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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 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 6, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

*Someone could be heard in the background talking but their voice didn't come through clear enough to hear what they were saying on the ZOOM recording. There was also a lot of background disturbance or loud noise.*

*Councilor Champagne could be heard saying, "Quiet \_\_\_\_." Champagne was also coughing at this time. During the meeting Councilor Champagne did not have her phone on mute and background noise can be heard throughout the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Lewis said she is sorry but they can barely hear her.....Council.

Councilor Champagne said she is sorry she didn't hear what was said.

Councilor Lewis said she doesn't know she can barely hear them.

Councilor Champagne said she can hear her but she can't hear anyone else. *A dog can be heard whimpering in the background loudly on the ZOOM recording on Champagne's connection.*

Councilor Lewis said okay, she can hear them better.

*Councilor Di Piazza was saying something in the background on the ZOOM recording but it cannot be made out what he was saying.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay so they are at the point of checking Participants online again, when she does call for Participants online with their user handler please identify themselves with their name and Tribal I.D. number and/or if they are Tribal Staff. Wolfe said first user handler Vicki.

Ron Pete said #4158 Tribal citizen.

Speaker Wolfe said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839 Staff of Natural Resources.

Speaker Wolfe said G. Hendler.

*Councilors Wever and Wittenberg were involved in conversation in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Wever said she hopes.

Robert Mc Caslin asked is this for him. Mc Caslin stated his name and #0748 Tribal member.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said Tribal I.D. #1735.

Speaker Wolfe said Larry Olson.

Larry Olson said #1532.

Speaker Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Sandra Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said here.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said sorry about that she stepped away. Agosa stated her name and #4478.

Speaker Wolfe said Scott Wahr.

Scott Wahr said #4689.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

Venus Wilson-Torres said Boozhoo, staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said phone 231 215-2739. Wolfe said they are looking for identification for phone number 231 215-2739. Wolfe said phone number 231 215-2739 they're still muted. Wolfe said they need their identification to participate in the meeting. Wolfe said last call for user online 231 215-2739. Wolfe said getting no response from the phone number Pam please put them in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said then they have use handler Val M.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, looking at all the Participants that are in the meeting online are eligible and can participate in the meeting today. Wolfe said in the room they do have Officer Gilles, Comptroller Brad Pringle, two Biskaabiiyang Committee Members Chelsea Densmore and Nikki Nelson, and Ms. Harriette Grantsyn. Wolfe said moving on from that.

## **I. Opening Prayer**

Speaker Wolfe said Gary, if he could please give prayer this morning.

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

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

Let us make the best decisions for our citizens.

Let them all be safe on their travels as they are venturing out in the world as it is opening up.

Take your precautions.

If you feel unsafe going someplace, don't.

Keep the front line employees, no matter where they're at, in their thoughts and prayers because they are the real heroes in this to make sure the world is coming back alive and functioning and serving us wherever we may go to nourish our bodies.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Councilor Wever said Amen.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him.

## **II. General Business**

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

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

Speaker Wolfe said Pam please do a roll call.

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight is present they have a quorum.

### C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask if any Tribal Council wish to abstain. Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to approve the agenda. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the....sorry....make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: UNDER CONTINUING BUSINESS C, AN ADD, APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF FY2022, ITEM V B IS REVISED DOLLAR AMOUNT INCORRECT, V C IS POSTPONED PENDING AN INTERVIEW; by Di Piazza; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any questions on the item. Wolfe said Pam please do a roll call.

### Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Councilor Champagne asked did they hear her she said yes.

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor it's passed.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they do have one guest in the Waiting Room she will admit him and let him identify himself for the record. Wolfe said Antonio's iPhone can he please identify himself for the record. Wolfe said wait just a few seconds it looks like it is connecting. Wolfe said Antonio's iPhone please identify himself for the record.

Antonio Romanelli said #3954.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, if they can have Susan Thull identify for the record.

Susan Thull said #3727, good morning.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes      □ 1/26/22**

Speaker Wolfe said she entertains a motion to approve those minutes. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR  
1/26/22; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Council wish to abstain. Wolfe said seeing none any comments or discussion on the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. Wolf 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.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Ratification of Cultural Committee 2022 Weebly Website  
Contract**

Finalize 2022 Annual Contract Expense of \$144.00.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being sponsored by Tribal Council with Councilor Johnson as the sponsor. Wolfe said they will ask for any abstentions at this time. Wolfe said okay, she will defer to Pam to give them an overview of the item.

Acting Recorder Johnson said go ahead Brad.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said ah, good morning Tribal Council. Pringle said this resolution is for the ratification of the Cultural Committee's Weebly Website Contract. Pringle said um, it's \$144 Annual Renewing Contract ah, for the Cultural Committee that provides their website services. Pringle said ah, Unified Legal has versed....reviewed the contract and issued a Legal Review which is in their packet. Pringle said um, this

was work shopped on March 29<sup>th</sup> for the public and for themselves to ask any questions. Pringle said um, if there is nothing else he will happy to answer any of their questions.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, it is open for discussion with Tribal Council, thanks for his presentation, any comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said just to note for the record Brad this is a budgeted item.

Brad Pringle answered absolutely, it's in the Budget.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by Tribal Council or citizens. Wolfe said Ron Pete he has he floor she can see his hand in the queue.

Ron Pete said he just unmuted. Pete thanked her. Pete said he just wanted to say that he strongly supports this contract for the Cultural Committee and um, he is just going to leave it at that. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe asked any discussion by Tribal Council or citizens. Wolfe said seeing none she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0406-056;  
RATIFICATION OF CULTURAL COMMITTEE WEEBLY  
WEBSITE CONTRACT; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional discussions on the item. Wolfe said seeing or hearing 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 eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe said she just wanted to say “thank you” to the Biskaabiiyang for all their hard work and efforts that they are doing. Wolfe said they do have some openings on their committee so if their interested in that please reach out to Tribal Council or committee itself and figure out.....find

out the ways to submit their applications. Wolfe said that moves them onto Concluding Business B.

**B. Budget Modifications**

Speaker Wolfe noted that they do not have any.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Appropriation of Funds for Expenditures during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY2022**

Quarterly Appropriations of Funds in Accordance with Section 5.07 of Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013.

Speaker Wolfe said they will open it up for an overview of the item being brought forward by Tribal Council with Pam Johnson as designee.

Acting Recorder Johnson said go ahead Brad.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said once again good morning Tribal Council. Pringle said this resolution is for the appropriation of funds for the expenditures in the Second Quarter of 2022. Pringle said as the Speaker noted this is per the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 um, normally this would be March....by a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline but since the Budgets were just passed last week they are putting this on as soon as they can. Pringle said the budgetary dollars for this quarter is going to be April through June....through June. Pringle said the total dollar amount for this appropriation is \$6,826,960 that's ah, \$3,413.480 for Gaming Distribution and Per Cap that's what 50/50. Pringle said this appropriation amount has been reviewed and received by the Tribal CFO.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his presentation. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for questions and/or discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said first in the queue she has Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is if the Budgets were passed last week by court order why members haven't been given the right to review the Budgets that were passed and make comments. Agosa asked are those available um, and also too will Council hold a meeting for public comment. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said so as of this point right now the Budget hasn't been adopted by Tribal Council they haven't received the fine version from the Ogema as she does know he has seven days to veto the Budget so they are still in that process of it. Wolfe said once it is signed by the Ogema it will be uploaded to the Tribal

website where the resolutions are normally uploaded. Wolfe said at this point there is nothing scheduled for public comment she doesn't know what public comment would be needed for. Wolfe said she still has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said so her question is since this court order has come down is that the Ogema is reviewing the Budget and there is no opportunity for Budget Negotiations so the process has been affectively um, short circuited and blocked because she thought Tribal Council had the opportunity to amend a veto so she just wanted to make sure she is clear since the court has intervened in this that she understands how this works. Agosa said she still thinks they are entitled to review this Budget and provide public comment even with a court order and she would just like to make her opinion known to Council. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said seeing the next in the queue Israel Stone he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked Miss Speaker. Stone said ah, he just wants to clarify for the record because of that last statement the court didn't order a Budget. Stone said Council correct him if he is wrong the court order was in regard to the process was and how that process occurs. Stone said did Council not adopt a Budget last week. Stone asked anyone.

Acting Recorder Johnson said yes.

Israel Stone re-asked again that they did adopt a Budget last week. Stone said he wants to make it really clear that the court didn't order a Budget and this is part of the problem they have currently within the Tribe is statements like that are made and they go unchecked and there is a perception out there. Stone said that's not blaming Sara at all because he thinks part of her confusion comes from the lack of clarity from this body. Stone said the issue truly is the court ordered what the process was. Stone said the Council adopted the Budget if the Council chose to ah, put that Budget out for public comment for the government side that is on Council ah, to do that or not to do that. Stone said so he just wanted to clarify that point. Stone thanked them for their time.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said any other discussion on the appropriation.

Ogema Romanelli said Madame Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said ah, the question is they are appropriating for the Second Quarter he believed they are also supposed to be appropriating for the First Quarter even though they had a continuing resolution. Romanelli said he thinks the appropriations have to be made because those things that are affected when



they do continuing resolutions still aren't counted. Romanelli asked is that correct.

Brad Pringle said he did discuss it with the CFO and he didn't believe they needed an appropriation for the First Quarter.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, it is open discussion on the agenda item appropriation of funds for expenditures for the Second Quarter of FY2022. Wolfe said she Sara Agosa she still has her hand raised. Wolfe asked her if she had another comment.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, she actually didn't receive a response from Council and with all due respect Israel she honestly would like an opinion from Council or Unified Legal Department she feels she is entitled to that um, they are her Elected Officials so. Agosa said she doesn't even know what Israel said but why have they not been given any opportunity for public comment regardless if these Budgets have been passed. Agosa said they deserve that right and they also deserve to give feedback on the Budgets and she doesn't recall any meeting that allowed them to do this whether it went to court or not. Agosa said so at this point it would be really helpful they do employ someone in Unified Legal if Council does not have an answer um, that Unified Legal weighs in on this. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe said her only response from Tribal Council the adoption of the Budget that happened last Friday was an Open public meeting so comments would have been taken at that time other than that this is the actual Budget that the Ogema presented in August so that also gave time for public comment. Wolfe said um, so now it's adopted and it stands. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza does he have a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said there is also a public hearing on the Budget process also which happened.....

*Ogema Romanelli can be heard in the background saying, "August."*

Councilor Di Piazza continued....August yes, he knew that. Di Piazza thanked him and that happens every year. Di Piazza said members are welcome to come and view the Budget so. Di Piazza said he is done. Di Piazza thanked them. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they will take a pause and enter one Tribal member that is waiting in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said Laura Echelbarger please identify herself for the record. Wolfe said user handler Laura Echelbarger please identify herself for the record.

Laura Echelbarger thanked her. Echelbarger said sorry about that...for the late join, #2276.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she still has her hand raised did she have an additional comment.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to say that this whole process has been so confusing and even if there was an Emergency Open Meeting last week that because it was an Emergency Meeting she wasn't even aware of it. Agosa said she would have appreciated more notice so that she could have came and been fully informed of the Budget as well as provided public comment. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said she is done.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue she would entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said that being said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0406-057;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE  
SECOND QUARTER OF FY2022;** by Di Piazza; supported by  
Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion between Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none or hearing none 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- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

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

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ February 2022**

Speaker Wolfe asked are there any abstentions on this item. Wolfe said she will open it up for questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for questions by Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO  
RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022;** by  
Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Wolfe said open for any additional comments or questions. Wolfe said seeing or hearing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
Vacant	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	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.

**B. Financial Report**

**1. ☐ January 2022**

Speaker Wolfe asked they need a motion on each one, correct.

Councilor Di Piazza replied yes.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, so looking at the Financial Report for just February 2022. Wolfe explained that they did receive this from the Ogema's Office and had a work session on that item.

*Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 10:29 a.m.*

Speaker Wolfe said um, she will offer any abstentions by Tribal Council on this. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it for discussion or questions from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
JANUARY 2022;** by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

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

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

*Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:30 a.m. Di Piazza made comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not picked up clearly.*

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said they have two persons in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said they will admit them and see if they can identify themselves for the record. Wolfe said she thinks she can put both of them in Pam she doesn't know why it's joined twice.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she doesn't know which number is actually the good one.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah, if they put them both in and they respond they can stay in but if they don't they can take them out.

Acting Recorder Johnson said okay.

Speaker Wolfe said so they do have.....what was the name on that. Wolfe said user handler.....it was Cynthea.....

Acting Recorder Johnson said down at the bottom.

Speaker Wolfe said Cynthea Shantz can she please identify herself for the record.

*There were sounds in the background on the ZOOM recording that was coming from 414 248-6074 telephone number connection.*

Speaker Wolfe said they are asking for user handler Cynthea Shantz to please identify herself for the record.

*Councilor Wever can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "Is she new?" and "Just eaves drop."*

Speaker Wolfe said user handler Cynthea Shantz she needs to identify herself for the record please. Wolfe said seeing no response Pam please put them back in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said then they have user handler 231 215-2739 please identify themselves for the record.

Karen Love said #2494.

Speaker Wolfe said they do have her showing up on two items, her phone number is listed twice.

Karen Love said yeah, she called back again because she was on mute for the first one.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said they are going to put the first one that is not speaking in the Waiting Room.

Karen Love said all right. Love thanked them. Love asked they will keep her on this one then.

Speaker Wolfe said yeah, she is still in the meeting. Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said it looks like.....

Karen Love thanked them again.

Speaker Wolfe continued....Cynthea has unmuted. Wolfe said Cynthea Shantz please identify herself for the record.

Cynthea Shantz said #3256.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked so has she taken out that second phone number or it won't let her.

*Acting Recorder Johnson replied but it wasn't picked up clearly in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza was saying she has three mouses now so he doesn't.....

