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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 August 17, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, welcome everyone to the ah, Wednesday, August 17, 2022 Meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said um, they are going to go ahead and start everything off with the....a prayer. Crampton said Councilor Wittenberg.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

We thank you Creator for giving us this day and all of our relations.
We ask that you be with us in our hearts, help guide us in our minds so that we may walk in a good way.
Aho. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

Speaker Crampton said um, now if they will move onto....if they can get people to just ah, identify themselves....with their number. Crampton said um, they will start off with Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said ah, then they have.....let's see there is Grace, Jeff-IT, and Jolene Ossiginac.

Jolene Ossiginac said #3866.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said see then there is Jolene....Karol Ann Chabot.

Karol Chabot said #3742.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said see then they have Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Speaker Crampton said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Speaker Crampton said um, Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Speaker Crampton said and Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said #0890.

Speaker Crampton said all right he does believe that is everyone. Crampton asked is there anybody else.

Recorder Wolfe said no.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Councilor Wever entered the Lodge Room at 10:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said nine are present quorum is established.

Speaker Crampton said okay, that is going to move them onto the agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion. Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 17, 2022
WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III A.1 REMOVED;** by
Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton asked now is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said Sara Agosa. Crampton repeated Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said sorry, please disregard.....*if there was any more comment it was cutoff here.*

Speaker Crampton asked what, they couldn't hear her.

Sara Agosa said please disregard. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then they will move on. Crampton asked Recorder Wolfe do they have all these sets of minutes.

Recorder Wolfe said um-hum.

Speaker Crampton said okay, they have three sets of Tribal Council Minutes for 7/27.....

Councilor Lewis was talking to both Recorder Wolfe and Speaker Crampton in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wolfe asked what. Wolfe said oh, they need roll call on the Approval for the Agenda.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he had thought she had did it.

Recorder Wolfe said they did for established quorum.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said okay, please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor agenda has been approved.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 7/27/22 ☐ 8/3/22 ☐ 8/10/22

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion. Crampton said okay.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
7/27/22, 8/3/22 AND 8/10/22; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor minutes have been accepted.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Approval of a contract with ACD to install fiber at the New Food Distribution Center not to exceed \$20,000**
Installation of fiber optic cable to the new facility.

Speaker Crampton said number A.1. was removed.

2. Authorizing the Ogema's Execution of the Tribe's Master Service Agreement with Solomon Diving, Inc. for Sturgeon PIT Tag Antenna Array Installation

Contract for the installation of PIT Tag Antennas for the monitoring of Lake Sturgeon within the Manistee River at Rainbow Bend. Helps achieve program goals of monitoring Lake Sturgeon population and successes of the Streamside Rearing Program.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Martell.

Archie Martell, Fisheries Division Manager for the Natural Resources Department, represented this agenda item. Martell said what he has before them today is a um, the Tribe's Master Service Agreement for Solomon Diving which is a Commercial Diving Company to help their department to install the PIT Tag Antenna Array out at um, Rainbow Bend area on the Manistee River. Martell said um, this PIT Tag Antenna Array will um, read the tag that they put into all of their Sturgeon so when they release them or any of the fish that they handle um, is a continuing effort to evaluate the effectiveness of their Streamside Rearing Facility. Martell said um, the installation of this PIT Tag Antenna is....was part of a larger Great Lake Fisheries Trust Grant um, that they received along with.....in collaboration with the State of Wisconsin DNR, Michigan DNR um, and Fish & Wildlife Service to install these antenna arrays at each of these different um, Streamside Rearing Facilities for Lake Sturgeon that they are collaboratively working on within the Lake Michigan Basin. Martell said so the hope is that when fish return to the Manistee River or any of these other rivers, in their case Manistee ah, to spawn ah, that antenna will ping that tag within that fish and they will know what that fish was either one that they have put back into the river through their efforts at the facility out there or it could be another one that was handled at either by their agency or another agency that has come up the river. Martell said so it's a larger kind of um, evaluation process to now look at how well the um, streamside fish are contributing to the spawning population in the Manistee River um, so they can get a better handle on where they at with.....with those activities.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said um, Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza asked roughly, how many PIT Tags have they put into Sturgeon so far. Di Piazza repeated roughly.

