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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 December 14, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton the recorder is on. Wittenberg said oh, sorry about that. Wittenberg repeated Speaker Crampton the recorder is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said welcome everybody to the ah, 12/14/2022 Meeting of Tribal Council for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Crampton said he would like to start today off with a prayer and if Mr. Wittenberg would be so kind as to do so.

**I. Opening Prayer**

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

We thank you for this day and everything in it.

We ask that you be with us.

Help guide our thoughts, our minds and our heart that we may think and talk and walk in a good way.

Ahoo. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Crampton said before they start today he just wanted to go over a couple of things and um, he attended a meeting over the weekend. Crampton said it was more like just a consultation with a few Elders um, from different Tribes and he was reminded that their Council Meetings are not just Government Functions they are actual meetings of their Tribal Leadership and the Membership. Crampton said they should be respected in such a manner. Crampton said he was going over the rules their meetings have gotten profoundly better at this, more professional, the comment is going better than he expected but they still have people yelling out things and getting out of order and out of turn. Crampton said um, after today he would advise them to read the rules. Crampton said there will be no more of that or they will not be attending. Crampton thanked them.

## **II. General Business**

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

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call Councilor Wittenberg.

### **B. Roll Call**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have quorum.

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

Speaker Crampton said at this time he will entertain a motion for the approval of the agenda.

Recorder Wittenberg said he will make the motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. WITH III A.1 REVISED RESOLUTION, III 2. POSTPONED; III 4. POSTPONED; IN CLOSED SESSION C.1 POSTPONED; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton asked are there any questions from the Council. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Wever said Ron, the Ogema is...

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Romanelli please.

Ogema Romanelli said sorry he didn't get all of those. Romanelli said he just received this about 15 minutes ago and there were no postponements on here. Romanelli asked can he go over those again for him.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, he can Mr. Romanelli. Wittenberg said ah, III 1. and it has revised resolution, then III 2. ah, postponement, and then III 4. ah, postponement of III 4, and then ah, there was.....oh, he is sorry, then III C.1 was an Add then they go into Closed Session, C.1. postponement.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked him.

Recorder Wittenberg said hopefully he got that right for him Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said um-hum. Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Crampton said um, and he hates to be a stickler but for the benefit of the membership could they read those items out. Crampton said they had been asked prior.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, yeah, on III A.1 it is revised resolution, Approval of Contract with Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction (GTEC) for miscellaneous services necessary for the BIA Roads Program; III A.2 is ratification on the postponement.....Ratification of Master Agreement for Services with Van Dyken Mechanical, Inc; and then.....to III....III A.4, Postponement of Approval of Artic IT Contract for Services; III C.1.....ah, C.1 is the Add, Approval of Expenditure for ZDN to update Membership Meeting Quorum Software; then they are going into Closed Session with C.1 which is ah, Traditional Healer Contract and that would be a postponement also.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, now he sees they have approval of agenda. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything else from Tribal Council. Crampton said okay, please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said five in favor and four against ah, the agenda has been approved.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ None Submitted

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approval of Contract with Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction (GTEC) for Miscellaneous Services necessary for the BIA Roads Program**