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she thinks they are all set on that item. Wolfe said where they are at on the agenda is IV Old Business B, is Financial Report number two. Wolfe said they are looking at the Financial Report for February 2022. Wolfe said um, this was again received by Tribal Council from the Tribal Ogema and presented by the CFO in a work session. Wolfe said they will ask for any abstentions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, it is open for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for discussion for Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no comments she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

## **2. ☐ February 2022**

### **MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion from Tribal members and Tribal Council. 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 -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor it passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

**V. New Business**

- A. Approving Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulation of the 1836 Ceded Territory as amended by NRC 2022 0314-001 Commission for a 30-Day Comment**  
Update of the Regulations.

Speaker Wolfe explained this is just the posting of the regulations for their input and public comment being brought forward by Tribal Council with Councilor Di Piazza as designee. Wolfe said she will introduce it to him for an overview of the item.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Di Piazza said um, the NR....the commission has voted to bring these forward for a 30-Day Comment on the Hunting Regs. Di Piazza said he can go over some of the redline there is not a whole lot some were just clerical. Di Piazza said um, like on page three....310 there was an old resolution dating back to 2000 that needs to be.....

*Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 10:35 a.m.*

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....needs not be regulation. Di Piazza said so page four three one um, says immediate family member means a spouse, parent, child, grandchild, of an enrolled Tribal member. Di Piazza said then it's some stricken on that then there is also that resolution that was dating back to 2000. Di Piazza said page five there is some rearranging of ah, some of the regulations. Di Piazza said um, also 3.35 is...is definition for linear descents means linear ah, excuse him, 335 linear descent means a blood relative who is in the direct line of a descendent of a Tribal member. Di Piazza said also page six would be 344 added, no lead...no lead ammunition means ammunition containing pellets composed of materials approved as non-toxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 345 um, at the very end of that where it says proposed....*cleared his throat*....for this section will be in bold because that refers to that A, B, and C in that section. Di Piazza said um, page seven there was some clerical er, ah, numbering issues and also page eight more numbering issues and some have been greenlined out that means they have been changed or moved in the regulation to coincide better. Di

Piazza said also three.....page nine, 370, um, some ways some how when these go through the word process with Microsoft sometimes it likes to change words so... and that does happen. Di Piazza said it said emailed member and it will be changed to enrolled member in them two prefixes. Di Piazza said then four is water or water mains, inland lakes and streams. Di Piazza said um, 402 the Justice Center is just had the name changed so it doesn't read Newland Academy anymore. Di Piazza said um, and 402B which is page 10 on the Bull Property um, there is another oops, Microsoft that was corrected because it says corner now. Di Piazza said then straight walled cartilages were added. Di Piazza said um, then there is not a whole lot of changes but also under Section....uh-oh, his apologies...

*Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:38 a.m.*

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....404 looks like G, under Camping it says Tribal members "shall" instead of "must" and also Article V, 502 Trespass Permits immediate family means or linear decent or....*there was a disturbance here on the ZOOM recording deleting part of his comment*....of Tribal members shall receive a Special Trespass Permit on submission to the department, the application shall at a minimum identify the enrolled Tribal member to whom the applicant is related, identify the nature of the relationship. Di Piazza said then.....bear with him.....there is a lot of pages to this. Di Piazza said Article VI under ah, 6.2 um, handgun has been added under Firearm Limitations because that was not in the regulations so members could not utilize the ah, handgun on their properties. Di Piazza said they could on the State but not on theirs so that's been rectified. Di Piazza said also in ah, B, it just identifies for turkey no er, of non-lead ammunition for the turkeys. Di Piazza said and then page 19, 609 under Racoons of Exception um, they just clarified that a little better because a lot of people hunt racoons with 22 Rifles or 22 caliber. Di Piazza said then 610 has been added. Di Piazza said no lead....no lead ammunition in an effort to protect the Eco System they recommend to be used in the hunting of small game um, they used.....the turkey was in there but that is already identified under Turkeys and Migratory Birds which are duck, geese and such. Di Piazza said they are just recommending everybody start switching to non-lead ah, shot for small game because the eagles do have a tendency to eat that game that could be wounded with the lead. Di Piazza said um, did he miss anything.....he thinks he missed one didn't he.

*Acting Recorder Johnson made a comment to Councilor Di Piazza but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, yeah, it was under racoons.....

Speaker Wolfe said 1402 Nuisance Harvest.

Acting Recorder Johnson agreed 14....

Councilor Di Piazza asked Nuisance Harvest 1402. Di Piazza said oh, okay. Di Piazza said they haven't made it that far. Di Piazza said 1401 the State....the State has allowed....*cleared his throat*....10....10 Antlerless Deer for the State Hunters so they put that in the regulations because if the State is going to allow State Hunters to take 10 does and then they can still take some bucks in there too. Di Piazza said it has been clarified but if the State can take 10 Tribal members should be able to exercise that and take 10 doe also. Di Piazza said um, under Bobcat it has been increased to three from two because the State has increased the Bobcat Harvest. Di Piazza said 40....under 1402 has been stricken out any take under this provision must be reported to the Department of Public Safety within 24 hours has been stricken out. Di Piazza said um, uh, there it is he knew that was in there. Di Piazza said 1403A under ah, Nighttime Hunting, thermo-imaging devices has been added. Di Piazza said then like 1504 there is another Microsoft yippie and it just says turn they had an "m" in there for some reason sometimes these things slip by and that happens. Di Piazza said um, 1804....*cleared his throat again*....added in that is Reporting Findings and that's....*cleared his throat more*....been added may either keep the carcass or any part of it for spiritual purposes um, that has been added to that section. Di Piazza said then...bear with him....and he believed there was....see now it's not on this one. Di Piazza said 35 or 34 was in the middle of the page for some reason that will be stricken out. Di Piazza said that was 35 for two separate....yeah, that is on her page.....36, he doesn't know how that happened. Di Piazza said it happens. Di Piazza said he believed that is.....there is one more. Di Piazza said oh, on the very last page is just had an extra number added for repeat offenders. Di Piazza said um, and that is it and this is just up for a 30-Day Comment. Di Piazza said now there was a lot of input from the department, the Natural Resource Department, also the CO's um, because they are the ones who actually work and implement these changes and also implement them changes out in the field. Di Piazza said so that is where he is at with it.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his overview of the item. Wolfe asked does any Councilors wish to abstain on the item. Wolfe repeated does any Tribal Council members wish to abstain on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussions with Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any comments or questions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said again, it is just being posted for the 30-day Public Comment and input. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for questions or comments by Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none in the queue she would entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza....*cleared his throat*....said excuse him. Di Piazza said that was all out of wind coming out there but anyways. Di Piazza said....*laughing*... he will make the motion.

**MOTION APPROVING HUNTING, TRAPPING AND  
GATHERING REGULATIONS OF THE 1836 CEDED  
TERRITORY AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NRC 2022-0314-**



**001 COMMISSION FOR A 30-DAY COMMENT;** by Di Piazza;  
supported by Johnson.

Speaker Wolfe said again they will open it up for questions and discussions from Tribal Council or Tribal members. 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 -	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

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

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said she does see some guests in the Waiting Room. Wolfe said they will admit those and have them identify for the record. Wolfe said so can they have user handler Al Metzger identify for the record please.

Al Metzger said #0890.

Speaker Wolfe said they are looking for phone number 231 329-1568 please identify for the record.

Shawwna Gonzalez said #4700.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said that brings them onto.

**B. Approval of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court Opinion to pay Craig W. Elhart, P.C.**

Tribal Purchasing Regulations requires all \$25,000.01 and up invoices must be authorized by Tribal Council Resolution. The approval to pay Craig W. Elhart, Attorney is ~~\$30,503.65~~ \$30,592.63.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by Tribal Council with Pam Johnson as sponsor of the item. Wolfe said she will open it up to her for overview.

Acting Recorder Johnson said go ahead she will pass it to Brad.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said absolutely, once again good morning Council. Pringle said this resolution is to approve the Tribal Court Opinion to pay Craig Elhart, P.C. Pringle said um, once again the funds are under their Budget, under 5205, Professional Fess and Legal Services. Pringle said um, the CFO had asked for them to expedite this and get it

into the 2021 Payments since it was expensed in 2021. Pringle said um, the opinion was issued from Tribal Court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November so it is pretty important that they expedite this as soon as possible. Pringle said um, there was a work session held on March 29<sup>th</sup> to review this with Council and anybody in the public. Pringle said once again the total dollar amount was \$30,592.65 to Craig Elhart.

*Brad Pringle cleared his throat while standing at the podium so it sounded louder than usual.*

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussions with Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for comments or questions by Tribal members.

*Councilor Di Piazza can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, ".....making it worse."*

*Acting Recorder Johnson said "um-hum," in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said this was part of her public comment but she did notice on the Work Session Calendar that there was several work sessions in red which she believed that means there were private or confidential. Agosa said one of them was for the Court Opinion to pay Craig W. Elhart so she is really surprised that is news to her that there was any Open Work Session on this. Agosa asked why was this most recent Work Session in Closed. Agosa said her questions is what case number is this. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe asked response from Tribal Council.

*Councilor Di Piazza made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording that couldn't be heard clearly.*

Speaker Wolfe said so she can give her the case number. Wolfe said it is going to be #16206JC. Wolfe asked Councilor Johnson if she had a response.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she was going to say the same thing she did.

*Councilor Guenthardt blew his nose in the background on the ZOOM recording and it also sounded louder than usual because he was close to the microphone.*

Speaker Wolfe said to Sara Agosa that she still has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said since the work session was private um, she would like to know why Council or who on Council supports the payment of this bill. Agosa thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said Madame Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said there is a Court Order to pay it. Di Piazza said he doesn't know um, he doesn't know. Di Piazza said it is a Court Order that they shall pay so. Di Piazza said that is all he has.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, that moves them onto next in the queue they Coun..... Ron Pete he has the floor.

Ron Pete thanked Madame Speaker. Pete said um, he fully supports the payment of this he believed that when a Tribal Council has to take.....when a Council member has to do something and take Tribal Council to court and, and, and both cases in court that Tribal member and his attorneys and the Ogema's attorneys won this case. Pete said then it was appealed and they won it again. Pete said so why should this come out of a Tribal....a private Tribal Councilors own pocket. Pete said he believed it should be paid and he fully supports the payment of this bill. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, just to make a comment back on that. Wolfe said this is not for Tribal Council's lawsuit this is for a payment for a Tribal citizen that sued Tribal Council. Wolfe said just for clarification in regard to Mr. Pete's comments. Wolfe asked any additional comments or concerns by Tribal Council. Wolfe said she still sees his hand up Ron did he have another statement.

Ron Pete said yes, he did. Pete thanked her so much again, Madame Speaker. Pete said he just, they know.....er, ah, what.....the court processed this thing along and after years of this, in fact he had to testify in this thing, so he does believe that they should.....whether he has been corrected or not he believe that the Tribal Council should pay this bill. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, still open for discussion between Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any additional comments. Wolfe said seeing none.... Sara Agosa she has her hand up. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just has a question on Constitutionality because she thought that in the Constitution um, that Tribal Council had....had the choice whether or not to pay legal fees by resolution. Agosa said so she just needs clarification on that because Gary is saying that it is mandated by Court Order but that's not what she understands from the Constitution. Agosa said she thought.....

and that is why she thought work sessions were held so that it could be discussed. Agosa said she just means a really big concern that the authority of Tribal Council Constitutionally is the Branch with fiscal oversight. Agosa said it is constantly being forced um, to make...to make these types of moves or actions and that they really don't have any say. Agosa said she means that is really just concerning to her as a voting member. Agosa said as a member who elected her Tribal Council to be the voice um, the voice of her and the people so she just wants a clarification on how that works. Agosa said she doesn't really know why Tribal Council hold work sessions if at the end it doesn't matter because the Court Order has stated it has to be paid. Agosa said so she just needs clarification on that. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza he can respond.

Councilor Di Piazza said can she give them the prefix and page number where that is in the Constitution that she is referring to. Di Piazza said it would be very helpful just saying it's in there doesn't make it so but if she can give them that information he would be grateful.

Sara Agosa replied well, off the top of her head honestly she doesn't know what section possibly an Article XI, Injunctive and Declaratory Relief but as a Tribal Councilor she thinks that he would be able to reference this information and be able to clarify this procedure as a Tribal Councilor. Agosa said um, sometimes she doesn't always.....there's gaps in her information as well she is not a Tribal Councilor she is simply a member of the public who comes and sometimes her knowledge is somewhat limited so she means she hopes they can work together um, to clarify these issues but off the top of her head she does not remember where she read it and again, that's why it would be so nice if Unified Legal Department did weigh in on these issues as a Legal Representative because she is also not an attorney. Agosa said um, so if they could start getting feedback from all of the other people employed with the Tribe who have a specialty area in this field she would really appreciate it. Agosa thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said all he can ask is that she refer to the prefix and Article number so he can double check her ah, theory on it. Di Piazza said that is all he is asking because he hears a lot people say this is how it reads but then they could be in there all day and never find what they said so if she doesn't have the prefix and where exactly that is at he cannot help her today nor will he. Di Piazza said he's done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in queue..... Wolfe asked Israel Stone if his hand was raised. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked Miss Speaker. Stone said ah, he just wants to for clarification purposes say a couple of things. Stone said first being that ah, very few of the Council members that are seated here today were on Council when this all began.