Archie Martell said roughly, um, probably a couple of thousand. Martell said um, and that would be the fish that they released from the Streamside Facility and other fish that they have handled within the river systems.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is fine. Di Piazza said that's it, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said okay, um, Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said um yes, what did they use in the past because they had these different things what did they use to track them in the past.

Archie Martell asked what did they use to trap them in the past.

Recorder Wolfe said track.

Councilor Champagne said track.

Archie Martell said oh, track. Martell said they would have to um, handle each fish individually. Martell said they have been doing springtime um, spawning assessments in Manistee Lake trying to get a handle on how many fish are coming back up the river and they know, they handle ah, ah, a few every year. Martell said with this antenna array it would go all the way across the river out at Rainbow Bend. Martell said any fish that swims by it they would, they would....it would ping that receiver or that tag and then they would know. Martell said so right now it has been just kind of um, um, standard um, gill net assessments um, in the spring to try and get a handle on that.

Councilor Champagne said okay. Champagne thanked him.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any other questions from the membership. Crampton asked any other questions from Council. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on the issue.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0817-147;
RATIFICATION OF SOLOMON DIVING, INC. CONTRACT; by
Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.**

Tribal Council were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said all right, he is just going to pick one. Crampton said he will go with Councilor Johnson. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton said hearing none and seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

Archie Martell thanked them very much.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't see any.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Crampton noted none are submitted.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

A. Binojeeuk Commission ☐ July 2022

Speaker Crampton asked are they going to accept these individually or all at the same time.

Recorder Wolfe answered individually as they are listed.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION
REPORT FOR JULY 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion on the item. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked them.

- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ **None Submitted**
C. Gaming Commission ☐ **July 2022**

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR JULY 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion on the item. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked them.

- D. Health Commission** ☐ **No Meetings Held**
E. Housing Commission ☐ **July 2022**

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR JULY 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the item. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

F. Natural Resource Commission ☐ July 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NATURAL RESOURCE
COMMISSION REPORT FOR JULY 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported
by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the item. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say the NRC Commission Report the Elk and Bear Booklets are in that. Di Piazza said included in the minutes. Di Piazza said they are basically....every year they have the dates and the number of Bear and Elk changed in the booklets.

Speaker Crampton said all righty. Crampton thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is just ah....*Di Piazza threw up his hands in an "I don't know" gesture.*

Speaker Crampton thanked him again. Crampton said then they are going to move onto ah.....

Recorder Wolfe said she has one question. Wolfe said when he notes that he provided the resolution for the Bear Regulation Booklet but he didn't provide an adopted resolution for Elk.

Councilor Di Piazza said it should be in there. Di Piazza said that was that added one....he doesn't know....

Recorder Wolfe said that was for Bear.

Councilor Di Piazza asked which one.

Recorder Wolfe said the added resolution from the Natural Resource Commission was for Bear they don't have.....

Councilor Di Piazza said Elk should be in there.

Recorder Wolfe said oh, okay it was.....it is, sorry.

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

Speaker Crampton said it has got to be....

Recorder Wolfe said she was confused when he added this one.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he handed.....the, the.....

Recorder Wolfe said she is all set. Wolfe thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know where it went.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ None Submitted

B. Biskaabiiyang Committee ☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business

A. Operations Report ☐ May 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR MAY 2022; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor the report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

B. Financial Report ☐ June 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2022; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion on the item. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor the report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

VIII. New Business

A. Designating Authorized Signers for Chase Bank Accounts

Need to authorize designated signers in order to close Chase Bank Accounts.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mrs. Rabb.