This contract would continue the relationship with GTEC in providing project management and other related services for the BIA Roads Program.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons said ah, good morning. Parsons said he is going to take this off so they can hear him. Parsons said um, first of all he thanks them for getting this on the agenda. Parsons said what this is is essentially it is a request for Council to approve a three-year contract with Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction. Parsons said they are the firm that they currently use ah, to provide some of the ah, ancillary activities and things that need to be done for their BIA Road Projects. Parsons said um, there was a memo in the....in the packet that he provided to Council that kind of gives them an outline of what they currently do but just to kind of go over that quickly. Parsons said um, they're involved with planning preliminary....excuse him preliminary engineering and design. Parsons said so they do the plan set for the construction of the roads. Parsons said they also do Project Management of their Road Projects so their actually in the field um, making sure that things are being done the way they are supposed to be done then making sure that things stay on task. Parsons said they also do what they call environmental clearance ah, because the Roads Program is funded by Federal Funds they have to comply with ah, um, federal requirements in terms of meeting the environmental standards so they are involved with getting that done as well. Parsons said um, they also do....ah, they maintain their road inventory um, on the National Data Base in terms of making sure their roads are current that they are updated. Parsons said they also assist them with some of the planning activities like the annual Transportation Improvement Plan that they have to get approved every year. Parsons said they did that a few weeks back. Parsons said ah, they also do something called a Long Range Transportation Plan so they update that as well. Parsons said so there are other things that are sort of behind the scenes with their BIA Roads Construction Projects and GTEC provides a lot of those services. Parsons said they done a really great job for them up to this point um, he didn't feel the need to try to find somebody else to do it simply because they have done a good job. Parsons said the BIA worked with Ken Okert, the Chief Executive Officer of GTEC, so that relationship has worked. Parsons said so kind of like in April they will fix it and they want to extend the contract with them if they can do that. Parsons said so essentially that is what the request is um, he has given them some kind of background in terms of the services they provide but at this point he is sort of going to stop here and see if they have any questions for him.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does anybody on Tribal Council have any questions for Mr. Parsons at this time. Crampton said okay. Crampton asked does anybody from the membership have any questions for Mr. Parsons. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on this item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1214-216;  
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH GRAND TRAVERSE  
ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION (GTEC) FOR  
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE BIA  
ROADS PROGRAM; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

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

**Roll Call #2**

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| 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 Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1214-216 has passed.

Steve Parsons said Miigwech. Parsons thanked Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Parsons.

2. **Ratification of Master Agreement for Services with Van Dyken Mechanical, Inc.**  
Maintenance Agreement for the Government Center HVAC.

Speaker Crampton noted this item has been postponed.

3. **Approval of Master Services Agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for Sediment DNA Manoomin (wild rice) Project**  
NRD has received funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program to study seed banks of lakes within the 1836 Ceded Territory. NRD will work with the Science Museum of Minnesota to use sediment cores and eDNA technology to determine changes in manoomin seed banks over time.

Speaker Crampton said he believed this is Mrs. De Gabriele.

Alexis De Gabriele, Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. De Gabriele thanked him. De Gabriele said she is the Aquatic Biologist for

Wetlands with the NRD. De Gabriele said she is responsible for Wild Rice and Wetlands Programs. De Gabriele said they are asking Tribal Council for approval to use 2018 GLRI Grant Funds ah, which were secured for a Seed Bank Study in order to secure a contract with the Science Museum of Minnesota to do a study of Wild Rice Waters um, on Holton Lake, Hamlin Lake and the Muskegon River um, using a new technique where they can look back in the sediment um, to see wild rice abundance and presence in the past 10,000 years. De Gabriele said in order to inform their current restoration work and learn from how the wild rice has been responding in those water bodies in different events through time.

Speaker Crampton thanked Miss De Gabriele. Crampton said he is sorry for mispronouncing her last name.

*Alexis De Gabriele sounded like she made a small comment but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording and it wasn't determined that it was her who spoke.*

Crampton asked um, are there any further questions from Council.....are there any questions from Council at this time. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1214-217;  
RATIFICATION OF MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA FOR SEDIMENT  
DNA MANOOMIN (WILD RICE) PROJECT; by Lewis; supported by  
Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked are there any further questions on the item from Council. Crampton asked anything further from the membership. Crampton asked anything else from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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| 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 Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1214-217 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

Frank Beaver and Alexis De Gabriele thanked them.