Stone said um, and he does want to make that publicly known that the initial actions that give rise to this case weren't necessarily caused by the body of people sitting here. Stone said that being said ah, the body that is currently sitting here many of them ah, did vote to appeal that decision. Stone said um, the.....under the court rules, court fees, fines and attorneys fees or something that be awarded by the courts. Stone said um, it is also in their purview to allow that to happen. Stone said his concern here is that ah, no citizen as he said before bear the burden of raising a Constitutional question before the courts. Stone said ah, in this case um, it is court ordered ah, he believe there is also a ah, pending ah, Show Cause Hearing um, he thinks scheduled for Friday ah, for contempt of that, that order. Stone said and so um, that all being said ah, he thinks that it is important that when they are making ah, ascertains about what the Constitution does and does not say um, he considers himself to be very well versed in that Constitution and he can tell them he doesn't recall seeing anywhere in there anything to do with ah, what was previously mentioned um, and so, yeah, that is what he has to say on that. Stone thanked them for their time.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, then she sees Sara Agosa she has raised her hand she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said so she would like a response that they have ULD and this is the third time that she has asked why isn't ULD providing clarification on this issue. Agosa said simply her question stems from if this payment is Court Ordered why is Tribal Council holding work sessions it seems as though then Tribal Council has some freedom to either approve this bill or not. Agosa said so she just wants to leave it there that why isn't the ULD assisting in providing information during these meetings. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said just for comment and clarification today the ULD is not in attendance in this meeting. Wolfe said they are out of the office on training so that is why she is not getting a response. Wolfe said usually in other Tribal Council Meetings she is available when Tribal Council asks for assistance or legal advice she is there to provide it she is not in attendance in this meeting today. Wolfe said okay, seeing no one else in the queue she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Wittenberg said if there are no other questions he would like to make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0406-058;  
APPROVAL OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS TRIBAL COURT OPINION TO PAY CRAIG W.  
ELHART, P.C.; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Wolfe asked just for clarification what was his resolution number.

Councilor Wittenberg repeated the resolution number he has is 22-0406-058.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said again it is open for discussion with Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-0)

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

**C. Approve Re-appointment of Shawna Gonzalez to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Re-appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2025. The Interview was held on April 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe noted this item has been postponed.

**D. Approve Appointment of Alicia Knapp to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Appointment is for Seat #4 with a term ending 9/20/2025. The Interview was held on April 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema. Wolfe said she will let him introduce the item.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said yes, they have Alicia she is in the room today and he totally supports the appointment to the Binojeeuk Commission. Romanelli said they had a chance to interview her today so with that he will turn it over to Council. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for that overview. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said like it was stated in the open.....um, introduction of the item Alicia did participate in an interview with Tribal Council yesterday. Wolfe said she will open up the floor to Alicia to give a little introduction of herself and explain to Tribal Council and Tribal members why she wishes to be on the Binojeeuk Commission. Wolfe said to Alicia Knapp that she has the floor.

Alicia Knapp, Human Resource Generalist, represented this agenda item. Knapp, Tribal member #0677, said she is currently working in the HR Department at Tribe. Knapp said she has six children and she has 19 grandchildren. Knapp said she has been involved with children for all her life. Knapp said um, she has gone

to school for teaching unfortunately that didn't work out due to sickness in her family. Knapp said so she went online and got her degree in Community Development. Knapp said she just feels that she had a.....a \_\_\_\_ that she can look back on and she just wanted to help children get their chance to be happy, healthy, grow and have their culture involved so they can learn about it and teach others.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said um, it is going to be open for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza cleared his throat. Di Piazza said excuse him. Di Piazza asked if she would have a problem at all representing, if need be, in the courtroom on a child's behalf.

Alicia Knapp said no, she would not.

Councilor Di Piazza said also would um.....one escaped so. Di Piazza said he is good right now.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said her comment is, "*thank you, Alicia,* " she appreciates her stepping up and um, applying and being appointed to the commission she thinks it is a very viable commission. Wolfe said they need that support and help from Tribal members dedicated such as herself. Wolfe said she will open it up for comments, questions, and discussions by Tribal members. Wolfe said she sees one person in the queue. Wolfe said Corey Wells he has the floor.

Corey Wells, Natural Resource Department and Binojeeuk Commissioner, thanked Madame Speaker. Wells said he just wanted to say, "*thank you,*" to both Alicia Knapp and Chelsea Densmore for at least putting in for the commission. Wells said both Shawwna and he could use all the help they can get on there since it is a two-person commission. Wells said he also appreciates the Ogema's and Council's help in getting them the support especially like the citizens who volunteers so as it is very worthwhile commission even though it is a lot of hard work. Wells said he just wanted to extend that appreciation. Wells thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comments. Wolfe asked any additional comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said she doesn't remember if she asked for abstentions. Wolfe asked does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain on the item. Wolfe said okay, seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPOINT ALICIA KNAPP TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION;** by Guenthardt; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion between Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none 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 and Alicia. Wolfe said the next order of.....

Councilor Di Piazza said well.....he is sorry.....welcome aboard.

**E. Approve Appointment of Chelsea Densmore to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Appointment is for Seat #5 with a term ending 9/20/2025. The Interview was held on April 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked her very much. Romanelli said he also wants to thank both individuals for agreeing to submit their name and be on the commission. Romanelli said again, he fully supports Chelsea Densmore's ah, appointment. Romanelli said he will turn it over to Council. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for the introduction of the item. Wolfe said um, they do have Chelsea in attendance here so she will ask for an introduction from herself. Wolfe said she did participate in the interview. Wolfe said all of her application and information is in order. Wolfe said she will call for abstentions by any Tribal Councilors who wish to abstain on the item. Wolfe said seeing or hearing none she will let it open for discussions. Wolfe said then they will start with Chelsea giving an introduction of herself and why she wants to be appointed to the commission. Wolfe said the floor is hers, Chelsea.

Chelsea Densmore, #3225, said um, she has ah, a Bachelor's in Social Work, she was previously a Foster Care Worker, a Licensing Worker, and a Juvenile Justice Worker. Densmore said um, so she has a lot of experience in this field related to ICWA and related to the courts. Densmore said um, this is something that she definitely comfortable with and something that she has a lot of professional experience in. Densmore said this is a way that she feels that she can give back to her Tribe in a beneficial way. Densmore said this is also something that she is really passionate about. Densmore said um, her grandma was removed from her



family prior to ICWA and because that was not in place they, she, she, is the direct result of what happens, right. Densmore said they lost that connection to their culture, to their community, and to their Tribe. Densmore said her and her family had to work really hard to try and reconnect. Densmore said it has been a long road so she.....this is something she is really passionate about. Densmore repeated this is something where she feels she can give back. Densmore said she can try and um, help their Tribe to prevent that to keep their youth um, either with their families, with relatives or at the very least um, with that culture still in the homes because it is absolutely important.

*The continued electronic disturbance coming from phone number 414 248-6074 made loud noises in the background on the ZOOM recording and eliminating part of Chelsea Densmore's comments. This phone continuously was not put on mute and disrupted participant's comments.*

Speaker Wolfe said open for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said um, he is going to ask her the same, ah..... Di Piazza asked does she have any problem representing the Binojeeuk Commission in a court hearing if need be on behalf of the children.

Chelsea Densmore replied no she would not. Densmore said she has a lot of experience um, obviously in a different county but representing of families in court specifically \_\_\_\_.

*The phone number 414 248-6074 continuously was not put on mute and disrupted both participant's comments on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said she just wanted to say, "thank you, Chelsea," for submitting her name and looking to sit on the commission and represent their children. Wolfe said um, she will open discussion for Tribal members if they have any questions or comments. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPOINT CHELSEA DENSMORE TO THE  
BINOJEEUK COMMISSION;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again it is open for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none 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 it is passed.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

Councilor Di Piazza said welcome aboard.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10 a.m.**

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

Speaker Wolfe said she will turn it over to him, Ogema Romanelli, if he wished to have comments.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her very much. Romanelli said just a couple of items. Romanelli said last weekend they had the Ogema's Meet and Greet and the Membership Meeting. Romanelli said the Meet and Greet had over a 100 people in attendance. Romanelli said very good responses from that. Romanelli said they also had the Membership Meeting that had over 200 Tribal members and approximately 450 ah, people in attendance. Romanelli said both were well received. Romanelli said he is glad to see that all parties, the three Branches, are all on board with the Budget they did have. Romanelli said hopefully they can move forward. Romanelli said some of the court actions that are happening he knows are getting resolved too. Romanelli said he looks forward to moving forward. Romanelli said they are just about at the time where they need to start working on the 2023 Budget and as they know August they are required.....the Ogema is required to put that forward to the membership by the Budget & Appropriations Act and they do so every August. Romanelli said so that is a good time for people to ah, respond and comment on the Budget at hand. Romanelli said it is a draft at that point and time. Romanelli said they take those comments seriously ah, again they start that process in August then Council is involved August/September and they hope to get it done by the end of the year. Romanelli said obviously that didn't happen this year but ah, he hopes they can move forward next year so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for that. Wolfe said okay, she does see one member is in the queue. Wolfe said she will turn the floor over them. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is regarding the Stone/Ogema verses Tribal Council Case #16206GC and #16308GC....her question is the Ogema is in this case who is the Ogema representing, the employees or the members. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said he won't be answering that. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said he answered her comments. Wolfe said moving on.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Wolfe asked do any Councilors have a Legislative Affair Update. Wolfe said Councilor Johnson go ahead.

Acting Recorder Johnson said um, so just to mention um, they do have different openings on the different commissions. Johnson said they just had a ah, couple of openings on the Health Commission. Johnson said if anyone was interested in joining one of those ah, please feel free to ah, join those.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for that. Wolfe asked any additional comments on Legislative Affair Updates. Wolfe said seeing none that moves them on.

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

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her questions are regarding the appropriation of funds. Agosa asked does this quarterly allocation appropriate for the Enrollment Audit, Press Secretary and Communications position so members receive \_\_\_\_ Tribal Updates. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her first question.

Speaker Wolfe said going to that point none of those were budgeted items in the 2022 Budget so those are not appropriated with this appropriation. Wolfe said next in queue they have user handler Galaxy A32 5G they have the floor.

Robert Mc Caslin, Tribal #0748, thanked Madame Speaker. Mc Caslin said ah, the last meeting the Natural Resource Department ah, brought up some ah, they know, they are supporting a wolf.....a wolf um, he guessed study. Mc Caslin said in that conversation there were some things that were brought up and ah, one of them was....ended up being about 168 years ago. Mc Caslin said that is the 1854 Treaty and that conversation and sometimes when people talk about things they don't understand um, Indian Lands are self-evidenced. Mc Caslin said when they are going through the Durant Roll and they are going through like the second um, second roll of 1854 they'll find people that are a relative for the Mason and

Oceana County. Mc Caslin said um, their roll numbers are very important because of self-evidence that how did the Oceana and Mason get to be Indian Lands. Mc Caslin said that was his first thing. Mc Caslin said um, in the 1836 Treaty that is the English and the French referred to um, they know so he just ah....just was the Natural Resource Department mentioned the 1854 so and they got a lot of good conversation that day he hears. Mc Caslin said um, they know they have them on both sides and they have a Cultural Committee there that, they know, that's beautiful. Mc Caslin said um, that would be the first thing to do is self-evidence ah, ah, Oceana and Mason Counties and how them counties got to be Reservation in hell. Mc Caslin said the other thing about the Wolf Hunt ah, he guessed he would like to know more about it or the study because they know, National Geographic sometimes they run across people that are in their \_\_\_\_ that are really interested and their ah, extended family. Mc Caslin said um, another issue is that he has since it's tax season and ah, 1978 on a Muir Indian Reservation is tax exempt ah, he was looking at the little ones um, everybody 14 and up that is working or paying taxes without representation they know, so the State of Michigan has been in violation forever when it comes to their children. Mc Caslin said so with that he just wanted to ah, see if the Natural Resource Department will get him more on the Wolf Study and keep the membership or they know family members to ah, keep them updated as um, the five "W's" who, what, why, where when and how so. Mc Caslin said that is all he has. Mc Caslin said thanked them. Mc Caslin said thank Council for hearing him.

Speaker Wolfe said she thinks Councilor Di Piazza has a response, go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said as that data and information becomes available they certainly will be shared with the membership. Di Piazza said at this point they are just starting their ah, um, tagging and blood tests and everything else on the...on the wolf population. Di Piazza repeated as it becomes available it will be available.

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

Al Metzger said ah, Boozhoo. *The rest of his comments sounded muffled and could not be understood clearly what he was saying on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said louder they are not hearing very well in the Chambers.

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

Speaker Wolfe said that's better.

Al Metzger said all right Boozhoo. *Metzger spoke in Anishinaabemowin. Metzger said yah, he would like to work with some but ah, in Closed Session.....most of his comments are hard to make out what he was saying clearly.....the gray wolves*

be listed on the rolls....*the rest of his comments could not be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said they can't hear him in the Chambers.

Al Metzger said he doesn't know many.....

Speaker Wolfe said first of all the delisting of the gray wolf but that is as far as what they got.

Al Metzger said okay, can they hear him. Metzger said historically \_\_\_ of his Indian? Metzger said he thinks it is very important that what is going to happen with the delisting. Metzger said it tells some of that story and ah, \_\_\_ was lord of the earth and was given the responsibility and made all the plants and animals. Metzger said he had been doing this for awhile but he noticed something. Metzger said that all the plants and animals had a partner.....\_\_\_ in honoring the Creator.....*His comments were not coming thoroughly clearly on the ZOOM recording so most of them are missing here.* Metzger said the Creator gives specific instructions both to \_\_\_ and \_\_\_. Metzger said they were supposed to walk together and finish naming all the plants, animals, trees, mountains, and birds. Metzger said that one has to separate. Metzger asked what is that teaching is that what happened to the wolf will happen within the Anishinaabe. Metzger said the Anishinaabe.....*his comments are not coming through clearly on the ZOOM recording it is hard to understand his story without them.* Metzger said the Anishinaabe were hunted for their pelts....their braids. Metzger said it was also told that in the future that \_\_\_ and Anishinaabe would become strong and they will be back to where they are supposed to be. Metzger said he just wanted to remind Council about their brothers \_\_\_ and adopted them in the one \_\_\_ that Marten Room they are protectors....*Metzger's connection is horrible and his comments keep breaking up so they are hard to understand what he is saying on the ZOOM recording.* Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comments. Wolfe said that moves them on. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthia Shantz she has the floor.

