

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 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 15, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Madam recorder give me a few minutes I'm trying to connect to the internet here. Thank you tribal council, we're here for our tribal council meeting. Its mon Wednesday December 15th 2021at 10am. Ok via ZOOM. Our agenda has been posted online. It is as it appears our first our first order of business is opening prayers at this time; we would like to take a moment of silence.

I. Opening Prayer

Moment of silence.

Speaker Champagne: OK thank you for that moment of silence. Where on II general business call to order.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

Speaker Champagne: I'm calling this meeting to order contingence to everybody online we do have myself Nitamingabow Champagne, 2313986823 I do believe that is Mr. Pringle please identify yourself.

Ogema Romanelli: That would be the Ogema number I do believe.

Speaker Champagne: oh, I'm sorry about that Mr. Romanelli thank you. Um 2315648435 can you please identify yourself.

Shannon Crampton 7247:

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Crampton welcome. User Handler Antonios iPhone can you please identify yourself. *Speaker repeats himself*.

Antonio Romanelli:

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. Romanelli. user handler Chelsea Densmore, assistant Corey Wells, elder Grace Hendler, director Mr. Gary Lewis, citizen Martha Howell, councilor Lewis, citizen Ms. Sandy Mezeske, citizen Ms. Sara Agoso, Susan citizen Ms. Susan Thull, Councilor Guenthardt, director Wilson, user handler Vicki please identify yourself. *Speaker repeats himself for user handler*. I'm not sure if I'm having a issue or not can anyone else hear a response?

Sara Agoso: I can hear you, but I can't hear anybody else.

Speaker Champagne: OK thank you I didn't know if they were responding or not last call for user handler Vicki can you please identify yourself? OK Madam recorder can you please escort that guest out to the guest room. I believe I have covered everyone Madam recorder that look looks correct. We call this meeting to order.

Recorder Wolfe: Are you ready to proceed with roll call?

Speaker Champagne: yes, Madam recorder we are on to 2B roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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

Recorder Wolfe: 8 present 1 absent quorum is established.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Madam recorder. Next order of business is approval of agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

Discussion on approval of agenda tribal councilors? Discussion on approval of agenda. I hear no discussion on approval of agenda roll call please

Recorder Wolfe: we have to have a motion and support and there were some revisions and revised.

Speaker Champagne: My apologies Madam recorder yes yes thank you. I'm a little bit out of it this morning uhm discussion on approval of agenda does anyone wish to at this time make a motion to approve the agenda with the I don't see any revisions?

Ogema Romanelli: This is the Ogema

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli go ahead

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Ogema Romanelli: yes, I don't have any paperwork for A new business, A or B could someone please send me that

Speaker Champagne: yes, director Wilson can you please send it to the ogema as soon as possible.

Director Wilson: I can do that

Ogema Romanelli: thank you very much

Speaker Champagne: Madam recorder ahh at this time we would be able to entertain a motion for approval of agenda. Any councilors? This time we would have a motion for approval of agenda. Last call? OK last call for the approval of agenda. We did not see none so there is none support for approval of agenda unless I'm missing somebody? Is that correct? Then this meeting is a short meeting.

Ogema Romanelli: wow!

Speaker Champagne: OK I did not get motion to accept the agenda I do call to conclude this meeting.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a motion

Speaker Champagne: OK I do here Mr. DiPiazza say he would make a motion go ahead Mr. DiPiazza.

Recorder Wolfe: no no that was councilor Mr. Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne: councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: yah Id like to make a

MOTION TO APPROVE TODAYS AGENDA WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH, 2021 AT 10AM WITH REVISED IN VIII NEW BUSINESS REVISED A PUBLIC GAMING ENTERPRISE ACT ORDIANCE #10-800-03 AND VIII NEW BUSINESS REVISED MOTION B TO PASS TO PUBLIC COMMENT UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT ACT 2015 ORDIANCE #15-100-08A AND VIII NEW BUSINESS REVISED C ONE HUNDRED (100%) ENROLLMENT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP FILES by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Champagne: discussion on the motion on the floor. Discussion of the motion on the floor say no discussion of the motion on the floor Madam recorder roll call please

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe: The agenda has been approved.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Madam recorder the next order of business is tribal council minutes 8/4/21 and 8/4/21 emergency meeting. Any discussion on this agenda item. Tribal council? Any discussion on this agenda item tribal council? any discussion from or tribal council on this agenda item citizen Sara Agosa you have the floor.