**4. Approval of Artic IT Contract for Services**

The Tribe has not been successful in hiring and filling the IT Department Staff so this contract is to provide support and services to assist.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-2023 Native Connections and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-\_\_ in the amount of \$70,000**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis thanked them. Willis said ah, as he indicated in Agenda Review on Monday this item was actually originally ah, submitted he thinks on November 9<sup>th</sup> for consideration. Willis said ah, the problem they encountered back then was some of the information that was included in the packet was ah, incorrect. Willis said so he went back to ITC to get the correct paperwork. Willis said so this is year three of a five year funding project through Inter-Tribal Council for the Anishinaabe Healing Circle Native Connections. Willis said this program is primarily designed to ah, look at means and methods of reducing the suicide rate among Tribal youth. Willis said the paperwork says 0 to 24 um, but ah, this is kind of collaborative effort it appears with Little River and Pokagon Bands so. Willis said the bulk of the funding is set aside for salaries and fringes of one full time employee um, and the balance of the funding roughly \$10,000 is split between supplies and contractual. Willis said there is money in here for communications cell phones. Willis said so as usual they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said they do anticipate receiving two additional years of funding through this program um, so that is good news.

Speaker Crampton said yes, it is. Crampton asked is there any questions for Mr. Willis from Council. Crampton said um, okay, is there any from the membership. Crampton said um, Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said ah, he said that this covers the wages and um, salary and fringes for one employee. Thull asked does it completely cover that employee or is that ah, are those wages and fringes also coming out of another fund.

Bill Willis said no, this ah, this amount completely covers the salaries and fringes of that one full time employee, completely, 100%.

Susan Thull thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is there anything further from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from the Council. Crampton said he will entertain a motion at this time.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1214-218; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-2023 NATIVE CONNECTIONS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-51 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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| 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 Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1214-218 has passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

**B. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't see any. Crampton said um, Old Business Operations Report for October 2022. Crampton asked do they have one.

Councilor Wolfe said he missed an item.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, he missed an item on ah, III, yeah, C ah, 1.

Speaker Crampton asked can he read that item for him please.

Councilor Lewis said it is Approval of Expenditures for the ZDN.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry.



Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, okay.

Speaker Crampton said hold on let him pull that up because his agenda is missing that. Crampton said okay. *Crampton can be heard talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was to himself.* Crampton said there they go. Crampton read the following:

- 1. Approval of Expenditure for ZDN to update Membership Meeting Quorum Software**  
ZDN to update Membership Meeting Quorum Software due to outdate SQL database and PHP interface. One time purchase.

Speaker Crampton said he believed that is the IT Office.

Andrew Jeurink, IT Department, said correct does he want him to go over that item again, Council.

Speaker Crampton said just for the membership's benefit if he could give a brief synopses he thinks that will do.

Andrew Jeurink said this budgetary item is so they can update their Quorum Software. Jeurink said what the software does is it keeps track of their quorum count during Membership Meetings. Jeurink said currently it is running on a 2008 Server that is past due for upgrade. Jeurink said they also have to upgrade the Sequel Server which is also past due for upgrade. Jeurink said what this will do is create more security um, meet standards and hopefully simplify the quorum software.

Speaker Crampton said okay, do they have any questions from Council from....for IT. Crampton said he knows that there was consom.....some concern over the contract length and um, severance. Crampton asked does that still remain the same.

Andrew Jeurink said he.....this is the first time he is hearing about the contract length. Jeurink said it is just a set of block of hours and shouldn't exceed a certain amount that is listed on the resolution. Jeurink said once they run out of that.....those hours um, and the.....or the, they know, they're done and he has to come back for further expenditure. Jeurink said um, he believed the contract is just so they can work through 2023 if they....if they are....if they are having issues completing the program.

Speaker Crampton said okay, there is no obligation to pay for serv.....if they um, end the contract right.

Andrew Jeurink said no, there is no obligations further like if it exceeds the amount he put in ah, for the cost of this. Jeurink said buying block hours for them

to redevelop this program. Jeurink said so if they are unable to finish redeveloping it he would still have to come back here to Tribal Council for additional hours and a new contract.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked are there any other questions from Tribal Council. Crampton asked are there any questions from the membership. Crampton said he is sorry Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked was this item not passed last week.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't believe so, no.

