their reservations early if they are needing a room to attend this years Annual Pow Wow. Wolfe said they are in need of volunteers if they can contact Pam if they are interested in volunteering at that Pow Wow and then also um, they have Vendor Applications open and those are going and being sent in and handled by Councilor Di Piazza so contact him if they are interested in being a Vendor. Wolfe said also just the last, one comment, um, they did make the request for Tribal Government Staff to attend in person if they have an Agenda Item. Wolfe said they had several today but they have several that didn't so if they are available and they do have an Agenda Item they would like them to present to Tribal Council in person on the Wednesday Meetings. Wolfe said the Government Center is open and this Tribal Council Meeting is open for in-person attendance so they are making that request, again, um, that is all she has for Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said she does see one citizen with their hand raised. Wolfe said Susan Thull she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Madame Speaker. Thull said she just wanted to um, let everyone know that well....what....the Mt. Pleasant Indian School um, Honoring and Healing Ceremony is ah, scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> that's a Monday. Thull said they always request Jingle Dress ah, Dancers ah, to participate. Thull said it is a ceremony that is well worth going to and it's a wonderful healing time um, she really enjoys herself when she goes. Thull said it starts with a Sunrise um, Ceremony and it's scheduled for 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thull said they treat them very well there um, she would just encourage everyone to go and ah, their keynote Speaker is going to be ah, Deb Haadland so well worth going to. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments. Wolfe said she does.....they are on Legislative Affairs that would be more appropriate in Public Comment so she just wanted to note that for the record but they do appreciate her comments, Miss Thull um, next in the queue they see Councilor Di Piazza. Wolfe said go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can't stress any more there needs to be volunteers to help with this Pow Wow whether it is Legislative or employees whoever that may be. Di Piazza said he is getting too old to do this stuff and he needs to train somebody so.....because he might win the lottery tomorrow they never know.

Councilor Wever said right.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....that is gambling but people need to volunteer so he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he is good....that is all he has got.

Speaker Wolfe asked any other Councilors wish to have a Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said seeing one..... Wolfe asked Sara Agosa if she is for Public Comment or does she have a question under Legislative Affairs Update.

Sara Agosa said she actually has both, yes. Agosa said she does have a question about the Pow Wow. Agosa asked what kind of volunteers are needed and she just didn't catch....is there like a list of volunteer jobs that are posted or will be posted so people can choose what type of volunteer work they can do.

Speaker Wolfe said so Pam is coordinating the volunteers she mentioned that in her announcement so if she can just reach out contact her by phone or email. Wolfe asked Pam does she wants to give those.....her phone line out or her email .....it's on the website.

Acting Recorder Johnson said reach out to either one of those. Johnson said everything is open so they had different ones reach out and ask but they haven't definitely said yes or no they can help they just reached out and showing an interest um, but everything right now is currently open.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, so seeing nothing....anyone else in the queue for Legislative Affair Updates. Wolfe said seeing none that moves them to VI D. Public Comment Period.

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

Speaker Wolfe said first in the queue they have citizen Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is about the Charitable Donations Fund and she believed Brad said that Charitable Donations had been made to Native American Organizations so her question is which organizations have received a donation um, does the Tribe keep a list of organizations for the public's information. Agosa said also does the Tribe post that this Charitable Fund is available to the public. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

Speaker Wolfe said so currently right now with Charitable Donations there is not a public list that she is aware of she knows it is announced and people have made requests for donations through the Tribe. Wolfe said she doesn't know the formation of how it gets out in previous years but it is the intent of this Tribal Council once they get their newspaper and Rapid River News to make announcements in those but it is available as far as what she is commenting about what donations have been made in the past she believed that they could get the information that would be through a Records Request also. Wolfe said she thinks that is best answer that she has for right now at this point. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Crampton. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Shannon Crampton thanked Madame Speaker. Crampton, Tribal #1747, said um, he just wanted to reiterate to Council today ah, he thinks what he witnessed today as a citizen they need to develop um, a stringent code of conduct or an Ethics Ordinance again. Crampton said not when it is weaponized like the one that has been in the past or just go to a template like GTB or LTBB they are all very similar or a corporate one but he.....in all the years that he has been on Council and a member he doesn't think he ever heard Council member attack a member for exercising their Constitutional right. Crampton said that is almost an oxymoron well it is an oxymoron.....he is sorry it is. Crampton said it is definitely an oxymoron.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he has to interject.....