Cynthia Shantz, Tribal #3256, said her question is why all of Tribal Council are not in attendance at the meeting but are online.

Councilor Lewis asked can she answer that Julie....Speaker Wolfe.

Speaker Wolfe said sure.

Councilor Lewis said okay, um, she was going to come in today and then she thought about it a minute there because she went to the Membership Meeting on Saturday and um, she was notified late last night um, that somebody tested positive so after the meeting today she is going to get tested. Lewis said she was

going to come in and wear a mask but she didn't want to jeopardize the health of anybody else on Tribal Council. Lewis said so she will be getting tested today.

Speaker Wolfe said to Cynthea Shantz that she still has the floor and if she had additional comments.

Cynthea Shantz said yes, that is one person how about any others.

*There was background noise on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be determined where it was coming from.*

Cynthea Shantz asked is Miss Champagne not in attendance.

Councilor Champagne said she is in attendance.....can they hear her.

Cynthea Shantz said yes.

Councilor Champagne said she didn't choose to come in. Champagne thanked them.

Cynthea Shantz said okay, her other question then is if Tribal Council has the option of whether to come in or not then why can um, newly elected Tribal Council or why...why can't people who don't live there um, why cannot she run for election and just do business online through ZOOM Meetings.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can respond a little bit. Di Piazza said the ZOOM Meetings is for the membership that is what it was devised for is to keep the membership informed as much as possible. Di Piazza said these ZOOM Meetings that they have there is a lot of conversation that goes around the table in the office when people are in the office. Di Piazza said when they are not in the office, guess what, they don't hear that conversation or decision or what they are thinking or what is going on because sometimes it gets a little feistive. Di Piazza said festy....feistive he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he doesn't know what to call it so be it. Di Piazza said they are Legislative has she ever watched CSPAN and the government sometimes they get a little anxious and excited but when they are not in the office, guess what, they miss a lot of information that they have no clue and plus they don't ask....he doesn't know....they must know it. Di Piazza said but that is all he has.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, when ah, to his understanding when ZOOM first come out that is when the Pandemic first come out and that's where all the people Council everybody ah, were given that option to ah, so ah, thinks they shut down

all over. Wittenberg said so that is to his understanding even today and if they look at even though in the U.S with this COVID is going down and other counties going into the Detroit area is still having their \_\_\_ but it is what it is but they shut the whole county....or the whole country down in China and that hasn't even got over here yet and it supposedly is supported to be worse than what this is now there is some people that will turn around and say they are not going to let it bother them they are going to come in and they are going.....well that's each ones option and, and, that's what it is all about to him to turn around and say who is and who is that....if they look at the U.S. Senate, they look at the Congress and count the open seats right there know to the people that are running the country and they are the people running the Tribal they are no different than what they are. Wittenberg said he thought he would throw that out there next time they view them then look at the empty seats that are out there that is representing them in the U.S. Government. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Cynthea Shantz said she doesn't believe they can vote though.

Speaker Wolfe said she still has the floor, Cynthea.

Cynthea Shantz said she is sorry she said she doesn't believe they can vote unless they are present. Shantz said also she understands definitely, she means, if they are ill um, or if they have been exposed possibly to COVID ah, to not come in but she doesn't see other reasons. Shantz said she means people were um, ran for election voluntarily were elected voluntarily and if....if um, others can do business from home um, she doesn't see why people don't live in their area can't do business um, behind the scenes as well because they can still connect through ZOOM um, in the office.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comments.

Cynthea Shantz said that is all.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is if the Press Secretary and Communications Officer is not budgeted then who is responsible to issue public communications. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said so it was adopted by Tribal Council Resolution to remove....to move Public Communications under the Recorder as the Budget was held up and not passed at that point and time. Wolfe said it was not budgeted for 2022 Tribal Council will be working to bring forward a supplemental appropriation to bring those positions on board. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, next in queue they have Ron he has the floor.

Ron Pete, Tribal #4158, thanked Madame Speaker. Pete said he, he totally agree with Cynthea's comments he don't...he believes that the Tribal Council were duly elected and they should be in their Council Seats um, most of them are there now and he accepts absolutely um, somebody that is exposed to ah, to COVID that they don't come in but um, they are going to get the same answer out of that other Councilor because she hasn't been there since 2020 when he was on Council and they started going to ZOOM Meetings. Pete said so they know what that is the answer they are going to get and that is the best answer they are going to expect since she chooses not to be there and so she is going to be choosing not to be there forever. Pete thanked them.

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

Councilor Champagne said Julie she would like to be in and identified herself.

Speaker Wolfe said she can respond, sure.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, Mr. Pete is absolutely wrong before COVID hit she was at every meeting so she doesn't know why he is saying she wasn't there. Champagne said she chooses not to come in now since COVID has hit but she was at every meeting prior to COVID. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, they will move to next in queue.

Ron Pete said excuse him Madame Speaker he certainly wishes to respond.

Speaker Wolfe said she will put him in the queue again she is not going to go back and forth. Wolfe said Susan she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked her.

Ron Pete said she is not worth responding to.

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

Speaker Wolfe asked Susan if she had a comment.

Susan Thull said yes. Thull thanked her. Thull said um, the answer ah, as far as she is concerned to the question that Cynthea Shantz asked was why can't someone ah, run for office who lives outside of the nine county and its because of the fact that their Constitution states ah, that they have to live within that...a certain area to run so it doesn't matter about ZOOM or anything else um, it's the Constitution that it falls back to. Thull said um, as far as she is concerned ah,



Cynthia has been a very good representative.....um, Champagne she is talking about um, and she has.....she was at all the meetings, she did participate, she has been a valuable member and ah, if she phones in she has absolutely no problem with that. Thull said that is just her um, views on that. Thull thanked them very much.

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

Scott Wahr, Tribal #4689, said yeah um, on that comment about ah, Councilors not being in the office um, he believe the Ogema did open the Government Center back up and ah, in expectation when people were voted in to represent ah, the Tribe....the Membership um, being on the phone is not a true representation as they....as everybody on the phone has witnessed Cindy has trouble ah, either paying attention or um, being able to be fully present during the meeting. Wahr said he thinks Council's expectation, the rest of Council that is there, to hold her accountable and have her be in the office ah, for each meeting. Wahr said the excuse of not wanting to be there is ah, is a poor excuse for any representative. Wahr thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Israel. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone said so for point of clarification ah, they can reside in Michigan anywhere ah, the issue comes in the Constitution residency or ceasing to reside in the State of Michigan. Stone said um, which brings him to his next point and next discussion ah, Cynthea raises a good point and he is sorry, he doesn't know the last name ah, not the Council member the citizen, ah, raises a good point and they know, the, the Ogema is there every day um, a lot of them Council members are there every day. Stone said ah, he thinks that in the height of the Pandemic there was a lot of unknowns as to how this thing was going to spread, what was going to occur with it, and all that stuff. Stone said the fact of the matter is they are probably exposed ten times a day no matter where they are at whether it is the Grocery store, the gas station, ah, just being out in public they are probably exposed. Stone said he understands Sandy's concern because if she was in direct contact that is a wise and prudent thing to do not to expose others in case she was ah, contracted but she...the, the issue he has is if they are using this, they know, he doesn't want to go in because someone may have COVID he thinks that is the new reality of the world that they live in and this disease is changing rapidly ah, they seen several different strains of it already. Stone said um, and the reality of the situation is ah, they elected this, this Tribal Council to ah, represent them and regardless of what district they ran in they still represent all the citizens of this Tribe and he thinks it's important. Stone said Gary said something ah, that has a lot of weight to this discussion that he thinks a lot of people missed. Stone said it is all the discussions that occur that they miss when they are not here and those are vital important discussions. Stone said the decisions that this Tribal Council is

making. Stone said ah, he would like to ask Council to rescind the provision in which Council members could participate in Council Meetings via ZOOM. Stone said there are a couple of problems with this. Stone said one is he can see all of them guys sitting there right now ah, he can see government happening and he can see them thinking and arriving at decisions. Stone said when they are not there and they are on ZOOM he doesn't know who is sitting next to them, he doesn't know who is in their ear influencing the decisions or if they are getting any kind of feedback at all. Stone said the Seat of the Government is here in Manistee, Michigan. Stone said that is where their Tribe is, that is where the Seat of the Government is and he thinks it's important that when they are making decisions for their Tribe that it happens at the Government Center where...um, in person. Stone said so, he, he, he is thankful that this was brought up. Stone said the other thing he will say is ah, being good servants to the people, which is what Tribal Council and, and, and all Elected Officials are. Stone said it also sends a message that if they are not willing to come there to work because they are afraid of coming in contact with COVID what are they telling the 200 plus team members that work for the government....what are they telling the 200 plus team members that work for the Gaming Enterprise....basically they are telling them they are going to protect themselves but they don't care about them. Stone said to him that is not a good message. Stone said that is not a message they want to be sending their citizens, their employees, or anybody else involved in the equation. Stone said so it is not a personal attack Cindy happens to be the one out today but this happens ah, ah, ah, pretty commonly that there are people out and coming in from ZOOM so he would ask Council to reconsider that. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comments. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Lee. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Lee Mc Caslin thanked Speaker. Mc Caslin said um, he just has to think in Ottawa, they know, um, everything that um, they know, and....and that rushes back them back to all of the sharing of the treaties along the lands and Government to Government relationship and he understands that. Mc Caslin said back in '72 when that was all being discussed and....and he thinks about how the United States Government divided the Tribe and ah, but the 1870 came underneath ah, Grant um, he looks at that payment and he tries to where self-evidence speaks for itself as being a full Nation they would need everybody's participation. Mc Caslin said in 1862 and again in 1867, they know, if they were to date their feet and the miles that are, they know, are lineal descendants or their heirs walked. Mc Caslin said when they came to that desc.....am, in 1862, they know, where.....no matter where they immigrate to it isn't if he walked on allotted lands. Mc Caslin said they know, he take this new heir that were moving time through, they know, he just has to think like an Ottawa so times are moving and things are getting ready to blossom and bloom and the seeds are planted. Mc Caslin said so that is all he has. Mc Caslin said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Sandy. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sandy Mezeske said Julie she put her hand down.

Speaker Wolfe said correct but she doesn't go off the screen because people do raise and lower their hands. Wolfe said if she has no comment. Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said moving on.....

Sandy Mezeske said yes, she does have one comment, they know, and, and, and she agrees with many about the ZOOM. Mezeske said it was meant for the citizens but ah, for the record um, is Cindy living in a residence in Manistee or is she living in Wisconsin.

Speaker Wolfe said she believes she is the only one that can answer the question.

Cynthia Shantz said excuse her she lives in Arizona.

Sandy Mezeske said no, Cindy Champagne, hon, sorry.

Cynthia Shantz said oh, okay, sorry.

*Sandy Mezeske can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "Did she come on?"*

Speaker Wolfe said so she is the only one that can answer the question Sandy and it doesn't look like she is on the call at this time. Wolfe said moving on next in the queue they have Martha.

Martha Howell said how many people in attendance in the Lodge today.

Speaker Wolfe said three citizens, Chelsea who had an appointment, Alicia was in during her appointment and Nikki Nelson is attending and Harriette Grantsyn.

Martha Howell thanked her.

Speaker Wolfe said Nikki was here for the Biskaabiiyang Committee agenda item. Wolfe asked Martha if she had additional comments.

Martha Howell said no, she answered it. Howell thanked her.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Cynthia and she doesn't want to mispronounce her last name again. Wolfe said she has the floor. Wolfe asked did she say it was Shots.

Cynthia Shantz said Shaantz.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she has the floor.

Cynthea Shantz thanked her. Shantz said um, she appreciates Israel um, everything he had to say um, that was her next point that she was going to make um, and she understands that it is the Constitution and she understands that she can't run because of the Constitution. Shantz said um, she also understands that they know, um, Mr. Di Piazza's point about things going on discussions that are not necessarily in this meeting um, discussions in the office and um, Mrs. Champagne demonstrated exactly why she should be there because she hung up on them, all right, she didn't want to hear what they had to say anymore she is done. Shantz said um, and if she doesn't want to do her job then she should resign. Shantz said so that is all she has to say. Shantz said the same with the rest of them. Shantz said if they don't want to come in and do their job that they were hired to do resign.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she would just like to say that she fully supports the use of virtual technology in all Branches including for Tribal Councilors and she does feel as though Cindy Champagne is constantly attacked and for her as an Outlying member she definitely feels it is because she has consistently represented her needs as an Outlying member. Agosa said she feels that she has done an extremely good job and she feels that is why she is constantly focused on. Agosa said she has been involved in work sessions and she definitely agrees with the way she has voted. Agosa said so if someone has been called a B-i-t-c-h she has heard people's heavy breathing while she talks, laughing, um, and other micro aggressive behaviors. Agosa said she does not blame anyone for not being on camera so she would just like to state that this is all seems to be contrived and political and as far as she knows Cindy is living in the State of Michigan. Agosa said she feels fine with her being participating virtually as an Outlying member who has elected Outlying Representatives. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Chelsea. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Chelsea Densmore, Tribal #3225, said she is so sorry there was a long line and she just didn't want to stand up here the whole time. Densmore said um, she definitely thinks that there should be some face time for them guys she as an Outlying citizen it is definitely different standing at the podium being able to talk to them guys, being able to go in their office, being able to interact, like it's amazing. Densmore said not everybody is able to come as far, right, so having that virtual technology she agrees with Sara that it is really important, they know, she has been able to interact more um, and participate via ZOOM more.