Councilor Di Piazza said well there was an abstention. Di Piazza said he thought it was passed last week because he voted yes on the item. Di Piazza said he had a hard copy people said they didn't have a hard copy or it wasn't in their packet which it wasn't shipped out Friday, the agenda packet so. Di Piazza said thought....he thought all they needed to do was to be clarified whether it failed or passed last week.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is there any further discussion from the membersh.....or from the Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, he does have one they did get one....come back because he did ask for Elise or he said ULD. Wittenberg said Elise is the one sitting there for oh, clarification and she did that. Wittenberg said she did acknowledge that too to bring it back up again for a vote. Wittenberg said that was in the....the....the or what she sent to Council. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said okay. Crampton asked any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton asked do they have a motion.....he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1214-219;  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR ZDN TO UPDATE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM SOFTWARE; by Lewis;  
supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked anything further from Tribal membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #**

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, he can't vote on this.

Speaker Crampton said he was asked before if he was going to abstain so he has to vote one way or the other.

Councilor Di Piazza said he didn't say he was abstaining.

Speaker Crampton said he didn't say if he was abstaining he was asked if he was going to....abstain means that he is entering a no vote. Crampton asked so is he abstaining or not.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he is not abstaining he can't vote on this.

Speaker Crampton said so he is refusing to do his duty.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Crampton said they have a court opinion that was issued from a case sponsored by the Ogema. Crampton asked so he is refusing to do this. Crampton said it is a simple question.

Councilor Di Piazza said he.....

Speaker Crampton said please call his vote again.

Councilor Wever said they can't understand him, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Crampton said he said to call for Mr. Di Piazza three times.

*Councilor Di Piazza said something but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording clearly. The rest of Tribal Council sounded confused.*

Speaker Crampton said do the roll call for Mr. Di Piazza three times. Crampton said his name needs to be called three times.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay. *Wittenberg proceeded to call Councilor Di Piazza's name for a vote.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, please proceed with the roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | 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 (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1214-219 has passed.

Andrew Jeurink said Chi Miigwech, Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said yeah, the service is getting a lot better on the internet. Crampton thanked him again.

*Recorder Wittenberg was making comments but they were not picked up or heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, he is sorry, now they are back to Old Business.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Operations Report ☐ October 2022**

Speaker Crampton asked do they have one, his agenda does not have a clear box on it.

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

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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| 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 Wittenberg said okay, the Operations Report October 2022 has been accepted.

**B. Financial Report 1. ☐ September 2022**

Speaker Crampton said they can do these individually or together. Crampton said um, they should probably do them individually. Crampton said so he will entertain a motion for September.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton asked any further questions from Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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| 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)

Councilor Wever said uh-oh.

*Grace Hendler entered and left the Lodge Room at 10:31 a.m.*

Recorder Wittenberg said all right Financial Report for September 2022 has been accepted.

**2. ☐ October 2022**

Speaker Crampton said he will also entertain a motion for the October Report.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT OCTOBER REPORT FOR 2022  
FINANCIAL;** by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked are there any questions from the membership. Crampton said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said um, her question is did Council receive corrected copies.

Councilor Wolfe said yes, they did they were submitted.

Speaker Crampton thanked the Councilor.

Susan Thull thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is there anything further from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said October 2022 Financial has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked them.

**V. New Business**

**A. Approval of Retail On-Site General and a Retail Off-Site General Liquor License for the Little River Casino Resort for Calendar Year 2023**

Required for sale of alcoholic beverages by the Resort.

Speaker Crampton said that was submitted by the Ogema and he thinks Mrs. Walters that was representing.

Jodi Walters said yes sir. Walters said good morning.

Speaker Crampton said good morning.