Speaker Wolfe said no....no comment he has got the floor. Wolfe said he can get in the queue to have the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he needs to interject....he needs to interject.....

*Shannon Crampton started out making a comment but it was muffled and the ZOOM recording didn't pick it up clearly what he said.....*

Shannon Crampton said what oxymoron means is it is counterintuitive it's not.....it's not a bad word Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said he knows this.

Shannon Crampton said so it's okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said it's the wrong attitude.

Shannon Crampton said listen please.....

Speaker Wolfe said for the queue.

Shannon Crampton continued....if he can finish.

*Councilor Di Piazza made a small comment but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Shannon Crampton asked is he finished.

Speaker Wolfe said he has the floor, citizen Crampton.....continue.

Shannon Crampton said this is what he is talking about.....this is what he is talking about right there.

*Councilor Wittenberg left the Lodge Room at 1:10 p.m.*

Shannon Crampton continued. Crampton said membership gets one day of the week. Crampton said they should feel like they can come here....come here and being able to talk to their Elected Representatives without fear of reprisal because somebody wants more money or they want this members might not want that. Crampton said they shouldn't have to fear that....they shouldn't be attacked. Crampton said they should be able to come to these meetings and the Council should enforce it on everyone. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he wanted to be in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he is good because.....*continued to make comments in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sandy Mezeske. Wolfe said citizen Mezeske she has the floor.

Sandy Mezeske thanked Madame Speaker. Mezeske, Tribal #0018, said um, she would ask Mr. Crampton to go back to 2019 and listen to all the Tribal Council recordings to where he.....

Speaker Wolfe said excuse her.....

Sandy Mezeske continued.....where he makes all of his comments nobody stopped him um, only when they chose to and yes, Mr. Crampton he has done a great service to the Tribe because he is not sitting there right now he was not re-elected so good campaign speech, they know, ah, finder.....*the rest of her comment was cut off.*

Speaker Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen.....

Sandy Mezeske came back on.....stop depending on the Tribe.

*There was some background noise on the ZOOM recording but no one was heard speaking.*

Speaker Wolfe said citizen Cheney she has the floor.

*Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the Lodge Room at 1:12 p.m.*

Staci Cheney thanked her. Cheney said she was just going to say that um, she hasn't said really anything today she really appreciates the meeting but she is shook. Cheney said what Shirley Wever did and um, it is really unappreciated so Shannon Crampton is sticking up for them she does appreciate and she hopes that Shirley wouldn't do that again.

Speaker Wolfe said using names and going through Public Comment.

Staci Cheney said well that is what he is talking about.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Agosa.

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 1:12 p.m.*

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to say that she would like to thank the words of Shannon Crampton because she also feels very....*sighed heavily*....displaced or shocked by what continues to happen in these meetings. Agosa said definitely Councilor Wever's statement was really out of line and she certainly would like more information so she would just like to share her opinion with Council that she absolutely agree with what Shannon Crampton just said and she is very thankful that he does.....

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 1:13 p.m.*

Sara Agosa continued.....defend Tribal members and their Constitutional rights. Agosa said also their perspective as outlying members. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue they will end public comment.

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

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

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

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any discussion from Tribal Council and/or members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #18**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson asked is that a yes, no answer.

Councilor Lewis said that was a yes she did not hear her.

Acting Recorder Johnson said no, she did not.

Councilor Lewis said she did say yes, ma'am.

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven for and one against they are adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

*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.*

#### **VIII. Open Session**

*Tribal Councilors were involved in discussion before they started the Second Open Session.*

Speaker Wolfe said she would like to call this meeting to order.

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven for and one against. Johnson said 3:29.

Speaker Wolfe said it wouldn't be against because he is here.

Acting Recorder Johnson said yeah, right.

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

Speaker Wolfe said so the only item under Second Open is items moved from Closed to Open Session. Wolfe said there were no items to move. Wolfe asked any comments or discussions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none that moves them onto Section IX.

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

#### **IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Wolfe said she would entertain a motion to adjourn Second Open.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN;** by Champagne; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe asked any comments. Wolfe asked Pam to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #19**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven for and one no.

Speaker Wolfe said they are adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Acting Council Recorder