Angela Rabb, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Rabb said so in 2021 ah, they bought a building on Ellis Street in Muskegon for the Medical Clinic. Rabb said ah, that building had a number of suites in it and those suites belonged to a Condo Association. Rabb said ah, whoever was renting those suites would pay Association Dues um, to the owner of the building and then the owner of the building would take care of the plowing, the landscaping and the cleaning of the building and so on. Rabb said the Tribe bought the building now they own all of the suites. Rabb said they no longer pay Association Dues and even though they obtained these two bank accounts um, with the building purchase they don't actually need them. Rabb said ah, they need to designate signers for these accounts so they can close them and then transfer whatever funds that are left in them to the Muskegon Clinic Building Fund. *Rabb cleared her throat here.* Rabb said that's it.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said that is just a small amount that needs to be transferred over it was like when she brought it up it was.....

Angela Rabb said yeah, it was a total of a little over \$2,000.

Recorder Wolfe said it was a very small amount. Wolfe said just wanted to note that for membership.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said so she is asking for Council members.

Recorder Wolfe in the background on the ZOOM recording said that, "they are already on here."

Angela Rabb said yes, two Council members, Julie Wolfe and Pam Johnson.

Speaker Crampton said perfect, okay. Crampton said that sounds good to him um, any further discussion. Crampton said he is sorry, Cindy please go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said yes, when they bought the buildings didn't they have to have signers at that time that was warranted.

Recorder Wolfe said it didn't come across clear what she was saying, Councilor Champagne.

Angela Rabb said yeah, it was.....

Councilor Champagne apologized. Champagne said let her try this again. Champagne said when they bought the building didn't they have to have signers at that time.

Recorder Wolfe repeated didn't they have to have signers on the bank accounts when they bought the building.

Angela Rabb said um, no, the own.....the previous owner let Chase know that they were now the owners of the bank accounts but ah, apparently Chase did not require them to have signers at that time.

Councilor Champagne said okay. Champagne thanked them.

Angela Rabb said she is welcome.

Recorder Wolfe said well, part of the reason was it was two different purchases and now since they own the entire spot they no longer have the Homeowner Association Fees associated with the building.

Angela Rabb said that is correct.

Recorder Wolfe said if that adds clarification for membership.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he has a question. Crampton asked so the sole purpose is just to close the bank accounts she only needs like one.....one-time signers, right.

Angela Rabb said she is sorry she didn't hear him.

Speaker Crampton said he is sorry um, what he was saying is that ah, since this is ah, is just for closing the accounts she just needs one-time signers, right.

Angela Rabb said that is correct.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Angela Rabb said yup, all they are going to do is sign the paperwork to close and transfer the funds.

Speaker Crampton said sounds perfect he just wanted to clarify that for the membership. Crampton said okay, any further discussion on the item. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said if there are no other questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0817-148;
DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR ACCOUNTS AT
CHASE BANK; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council or the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

Both Speaker Crampton and Recorder Wolfe were having a side bar conversation in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not heard clearly to understand.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 24, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said um, he only has one item. Romanelli said this last week he attended the Path to Healing in Petoskey which was hosted by the Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland and also by Assistant Secretary, Brian Newland who they know is from Michigan, a former resident and Chairperson of Bay Mills Indian Community. Romanelli said the purpose of the meeting was to ah, allow survivors of the Indian Boarding Schools to speak, them and their descendants. Romanelli said it was an emotional time and he would suggest that Little River Band to completely support this effort going forward and also the investigation into the atrocities and the deaths that happened within the Boarding Schools over the years. Romanelli said people think of this more historically that it happened in the late 1800's or the early 1900's but in fact the last Indian Boarding School to close was in Michigan was in 1983. Romanelli said so while they expected descendants and survivors to speak they found that they had a whole lot of survivors and ah, encouraged the survivors to speak, again, there were a number of them in attendance. Romanelli said he would suggest that Little River Band get very involved in this and support efforts going forward. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked are there any questions. Crampton said ah, no, the hand went down. Crampton said that moves them onto Legislative Affairs.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton asked no. Crampton said okay, that takes them to Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Public Comment. Crampton said Sara Agosa. Crampton repeated Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said this comment is for the Ogema about his attendance at the Indian Boarding Schools function. Agosa said she thinks it was really important for the Ogema attended the Budget Meeting especially given all the issues last year with the Budget. Agosa said additionally, um, the decision just came down that they were denied the Fruitport Project. Agosa said if this event was so important she would have liked to have seen the Budget Meeting rescheduled so that the Ogema was in attendance. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any more Public Comments.