Jodi Walters repeated good morning. Walters said so um, this is just the application for approval of the Retail On-Site and Off-Site for Liquor License for Little River for 2023. Walters said they also at the Agenda Review asked if the license could include the ordinance allowing for beverage service before noon on Sunday. Walters said she does have that ordinance number. Walters asked does anyone have any questions for her.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, does anybody have any questions for Mrs. Walters at this time.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording was laughing but it couldn't be determined who it was.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a mo.....oh, he is sorry Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said yes, does this cover the golf course also.

Jodi Walters said Miss Thull it does not cover the golf course. Walters said after she asked her that question on Monday she followed up with the General Manager and the golf course liquor license is still being ah, discussed between the attorneys for the Road Commission, State of Michigan and the um, the Resort Attorney. Walters said so at this time there is not a liquor license for the golf course um, and the Tribe....the Tribal Liquor License does not cover that because that golf course is not on Tribal Land. Walters said the reason they go to the Tribe for....or Council for the approval of this is because it is on the Resort and Trust Land. Walters thanked them.

Susan Thull thanked her for following up. Thull said she appreciates it.

Jodi Walters said no problem. Walters thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked do they have any further questions for Mrs. Walters at this time. Crampton said um, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1214-220;  
APPROVAL OF RETAIL ON-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE  
AND RETAIL OFF-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE  
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023;  
by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Crampton said he sees Mrs. Walters hand is up. Crampton asked her if she had a question.

Jodi Walters said she is sorry Mr. Speaker did he want her to refer to that ordinance number about the sale of alcoholic beverage service before noon on Sunday.

Speaker Crampton said no, he thinks they got the number but he doesn't think they are prepared to change the ordinance at this time right now. Crampton said it is going to take some time to about a week or so. Crampton said their next meeting.

Jodi Walters said okay. Walters thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked do they have a motion.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, it was made by her and Tom supported.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said nope. Crampton asked are there any further questions. Crampton

asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton asked anything else from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

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| 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 - |

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1214-9.....19....

Councilor Lewis said 220.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, 220. Wittenberg said okay, Resolution #22-1214-220 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he just has two items today. Romanelli said the first one is he wants to.....he appreciates members being patient with their Member Services Department ah, overall he thinks their membership has been very patient and he would ask them to please continue to be patient with the department. Romanelli said they have a staffing concern there. Romanelli said at times there is only one person handling all those checks and the Executive Branch ah, they have assisted when they can and where they can but it's a lot of work. Romanelli said it is a huge amount of work and those people that are calling actually slow down the process because if that person has to be on the phone so many minutes per hour answering the questions it actually slows down the process because that same person is the one who is cutting the checks and doing the paperwork so. Romanelli said he appreciates their patience and hopefully they can continue. Romanelli said it is a long process and they are trying to do the best they can....they're trying to do the best they can and ah, he would hope that they could continue that. Romanelli said the other question he has is they have a list of people on the ah, list that they didn't go through the total number of people that are on the call. Romanelli asked are these meetings open to the general public or to non-Tribal people.

Recorder Wittenberg said they are supposed to be just for Tribal, yes.



Speaker Crampton said actually, actually he has seen it both ways. Crampton said when he first started here it was pretty much open it was just that non-members couldn't talk but they could attend and listen to it. Crampton said hold on.

Ogema Romanelli said he can't hear....he is sorry.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton he couldn't hear.....they couldn't catch all what he was saying. Wittenberg said he doesn't know if he was talking too close to the mic or what but it didn't sound like....they know, clarity in his voice.....there they go.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes his ah, his dog who is fairly large just went off so. Crampton said um, can they hear him now.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes.

Speaker Crampton said okay, all he was saying that no, he seen it.....he doesn't ah, he thinks Council needs to really sit down and probably \_\_ that out because he seen it interpreted when he first got here that members were but the public could attend they just couldn't speak and then he knows that there was um, under Councilor Johnson that they couldn't attend and he believed that under Speaker Champagne it.....they couldn't talk or address.....he is not sure. Crampton said they need to iron this out so they have some finality on it.