Densmore said she does think that Cindy really gets attacked for being on ZOOM so much um, and she appreciates how much them guys use ZOOM but she always finds it funny that they are so focused on Cindy being via ZOOM the entire Tribal Court is via ZOOM. Densmore said she thinks it is Judge La Porte she has never been in here, right, she wasn't in here for the Swearing In and she isn't been here for all of her stuff, right, so she is not trying to say them guys shouldn't have some face time yes, absolutely, right, it is important for them to, they know, come to the Membership Meetings and they know, maybe ah, couple meetings a year their there face to face and they know, she thinks all of that's important, right, and she definitely understands there is a lot of side bar conversations and in-office conversations them guys have that they might miss out on via ZOOM, right, but right now they still have so much of their Tribe that is solely via ZOOM. Densmore said their entire Tribal Court is via ZOOM. Densmore said the majority of the commissions and committees are via ZOOM, right, the Cultural Committee almost solely via ZOOM right, at this point. Densmore said so she thinks if they were talking long-term would be hard for ah, a Councilor to never come into the office, live across the country, yes absolutely, but right now they are still in the Pandemic and while they do need to figure it out and try and find a middle ground. Densmore said let's remember every time they come in here they do risk their health. Densmore said they do have that opportunity they could get sick. Densmore said she came in here today because it was really important to her for her to be here face to face for the Binojeeuk Commission she was really excited about it but she does put herself at risk being here, right, coming to the Membership Meeting and bringing her kids, they know, it is something. Densmore said that is still something that she will remember too and while she is not trying to have this Pity Party for Cindy Champagne, she also lost her husband, right, so maybe they can show a little bit of kindness too. Densmore said she knows that there are Councilors too have had a death in their family that didn't come for a while and they gave them some grace. Densmore said they don't agree with her then don't vote for her. Densmore said the Election is coming up she is up in the next Election right, let's deal with it then but let's not constantly be focusing on it. Densmore said it is hacking the Councilors and going through the stuff. Densmore said let's focus on what is actually important and get back to the issues. Densmore said the entire Membership Meeting was taking off with talking about stuff that frankly isn't relevant anymore right, she really hope that they can stop with all of the inter-community attacks and focus on what's really important. Densmore said that is all she has to say. Densmore said Miigwech.

Councilor Wever thanked Chelsea Densmore.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he will bring it up again. Di Piazza said he only lives a half mile away he can ZOOM in all he wants but he chooses to be here because he represents the citizens....all the citizens not the nine not the outlying

every citizen. Di Piazza said they have discussions all day long that people...the members are not purvey to that ZOOM because it is not on ZOOM. Di Piazza repeated it is not on ZOOM. Di Piazza said he might have to go in her office because her coffee smells better than his, he doesn't know, it could be anything. Di Piazza said ZOOM is great he devised it for the membership so they could be involved. Di Piazza said they got to remember when 2020 hit and everything locked down what happened. Di Piazza asked anybody remember how the government survived. Di Piazza asked anybody.

*Councilor Wever said Gary came and saved them in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said no, they don't because they didn't have to deal with it him and Ron Pete had to deal with how to keep this government and the Ogema going during them three months while everybody else was home watching cartoons or whatever the hideyhoo they were doing. Di Piazza said they never stopped they had to devise and make this stuff work. Di Piazza said all he is saying when people aren't here they miss crucial conversations that may not be purvey to on a ZOOM when there is 30 members on that ZOOM call because some may not say something that they may say elsewhere. Di Piazza asked is he going to hunt somebody down and say, "hey, you missed that whole conversation." Di Piazza said no, they snooze they lose that's all he has got to say. Di Piazza said he is not a babysitter, they know, he is not a butler, he is not a babysitter, nothing. Di Piazza said they know, he is a servant to the membership and if they want him here he is going to be here and he's got 36 megs at home now so he can have....he can sit home and ZOOM into every one of these meetings. Di Piazza asked is he gonna, no, no he is not because they...the membership wants results from them and he is tired of fighting the court battles and all this...whatever they want to call it he is tired of it. Di Piazza said he had to deal with this for...since 2016, constant....constant, why is that. Di Piazza asked does anybody know why that continues. Di Piazza said he reads the Constitution and he has read it a mass amount of times and he understands it quite well. Di Piazza said he heard some comments today even on the ZOOM where people they are not understanding the Constitution because its not even in there. Di Piazza said so how is that happen but when they said it enough its true and if they keep saying it enough its true. Di Piazza said oh, no its not. Di Piazza said that Constitution is their Holy Grail....that is the document of documents. Di Piazza said if its not in there it may not be true no matter what they say or what they write to try and override the Constitution until the Constitution is changed. Di Piazza said if the membership wants to take that challenge on he encourages them and he will help set up where they need to meet and buy them some cookies and coffee...he doesn't know. Di Piazza said as far as Council doing it, no, if they haven't noticed when that Constitution was done Council had their paws in that \_\_\_\_ way too much. Di Piazza said there are things in that Constitution that were changed to benefit some Councilors instead of actually making it better he believed it made it worse. Di Piazza said let alone they only had 600 people,

members, citizens vote on that Constitution that changed the law. Di Piazza said 600 wasn't it....631 or something he doesn't know. Di Piazza said it was very.... it was sad because that's a supreme law and nobody wanted to vote whether they understood them changes or not. Di Piazza said anyways, he is kind of done. Di Piazza said yeah, he is happy to be here....he doesn't know....he is excited every day when he comes in. Di Piazza said this morning he had two eagles come over the top of his head when he was out greeting the morning. Di Piazza said so \_\_\_\_ had to come by and make sure he was doing it right otherwise they don't just appear especially when he could see them wink at him going over. Di Piazza repeated he is done. Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comments. Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Israel Stone. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, thanked Miss Speaker. Stone said he just wanted to bring up a couple of points and, and, he heard the terminology attacking used twice in this conversation. Stone said the problem with society today is they gotten too soft. Stone said there is a big difference between holding their Elected Officials to a standard and holding them accountable and attacking them. Stone said not everything is an attack. Stone said they are citizens have a right to have expectations regardless of how ah, people feel about those expectations. Stone said they have that right. Stone said it is not attacking people it is holding people accountable. Stone said let him ask them this what if the government were to put or the Ogema were to put the entire government on a Work From Home Program and a benefit to them as a citizen got delayed be it either Per Cap or something else of that nature. Stone asked how up in arms would the Tribal citizens be. Stone said he can tell them they would have 200 people in their meeting waiting for Public Comment so they could comment on there. Stone said the expectation should be the same because delays do happen. Stone said because people are in the room. Stone said the other issue he wants to raise is before Council members just jump off the call ah, they need to let the Speaker and Recorder know that and he will tell them why. Stone said somebody jumps off the call and he sees people getting up from the Council table right now walking over into Council Chambers to get coffee or use the restroom or whatever the case may be. Stone said they can actually lose quorum. Stone said they can lose quorum maybe taking actions on items that they don't have the right to take an action on. Stone said so because they lack quorum and so instead of getting upset and hanging up if that's what happened, he doesn't know if that is what is happening, that is an assumption, but hanging up and leaving the meeting the Council needs to put in someplace to be notified when someone is leaving the meeting because of that quorum issue. Stone said the next thing he wants to bring up is ah, Mr. Ryan Champagne. Stone asked has Council looked at all actions that were acted upon, drafted or sponsored to Council's agendas, voted on and affirmed by Tribal Council with said Council member involved....former Council member involved in those decisions. Stone asked has Council looked at the legality. Stone said he knows the person is currently ah, up for election fraud in Tribal Court. Stone repeated have they

looked at the legality because if that proves out to be true and they already know about the residency issues. Stone said that is no different than a person from the public who is a Non-Tribal Member walking in, drafting an item, sponsoring it to their agenda and approving it. Stone said she calls into question every vote of every item that was taken by Tribal Council at...during the time that person was seated on Tribal Council because regardless of whether or not they had an overwhelming prevailing majority in that vote the fact of the matter is somebody potentially registered an illegal vote that didn't have the right to vote on those items. Stone said so he is asking Tribal Council to look back through all those pieces of legislation and reconsider or find out ah, what is going on there. Stone said the other question is for the Ogema ah, and is the Ogema still in the room he is sorry they can't see him on the camera here.

Acting Recorder Johnson said yes he is.

Israel Stone said ah, Ogema um, as it relates to ah, the question that was raised by....by Tribal citizen ah, Sandy Mezeske, is there a way to geofence the State of Michigan boundaries, heck, he doesn't even care if he does the 1836 which is halfway across the lake.....ah, Lake Michigan. Stone repeated is there a way to geofence their communications and their technology so that people that are outside of that area, not citizens, but Elected Officials can't take actions on items or link into their meetings.

Ogema Romanelli said well, he's in technologically deficient sometimes so he wouldn't know if they can or can't. Romanelli said he guessed that would be a question for IT that he could ask.

Israel Stone said Ogema, his concern is a citizen asked a question....two citizens has raised issues now about residency and if their Constitution says they must reside in the State of Michigan then he thinks that....and he doesn't know he is the same as he is....he thinks if there is a capability to geofence the State of Michigan he thinks that needs to be done because they shouldn't have questions as citizens as to whether or not their Constitution is being followed.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, and he appreciates.....

*There was a loud whistling noise coming from the microphone in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogema Romanelli repeated that he appreciated that.....

Israel Stone said them guys need to get out of the building it sounds like they have a fire alarm over there.

Councilor Di Piazza said no that's.....



Speaker Wolfe said no, that means he reached his five minutes.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is his fire alarm.

Israel Stone said oh, okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he knows the question of residency or where a person is calling from is a concern of members and....but he also knows that the Tribal Council um, has a responsibility if they believe that someone is ah, not residentially ah, he guessed their residence is out of whack that they should probably look at that. Romanelli said he would be willing to offer whatever they need if it's a...if that is something that would pertain to it he would be willing to offer up IT. Romanelli said they would have access to IT as well. Romanelli said he knows the concern is there but that is as far as he can go at this time.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for their comments. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthea. Wolfe said she has the floor.

*Someone was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be determined who it was or what they said.*

Speaker Wolfe asked Cynthea if she had a comment or does she wish to keep the floor.

*There was a child yelling in the background on the ZOOM recording but no way of knowing what they shouted.*

Cynthea Shantz said she is sorry. Shantz said um, she wished to abstain for the moment.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said next in the queue is Sara. Wolfe said she has the floor.

*The child kept talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be determined whose phone or connection the voice was coming from.*

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she really feels as though that this kind of um, .....sighed heavily here.....that the concerns being raised really don't seem as serious as all the Financial Audit irregularities that were um, made available to the public in the February 9<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council Meeting. Agosa said she would just like to convey to Council that with the questions about residency why isn't there more focus.....

*A woman was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording and it still couldn't be determined where the voice was coming from.*

Sara Agosa continued.....she's sorry.....

Speaker Wolfe said other Participants please mute their phones.

Sara Agosa continued again....why there hasn't been more focus on these Financial Audits and the irregularities and when they will receive an update. Agosa said um, and also too with the Enrollment Audit she fully supports the Enrollment Audit. Agosa said um, she feels that resolution is still in effect and she personally would like more focus on some of these more serious issues. Agosa said so if she could just get um, feedback from Tribal Council especially on the audits and where Council is at with that. Agosa said she would appreciate it. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe so on specific to the internal investigation limited scope audits that she is referring to those have been accepted by Tribal Council. Wolfe said they have been by resolution and are available on the website. Wolfe said there was a motion made to forward those to authorities that were appropriate to deem if a crime has been committed against the Tribe and that has taken place. Wolfe said any other Tribal Council wish to respond to that comment. Wolfe said seeing none. Wolfe asked Sara if she had additional comments.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said yeah, what about the Enrollment Audit. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said there is pending litigation on the Enrollment Audit at this time no action is happening with that until they get a determination by the court. Wolfe said moving forward next in the queue they have Sandy. Wolfe said the floor is hers.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal #0018, said she posed this question um, Saturday at the Membership Meeting. Mezeske said Tribal Council all of them sitting up there and Sandy by phone they are all very aware that Cindy Champagne is not living in the State of Michigan. Mezeske said that she has been in Wisconsin since September ah, a few weeks ago she was in her office packed it up from rumor and they know them guys sitting up there can clarify this. Mezeske said it is either a yes or a no that she did clean her office out. Mezeske said they know they are held accountable too. Mezeske said to be looking into and deciding if there should be a removal process or they just common courtesy ask her to resign. Mezeske said she doesn't even know when she is on ZOOM they don't ever see her face today they could tell she is driving in the car someplace. Mezeske said they know, hey, maybe she is headed to Michigan, they know, to attend the meeting and just late. Mezeske said this is not to pick on her whatsoever and she sympathizes that she lost her husband um, a few months ago but they all know that that woman is not living in the State of Michigan, that she is in Wisconsin, and that is malfeasance in office that they are not taking care of the situation. Mezeske thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Al. Wolfe said he has the floor.

*Al Metzger made a comment in the background but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe said she believed he ceded his turn. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said she is sorry she will have to pass because um, she is back working so she is on the phone. Echelbarger said sorry, thanks.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor. *There was a long silence in between here on the ZOOM recording.* Wolfe repeated Sara she has the floor for Public Comment.

Sara Agosa said sorry, her hand isn't raised.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Lee he has the floor for Public Comment.