Daryl Wever asked the Speaker if he could make a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Daryl Wever, Director of the Health Clinic, approached the podium. Wever said hi there and good morning guys. Wever said yeah, he just wanted....sorry to bother them. Wever said he wanted to pop in to clear up a little confusion he guessed there was comments last week or over the weekend in regards to like Cost Reports ah, and the current status with Medicare and billing in the Clinic. Wever said he thinks there was comments about why certain employees were let go in 2021 ah, and those individuals could have helped with the Cost Reports. Wever said so basically where they are at currently is the ah, Medicare has been reinstated it takes.....Medicare is very daunting and he gets why some of the previous Directors may have not wanted to really participate in it because it's a lot of paperwork and a lot of auditing and back and forth. Wever said so they have not had Medicare established at Little River ah, he thinks it is 25th 2010 there has been no Medicare.....when he came on board there was no Medicare, there was no insurance, and there was no license. Wever said the previous Directors had grants that they took the funds and they didn't do the paperwork and they were.....unfortunately they were red flagged. Wever said they are still he thinks next year they are eligible to finally apply for the Diabetic Grant which is a huge grant. Wever said so it was a very messy situation coming aboard so fortunately Medicare was created during the Pandemic, which was no easy task trying to get ah, people ah, ah, on the.....on the phone and actually processing it. Wever repeated so Medicare has been reinstated, they have the top ten insurance companies through Little River, they have a full license now for their facility and they have been applying to grants that they are allowed to. Wever said they are just waiting for a couple of the big ones ah, for hopefully next year. Wever said so with the Little River Health Center and the Directors in the Clinic they are basically in the pass with the billing and the coding, the insurance, making sure that they are submitting it, making sure they have the license, and making sure they are following proper guidelines when they.....when it comes to all insurance. Wever said Cost Reports.....unfortunately Cost Reports have not been submitted ah, through Little River since 2010 ah, there was a Mary Velcome that was in the Accounting Department um, unfortunately when it comes to Cost Reports they have to have certain specific numbers in the Accounting Department and they need certain payroll information....they just don't have access to that ah, in their department it has always been an Accounting ah, ah, access. Wever said Angela Rabb is the new CFO, correct. Wever said yeah, so obviously there was a transition with the previous CFO they had meetings prior to his exit and unfortunately Angela had a couple of episodes where she couldn't ah, he guessed towards the end a difficult transition ah, to get everybody here at the same time so