Sara Agosa 4478: my comment is that the tribal council meeting minutes are still delayed the last posting is in July of 2021 which is in violation of the tribal council procedures ordnance, and I have expressed this concern recently and I would like tribal council prepare a transcriptionists or a company or a contractor to get these minutes up to date it's extremely important the minutes are the only thing that can be admitted into litigation. Thank you that is my comment.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Ms. Agosa any other discussion on this agenda item seeing other discussion motion to approve those minutes. Make a motion to accept those minutes?

Councilor Lewis: motion to accept tribal council minutes

D. Tribal Council Minutes

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/4/21 AND 8/4/21 EMERGANCY FILING; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne: discussion on the motion on the floor, motion or discussion on the floor for councilors or citizens? Seeing no discussion on the floor from councilors or citizens. Madam recorder will call please

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe:8 in favor 1 absent minutes have been accepted.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you next order of business is going III New business A grants and contracts

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

JWC environmental grinder motor for casino lift station. There grinder motor lift station is not working terms and conditions as vendor as a sense of contract this has previously came before at a work session is being brought forth his office represented as a director Lewis. Gentleman the floor is yours.

Gary Lewis: hey good morning, everybody so this is for the purchase for the grinder motor for the casino list station um it is a contract therefore it has to go to council because there's signature line on there to my knowledge there's no other Anishinaabe companies that provide this type of product and they have specification so there's a soul source in there as well and that's it thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you does any Tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Any Tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Last call does any Tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Seeing no abstentions, Discussion on this item? Mr. Lewis what is the ahh total price this contract?

Gary Lewis: It is \$3,180.78

Speaker Champagne: In the I know we had a work session can you explain what exactly this does?

Gary Lewis: so this is this is actually the solution grinder in the casino lift station that grinds debris up basically and it comes out and could be anything from a player cards bungee cords to players cards, we have had credit cards in there that will grind all them items up so it doesn't damage the pumps and then so the motor that's actually attached to the grinder to run the grinder so and that had a just corrosive environmented deteriorated the casing on there ah ruin the electrical inside the motors so... It's been in there well past its prime.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Sir other discussion from Tribal councilors at this time? Councilor DiPiazza also councilor Wever.

Councilor DiPiazza: Your department is gonna install this motor?

Gary Lewis: Yes correct

Councilor DiPiazza: Alright Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: Councilor Wever?

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Councilor Wever: Umm yeah, I'd like to ask Mr. Lewis it is about the grinder but it's about our government building the um restroom for the ladies I understand that there was a um toilet in there running for it had to of been months because we lost is it 200,000 gallons of water isn't there gadgets or red flags that goes up that warns or tells you that something is wrong?

Gary Lewis: Umm yes actually there is but we don't we wouldn't notice that for at least a month until we do billing umm and then that's when we notify people like hey you may have a leak, you may you might not have a leak, we don't know you have to go in and check your building out cause we're actually only responsible from the the main line outside of the buildings so anything inside the building were really not responsible but we do try to help anytime that we can. So I often send my guys over and help him go search for stuff umm and same thing on the sewer system or the water system we're only responsible for that once it leaves the main line to the building that's the responsibility of the building owner but we do try to help out anytime we can and this is one of those cases I think you're talking about not have to double check to see how many gallons was actually leaked that we think was a leak because when you get to larger buildings it's a little harder to tell umm what's actually leaking what they're actually using but we try to figure that out for them and then we let them know and then if they need assistance we go over and help them.

Councilor Wever: who is in charge of that?

Gary Lewis: I mean whoever's doing the building maintenance I would believe but I don't think it would probably be on their schedule to.

Councilor Wever: This had to of been going on like 3-4 months

Gary Lewis: umm I'd have to look I could probably try to backtrack it and find out but I don't know if it was actually three or four months but I would think that maybe whoever using there like the staff or the employees or whoever is in the restroom if they notice something like that it would bring it to somebody's attention because this is this really who would find out first is somebodies in there he had this is leaking.