*Someone else was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear enough to know who they were or what they said.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, can they hear him.

Recorder Wittenberg said yup.

Speaker Crampton said all right that would be the answer.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, so it is unclear or unsure. Romanelli thanked them.

Staci Cheney said Shannon Crampton. Cheney identified herself.

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Staci Cheney said she can't get her hand to raise but she had a question.

Speaker Crampton said okay, please go ahead.

Staci Cheney said okay, her question is for um, Ogema Romanelli. Cheney asked is he still right there.

Recorder Wittenberg said he is in a minute or a second.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, go ahead.

Staci Cheney said um, her question is um, she received several phone calls from parents that um, were um, first of all grateful for the Children's Party but were upset of a remark that he made asking the children what their pedigree were and um, she told them that she would ask him in the meeting today and then hopefully get an answer so she could follow-up with them because um, they were very upset at the question that he was asking the children about that and um, she is hoping that he could explain sort of why he was asking the children that question.

Ogema Romanelli said sure, he was asking several questions just as a joke kind of like ah, he thinks Art Linkletter used to have it where they just ask the questions. Romanelli said they know a pedigree they don't even know what a pedigree is so it was a joke if he offended somebody he apologizes. Romanelli said he thought the party was good. Romanelli said he thought that there really was no offense that should have been taken if they were his apologies. Romanelli said he takes responsibility for it because he said it and he came up with it so. Romanelli said his apologies.

Staci Cheney said she told them that is what it was. Cheney said she will let them know that is exactly what he said. Cheney thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli said she can actually have them call him or he will call them if they would like more clarity.

Staci Cheney thanked them. Cheney said Miigwech.

Ogema Romanelli said she is welcome.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he saw Al Metzger's hand up and Susan Thull keeps popping off. Crampton said he will go with Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said okay, she was taking hers down so that Al he thought maybe he had something that he wanted to add to this conversation. Thull said hers is on another topic. Thull said um....

Speaker Crampton asked is it something for the Ogema.

Susan Thull said well yeah, it is but she also has a question um, for Council. Thull said so she will ask that first. Thull said did they um, did they skip over or did they do um, the add that was on for number 4, Approval of Artic IT.

Speaker Crampton said he believed she is asking about the Artic IT Contract.

Councilor Wolfe said that was postponed at adoption of the agenda.

Susan Thull said okay. Thull thanked them. Thull said she was wondering about that and that is what she wanted to speak to the um, Ogema about um, because she thought that they had a government contracting through ah, EDC. Thull said she thought at one time they did have um, IT Services on that so she was just wondering if that they know maybe um, she is not remembering correctly but she just checked it today and it doesn't look like they have those um, service that they are not doing that type of thing to IT it looked like it was they know landscaping, security and that type of thing so she is just wondering um, if EDC at one time was doing the IT and if that's...if um, they are no longer doing that.

Ogema Romanelli said the EDC was never doing their IT for the government.

Susan Thull said she is sorry she was not asking about their government she was asking if they were providing that service um, to others they know if that was one of their ah, government contracting services.

Ogema Romanelli said no, they never contracted out to others for IT Services. Romanelli said they have never done IT Services for any outside entity.

Susan Thull said okay, and that wasn't on their list of services then. Thull thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli asked who was that asking.

Susan Thull identified herself.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, Susan. Romanelli thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't know if Al Metzger had his hand up or he can't get it up. Crampton said there they go. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, go ahead Al.

Al Metzger, Tribal #890, said yeah, this just goes back to the comment about the pedigree ah, he uses that word himself in a very sarcastic manner in conjunction with the blood quantum and he found it offensive especially around children. Metzger said that is his opinion and his thought. Metzger thanked them much.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him for sharing.

Speaker Crampton said okay, any more questions at this time from membership. Crampton said okay, if not they are going to be moving down to Legislative Affairs Updates.