they did meet prior and prior to Angela receiving her new position in regards to Cost Reports so it has been about two or three months. Wever said the Cost Reports were discussed within Accounting and they....he do not have the personality he guessed experience those numbers that are in Accounting right now so they met on Monday and Angela Rabb has actually reached out to a company that ah, she is ah, discussed....he believed next week they will be back he thinks they are on vacation and out but there is a company that will help get them up to date ah, in their Cost Reports. Wever said they have all their claims everything has been.....is sitting in third party ah, ah, billing company that they go through. Wever said they are allowed to bill up to a year ah, year prior ah, and so they are sitting and once the Cost Reports have been ah, so updated a good 12-13 years then they can drop the claims and they should be fine from that point forward. Wever said they thought they were fine ah, once they had Medicare Insurance and all the Providers have to have Medicare and the Providers he had to have them all be associated with Little River and any type of billing has to be funneled into their accounts which they already ah, established accounts, the Ogema had to be involved, Accounting had to be involved so everything was set. Wever said so they were excited that they finally reached that end period because it's a little exhausting with insurance companies as they know as they have other procedures and outside dealing with things they may need through an insurance company. Wever said so that's when like two or three months later they came back and said Little River was not compliant so they.....with assist....in regards to. Wever said he was concerned because he was a Provider it was just the Cost Reports had to be updated. Wever said so he is hoping they met on Monday and they discussed it and hopefully next week they can communicate with this company and they will know within a couple of weeks ah, where they stand. Wever said he really doesn't think it is going to be that daunting it is just time consuming because they have not done billing and they really over the last 12-15 years ah, unfortunately so he thinks there is going to be a lot of zeros when it comes to them entering that Cost Report into ah, to get them up to date so it should be real quick but he just wanted to make sure there was.....there was questions like *why* and he believed people were saying the Health Director should be on top of this....they are on top of it unfortunately it takes a communication between a couple of different branches ah, to get the Cost Reports up and so ah, that being said individuals that are down there in the Clinic now including himself they don't have the access to Accounting numbers and they don't have access to ah, ah, payroll information so unfortunately in 2021 when the organization took a 20% cut ah, due to financial issues and other reas....other obviously reasons ah, all departments had to lay a few people off so those individuals that were unfortunately let go would not be able to or had the experience to do a Cost Report ah, so he just wanted to make sure that was cle....it was clear because, they know, there was a little miscommunication and confusion so ah, they should be good here in the next couple of weeks. Wever said he is not sure if Angela wants to make a comment on it or anything like that but ah.....

Speaker Crampton said no, but they do have a couple of questions. Crampton said they have Julie then Sara Agosa. Crampton said go ahead Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said so third party billing doesn't only incorporate Medicare it incorporates all health insurance and it is consistently low and has been consistently low. Wolfe said she understands what he is saying about Medicare but in 2010 the Tribe was not a Medicare Provider they only recently received that since he came aboard so those reports probably didn't have to be filed or needed at that time but there is also a concern that third party billing is so low and has been historically low for several months outside of this Medicare Reporting that he is adding and talking about.

Daryl Wever said absolutely so that's why with Medicare is one entity obviously but the top ten insurance companies that they are utilizing they have to.....there is tremendous amount of paperwork for each Provider so they added....have acquired two new individuals within the last year that takes time for that to actually ah, to accumulate that on their end as well then once they submit the claims that's why when they started this whole process they will see patients all through this year, through last year and previous years and they will not get actual payments Medicare and insurance companies have a year to pay for those claims so if they see the physician today Medicare and Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Aetna they have a year and if they go past that year then they have to pay a penalty. Wever said some do which is unfortunate because they go past that year and then they.....it would have been much easier to pay that \$50 ah, payment but he is not sure if they sit on that money or invest it. Wever said insurance companies like to play that game but they have that year so it depends on what claim is submitted they unfortunately had when they came on board....they were se.....when he came on board they were seeing five patients a day and they had one Provider and they were.....they didn't have the volume now with them growing and within the Muskegon location they actually have two new physicians that ah, were ah, were in Muskegon that ah, toured the buildings and are coming here next week Monday ah, two MD's, one male and one female ah, that would be one for here and one for Muskegon who would go back and forth. Wever said once they come on board, same with him, it takes a good process to get all that paperwork in then once the claims are submitted it is up to the insurance company when they actually pay it so unfortunately they now or fortunately they have a good crew and they have enough Providers that moving forward in these next few years it should and they see a lot of Medicare patients....a lot of their patients are over ah, 65 so that is the bulk of their population. Wever said Muskegon that is a different situation as well they have he thinks what like 950 members just in the Muskegon area and 250 in Kent and 180 in Ottawa so those are obviously new members but there is going to be a variety of ages but Medicare is a big one, Medicaid is a good ah, ah, one for them because of the 340B in the State situation but moving forward they....its only been three years so when he came on board its only been....shocking its only been three years it seems a little bit longer because obviously the two years was ah, ah, a very hectic ah, time for COVID and