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Mr. Romanelli it is your item you can respond if you wish. I also want madam recorder for being second in queue.

Ogema Romanelli: Yes, thank you OK thank you I think this is gonna fall under you know building maintenance I'm not sure Shirley if you've turned in a form to the maintenance department on this issue and how long it's been known that this is leaking can you give some more information?

Councilor Wever was speaking in the background, but she could not be heard clearly in the ZOOM!

Speaker Champagne: Ok alright any other discussion?

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Ogema Romanelli: I didn't hear the answer

Speaker Champagne: You do have the floor Miss Wever

Councilor Wever: what did he want me to turn in?

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli could you repeat the question

Ogema Romanelli: Sure, if this appears to be a maintenance building maintenance problem I'm assuming if it's been running and leaking for several months was there a form turned into the maintenance department do you know?

Councilor Wever: No, I don't know I just heard that it lost 200,000 gallons of water I wondered why no one caught that.

Ogema Romanelli: OK

Speaker Champagne: Well, I appreciate for bringing out the items and maybe maybe we can follow up directly with uh your office sir and if that's OK next in queue is Madam recorder.

Recorder Wolfe: You had two phone numbers join so I wanted to verify them before we continue

Speaker Champagne: OK tell telephone number 231564

Recorder Wolfe: No, we already called that the one 6165

Speaker Champagne: I don't see a 616-madam recorder. Oh, here we go 616-502-5989

Ron Pete: This is Ron Pete

Speaker Champagne: thank you Sir

Ron Pete: Mr. Speaker this is Ron Pete

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Sir telephone number 414-248-6074 can you please identify yourself, I do believe that's councilor Champagne, but can you please identify yourself.

Councilor Champagne: It is councilor Champagne

Speaker Champagne: OK thank you Madam recorder Wolfe do you have any questions on this agenda item?

Recorder Wolfe: No, I can make a motion if there's no further

Speaker Champagne: There you go

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-1215-308 JWC ENVIRONMENTAL GRINDER MOTOR FOR CASINO LIFT

STATION; by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by madam recorder Wolfe support by councilor Johnson. Discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion made on the motion on the floor from councilors or citizens at this time? Last call for discussion on this item, seeing no discussion madam recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor motion passes.

Gary Lewis: Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Next order of business is B. Budget modifications there's no items submitted there is none their C approval of budget expenditures no items are submitted next one is IV acceptance reports for Tribal Ogema operation report none is submitted any discussion from Tribal councilors or citizens on this item? Any discussion from citizens on this item? Seeing no discussion on this item we move to financial report none is submitted, any discussion from councilors or citizens on this item? Any discussion from councilors or citizens on this item? Seeing none we are going to go onto the next one acceptance of commission reports I'm going to lump some of the two that are none submitted ahh the first two A and B uh Binojeeuk commission and Enrollment commission none are submitted. Any discussion for the items on those? From councilors or citizens? Any discussion on the items none are submitted, seeing no discussion we can move on C Gaming commission November 2021 any discussion from Tribal councilors on the report that is submitted? Any discussion from councilors or citizens on the report that was submitted? Seeing none I would entertain a motion to accept the report. Madam recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO ACCEPT GAMING COMMISSION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2021; by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by madam recorder Wolfe support by councilor Johnson, discussion from councilors or citizens at this time? discussion from councilors or citizens at this time? Seeing no discussion um madam recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor reports have been accepted.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder Wolfe we are going on to the next area which is Health Commission November 2021 reports are submitted. Any discussion on the report that has been submitted from Tribal councilors at this time? Any discussion from councilors or citizens at this time? Id entertains a motion to accept the Health Commission of November 2021 madam recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT NOVEMBER 2021; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne: Motion by Wolfe support by councilor Wittenberg, Discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor from councilors or citizens? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder roll call please

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder Wolfe the next item of a business is Housing Commission report on November 2021 any discussion from councilors on this item? any discussion from councilors of citizens on this report has been submitted? seeing no discussion I'd entertain a motion for acceptance on that report, Miss Johnson.

Councilor Johnson:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT NOVEMBER 2021; by Johnson; supported by Wever.

