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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 24, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said welcome everybody they are in a....this is....welcome to the Wednesday, August 24, 2022 meeting of Tribal Council at 10 a.m. and before they start he is going to ah, check with the guests they have. Crampton said if he calls their name please identify themselves with their Tribal number or if they are not identify themselves. Crampton said first one up is Alexander Colopy.

*There was an echo in the background on the ZOOM recording when Alex Colopy spoke.*

Alexander Colopy said IT.

Recorder Wolfe said staff, IT.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said okay, Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo, #0890.

Speaker Crampton said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said Tribal member #0022.

Speaker Crampton said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said hi, #2276.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Jolene Ossiginac. Crampton said Jolene.

Recorder Wolfe said it doesn't look like her audio is connected.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, it might not be.

Recorder Wolfe said still connecting to audio.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then they will move onto.....does she want him to call Frank Beaver.

*Both the Speaker and Recorder were involved in a sidebar conversation in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Frank Beaver said good morning, Natural Resources Department.

Speaker Crampton said um, that will take them to Elise Mc Gowan.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Unified Legal.

*Recorder Wolfe commented to Speaker Crampton but it was too low for the ZOOM recording to pick it up clearly.*

Speaker Crampton said Jolene Ossiginac. Crampton asked Jolene. *Crampton asked Recorder Wolfe where is she.*

Recorder Wolfe said yeah, but she might not know. Wolfe said they are just identifying for the record.

Speaker Crampton said okay, they are just identifying for the record. Crampton said he thinks that will suffice. Crampton said um, that will move them onto the next item which is Opening Prayer and he has asked Councilor Wittenberg to do that for them today.

## **I. Opening Prayer**

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

We thank you for this day.

We ask that you be with us, in our thoughts, our minds and in our hearts.

We thank you for everything we have and everything we don't have.

Help us today to walk in a good way, your day not ours.  
Aho. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Aho.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

## **II. General Business**

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

Speaker Crampton said that will take them down to roll call, oh, he is sorry.

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:04 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 thanked her.

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

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

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 24, 2022,  
WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF V A. REVISED, V B.  
REVISED AND VIII B. ADD;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the item. Crampton said ah, hearing none from Council. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none 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.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approval of Contract with Elmer's Crane & Dozer, Inc. for the Aki Maadiziwin Roads Construction Project**

In order for the Aki Maadiziwin Roads Construction Project to proceed, Tribal Council will need to approve the submitted Contract.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons thanked Mr. Speaker. Parsons said good morning. Parsons said um, he wants to make sure they can hear him. Parsons said um, this item is a request for Tribal Council to approve a contract with Elmer's Crane & Dozer. Parsons said excuse him. Parsons continued.....to reconstruct the entry road to Aki Maadiziwin. Parsons said um, the reason for this.....the reason this is necessary and the reason it is on their Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for work this year ah, because that road is a little over 20 years old, give or take, um, and its ah, it is pretty beat up is the best way to summarize it. Parsons said he means they can drive on it but there is still some safety issues with the road primarily because there has been no.....no real way for storm or rainwater to actually wash off the road it basically just kind of goes wherever it goes. Parsons said there was never a drainage system that was.....that was part of the project when it was first built ah, he is going to say roughly 20 or so years ago. Parsons said so the purpose of this project is to get that done. Parsons said essentially what they are going to do is reconstruct the road. Parsons said that was the recommendation for their Engineer to just sort of build it over again by installing proper drainage ah, with the road when they do it. Parsons said for a couple of reasons it is going to be safer that way and the other reason is because it is going to last a lot longer. Parsons said it should last another maybe ten or 15 years before they have to look at that....look at that again. Parsons said the other real quick comments he wants to make is ah, they talked about this during Agenda Review and during the work session that they had ah, but that um, when they bid this project out they only got two responses or bids that came from contractors in the area. Parsons said one was Elmer's and the other was Reith Riley. Parsons said the reason that they were able to bid was because they are a fairly large firm and because they are large they have some adaptabilities like the ability to modify their schedules accordingly and some of the smaller contractors are pretty bid up or booked up he guessed is a better word for the construction season during the summer. Parsons said um, they have the three that they needed um, technically they were not according with the

Purchasing and Procurement Regulations. Parsons said um, so he went to the Ogema and explained the situation and asked him if they could do a Sole Source if he would approve a Sole Source Vendor with Elmer's and he agreed to do that. Parsons said that Sole Source Memo with the Ogema's approval is in the Agenda Packet so ah, he just wanted to state that for the record that that's how they got here. Parsons said um, he will leave it there and see if they have any questions for him um, and he will be happy to entertain any questions they have.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza asked where is the funding coming from.