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

Speaker Crampton asked does any member of Council have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said okay, hearing none they will move down to Public Comment.

**D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have Public Comment. Crampton said Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Mr. Speaker. Steinberg said she just wanted to extend her appreciation to the Public Safety Department. Steinberg said last week her husband and her were in the process of seeking a Special Use Permit to develop part of the um, acreage that they own. Steinberg said there was a Public Meeting regarding the permit out here in the township that they live in in Dickson Township um, there was an all out campaign um, letter writing, the whole ball of wax to stop consideration of their request um, the meeting itself was standing room only which has never happened in the township and ah, they learned that the Zoning Administrator and the Board were calling in the County Sheriff because of social media comments that had been made against some of the members that were going to be considering the application, not them in particular, but the Board. Steinberg said when she learned that was taking place she um, contacted Director Medacco to ask if he would be comfortable and please send one of their officers out so that her rights as a Tribal Citizen could be protected and he did so. Steinberg said Sergeant Umlauf was in the room and so was one of the County Sheriff. Steinberg said the meeting was very volatile but she really believed that their presence helped tone down um, a lot of the oppositions volatility so she just wanted to extend her appreciation to Director Medacco and Sergeant Umlauf for being at the meeting and she wanted the Council to know that ah, their department is doing a good job and that that took place. Steinberg said that is all she has. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said he really does appreciate their Public Safety and the only thing he would add is there might.....they might want to um, help to at least report to the Federal Authorities as trying to influence the vote of a governing body is a federal offense so. Crampton thanked them. Crampton asked anything else for Public Comment at this time. Crampton said hearing none um....

*Tribal Council said hold on.*

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have one coming up to their podium.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry and they have Karol Chabot after this.

Karol Ann Chabot thanked them. Chabot said #3742.

Speaker Crampton said they have someone at the podium right now, Karol, if she could just wait until after.

Karol Chabot said she is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said if she could wait until just after this person is done speaking they have somebody at the podium.

Karol Chabot said she is sorry. Chabot thanked them.

Harriette Grantsyn, Tribal #3262, said she just wanted to say....make a comment about the meetings. Grantsyn said she doesn't believe that anyone that is not a Tribal member should be allowed information from these meetings. Grantsyn said it should only be Tribal members because this is their government and not anybody else's. Grantsyn thanked them.

Councilor Wever said she agrees.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Karol Ann Chabot.

Karol Chabot said yes, she was.....she doesn't know if it is to the Ogema question but she would like to know the update on the 100% Audit what happening is it started what is going on.

Ogema Romanelli said the only part that the Ogema has is the request was made to see if there was funding for the audit and he believed their CFO gave the amount he is not sure of the amount he think it was like \$250,000 something like that. Romanelli said so they have to request to see if that ah, money was actually available and he thinks they got an affirmative after that it goes back to the Council.

Karol Chabot said she thought it was all approved and was, they know, is there a contract in negotiations going to go on what is happening. Chabot said this is almost a year that this has been going on.

Speaker Crampton said at this time the Tribal Council has selected a company um, they got the Certification of Funding and it is in the hands of the Executive Offices at this time. Crampton said it was turned over to ah, Elise Mc Gowan at this time.....for negotiation.

Karol Chabot said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Karol Chabot said well she is not sure that answers her question completely but she would like to see this get done as soon as possible. Chabot thanked them. Chabot said that's her comment.

Speaker Crampton said as soon as their negotiations are back there should be a contract to ratify from Council then it should be going.

Karol Chabot thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked are there any further questions....is there any further Public Comment at this time.

Recorder Wittenberg said Larry has a....Ogema Romanelli has his hand up.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he thought he understood him to say that it's in the Executive Branch hands at this point and time. Romanelli said he is not sure that RFP's should have been sent out....he doesn't know if they have been sent out or not. Romanelli said he believed there was some legal ah, things that had to be resolved as well from Elise who works for the Executive and the Legislative Branch is that correct.