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by councilor Johnson support by Councilor Weaver. Discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the from councilors or citizens at this time? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you the other item the last order of business on acceptance of commission reports is Natural Resource Commission none was submitted any discussion on this item from councilors or citizens? Any discussion on this item from councilors or citizens on this item? Seeing none we can move onto VI. Acceptance of Committee minutes and other entities VI. A Little River Casino Resort Preference report November 2021 um any discussion by Tribal councilors on this report for November 2021? Any discussion from councilors or citizens on this report? I'd entertain a motion accept Little River Casino preference report November 2021if council members if so moved.

Councilor Lewis:

MOTION TO ACCEPT A LITTLE RIVER CASINO REPORT PREFERENCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2021; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Champagne: we have a motion by councilor Lewis do we have support for the motion?

Three councilors: Support

Speaker Champagne: It was like three people I'm going to go with madame recorder Wolfe. Hopefully she was one that called it out. Um so we have a motion on the floor for 2021 of November Little River Casino Resort Preference Report any discussion from councilors or citizens at this time on this report? any discussion from councilors or citizens at this time on this report? Seeing none madam recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor report has been accepted.

VII. Old Business

Speaker Champagne: The next item of business is B ahh the Cultural Committee none is submitted, any discussion on this item? Any discussion on this item? seeing none we can move on to VII. Old Business A Financial Report of October 2021 there was a work session just done yesterday on this item thank you all for that. Any discussion on the acceptance of Financial Report for October 2021? Any discussion from Tribal councilors or citizens on the Financial Report of 2021? I'd entertain a motion at this time for acceptance of that report.

Councilor Lewis:

MOTION TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2021; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by councilor Lewis support by councilor Wittenberg ahh discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor by councilors or citizens at this time? Seeing no discussion madam recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #8

T. Guentl	nardt -Yes	C. Champagne	e -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champ	oagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Witten	berg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor report has been accepted.

VIII. New Business

Speaker Champagne: thank you Madam recorder Wolfe. Umm, next item of business is New Business motion to post for public comment period ordinance um I don't have the revised agenda I'm guessing it has the included long title did that come before the ordinance or after?

Councilor Johnson: Before

Speaker Champagne: Ok, miss Johnson can you read out what that one was?

Councilor Johnson: yeah, it says motion to post for public comment Gaming Enterprise Act ordinance 10-800-03

Speaker Champagne: ok, nothing else was added alright thank you for that help miss Johnson uh so motion to post for public congregating ah enterprise act #10-800-03 motion is need to post the ordinance um and that's dated the same I'm guessing number 10-800-03 became public comment on revisions this item was had multiple work sessions the work sessions have occurred the last work session was after outside legal council had a chance to review it council you do have the legal memo and review in your closed session packet um this item came back forth to be able to post for public comment period

at this time. Hear from citizens I believe it's the best that this Tribe just trying to move forward with that being said that's my introduction and full review of the item. Does any Tribal councilors wish to abstain from this item? Any Tribal councilors wish to abstain from this item? Seeing no Tribal councilors wish to abstain from this item we can move on for discussion. At this point and time.

Ogema Romanelli: Mr. Speaker when you get a chance, I'd like to add the Ogema in there. Thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Sir um councilors at this time is there any discussion on this item? Before moving in we will go into Mr. Romanelli for discussion with councilors and citizens at times Mr. Romanelli your first in queue.

Ogema Romanelli: thank you first thing I'd like to ask that again I didn't receive the paperwork until just now uh I'd like to receive the paperwork earlier if I could. The other issue I have is that we just added the name as you know I had to request the ordinance is listed only by ordinance number for this one and the following number VIII. New Business B and I believe that those headers should be in there anytime the agenda is posted so I'm not sure why that didn't happen but I appreciate that that happened in the future, I do have some comments on this again ah I believe in and again because this has revision and I've not had a time to really look through it there was a concern that it had with the general manager which was listed at one time they wanted to the council to propose during a one year and then putting someone else in there they've now as it looks like put in a 540 day or something similar that that has what job will be changed out what that tells the person that's in the job is that we no longer ah need you and that you have to look for other work I don't know if that's the right thing to do. Ah the second thing that I have is with this the we've asked the council on a couple of occasions as you know I put these forth and an reviser that we're working on right now but we did ask the council on a couple of occasions to work with us on ah revising whatever the oversite was that didn't happen now we have this form in front of us so um within that I also would last thing is if I remember correctly there were subpoenas powers that the council is giving themselves and I question that. Without without that I think I'll end and provide comments in a 30day period if the thing is approved thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Romanelli for your response for your ah questions you did participate actually in this process you were invited on every single time every single work session we actually asked you from the beginning steps to please sit down please come to the table even in the last work session you were present um so that invite did occur from you and council um my apologies if you didn't receive that ahead of time I'll talk with my administration staff um but outside of that I wouldn't say that you did receive all else and you actually had input on the Tribal general the general manager it's not replacing the job it's putting our people first and that provision is in there of requesting you know see what the citizens think about having the general manager filled by putting our citizens first initial policy for having our people in there as you know we have an assist General Manager whose been with the resort for a long time whose been waiting patiently to fill the rolls and so you have to ask why are citizens not? I think our