Steve Parsons said ah, the funding is coming from their BIA Roads Funding um, and they have sufficient funds there.....ah, available. Parsons said again, because they have.....they done this a few weeks back they have like Government to Government Agreement with the BIA they are allowed to carry over money from one Program Year or one Fiscal Year to the next ah, so they have sufficient fundings. Parsons said they have roughly \$1.2 million ah, in the Budget for road projects of course this won't come anywhere near spending all that but they have sufficient funding to be able to do it.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, Miigwech.

Steve Parsons said um-hum.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any other questions from Council. Crampton ah, go ahead.

Councilor Johnson said so how long is he thinking or is he planning on taking to do this.

Steve Parsons said um, when....when he talked with um, Nick Broad, who is one of the Manager at Elmer's a few days ago um, he had said that they.....he is going to say safely two weeks although he thinks they can do it sooner than that. Parsons said a lot of it is going to depend on weather or any other factors that may impact, they know, their ability to stay on the job and get it done but two weeks tops more than likely maybe a little more than a week to actually get it done.

Speaker Crampton asked is that it. Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked them.

Steve Parsons said um-hum.

Speaker Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said seeing none he will entertain a motion. Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0824-149;  
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH ELMER'S CRANE &  
DOZER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,952.00 FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE AKI MAADIZIWIN ROADS  
PROJECT;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said oh, go ahead.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to thank Steve for doing an excellent job in getting the whole packet complete and getting it to them. Wolfe said also being very thorough in answering the questions. Wolfe said she just thinks that is really great. Wolfe said so she wanted to thank him for that.

Steve Parsons thanked her. Parsons said he appreciates that. Parsons said he wanted to apologize for the amount of material in the packet its like 70 some odd pages so he appreciates their patience and diligence in going through all that. Parsons said they don't want to throw that much paper at people it tends to discourage them from doing anything with it. Parsons thanked them again for that.

Speaker Crampton said he would just like to echo that. Crampton said it doesn't matter what he gives him he likes to read so.

Steve Parsons said okay, good.

Speaker Crampton said he appreciates it. *Crampton asked Recorder Wolfe if they had a motion in the background on the ZOOM recording.* Crampton said 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 resolution is passed.

Steve Parsons thanked them. Parsons said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$99,560**

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is Allison.

Allison Smart, Environmental Division Manager for the Natural Resources Department, represented this agenda item. Smart said good morning Council. Smart said just for the record she introduced herself with her title. Smart said so what she is bringing before them today is an acceptance of the last modification to their four year Performance Partnership Grant with USEPA. Smart said this grant ends on September 30 of 2022. Smart said so this is their last allocation most of this will be going towards shoring up ah, salaries and fringe rate for staff who are funded under this program as well as finishing up their Water Quality sampling for Fiscal Year 2022 ah, that is Federal Fiscal Year she should say so um, that is what this is. Smart said just to note that came up during Agenda Review that the allocation is for more than what they are accepting they are basically trying to match up their current Budget and what it says in their Budgetary Documents internally with this grant so that they don't overspend it on accident.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion. Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0824-150; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-29 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,560; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said 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.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$33,500**  
Acceptance of funds.

Allison Smart, Environmental Division Manager for the Natural Resources Department, represented this agenda item. Smart said yeah, so this is ah, really cool opportunity for Little River. Smart said USEPA Region V got direct ARP Funds from American Rescue Plan Funds ah, to help increase monitoring efficiency and communities that are more likely to be impacted by air quality issues. Smart said so with this money they called them up and said, *"Hey, do they want to move and continue this PM 2.5 Monitoring which is particulate matter 2.5 microns or smaller."* Smart said that is what they are currently monitoring at their Monitoring Station. Smart said so they are going to move from a Filter Based System with this money to an automatic System so they are going to get regular daily updates and real time information as to what type of particulate matter they have in their air. Smart said um, EPA is giving them this grant to buy that piece of equipment and move that forward. Smart said so this money is 100% dedicated to one piece of equipment.

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

Recorder Wolfe said just one thing that they went over in the work session to note for membership. Wolfe said this is a cost savings over the long run because then they don't have shipping with those filters purchasing, buying and sending for them to analyze so it is a cost savings in the long run and because it is grant funded it is no cost to the Tribe at this point either.