Lee Mc Caslin thanked the Speaker. Mc Caslin said as he was thinking about the conversation that had just taken place they know, ah, um, he gets to witness and experience a lot of things in his life and ah, the commonwealth. Mc Caslin said he actually got to witness ah, this year um, somebody that was being removed from one of the offices in handcuffs but um, what they are lacking here is ah, they got a Senate and they got a House and that goes to their Constitutional stuff. Mc Caslin said then the Ogema is supposed to make the decision he doesn't know. Mc Caslin said um, anyways in a Tribal Government he is watching this but watching this also in the common state and in a common state of Pennsylvania where this had taken place and corporation laws are being applied and, and stuff like that but it would take three um, terms before this guy would get escorted out of the office in handcuffs seeing all the violations but um, on making decisions when they are talking about that stuff making decisions and it's like the oil and gas fields. Mc Caslin said um, the oil and gas fields will permit the State of Michigan, they know, outside of where just outside of their boundaries or not but when, when that .....when that happens.....when that is happening out here in the commonwealth um, he is getting to see laws change um, on both sides of the aisle because they know, its self-evidence and when its presented that's exactly what it is and it was both sides of the aisle but here they only have two sides. Mc Caslin said they have a Grand Council and when they starting to talk about their Constitution violations or whatever they understand it is a prima of land in Article VI. Mc Caslin said um, he is just looking at the corporate ah, end of this and the decisions that are being handed down and um, they know, he guessed that is all he wanted to comment about the commonwealth because it goes.....it is going to go so much further because then it will make a wave throughout the country so it's like setting

a precedence and the precedence has already been pretty much manipulated or had it to here so he is just.....he is just a concerned citizen and ah, wanted to give some input about self-evidence. Mc Caslin said um, that is all he has. Mc Caslin said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Harriette. Wolfe said she has the floor. Wolfe said yep, come up to the podium please so they can hear her.

Harriette Grantsyn, Tribal #3262, said um, she was.....she attended the um, Saturday's Meeting, their only meeting where they could possibly do anything as a group um, since their elections if they had their um, quorum....if they met a quorum at their Membership Meeting in the spring and the fall. Grantsyn said they would have.....they would be able to vote on some of the things that have happened that they don't agree with on Council but they don't get enough people because every time they have one of those um, they know.....the membership knows that they are not going to get enough quorum so what is the point in going anyway. Grantsyn said um, she doesn't like the ZOOM because people can say what they want to say and there's.....then they can shut off. Grantsyn said she doesn't think.....their Closed Sessions do they do those on ZOOM.

Speaker Wolfe said yes, they do.

Harriette Grantsyn asked how do they know how many people are attending that ZOOM Meeting.

Speaker Wolfe replied by their participation online just like they do now.

Harriette Grantsyn said okay, but if they don't have a camera on how do they know who is in the room with them....with whoever is voting. Grantsyn said that's a problem.

Councilor Di Piazza said only if they accidentally speak up.

Harriette Grantsyn said yes. *Laughing here.* Grantsyn said so what if they can't attend, they know, their membership, okay, she wants to lean in here and they know, listen and everything that they discuss in um, a private session some of that is their strategies is it not for their um, business ventures that should be held privately without it getting out into the public and she knows that it happens, they know. Grantsyn said so she wants to recommend to them that if they are not in attendance at that meeting that they turn all their ZOOMs off so its private. Grantsyn said they are deciding not someone else that shouldn't be there. Grantsyn asked does that make sense.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthea.

Cynthea Shantz said hi, yes, she totally agrees with that. Shantz said she means they don't know who is listening in, they don't know what kind of business that is taking place that, they know, is not getting out to ah, people who shouldn't be listening. Shantz said they know, them guys.....them guys have a responsibility as Tribal Council Members to make sure that their private business is private and they can't do that over ZOOM. Shantz said she is sorry there is just no way um, so um, also she wanted to ask if they will be looking into any business that had taken place um, while Mr. Champagne was a Tribal Council Member. Shantz asked um, will they go back and look at everything to make sure that its in order with the Constitution, in order with um, grant requirements um, because this situation is....it can very easily jeopardize their Muskegon Casino Project um, the vote is going to go down from Governor Whitmer she believes in June. Shantz said um, and there is a lot of clean-up that needs to take place before then and she is just afraid that all this looks um, as....just terrible for their Tribe. Shantz said um, and she believes.....she believes they should all look into anything that took place um, during that period of time um, of business to make sure it's all um within the law. Shantz said um, also she wanted to make a comment about Tribal Court not being.....not attending these meetings on ZOOM um, and she doesn't....this is not Tribal Court's Meeting when, when, when Tribal Court is in session she believes their present.....this is Tribal Council's Meeting and Tribal Council should be present. Shantz said um, they all represent all of them no matter where they live and if they can't attend don't run. Shantz said she understands that um, Miss.....Mrs. Champagne lost her husband but um, they know, its been months if she is not mistaken um, she has a duty still and if she can't.....she can't um, perform that duty then she should resign. Shantz said then that goes for all of them she is not picking on her um, she just happens to be the one that doesn't come to any meetings so that's they know, that's why she mentioned her name. Shantz said and um, that is all she has to say.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sara. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question to Council is they just held a work session on the Virtual Meetings Act and in that session she thought that Tribal Council legislated that Tribal Councilors can attend meetings virtually and she is trying to find either the ordinance or resolution. Agosa asked could they please verify that information for her. Agosa thanked them.

*There was a long silence between comments in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza asked him.

Speaker Wolfe said she doesn't think she has any um.....

Sara Agosa interrupted. Agosa said Gary mentioned it in the work session and she is trying to pull it because she thought the former Tribal Council did legislate um. virtual meetings attendance and she wants to find it and read it. Agosa asked did that just cover....just cover Tribal members she thought it covered that anyone could participate virtually at least with Tribal Council Meetings. Agosa said so Gary he mentioned it in a work session does he remember the resolution number or the ordinance.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara what she thinks she is talking about is an amendment to the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance that allows for ZOOM Participation by Tribal members.

Sara Agosa said okay. Agosa thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said eh, the Speaker is correct. Di Piazza said there is a resolution out there that invokes that mainly for Tribal members not for....for citizens not Council. Di Piazza said he doesn't have it in front of him to ask a question of what the resolution number is off the fly. Di Piazza repeated he doesn't have it in front of him and he doesn't remember it right off because he probably has the COVID fog. Di Piazza said that's the new one, COVID fog.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for their comments. Wolfe said they will be moving on next in the queue they have Laura. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Laura Echelbarger thanked them. Echelbarger said she wanted to log out real quick. Echelbarger said she is sorry....stated her name and Tribal #2276. Echelbarger said she just wanted to clarify for Cynthea that comment about the court was actually the day their 100% doing their um, the court is doing ZOOM so it wasn't that the court isn't at the Council Meeting its that their court system is going through ZOOM. Echelbarger said that was it, thanks.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have the last person who raised their hand is Israel. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli asked can they.....

Israel Stone said just a point of clarification.... Stone said the ah, Tribal Courts in the Constitution don't have a provision that mandates them to live in the State of Michigan. Stone said the other point of clarity is they are a separate Branch of the government so they set their own procedures just like the Executive and Legislative Branch too. Stone said to say that they do everything via ZOOM that is not true. Stone said ah, he knows personally he was at a Settlement Conference along with about 15 other people, um, not....not more than a couple of weeks ago. Stone said so there is a difference in the Constitutional requirements and that is that ah, the Council is required to reside in the State of Michigan the Tribal Court

Justices are not. Stone said and so um, there are some differences there. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said she does have the Ogema next in the queue they do have one Participant online they will admit and have them verify for the record. Wolfe said so they are on Public Comment, Janine Sam, can she identify herself for the record. Wolfe repeated user handler Janine Sam can she identify herself for the record.

Janine Sam stated her name and Tribal citizen #0150.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said so next in the queue they have the Ogema. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he just feels this is all unfortunate ah, the questions that they have to have about attendance ah, and the questions they have to have about residency. Romanelli said it causes a lot of concerns and problems within this Tribe. Romanelli said they know he would think if he was a Councilor he would take some steps to alleviate some of those concerns and questions. Romanelli said they know there was a Council member that was removed um, because of ah, Forfeiture of Office. Romanelli said that is the action he took some action because of that. Romanelli said when he ah, asked for something from the Council what he got was a letter stating that they were going to take action against him and as to date there hasn't been anything. Romanelli said so he is a little cautious, they know that there are enough red flags. Romanelli said he is hoping that....because that doesn't mean to brush off the Tribal membership because there are red flags that have been raised by multiple people and he thinks that at a minimum ah, this Council should probably be looking at it and ensuring that some action or some investigation too is being done on this because of the red flags if nothing else. Romanelli said he was a Tribal member.....Tribal Councilor and he had those red flags raised he thinks he would do more to justify or ease the....their membership's ah, concerns about it. Romanelli said one, being attending meetings occasionally. Romanelli said that was.....they know he was disappointed by the um.....by the attendance by Tribal Council at the Membership Meeting, he wasn't going to mention it but they know, there is two times a year, really, where.....because these meetings ah, where they can answer membership and the membership can see the Tribal Council and he thinks a little more effort should be taken for Tribal Council to show up at those meetings.....Membership Meetings....twice a year. Romanelli repeated twice a year so he will leave it at that. Romanelli thanked them.

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

Al Metzger said he is sorry about that he thought his hand was down. *The rest of his comment couldn't be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said he couldn't hear a word he said.

Speaker Wolfe said she believed his comment was that he took his hand down earlier and he doesn't have Public Comment at this time.

Al Metzger said yes, he doesn't.....

Speaker Wolfe said do moving on next in the queue they have Sara. Wolfe said Sara, she has the floor.

Sara Agosa said she is not seeing her hand up on her end. Agosa said sorry about that.

Speaker Wolfe said so as she did state earlier she has a queue written down here because people do raise their hands and then get unraised so she was just checking with everyone that she had wrote down on the list. Wolfe said seeing that it looks like they exhausted the queue. Wolfe said okay, she will take that back. Wolfe said Lee he just raised his hand. Wolfe said he has the floor. Wolfe asked Lee Mc Caslin does he have a comment for Public Comment she sees his hand raised. Wolfe said seeing no response they will move on to the next in the queue.....

Lee Mc Caslin said excuse him Madame Speaker he does and ah.....

Speaker Wolfe said he has the floor.

Lee Mc Caslin said he, he, he apologizes he could get his phone to work correctly. Mc Caslin said he couldn't find an unmute button. Mc Caslin said he was just thinking about the residential school and Deb Haaland and the State of Michigan to see if they can get more information on that. Mc Caslin said um, they know residential schools um, verses industrial schools. Mc Caslin said um, they know they are all um, they know, an heir of that time and frame. Mc Caslin said some of them it was later but um, they know it's a conversation that's um, if them guys would put on a workshop or something he would be really interested in. Mc Caslin said with that he will say Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said okay, next in the queue they have Cynthea. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Cynthea Shantz thanked them. Shantz said she did not get an answer to her question from Council. Shantz said is Council.....anyone going back over legislation that was enacted um, since Mr. um, Champagne while he was in office and Speaker.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza he has a response.



Councilor Di Piazza said just him speaking as an individual Councilor that a few has raised some red flags with him and he will be bringing them forward. Di Piazza said as far as all of them he doesn't have her that answer yet because it really hasn't been distinguished by the courts when he may have not been on Council or even eligible to be on Council because the one is going back to October 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in one of the things in Tribal Court not by his doings either. Di Piazza said so um, that is on the Election fraud so they are going back that far he doesn't know. Di Piazza said what....but he knows some has raised some red flags with him then how the funding may go or where its coming or how its going out. Di Piazza said also people need to remember they get paid from casino funds, they don't paid out of the General Fund, well they do but them funds come from the casino. Di Piazza said them funds come from the casino and they get paid and their paying Councilors out of casino funds that puts a whole different matrix on should they be here. Di Piazza said if they are not here and they don't belong here they paid that opens quite a sticky-mickey right there. Di Piazza said to him there is a lot of conversation that needs to happen and he prefers everybody be in the office and no it won't be on ZOOM for the general population. Di Piazza said he's done.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his response. Wolfe said moving on next....

Cynthia Shantz asked no one else. Shantz asked again anyone else looking into it. Shantz said just because there is red flags and concerns doesn't mean they are looking into what has already taken place. Shantz said she means not to disrespect Mr. Di Piazza but um, she means are they going back through the legislation that has taken place and looking at, have any of them.

Councilor Guenthardt said he believed after the court hearings on some of them court cases he is sure they are going to go back and look at quite a few of them he is hoping.

Cynthia Shantz asked but shouldn't they.....shouldn't they be doing that now. Shantz said she means like she said this could very well jeopardize their Muskegon Casino and in her opinion they all should be doing everything they can to help rectify the situation. Shantz said it is jeopardizing their whole Tribe.

Councilor Di Piazza said all he can say is some he sits with don't even recognize that that has transpired. Di Piazza said they are extremely angry and upset with him and that is all he can say about it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for the comment. Wolfe said moving on next in the queue they have Scott Wahr. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Scott Wahr, Tribal #4689, thanked Miss Speaker. Wahr said ah, he guessed his statement and to tag onto what Cynthia's been talking about. Wahr said ah, Tribal Procedures Ordinance 10.02 Constitutional grounds for removal of office, defined

is gross misconduct or malfeasance in office um, its ah, its gross misconduct or malfeasance in office defined that is generally understood by the community as a failure to carry out the actions and responsibilities or to act in any way that is contrary to the community's expectations or the office. Wahr said he believed um, Julie um, she'll understand what they means, correct.

Speaker Wolfe said yes, she understands it.

Scott Wahr asked her if she felt like she has not done anything ah, malfeasance or gross misconduct in office....while in office.

Speaker Wolfe said she believed that she has not done her due diligence and done her duty as a Tribal Councilor in upholding the Constitution and the oath that she took.

Scott Wahr asked can she check into residency of Ms. Champagne.

Speaker Wolfe said she believed this Council has taken that under advisement. Wolfe said they do see and hear all the concerns from the Tribal members. Wolfe said do they have a public statement ready for today no they don't.

Scott Wahr said this has been asked in the past and nobody has done anything about it, correct.

Speaker Wolfe said if that is the way he sees it, correct.

Scott Wahr said just as when Ryan was in office it was brought that he was living out of state and them guys chose not to do anything about it.

Speaker Wolfe said that is incorrect. Wolfe said she is not going to go back and forth with him he can say his comments if he wishes but otherwise she is not going to respond to anymore. Wolfe thanked him.