General Manager is doing an excellent job, but this is something for the public as you mentioned you'll be posting your comments on um to be able to weigh in if we hear from citizens, they think that is not the right direction by all means as one of the authors of this we'll be able to um remove it at that point an time. I recognize madame recorder Wolfe citizens Sara Agosa, and also telephone number ending in 8435. Mr. Romanelli in regard to I believe your other items that you put forth on this the subpoenas powers are not there reference this ordinance but could be previously adopted by councilors of the past that is not something this council has done or changed that is something that the councilors in the past have. Now you would of thought you would of a braised those concerns the many many years that that's been in there um you chose to raise it today um so with that being said I feel that the items have had many work sessions to have many opportunities from the executive side we hope you would have a lot higher participation rate you have not in regards to your executive order that was put into it the executive order that we believe is unconstitutional at least myself as one council member this ordinance is needed to move forward because your executive order said that this even oversight act was repealed it was not by the courts certain provisions were please taken one step further to have the spirit and intent of that order carried through the entire document verses just the limited provisions of the court sought but I actually empowers the executive branch even more so and I wanna make that clear for the record because I believe strongly that court order and I think it was a right court order it wasn't anything this council has done but councils of passed to draft that original ordinance so I hope that helps clarify some of the questions. Next in queue is citizen Sara Agosa.

Recorder Wolfe: I have a number that joined is why I raised my hand was in queue for.

Speaker Champagne: What's that madam recorder Wolfe?

Recorder Wolfe: Wanna verify the phone number that's just joined before we continue?

Speaker Champagne: What phone number is it? Is it 616 number?

Recorder Wolfe: 7940066

Speaker Champagne: Thank you can you please identify yourself? 2317940066 can you please identify yourself? Last call for 2317940066 can you please identify yourself? Madame recorder can you please escort that guest out. Alright! Next in queue is citizen Miss Sara Agosa then madam recorder Wolfe and then back to Mr. Romanelli.

Sara Agosa 4478: My comment is I'd like to share my opinion that I feel we should retain the current general management we have he has a background in economics plus I don't think it's the timing with the pandemic to make any really big changes. Thank you that is my comment.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Ms. Agosa I also encourage you to put that in writing during the comment period. Madam recorder Wolfe.

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Recorder Wolfe: Mine was the comment for the Tribal member trying to attend the meeting.

Zoom recording: Someone in the background saying sorry this ah.

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli

Ogema Romanelli: Am I in again?

Speaker Champagne: The floor is yours sir

Ogema Romanelli: OK I just wanna again respond you know we have we've had many work sessions and that I cannot attend because there is many things going on within this Tribal government so now while you may invite me and that doesn't mean that I can always attend or even send other people to attend so and I I disagree with that and I disagreed with the ah amount of time and putting a end date to the General manager. I truly appreciate that we have a great assist General manager in place, and she is I don't know that she picked and patiently waiting I don't think that's your decision or mine, but I think she is in place and has been in place and done a great job, I'll leave it at that thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Romanelli, other discussion from tribal council or citizens at this time? Ah Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: uhm, yeah you know further research on it it does take me a little time to through that it changes you know the legal uhm you know opinion on some of these things and the court order you know separation of power and things and some it I'm reading as words cape close to uhm management of the civility and once we do that some of us have a primary you know ah PMO license uhm to do that but the Gaming license I don't even think we can get a Gaming license because maybe overseeing that entity that again once the court even ruled is not a entity of the Tribe, not open for investigation so yea I have some problems with it which I've commented the other day I wasn't ready to make my comments so be it cause it does take a little bit of time to do all my research and what I need to know and I need to look into so that's all I have.