shutdown. Wever said so in those three years they done a lot like they are actually building up....its takes really 5-7 years to build a business so once these claimsonce the Providers are here and they are submitting it moving forward they'll....they should see those claims and those numbers go up. Wever said the, the Potawatomi the third party they take 19% of their claims which is high....that is high but he thinks they've.....this was prior to his arrival that they did the ah, Potawatomi because he thinks they were desperate at the time they needed something because they didn't submit claims and the claims that they did submit were not processed appropriately and they had very little revenue so moving forward he would like to come to them guys in regards to having Atena ah, ah, ah, Epic is another one that is very.....they talked about this last year ah, in regards to electronic medical records they have EHR er, ah, right now that is through IHS and its free ah, but it is very ah, ancient. Wever said its free and it works and its fine but when it comes to billing and coding ah, Epic is good because communications with the other ah, hospitals ah, and when they drop the claims it goes right to the billing company and if there is something wrong it flags it and there is 24 hour service ah, and they can work with the physicians, work with the Business Office Coordinator, work with Accounting to get that up to ah, ah, appropriate billing so it is a process with the insurance company and they are actually doing very well with the Providers that are coming on board there are no issues and everything has been submitted but it takes a lot of work and a lot of paperwork and they are at the mercy of insurance companies. Wever said there is 15 of them.....ah, 16 of them and they are growing and it is going to take a little bit of time but it will....they will see a jump once the actual Medicare is ah, reinstated to see the population of ah, their members are to be older.

Recorder Wolfe asked how much current staff today are eligible to have their bills sent out....that are currently billing today.

Daryl Wever said they still bill it....they still are, are, are submitting everything.

Recorder Wolfe asked how many staff members are currently billing today.

Daryl Wever said all physicians do their own billing they send it out and it goes right to Potawatomi so ah, Renee does it, Dr. Grasear does it, Dr. Stout and so does ah, himself. Wever said they are all waiting.....

Recorder Wolfe said just four.

Daryl Wever said the four of them submit it when they do their notes.....they do encounter and it sends right to ah, Potawatomi unfortunately Potawatomi goes back and forth, back and forth and they try to, they know, communicate with the Executive Branch too and like to expedite all this confusion because they needit's a teamwork.....

Speaker Crampton said he is going to stop him right there because he is trying to follow the train of logic and the question was how many people are signing right now not the process of what Potawatomi does....

Daryl Wever said there is four of them....four.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Recorder Wolfe asked so the entire month of June only billing claims for four people was \$839.

Daryl Wever said he is not aware of what has gone through because they are waiting for Potawatomi....they are waiting for reports so he doesn't receive anything ah, currently.

Recorder Wolfe said that is just a comment then if he doesn't have an answer.

Daryl Wever said sure.

Recorder Wolfe said for four Providers billing for the month of June the Tribe received \$839.

Daryl Wever said he is not sure what they received but the bulk of their members and what they see is 65 and older.

Speaker Crampton asked is she good. Crampton said all right, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is about layoffs in the Health Clinic. Agosa said in a Pandemic shouldn't they the maintaining of staffing levels in the Health Clinic be top priority. Agosa said it seems to her that would be the last place that there should be layoffs in a Pandemic. Agosa asked are there any plans to restore staffing in the Health Clinic because especially since the Pandemic continues on including Monkey Pox. Agosa said that is her question.

Speaker Crampton said before the doctor goes and answers he would like to just say that he is from Traverse City and um, that is where Munson Hospital is at. Crampton said they are having a problem with staffing a lot of the Pandemic, a lot of the workers walked out because they were afraid of contagion so he means it's, it's, it's a universal problem. Crampton said go ahead.