Scott Wahr said that is more than she said at the Membership Meeting. Wahr thanked her.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she does have two questions. Agosa said her first question is when is Tribal Council going to get an attorney for Tribal Council. Agosa said her second question is it....this conversation kind of jogged her memory but she has not been able to look at the video recording so her memory might be lapsing a bit but it was on her to do list to ask um, in the Membership Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> it was stated that Tribal Council issued a Letter of Concern to the Ogema regarding Ryan Champagne's residency. Agosa said but then in

another part of the meeting it was stated that Tribal Council issued a statement um, something along the lines of that Tribal Council felt or at least by majority that he did meet the requirements for residency. Agosa said she really did notice a disconnect there in the information so her question is who issued that first letter that was stated Tribal Council issued and the second letter was stated that Tribal Council also issued that one because the information seems to contradict itself. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

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

Councilor Di Piazza said he can.....he can question the second portion about there was not anything from Council that he knows of because that happened on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Second Open so what transpired in Closed he doesn't know. Di Piazza said her guess is as good as his. Di Piazza said it was submitted to the courts most of it was altered documentation so whoever might of taken that many sort of vote on that should be really watching what they voted on. Di Piazza said a lot of that documentation they could tell was altered and photo-shopped. Di Piazza said that's sad but again, there was some that was extremely angry with him and probably still are and that's okay because he is here for the membership....he is here for the citizens. Di Piazza said some day they will get over it and if they don't he doesn't know what to say. Di Piazza said he will continue to do what he does for the membership but um, yeah, she will have to watch the video from February 9<sup>th</sup> because even that information that was released from Closed Session and ended up in the courts that presents another massive problem because none of that information was released from Closed Session. Di Piazza said that presents another problem when people are in Closed Session and receiving Closed Session Packets like a few said they don't know who is sitting there. Di Piazza said there is no video on ach, ach, who they are sharing it with before it used to be.....42020 in the Great Shutdown they used to get the Closed Packets in the office and they stayed in the office. Di Piazza said they didn't get emailed all over the place because he doesn't know if somebody is forwarding them Closed Session Packets. Di Piazza said there was one instance where a Closed Session Packet eons ago ended up at the laundry mat and a Non-Tribal citizen turned them into the Tribe saying they think these were theirs because they say confidential all over them so....and them were just left at the laundry mat. Di Piazza said that was a long time ago even before his time. Di Piazza said that is probably why they had to stay in the office because even that instance so carelessness cost money. Di Piazza said anyways he can answer, yeah, he hoped that answered her number two question. Di Piazza said he doesn't know. Di Piazza said as far as he knows none of that information that was submitted to the courts that is in his filing or his filing or somebody's filing was never released from Closed Session. Di Piazza said so he doesn't know what to say other than....umph.....umph.

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

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, thanked her. Thull said and ah, this whole meeting um, this ah, public session is ah, very upsetting. Thull said um, it feels like one of their Councilors is being targeted and she feels that she has heard that fellow Council members have actually gone by Cindy's home, taking pictures, ah, checking out to see if she's there, and she just feels that this is totally out of bounds. Thull said she wants that on the record that if this happened this is a form of harassment, this is an Elder of their Tribe, a kwe and she hopes this isn't true. Thull said she hopes this isn't happening but she feels that they have such a toxic environment there and everyone is pointing to Council and wanting to hold Council accountable but what about the Ogema. Thull said no one speaks about holding the Ogema accountable so they don't....not everything stems from Council. Thull said she feels that ah, the whole area there is toxic and she doesn't blame anyone for not wanting to go there. Thull said she's attended the Membership Meetings for years and years and years. Thull said she did not attend this year she feels like.....

*Councilor Di Piazza can be heard saying, "she missed a good time," in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Susan Thull continued.....that everyone needs to remember their medicines, she thinks that they need to um, regroup and try to um, come together. Thull said she just thinks that this toxicity....*becomes emotional here*.....needs to end. Thull said she is just so disappointed in the way that things are going right now and it just caused anxiety for many of them that are praying for healing. Thull said she is sorry she is not....*crying at this point*.....doing well expressing her feelings but this is just a sad time for their Nation. Thull said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthia. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Cynthia Shantz, Tribal #3356, said um, this consternation here is easily resolved....easily resolved um, she, she it only takes one....couple people to come and do their job. Shantz said um, she doesn't see where that's a problem. Shantz said they were hired to do it and they're not so if those people would step up and do the right thing. Shantz said um, also as far as the Ogema goes he is in office... he is in office all the time and he does his job and he is not the Legislator, Tribal Council is. Shantz said so she still has not gotten an answer to her question. Shantz asked will they all or one of them please step up and say that they will commit to checking prior legislation and/or at least check residency. Shantz asked any of them. Shantz said so how does she go about getting this type of business done. Shantz asked what does she have to do.

*There was silence from Tribal Council.*

*There was some whispering going on in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be determined who was doing it or what they were saying.*

Cynthea Shantz asked does she have to go to court. Shantz asked does she have to go to court to sue them to do their job. Shantz asked does she need to make a motion.

*There was more silence from Tribal Council.*

Cynthea Shantz said all right she is done. Shantz thanked them.

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

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, said so he just wanted to say ah, he hopes Council members are driving by her house and he hopes they are checking on her. Stone said he hopes they are doing their due diligence to make sure she is residing in the State of Michigan. Stone said its their responsibility to hold that person accountable and so again, everything is not an attack. Stone said it is about accountability and when he hears the comment everybody attacks the Council and nobody attacks the Ogema, really? Stone asked how many times has he been heard the Ogema being called Ogemarana, how many times has he heard his adoption ah, being question, his lineage being questioned, his wife attacked, his sons attacked, how many times has he heard all of that. Stone said so again, they want to play it up to the audience depending on who the person is but he watched that man being continuously attacked over the period of years that he's been there and it has been non-stop. Stone said so ah, that said, ah, he also thinks it is very disrespectful that Cynthea asked some very pointed questions and nobody could even say so much as they will take it under advisement or "thank you" for her comment. Stone said they just sit there and quiet. Stone said that's....that's just disrespectful and he is sorry um, them guys are better than that. Stone said the other thing he will say is this; he wants to know from Council the amount because he asked at the Membership Meeting actually Michelle Gibbs asked in the Membership Meeting if any funds were expended on the defense of Ryan Champagne and the first response they got was there were no funds expended in his defense. Stone said then he followed up with a question and he got the response very honest and appreciated from two Council members that said yes, they spent money on legal fees defending Ryan's residency. Stone said he wants to know the amount of those legal fees were because as a citizen they have a right to know. Stone said Mr. Wahr asked the question earlier have any of them committed malfeasance for gross misconduct in office and his argument is that one action shows they did. Stone said if they expended legal funds and legal fees defending a residency question for which Tribal Council nor the Tribe is responsible for there is no feasance there. Stone said there is misappropriation of funds there. Stone said there is gross misconduct there. Stone said so they have questions...they have questions and they believe....he believes they have a right to know the answers to those questions. Stone said um, they know its...its unfortunate that they sit here and go through this time and time again. Stone said

they know what he wants to believe in good governance he believed just in its nature in the goodness of people in general um, but he thinks that those questions are valid questions and again, as it relates to a public official everybody needs to understand Elected Officials are held to a different set of standards and don't have the same rights as a private citizen. Stone said they just don't. Stone said there are several case law cases on it that shows they don't have the same rights defamation of character nearly impossible to defame a public official. Stone said there are several pieces of case law in the courts and so on and so forth. Stone said again, let's not confuse accountability with attacking people that's not what this is. Stone said people want to know answers and its not just one person there is multiple people asking these questions. Stone thanked them for this time.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment.

Councilor Champagne said she wanted to get into the comments.

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

Martha Howell said she would just like to say that being a public official or a limited public official does not give anybody the right to stalk another human being. Howell said it doesn't give.....there are laws in Michigan against stalking. Howell said going by someone's home and taking pictures seeing if they're there that's terrifying and anybody could think that stalking behavior is okay.....if she is feeling unsafe because of it please call her local authorities because that is terrifying behavior. Howell said that is terrorism and that's domestic violence on top of it so let's not perpetuate the hurting of other human beings. Howell said let's not encourage stalking other members of their Tribal Family because that's terrible behavior. Howell said that's not being a citizen, that's being a nuisance and that's being terrifying and scary to another human so let's not do that. Howell said let's not drive by their house and take video and take pictures and hide out in the bushes with binoculars and see if they're home. Howell said that is just not right and that is all she has to say.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthia Champagne. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne she has the floor.

Councilor Champagne thanked her. Champagne said its interesting that the people there are so willing to cut her and Ryan down are nine county. Champagne said she doesn't hear her Outlying Membership calling them and having a concern with them doing their job. Champagne said they put forward legislation and stuff and say its not right to do this and its not right to do that. Champagne said well let her tell them just because they are at the Wednesday's Meeting don't mean that they're there doing their job. Champagne said they can ask one of the Council members how many times he shows up at a work session. Champagne said he

doesn't show up but he shows up at Wednesday's Meetings so the membership thinks he's doing his job. Champagne said she is at work sessions except when her access is cut off and so they can say what they want to about her um, her membership that put her into this seat has not called her and said, "*Miss Champagne I don't think you are doing your job. Miss Champagne said we would like you to resign,*" Champagne said if her membership called her and issued their concerns she would listen to them and she would try to satisfy their wishes so yes, its all nine county and it is interesting that they attack the same family. Champagne said they talk about how this isn't wrong when they are attacking a family. Champagne questioned its not wrong that they attack children and this group did attack her grandchildren who aren't even members of this Tribe. Champagne said went and invaded their privacy by going to their school, going to the government issues, they had no right to do that but they did it anyway and the judge they voted in to uphold their laws gave them the subpoena to do it in another state. Champagne said they didn't have that right and the membership \_\_\_\_ didn't say nothing. Champagne asked what will they do when they do that to them. Champagne said yes, she's mad because they have attacked her family and they did nothing wrong except try to help this jus....Tribe. Champagne said they can't show where they have taken a damn thing from the Tribe. Champagne said Israel can he say that....him and his family never took a thing from this Tribe because she thinks they can look at records, huh? Champagne said so he wants to attack her.....

*Both Councilor Champagne and Israel Stone were talking at the same time and it was hard to follow one conversation on the ZOOM recording.*

Israel Stone said he absolutely can say that. Stone repeated he absolutely can say that Miss Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, right.

Israel Stone said by the way the member that is calling her out right now is from Arizona one of hers.

Speaker Wolfe said Israel let her make her comment and she can put him in the queue.

Israel Stone said well, if they are going to go with personal attacks put him in the queue because he is going to unload.

Councilor Champagne said so she is just tired of her family getting attacked for no damn good reason and she is tired of thinking it is okay to go after children who have nothing to do with it and are not even members of this Tribe.

Champagne said so if them people think that is okay then so be it. Champagne said she is not very proud to say she is part of this Tribe even. Champagne said she will let it go at that Julie.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Sara. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she is also really concerned because she thought that Mr. Champagne's um, like this matter was still in litigation and on April 29<sup>th</sup> LRBOI verses Champagne which she is assuming was for Ryan. Agosa said a pretrial hearing so she would just caution she doesn't think this matter has actually been settled and she thinks it is really important to value innocent until proven guilty. Agosa said she would also like to express to Tribal Council that as a voting member she would have appreciated if she would have been given more notice of this hearing so she could participate um, she thinks it was put on the docket pretty quickly and she thinks it was um, a disservice to the membership not to have more notice um, because she most certainly would have attended. Agosa said she would also like to convey that she has very serious concerns with the decisions coming out of the Judicial Branch and she can say this from firsthand experience because she is actually in a lawsuit against the Ogema and a lawsuit against the Chief Judge and she has not had a good experiences of Pro cur and she doesn't think this court represents Tribal values at all. Agosa said um, so she just wants....she just wanted to share that with Tribal Council. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Cynthia.

Cynthia Shantz thanked her. Shantz, Tribal #3356, said um, judges are there to um, to abide by the law um, not feelings or um, she is sorry but they have to have judge by the law so um, that's just one comment. Shantz said um, also with Mrs. Champagne um, she is an Outlying and she is asking them to do their job and to show up and go to the meetings. Shantz said she would like to see her face in that room with the rest of them and she would like to see her in the Government Building um, attending meetings and doing her job there. Shantz said um, she was voted in as a Council member and this is part of her job and she is not doing it so if she can't do it then, yes, please resign. Shantz said that's all.

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

Israel Stone said all right so he just wants to respond to Miss Champagne's comments. Stone said one is Miss Champagne was to keep pointing at the Commercial Fishing Program. Stone said ah, he will make it very clear they can check with Accounting and they can check with the courts he did nothing wrong....period. Stone said now let's talk about Ryan Champagne's attempted fraud on the Tribe. Stone said that he was prosecuted and found guilty of. Stone said let's talk about the pending Election fraud. Stone said this isn't pending ah, litigation this is public knowledge. Stone said he didn't send the cops over to her



grandchildren's school if that was part of their investigative process to find out that her son lied and defrauded the Tribe in the election process which by the way is costing this Tribe thousands of dollars in addition to a court case and the cost of that and the cost of the investigation process and the cost of this Special Election. Stone said the cost of, of salaries and wages that he received, the detriment to all the grant dollars that could be hanging out there, let's talk about whose done what here. Stone said its not his fault that her son made the decision to defraud the Tribe's election process. Stone asked did he bring things to light, yes, he absolutely did bring things to light. Stone asked did he share things, yes, he did very publicly share things because citizens have the right to know so this big blazing, impassioned speech she just gave about what she has done for the Tribe listen nobody is talking about her right now. Stone said let's talk....well actually that's wrong people are....people are concerned that she does not reside in the State of Michigan. Stone said a citizen asked her that question and she wouldn't even respond to the question, again, they keep throwing the Pity Parties, poor her, her family this and her family that....she knows what he gets attacked all the time she knows what he does he fights back. Stone said when he fights back he fights fair and he brings it into the public's attention. Stone said he doesn't hide things and he doesn't try to be underhanded he brings it right out in the public which is what he has done with the Citizens for Responsible Government his transparency group, again, she wants to point the fingers at everybody else but she is not looking at her situation. Stone said he would say this to Tribal Council they need answers, they need solutions and they need outcomes. Stone said it is ridiculous that this much effort, money, and everything else ah, is being spent on an Election fraud and by the way if, if the Prosecutor picked up the case ah, chances are there is a lot of evidence there saying it's the truth because the Prosecutor is not going to pick it up if there is nothing there. Stone said they can go on, and on and on but he will tell her what this has cost this Tribe and by the way his actions and his actions alone on this Election fraud might have cost them hundred of millions of dollars because when the Governor's Office and he is sure they already have finds out about this they better believe that is a dagger in the Muskegon Project. Stone said they had better believe that has broad far reaching comp....implications. Stone said let's talk about all the grant dollars because of his personal vendetta against the Next Generation Learning Center and them guys shutting that down because he went in there and acted a fool and got the police called on him. Stone said the first order of business when he gets into office is to attack that place and shut it down let's talk about all those granting agencies. Stone said they can't receive another grant from those people for five years if they ever get one. Stone said so let's talk about the damage that was done to their Tribe and their citizens by one person. Stone thanked them.