Allison Smart said yes, very much so.

Speaker Crampton asked any further questions. Crampton asked any questions.....oop, sorry, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what kind of particulars are they....are they monitoring for.

Allison Smart said so this is really small stuff that irritates people's lungs and causes issues so it is stuff smaller than 2.5 microns which is really small so its not the stuff they see. Smart said when they see stuff kind of settled on their car it is



smaller than that so it is really what is causing health concerns and health problems from ambient air or outdoor air.

Councilor Di Piazza asked is that like mercury or coal.

Allison Smart said potentially ah, definitely from residuals most of it is coming from other States coming across the lake so.

Councilor Di Piazza said all right.

Speaker Crampton asked any further questions from Council. Crampton asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0824-151;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY  
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-30 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$33,500; by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. 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 resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Appropriation of Funds for Expenditures during the Fourth Quarter of FY2022**

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

Speaker Crampton said that is the Comptroller, Mr. Brad Pringle.

Brad Pringle, Tribal Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said good morning Council and Tribal members via ZOOM. Pringle said um, this particular resolution is for the appropriation of funds for the expenditures for the fourth quarter of 2022. Pringle said Tribal Council has adopted the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 which is Ordinance #13-100-04, Section 5.07 of that Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013 requires Tribal Council to appropriate funds for each year quarterly. Pringle said Tribal Council did attend or he did attend and present a work session yesterday of Tribal Council on this particular resolution and answered questions. Pringle said it now THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians appropriates the amount of \$9,538,627.50 for expenditures during the fourth quarter. Pringle said this equates to Quarter Gaming Distribution \$3,179,542.50 and half Per Cap which is \$6,359,085. Pringle asked any questions from Council.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he is still kind of confused and he came after the Budget was adopted. Crampton said he is sorry to the membership because he was seated after the Budget was adopted. Crampton asked is this based on what Council approved or is this based on Reforecast.

Brad Pringle answered yes, that is correct. Pringle said the Tribal Council the original approval was on 4/1 was the original Budget and that was \$27 million....\$27,307,000 was the original Budgetary numbers. Pringle said then on May 12<sup>th</sup> there was a Reforecast and that new.....the new Reforecast is \$25,436,340 so it based on that \$25, 436,340.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked are there any other questions from Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0824-152;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE  
FOURTH QUARTER OF FY2022;** by Guenthardt; supported by  
Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain and he will be abstaining. Crampton said um, is there any other questions from the membership or from Council. Crampton asked are there any questions from the membership. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe said six in favor, two against and one abstained resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

**IV. Old Business**

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

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT FOR JULY 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. 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 -
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 her.

Recorder Wolfe asked Speaker do they want to enter this person and they can identify. Wolfe said wait for them to get connected. Wolfe said Galaxy A32 down on the bottom.

Speaker Crampton said okay, um, Galaxy A32 can they please identify themselves for the record.

Recorder Wolfe said they just turned the camera on. Wolfe said it looks like Lee Mc Caslin.

Speaker Crampton said oh, is it. Crampton said it looks like Lee.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Lee Mc Caslin.

Recorder Wolfe said okay, go ahead.

**V. New Business**

**A. Approving by Resolution Hunting, Trapping and Gathering  
Regulations of the 1836 Ceded Territory as amended by NRC 2022  
0314-001 Commission**

Approving by Resolution Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulations of the 1836 Ceded Territory as amended by NRC 2022 0314-001 Commission.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Di Piazza.