Speaker Crampton said um, no. Crampton said they are in the....they turned it over to her and she was in the negotiation process and the last update he got from her was that she had contacted the company they selected.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Wolfe has her hand up.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said they did complete the RFP....RFP Process for the 100% Enrollment Audit Tribal Council has made a selection. Wolfe said they have extended a Offer Letter to that company to engage their services what is currently happening is they did get Certification of Funds because it will need a supplemental appropriation to provide....to pay for the services. Wolfe said next week it will be on the agenda for adoption of entering into that service agreement with the auditing company and to approve the supplemental appropriation to fund it. Wolfe thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her for that clarification, Councilor.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton asked are there anything....so ah, it will be starting next week he believed. Crampton asked so is there anything else for Public Comment at this time.

Recorder Wittenberg said Harriette would like to ask a question.

Harriette Grantsyn asked can she ask how much this audit is costing them.

Speaker Crampton said the dollar figure he thinks is in the \$350,000 range.

Harriette Grantsyn said "oh, my god."

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording started laughing but it couldn't be determined where it came from.*

Harriette Grantsyn said she didn't know they were that rich, wow.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anything further for Public Comment at this time. Crampton said Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, ah, the three companies through the RFP have been vetted and they selected a company well he be signing that or reviewing those.

Councilor Wolfe said what, the update they got from Elise she was under the impression that he had already gave his authorization.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Wolfe said she was the one that presented the item yesterday.

Ogema Romanelli said he hasn't seen the three different ah....

Councilor Wolfe said they only received two.

Ogema Romanelli asked they only received two. Romanelli said he hasn't seen both of them so. Romanelli said okay, just an FYI. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any further Public Comment at this time. Crampton said hearing none he will entertain a motion to close Open Session.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Councilor Guenthardt said support.

**MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION;** by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion on the item. Crampton said he is sorry Cynthea Shantz or Shantz.

Cynthea Shantz said hi. Shantz thanked him. Shantz said she just wondered if um, Tribal Council um, if their not attending the meeting can they still join the Closed Session through ZOOM.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "yes." It couldn't be made out who said it.*

Cynthea Shantz said she is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Cynthea Shantz said okay. Shantz thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked are there any further Public Comments at this time. Crampton said if not Council will 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 asked do they have a motion.

Councilor Lewis said they already made a motion.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked is there anything further from Tribal Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

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| 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 Wittenberg said motion to end First Session ah, at 11:00 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

*There was no recording in the file folder for the Second Open Session part of this meeting. The following was taken from the Roll Call Record and the usual motions made during this time.*



**MOTION TO GO INTO SEOND OPEN SESSION;** by Lewis;  
supported by Wever.

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

**Roll Call #11**

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| 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 Wittenberg said they are in Second Open Session at 12:42 p.m.

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

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

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, they do.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTON #22-1214-214; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY AND RESOLUTION #22-1214-215; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE;** by Wittenberg;  
supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said seven in favor, one against and one absent those items are moved.

*The following motion and roll call only was moved from Closed to Open Session. The Roll Calls are not numbered because that is how it appears on the Closed Session Roll Call Sheets.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-214;  
RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH  
DENNIS, GARTLAND & NIERGARTH;** by Lewis; supported by  
Wever.

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Absent | 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)

*The following resolution, motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-215;  
APPROVAL OF OPERATING TRANSFER BY BUDGET  
MODIFICATION MB-2022-50 TO FUND LITTLE RIVER  
HOLDINGS, LLC FOR BUDGETED FUNDING FROM 2022 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$1,323,593;** by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

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| T. Guenthardt -Yes | C. Champagne -Absent | 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)

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

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN;** by Lewis; supported by  
Champagne.

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

**Roll Call #13**

|                       |                   |              |     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| 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 Wittenberg said they ended the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Wittenberg". The script is cursive and fluid.

Ron Wittenberg,  
Tribal Council Recorder