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

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said well, she just wants to say that she does feel if Miss Champagne feels their children have been targeted that is extremely out

bounds and she just wants to remind everyone that in the past their Tribal children have suffered greatly um, for political purposes so it just kind of makes her reminisce on some of the stories she heard and experiences. Agosa said so she definitely does not agree with that at all and she also doesn't agree with non-appointed officials driving past their homes and taking photos for the whole harassment thing. Agosa said she feels she has been negatively impacted by her involvement with this Tribe in fact she just had a change her phone number um, she doesn't want to be on camera because of the micro-aggression um, it is just really creepy to be honest with them she doesn't even want to drive up here anymore and be on the Reservation. Agosa said and its....what kind of Tribe is this when Tribal members don't even feel comfortable or safe to participate...she can't believe they even have a charter with the political climate. Agosa said also too she would like to share her opinion about the Judicial Branch that yes, the Judicial is responsible to uphold the law but they also have Chapter 2 about Ethical Conduct um, so that can be questioned. Agosa said that is her comment. Agosa thanked them.

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

Cynthea Shantz thanked her. Shantz said um, they know, if, if children are being checked to see if they are in school um, that's a way to tell if they are in residence. Shantz said where their residency is because they enroll in a school where they are in residence um, or nearby so um, so she doesn't see a problem with that. Shantz said she doesn't think its targeting and they know, she feels like um, that the Tribe is bad because their, their checking to determine if their um, if the laws are being followed she doesn't see a problem with that at all. Shantz said um, if, if, if they don't want that to happen then they know, they need to follow the rules and regulations of their Tribe. Shantz said um, and she doesn't think anybody's being targeted um, unless they have broken the law or um, its suspected they are breaking their laws. Shantz said so that's.... Shantz thanked them.

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

Lee Mc Caslin thanked the Speaker. Mc Caslin said um, he just wanted to ah, acknowledge the Little River's flag and he heard that, they know, that red flags are throwing up but then he wanted to also, they know, keep sharing that there is nine Chiefs and only one eagle feather that is represented here. Mc Caslin said they know, as their heirs of treaties he just wanted to ah, emphasize on the nine Council members and each one of those flags or those \_\_\_\_\_. Mc Caslin said that is just what he wanted to share, they know, to think about that when they are deciding or their decisions about where they are running to because, they know, if it was the Bureau of Indian Affairs that put Chiefs there and only one being

represented um, he would just like to bring that to a full focus of light. Mc Caslin said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Councilor Di Piazza. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, he just....they know it really makes....ssshhh..... how does he want to say this they know with the ZOOM and the internet people, they know, they play the \_\_\_\_ Commandos all the time and then they hear "*Oh, my goodness, you talked little to me or they belittled me on Face Book.*" Di Piazza said they know what eons ago they sat at a table and talked these things out. Di Piazza said the mindset and he is going to say it of this generation is they know, puppy dogs and lollie pops. Di Piazza said they know, have they ever been out on standing on a line, they know, eons ago back in the 70's or 80's were they there. Di Piazza said that wasn't puppies and lollie pops that was, they know, that was Will Smith all over the place. Di Piazza said they were giving them and they were taking them. Di Piazza said he did hang out with Dennis Banks and he has been to places that eons ago were not special where people shot at them. Di Piazza said they shoot. Di Piazza said they chase them around with a baseball bat, a bottle, what is he going to stop and say "*Oh, oh, my goodness you can't do that.*" Di Piazza said he has been to places people have no clue so this generation of this puppy dog and lollie pops they are Anishinaabe how many times have they been beat down and they get back up. Di Piazza said all the time. Di Piazza said he is going to get yelled at because he is yelling. Di Piazza said that is loud that is not a yell. Di Piazza said he is telling them people nowadays they don't have no clue what is involved back in the 70's and 80's. Di Piazza said he has his first paper 1836 where he could go hunt and fish. Di Piazza said the State DNR said they catch him out there he is arresting him he is going to jail. Di Piazza said guess what. Di Piazza said he never caught him to begin with but now he is going to jail and he has represented his Treaty Rights. Di Piazza said he has been there and he done it and he is just saying that the puppy dog and lollie pops stuff....they are Anishinaabe there is a time when they are going to have to stand and its going to be ugly so they know. Di Piazza said he was awoken and, and, and it threw him because he had a county boy outside his house he popped a deer right in front of his house three 9 mills right in a row. Di Piazza said so if that didn't wake his rear end up and get him aggravated, yes it did, because that brought back memories from eons ago. Di Piazza said so if he is going to be a little rambunctious and ugly that could be why. Di Piazza said that was a wakeup call because he has been shot at a few times he can assure them that. Di Piazza said so he doesn't know they want to keep playing the puppy dogs and "*oh, my goodness you insulted me on Face Book*" or whatever. Di Piazza said good luck with that but they are Anishinaabe, stand up, take control do what the Creator put them here to do. Di Piazza said it is not always a Birthday Party. Di Piazza said yeah, he is set. Di Piazza said as a matter of fact he needs coffee.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Harriette. Wolfe said she has the floor.

*Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 1:02 p.m.*

Harriette Grantsyn, Tribal #3262, said um, she knows the Budget has to be passed, they know, and...but she thinks because they lost such credibility closing the center over there for children um, they need to revise that Budget and get that up there and running so they can gain back some of the respect from the State, from their Grantors if they lost grants, um, the things that they have cancelled um, the vote to um, eliminate anything from the government that doesn't have an Indian stamp on it. Grantsyn said this is....this is....good business for um, Little River and how the community feels about them. Grantsyn said like um....*pause here*....like Gary said they have to um, fight for and they have.....more pauses....she has not because she thought they elected people that would actually take care of this Tribe and she didn't....hasn't been attending meetings because it is hard for her to drive this far but after the Meet and Greet and the meeting Saturday um, she is going to be up here attending more often just to see if they actually have their Tribe and their Tribe's future in their hands.....

*Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 1:05 p.m.*

Harriette Grantsyn continued....and they don't let someone else take that away because its....sighed here....they need their reputation. Grantsyn said they have to repair their reputation. Grantsyn said so that's all she has got to say.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comments. Wolfe said last person she sees in the queue is Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she thinks everyone has had multiple times to speak so this will be final comment. Wolfe said Sara she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just has to address Gary's comments about the puppy dogs and lollie pops. Agosa said she just feels that is extremely dismissive of her feelings um, even the seriousness of having her go to court against Elected Officials and yes, they are Anishinaabe and that's what she would like to see. Agosa said she would like to see their Tribal values incorporated in all Branches and that members feels wellness and they feel sustained by being involved in this community and that is not the reality so Gary she really don't appreciate him dismissing their comments, very legitimate, when it reaches the level of litigation, investigations and even Ogema becoming extremely angry towards members for asking questions. Agosa said she thinks they are far beyond puppy dogs and lollie pops. Agosa said thanks, that is her comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is not even going to respond.

Speaker Wolfe said please.

Councilor Di Piazza said he's not.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor um, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said Sara thanks for her comment. Wolfe said seeing that Janine has not spoken before she will allow public comment for her. Wolfe said Janine she has the floor.

Janine Sam thanked Madame Speaker. Sam said she does apologize she was trying to figure out how to get her hand raised because she wanted the queue to settle down a little bit. Sam said she would request that the Elected Officials of the Tribe um, maybe focus less on what the citizens are doing or saying or reacting to what the citizens are saying and just um, carry out the duties of their office. Sam said one of the things that she feels she has to bring forward is she is looking at the job posting right now for the Fisheries Biologist Inland and their hiring range for that position doesn't even hit the top of their hiring range doesn't even hit the base wage for what most Tribes are posting for Fisheries Biologist or Inland Biologist, and Wildlife Biologist. Sam said so she really started looking at wages um, seriously because she does know that other Tribes are in processes especially with um, the great resignation and people leaving employment. Sam said trying to retain people to work for the Tribal Government and the casino um, she doesn't know what resources are being used to compare um, she did share a link about Elected Official ah, compensation with other Tribes and obviously their resource base is a lot larger than the Little River Bands. Sam said so she is not suggesting that the Ogema be put at \$185,000 a year salary but she is pointing out that they need to get on board and they need....they know all of this infighting and all of these things they need to take care of the people who work for them. Sam said they need to take care of the people who making the money for them. Sam said again, she doesn't know when the last time the casino has done a Wage Study um, but she is looking at some of the job postings and they know, she would literally have to take a substantial pay cut and she has been considering it to apply for that Human Resources Director position but there has to come a point when the Elected Officials of the Tribe put their animosities aside and start working on things jointly and together, not just half, right, its not just that they know, they can work with these people but not those people. Sam said she means a bachelor's degree in Human Resources with ten years of experience is not starting wages at \$65,000, not even for.....it shouldn't be for Manistee. Sam said to cap it at \$87,000 um, they know, there is some serious deficiencies there and she would really hope that.....they know, she is speaking from a place of information not speaking from her feelings, not speaking from what she thinks, she have rock solid numbers that go with everything she is speaking about. Sam said so she really hopes that the employees don't get lost in all of this rigermaroll and she really hopes that the Tribal Council recognizes and the Tribal Ogema recognizes that service delivery to citizens is of paramount importance especially at the tail end of a Pandemic and they need to pay people what they are worth. Sam said it is the cost of doing business, the cost of government, and all of the allegations or the comment made about the cost of the lawsuits and everything well, they know what sometimes lessons are expensive and they have to pay the

price for due process. Sam said that doesn't mean it was wasted if something good comes of it after the fact. Sam said so she just wanted to put that out there because she has really been looking at compensation and they know, of the Elected Officials, of the Judges and its like they know, Gary made a comment about being stuck in the 80's or something and its like yeah, so are their wages. Sam said so that is her comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said sorry. *Di Piazza laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe asked Janine Sam if she was finished with her comment.

Janine Sam said yes, she is. Sam thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said she thinks they have exhausted their queue. Wolfe said that moves them onto Closed Session.

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

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

**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN;** by Johnson; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Wolfe asked would there be any abstentions from Tribal Council on this. Wolfe asked any discussions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said comments or questions from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent they are done at 1:14.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them for this participation today and have a good afternoon.

## **XI. Open Session**

Speaker Wolfe said good afternoon they are at Second Open Session for their Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> regular Tribal Council Meeting. Wolfe said she would entertain a motion to go into Second Open.

*Councilor Wever was in the background asking, "Anyone else, Gary," on the ZOOM recording. Wever asked, "is there anyone out there."*

Councilor Guenthardt said so be it.

Speaker Wolfe asked support on that motion.

Councilor Wever said they have three people out here.

Speaker Wolfe said is there really, who?

Councilor Wever said she is just kidding.

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

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

### **Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent. Johnson said 2:28.

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

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any items to move.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #22-0406-059, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on that item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe asked any discussion on that.

Councilor Di Piazza asked is that either a six or a four.

Councilor Guenthardt asked Resolution number.

Acting Recorder Johnson said for that one yes.

Councilor Guenthardt said 059.

Speaker Wolfe said 22-0406-059.

*Councilor Di Piazza made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was so low that it couldn't be heard clearly.*

Acting Recorder Johnson said yeah, she heard him but.....

Councilor Guenthardt said 059.

*Councilor Wever made a comment that didn't come across clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Recorder Johnson said um, can she get resolution before that resolution right.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes, motion and roll.

Acting Recorder Johnson said that resolution is what she is asking.

Councilor Guenthardt said Presenting the 2022 Annual Operating Budget for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Speaker Wolfe said they got two resolution numbers and it was forwarded by motion.

Acting Recorder Johnson said um, Councilor.....

Councilor Guenthardt said yeah....

Councilor Di Piazza asked did they know that Grace did it on that before she writes it.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she will have it. *Johnson made another comment but it didn't come through clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Wolfe asked any discussion. Seeing none Pam do a roll call.



**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor and one absent it's passed.

*The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session.  
The roll call number is not on the roll call sheet and doesn't appear here either.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0406-059;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT  
AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT;** by Di Piazza;  
supported by Guenthardt.

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**IX. Adjourn**

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

Speaker Wolfe asked are there any abstentions. Wolfe asked any discussion on the item.

Acting Recorder Johnson asked who second.

Councilor Wever said Wittenberg support.

Speaker Wolfe said seeing none Pam do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

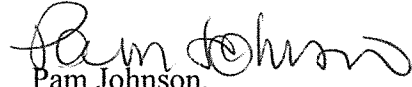
Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and one absent.

Speaker Wolfe said they are adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace A. Hendler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Johnson". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pam Johnson,  
Acting Council Recorder