Gary Di Piazza, Natural Resource Commission Liaison, represented this agenda item. Di Piazza said morning, this is a resolution to approve the amendments to the Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulations for this coming Hunting Season and Trapping Season. Di Piazza said it was up for a public....put out for a 30-Day Public Comment on 4/6/22 and they had a work session on 8/22/22 which was Monday. Di Piazza said um, the Natural Resource Commission it passed by resolution on 3/14 of this year to accept the amendments and the changes to the regulation. Di Piazza said he can go over a couple of the items that might be pertaining that people may be interested in. Di Piazza said it was mainly the....had some major changes and some minor formatting, rewording for clarity and numbering corrections. Di Piazza said um, like 310 there is some past resolutions from 2000 that needed to be removed. Di Piazza said also um, there is a clarification on linear descendants and go over some of the highlighted. Di Piazza said some of it was sometimes when these items are taken from a PDF and moved into a word document unfortunately ah, doing that conversion sometimes changes some of the wording so um, but it has been corrected. Di Piazza said let him get down to the.....like 4.02 on the Bull Property has been....which is a Restricted Property has been opened up for Straight Wolf Cartridges which is the new like 350 Legend and 450 Busch Masters style ah, rifles. Di Piazza said um, linear descent 5.02 was added in and also 6.02 um, there was some clarification added of handguns for Tribal Properties. Di Piazza said also 6.02 B, the commission recommends non-lead ammunition is recommended for the turkeys and also 6.10 has been added where the commission is recc.....ah, he will just read it. Di Piazza said non-lead ammunition in an effort to protect the ecosystem non-lead ammunition is recommended to be used in the hunting of small game. Di Piazza said that is just a recommendation sometimes it is hard to find lead free ammunition but the other big change is under the Deer Hunting. Di Piazza said also they have increased the bag limit to 10 it was at five. Di Piazza said the State allows for 10 doe so or 10 deer but their regulations will read they can get two bucks, only one antler deer in the early season and up to five deer only may be taken in the early season for the total of 10 deer for the entire....both early and late seasons combined so they could get eight does and two bucks during that full season. Di Piazza said it is just split up so they can only take one antler deer in the

early season and then five total in the early season but they will still be able to um, get 10 deer. Di Piazza said um, some other clerical he believed that is it. Di Piazza said all the changes will be updated in the regulations and online. Di Piazza asked is there any questions on the items.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he has one. Crampton asked who did the legal work.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, Elise.

Speaker Crampton asked Elise why isn't she representing and talking about the changes on here.

Councilor Di Piazza said he figured he was the Liaison and.....

Speaker Crampton said well, ah.....um.....

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, he is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said he was speaking to Elise.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said good morning. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so she has been out of the office this week so she has been trying to catch up on some other work. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said she wasn't prepared to present that this week. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Councilor Di Piazza has surmised the changes as listed um, and that he was also in attendance when the um, commission adopted and made their changes.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, but he doesn't have the legal background she does and that's why he would rather hear the changes from her. Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked um, are there any other questions from Council. Crampton asked any questions from.....Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said just to note for membership every change or um, edit that was made in the regulations is highlighted and um, detailed out in the resolution that they are adopting today.

Speaker Crampton said okay, can she explain 3.3100-9 025.01. Crampton asked what is that.

Councilor Di Piazza asked that one. Di Piazza said that one was from 2000 and that restricted some of the lands same as the 0010061 them are some early resolutions that.....

Speaker Crampton said well that one seems to be pertaining to the description of what a lineal descendent is or immediate family member.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said that was a resolution just for that year....why its been in there for this long he doesn't have an explanation other than that needs to be removed because they added linear descendants in the like 3.35 and that's basically if their Tribal citizen passes and has descendant children they can actually get a Trespass Permit and they can hunt with their uncle. Di Piazza said they still need to go to the NRD department to get that permit so it's not just automatic.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he has a question for Elise. Crampton asked that would be um, oop....never mind he answered it anyways. Crampton said he is sorry and he apologizes. Crampton said if there is no further discussion he will entertain a motion. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0824-153;  
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE HUNTING, TRAPPING,  
AND GATHERING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1836 CEDED  
TERRITORY WITH ONE CORRECTION ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
WHEREAS NRC 2022 0314-001; by Di Piazza; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion on the item. Crampton said he has a question, its for Elise. Crampton said um, so all these changes and definitions are only specific to the document and the definitions in this document right.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said yes, that is correct.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh....one um, he is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said no, go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said one thing to add um, when he was doing the resolution he couldn't....some dilemmas like striking them items out so the red in the resolution is removal of that item and the blue is adding that item. Di Piazza said that is why it is in red and blue.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, is there is no further discussion or questions um, please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two against resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

**B. Posting Amendments to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015, Ordinance #15-100-08a for 30-Day Public Comment**  
To allow for membership input.

Speaker Crampton said this was put on by himself and he thinks they had quite a few ah, work sessions on this and discussions on this but he will entertain any other questions if there are some. Crampton said this is just so Council can get their own attorney. Crampton said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said can he highlight the amendments that they are changing in the ordinance.

Speaker Crampton asked which ones.

Recorder Wolfe said the amendments that they are changing to the ordinance for posting.