Daryl Wever said he appreciates that yeah, it really is a struggle with ah, ah, hiring he is actually hopeful. Wever said he has to be optimistic that with the Muskegon location that they know, it....people can live in Muskegon, they can live in Grand Rapids, they can live in Holland and every new posting that they put up they make sure that they are aware that there is a significant amount of travel because if they can pull them they can live in Muskegon and they come up here

two to three days a week. Wever said the physicians that are coming on board or interested on coming on board that's what was appealing to them is that they could live in a certain area and they still have a.....some people like to go out to dinner, some people like to go to the show and some people like different activities, some like to hunt and fish so they are up here so it is encouraging that that would allow them then to recruit which he have seen.....they have seen more interest because of that Muskegon location. Wever said unfortunately during the Pandemic the individuals that were....there were a few that were let go unfortunately when that happened obviously they were locked down and people were living at home the ones that were let go were CHR like they were doing house visits they struggled with house visits to begin with and that's why....he hates saying that is kind of outdated but a lot of their members and he thinks just in general people don't really care to have people enter their home and he gets that. Wever said that is their space and so unfortunately those individuals were not really high priority during a Pandemic so they weren't doing house calls then even the Transporter like to transport patients to the hospitals and clinics unfortunately that...even in the....studies have shown people have lost out on doing Mammograms or Colonoscopy or routine checkups because people were scared to go to the hospital or their Primary Care were not available or were hard to reach so ah, Transporters, CHR, the home visits were not needed at that time and it advised through the organization that they take a 20% so um, but he.... moving forward now with these new facilities they have a full Pharmacy, a full Clinic, a full Radiology Department ah, and a Laboratory in Muskegon what.... his intentions is hopefully they can post these Transporters so they can post for new positions....they will be posting more in regards to getting ah, ah, members on board or they can apply for those new positions that really are not going to ask for like ah, ah, ah, a Bachelor's Degree or a Master's or a Doctorate. Wever said so there are positions that will be reposted ah, soon for individuals to apply for.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked Sara did she have anything um, to follow-up with on that.

Sara Agosa said she has another comment about the Health Clinic in general and what has come out of the work sessions so she really appreciate that Doctor Wever coming today to explain this more in-depth and she would just like to convey to Doctor Wever that um, he said he walked into kind of a messy situation coming aboard and that some of these issues occurred before he came....before he became employed by Little River. Agosa said so her question is can a work session be set up with the Ogema and Doctor Wever and the members given a full explanation of the money that has been lost and even a comparative analysis of other Tribal Health Clinics of their size. Agosa said what they have done compared to what he has done and how much money they have actually lost by not achieving the same metrics as these other Health Clinics. Agosa said she really appreciates it. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said well to answer her question he thinks that Council can sponsor that ah, work session as long as....his only caveat would be as long as people keep in mind that these were actions that happened prior and don't start attacking people that are trying to fix the situation. Crampton said um, Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said he keeps mentioning the Muskegon Clinic; is the Muskegon Clinic currently open, he mentioned five services that are available which of those are open and available for appointments of members today.

Daryl Wever said absolutely, so he knows this has been a process ah, and he, ah, and finally excited to....they have talking about this for many months....the construction took 11....11 months when they actually got started but the last two or three months he has to....they have all the licenses, they have all the Providers, they have the inspections they passed everything but for safety reasons he has sent out emails to Accounting, Unified Legal, IT, IHS so roughly it was between two, two and half, three months they have been communicating ah, with a good 12-15, 20 people because he needed to hear from every Branch and every department that they have met every ah, ah, needs ah, for that facility. Wever said this is a huge project he, he....Bay Mills opened up their ah, Health Center....he went up there ah, about a couple of months ago, beautiful Health Center, and they have over 60 people in their Health Department and it them three....over three years prior to the Pandemic, during the Pandemic and then after the Pandemic. Wever said so they have a large group they did very well and it is a beautiful facility. Wever said they, they with a skeleton crew and the help of Council and the Executive Branch and the 15 members over in the Health Department they were able to purchase the two buildings, a full Pharmacy, a full Clinic, a full Radiology Department, a full Lab, a Behavioral Health Family Service Section, a Doctor's Dictation area and an Admin. Center for PRC which will be moving down there for the Muskegon people so this is a huge project, a lot of responsibility that he had to have everybody from every ah, department give him that email writing stating that they have met all the needs and they are legally able to be in that building so they finally got the word so next week Tuesday is actually when they will be starting to see patients. Wever said Doctor Graeser will be there Tuesday-Wednesday and he will be there Wednesday-Thursday ah, then they were going to go low and slow and see. Wever said Pharmacy have already passed all their inspections they have the DEA, they have all their appropriate documentation submitted. Wever said they now just need the State to give them the okay the ah, speaking with um, the Pharmacy they can have that full Pharmacy which is a little bit bigger than what they have here fully stocked within 72 hours which is exciting so they are very, very close. Wever said what they are going to do though with seeing patients if he sees patients or if Doctor Graeser sees patients or people have medications that is needed instead of driving the hour ½ up here what they are going to do is Doctor Dixon is a new Pharmacist that just came on board he will be covering the Muskegon Pharmacy. Wever said he will do two deliveries....