Speaker Crampton said that would be the ones that they discussed in the work session.....*the rest of his comment faded off because he turned away from the microphone and they couldn't be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.* Crampton said she has the highlights right in front of her.

Recorder Wolfe said so clarification for the membership that ordinance is to change definitions, to change what attorney or lawyer means to include Tribal Council's Legislative Attorney, Ogema Attorney, and then to allow in Section Article IV 1 A, also clarification in there that it allows for all the Tribal Council's Attorney and the Ogema's Attorney and then she believed those two clarifications are the only thing that is being recommended to change in the ordinance.

Speaker Crampton said yes, it would free up the Ogema having his own attorney and the Council having their own too. Crampton asked are there any other

comments or questions. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said hearing none he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION FOR THE POSTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE  
UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT ACT OF 2015, ORDINANCE  
#15-100-08a FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT;** by Lewis;  
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody that is going to abstain. Crampton said if not he will open it up for discussion from the Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing 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 motion is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

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

Ogema Romanelli said the Ogema has no updates this week.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him.

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have a Legislative Affairs. Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said trying to get the right one. Wolfe said so a couple of announcements for the Tribe. Wolfe said she just wanted to note that September is National Suicide and Awareness Prevention Month and they are having....co-sponsoring with Manistee County's Annual Suicide Prevention and Awareness they are having an event on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Armory Project on 555 First Street in Manistee for um, a wellness event for Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month that is being sponsored by Be-Da-Bin



Behavioral Health Central Wellness Network, Manistee Friendship Society, Manistee County Suicide and Prevention and Awareness Coalition. Wolfe said there is a flyer that posted on Face Book and if they have further questions she would suggest they reach out to um, Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health for additional information. Wolfe said again, the date on that is September 13<sup>th</sup>. Wolfe said she does want to note for the Elders Committee that they are hosting their monthly meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at Aki Maadiziwin um, it is Potluck Luncheon so they are asking for Elders to bring a dish to pass. Wolfe said lastly her other Legislative Update um, Astronaut Nicole Aunapu Mann, who is a member of the Wailacki Nation of Round Valley Indian Tribe in Northern California will be with three colleagues on Space Station X Dragon Space Craft as part of the crew five mission. Wolfe said the mission launches from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Wolfe said this is Nicole's first space flight since she became an astronaut in 2013, Wolfe said she will be the Mission Commander which means she is responsible for all phases of the flight that will go to the International Space Station. Wolfe said notable that this is making history because she is the first Indigenous Woman into space and then one notable quote of hers that she wanted to share with membership. Wolfe said she says, Miss Mann quotes.....it is a quote from her, *"It is a very exciting time and I think its important that we communicate this to our communities so that other Native kids if they thought maybe this was not a possibility to realize that some of those barriers that used to be are starting to get broken down so I think it is really monumental NASA is sending the first Native American Woman into Space this year."* Wolfe said those are her updates. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said that was amazing. Crampton said actually that is incredible, Dragon, isn't that Elon Musk Spaceship or whatever ....Space Program.....Dragon.

Recorder Wolfe said its from NASA so she doesn't know if he is associated with that. Wolfe said Space Dragon is a Space Craft name.

Speaker Crampton said unum-unum. Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is there anymore Legislative Affairs. Crampton said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, on that Elders for the Potluck does she know the date on that again, please.

Recorder Wolfe said it is going to be at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center September 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at noon.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked her. Wittenberg said okay, because everybody.....the reason he is asking on this is because Noelle is no longer down there to help like they usually do. Wittenberg said they do turnaround and made

the meals down there so ah, be sure to bring something so they can share with the rest. Wittenberg said that was all he was asking. Wittenberg thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked him.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said if there is no more Legislative Affairs that moves them down to Public Comment.

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

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any Public Comment. Crampton said Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger thanked the Speaker. Echelbarger said she just wanted to remind the membership that um, the Election Board Regulations responses from the membership has until um, September 3<sup>rd</sup> so she just wanted to make that mention. Echelbarger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said yes, she would like to make a Public Comment. Wever said she sees Martha Howell is on and she would love for her to come to this Government Building and she wants her to tell her she quit or was she forced out because if.....there was a meeting over this she wasn't invited and she thinks all of them should be there when its ah, making a decision like this because she thinks it.....there is a body here not just two people that are running the show. Wever said there is a body here and she wants to see Martha Stewart come here to the Government Building and tell her she quit because if she wants her job back she thinks she should get her job back if they have to talk to Elise or Dennis. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, just for the record Martha Stewart has never worked here.

Councilor Wever said okay, Martha Howell. Wever said she is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said oh, okay. Crampton said okay.....

Councilor Wever said all the Martha Howells out there.

Speaker Crampton said for clarification he wasn't here on Monday the records will show that um, Mrs. Howell tendered her resignation. Crampton said there was no meeting to fire her so that is the point of clarification.

Councilor Wever said she doesn't mean to fire her was she forced out....why did she quit....she wants her to come here and tell her why she quit.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is there any more Public Comment. Crampton said if not they are going to be moving into Closed Session. Crampton 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.....oh, he is sorry. Crampton said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner thanked the Speaker. Waitner said she is just double checking for the Resort they wanted to clarify that they are on for 1:00 for the Financial Presentation so they should dial back in at that time.

Speaker Crampton said yes, they are.

Connie Waitner thanked them so much. Waitner said speak again at 1.

Speaker Crampton said now with that said 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;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion on the issue. Crampton said if not 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 they are adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said ah, he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open at 2:13.

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

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent they are in Second Open.

Speaker Crampton said the only item is Ratification of.....

Recorder Wolfe said there is A.

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

Speaker Crampton said oh, do they have any items.

Recorder Wolfe said no.

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

**B. Ratification of Amendment to Woven Energy, LLC Contract**  
Contract ended amend contract to reflect Item 1. Termination in First Amendment. Upon completion of Exhibit A Contract will end needed to complete Agreement with Woven Energy, LLC in accordance with DEMD, EMDP Grant.

Speaker Crampton said that will be Mr. Lewis.

Recorder Wolfe said he dropped off the call.

Speaker Crampton said and he dropped off the call.

*Councilors Crampton, Wittenberg, Wever and Johnson were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Wever said she thinks he is out here. Wever said he is sitting out here.

Speaker Crampton said fine then bring him in.

Recorder Wolfe asked what's that.

*Director Lewis made comments in the background on the ZOOM recording that were not picked up clearly. Recorder Wolfe laughed then.*

Speaker Crampton said all righty he is up.

Gary Lewis, Director of Utilities Department, represented this agenda item. Lewis said okay, this is an amendment to the contract with DEMD, EMDP Energy Grant. Lewis said they found out that the grant contract actually ended in December.

Councilor Champagne said speak up Gary.

Gary Lewis said it was a year long grant they had an extension for two months and just recently requested a one month extension to get them through the last of the performance \_\_\_\_ which actually ends September 7<sup>th</sup>. Lewis said so this is to amend the contract so that they could finish it out. *The video shows Gary Lewis talking and gesturing with his hands but nothing is coming across on the audio what he is saying.* Lewis said the final presentation is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. *The video continues to show Gary Lewis talking and still nothing on the audio is coming through what he is saying so most of his comments are lost.* Lewis said he ran up the stairs.

*Speaker Crampton is laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any questions for him.

Recorder Wolfe asked so the Scope of Work is completed and this amendment just allows for paying the \_\_\_\_ finish and can be dispersed to them.

Gary Lewis said he resent back in so basically the Scope of Work that is required for the grant contract is pretty much completed there are three items that are remaining that is are being worked on right now.

Recorder Wolfe said they did have a work session on this August 16<sup>th</sup>. Wolfe said that was her only comment.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody else have any questions. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Recorder Wolfe asked are they on resolution 157.

Councilor Wittenberg said 154.

Recorder Wolfe repeated 154.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0824-154;  
RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT FOR CONSULTING  
SERVICE AGREEMENT (FIRST AMENDMENT) OF WOVEN  
ENERGY, LLC CONTRACT;** by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

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

**Roll Call #11**

T. Guenthardt -Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent resolution is passed.

*Speaker Crampton made a comment to Gary Lewis in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly to be made out. Both of them laughed about it though.*

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked Gary Lewis.

Gary Lewis thanked them.

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

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

**Roll Call #12**

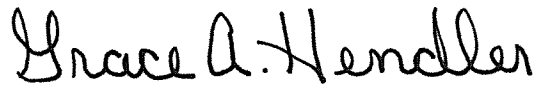
T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

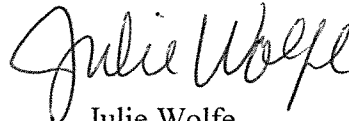
Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent they are adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

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

Julie Wolfe,  
Acting Council Recorder