Recorder Wolfe said yeah, that wasn't her question.

Speaker Crampton said he is just going to stop him there because they are getting into his discussions almost is getting as long as the meeting.

Daryl Wever said sorry.

Speaker Crampton said if he can just be concise and stick to the question. Crampton said the question is is he currently open.

Daryl Wever said next week Tuesday they will be open.

Speaker Crampton said okay, so they are not currently open. Crampton said um, Sara....

Recorder Wolfe asked what services are going to be provided on next Tuesday because he mentioned five of them in the facility which ones are up and ready to go on Tuesday.

Daryl Wever said Family Medicine and Foot & Ankle.

Recorder Wolfe thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said her comment is regarding a Request for Work Session and clarifying attacking people. Agosa said she thinks that Tribal members is owed an explanation when large issues have been identified. Agosa said she guessed her question is ultimately who is accountable when they have lost money and when is the consequence when there isn't proper management um, and she knows some of this is historical and things change but at the same time she feels as a Tribal member that it's really important their resources are managed properly and how can they get to that stage where Tribal members can really trust the processes and procedures and know that their money across the board is being handled properly. Agosa said that is her prospective and asking for accountability. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton said well he is just going to answer and say ah, by attacking people what he means is that when they have Informational Meetings he seen it happen here on numerous amount of times um, people tend to focus on the people who are giving the information instead of the actual people who might have been responsible and that's what he is talking about when he is talking about attacking if they can all just wait until the end of the information. Crampton said it might not all come out at one meeting until they have substantiated facts because um, blaming people and....for things they didn't do doesn't help the situation and he

thinks things will get better when professional protocols are just followed across the board and that is what they are trying to do now. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said along those lines she thinks it is really important um, that the members are given public communications because that's true. Agosa said she has been in work sessions and often times she....information...there just...she gets confused with the information and often times she feels like the information isn't completely transparent so as a member she has a hard time really getting to the truth and that's why it is so important that there are public communications. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton said well the only thing he can say to that is that he follows the military example and that the lines of declination so if their Chain of Command is that they only have a few lines he thinks they have too many here. Crampton said to reduce those lines he thinks it would be more proficient more efficient for the membership. Crampton said with that are there any more questions for public comment.

Daryl Wever said no, he appreciates it. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked Doctor Wever. Crampton said with that they will be going into Closed Session and read the following statement:

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 Crampton said with that he will entertain a motion to close the First Open.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain.

Recorder Wolfe said Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton said sorry.

Councilor Wever said it's the W's.

Crampton said it is a Wednesday. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said they are at 10:49 a.m.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said they are going into Second Open at 12:09. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 12:09 P.M; by
Wittenberg; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent they are in Second Open.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Wolfe said none.

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

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to end Second Open.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain.

Recorder Wolfe said it was Lewis then Wittenberg.

Tribal Council was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton asked anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

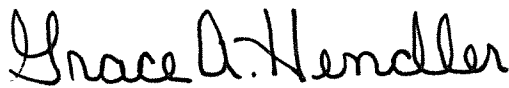
Roll Call #13

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

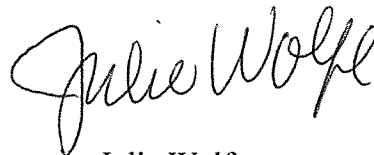
Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent Second Open is adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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