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza during your extensive research could you please share with us what provisions you're specifically talking about and what the legal uhm precedence that your sighting that there stating that'll bring us dangerously close to oversight because the whole intent of this ordinance would in-house legal counsel out house legal council was to ensure that the powers of separation existed and we took it 10 steps further from what the court ruled because the court only ruled very limited provisions this actually taking them back forth to empower the executive side to handle the enterprise the court did not rule that the enterprises are not a body of the tribe uhm it is I just wanted clarification on that for those who have not read ordering do so uhm but could you please cite that cause I'd be very interested and council would to as long as our citizens through the extension legal research that you did what what exact provisions are

you referencing and then what what actual uhm presence have you found that contradicts that because outside legal council did not and in-house didn't either so we definitely want to hear from you because that would could change my support as well.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm not gonna change anybody idea on what they want to do and how they want to do it but when were approving contracts which I understand that's part of the you know uhm the legislative functions but also you know the court case of the uh chicke case and there's the gripers I cant even think right off that actually said in the recording chicke case that the enterprise is not separate from the Tribe so that can play I don't know falls under Tribal council probate or say uh I'm still I need to look in the support things so you know at this point in time you know the governor is moves in when we are approving contracts or employment or ____ in structure so it was all three of the structure that the civil what so ever now we're into managing that facility this will require a gaming license I don't think that constitutionally have a gaming license to do any of those things uhm yea there's I'll put it in writing and you know.

Speaker Champagne: If there's is there any there's certain president the reporter ah opinions that you're citing you know you could cite those that would be very helpful for attorneys and all the council members you keep mentioning the court order court order actually had nothing to do with contracts contracts is listed power, constitutional power underneath the tribal constitution uhm for and its listed for Tribal government and all its enterprises uhm so that that aspect but there's another outside maybe Supreme Court supersede our own ____ court ruling uhm yeah that would I definitely entertain that because uphold the Supreme Court orders as well uhm but I've never heard the case for Indian country in the Supreme court level high level in regards to inter-tribal handling of enterprises but I'm definitely interested through the extensive research you have done as an author of this so that we can have the changes that you may see if there in fact a legal presence.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well like I said I'll put it in 30day comment *noise in the zoom* recording, so councilor DiPiazza wasn't heard clearly How much time do you want to spend it in this council meeting? You know

Speaker Champagne: You said in your extensive research I just want to give an opportunity for all us citizens to have that available so that they can also weigh in on that 30day comment period or for councilors who may not want to post it for 30day comment period.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, my main concern is approving the contracts which I understand is a Legislative function my concern is with the Chicke ruling and also uh I can't think of the other one right off I've got it here some place, umm but you know there pretty much said that you know that the enterprise is not a entity of the tribe. So, I got some other dilemmas that are running through my head um, but I believe when we're trying to alter the structure even putting a mandate on the General manager, we're we could be overstepping our ground again. Umm, Like I said nobody said they didn't wanna put Tribal members first but there are some concerns I have but like I said I

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haven't weighed them all out, yet it takes me a little bit. I'm not 20years old anymore but there are a lot of knowledge in through my years so that's all I got right now.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you councilor DiPiazza for sharing that extensive legal research umm that was my only ah response on that. Next in queue uh I believe I seen councilor member Wittenberg hand then madam recorder Wolfe you also had your hand raised?

Recorder Wolfe: No, I did not.

Speaker Champagne: ok then back to citizen Sara Agosa, then back to um number 2315648435 in queue. Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: uh yea that 8435 has been up there awhile and I do believe that's ah Shannon Crampton but anyways.

Speaker Champagne: My apologize if I missed over it. It just goes by when they raise their hand and I see it, would you like me to call on 8435 councilor Wittenberg?

Councilor Wittenberg: Yes!

Speaker Champagne: ok telephone number 2315648435 my sincere apologies for missing your hand being raised, you have the floor.

Shannon Crampton: Thank you speaker umm Shannon Crampton 1747 umm first off nothing umm in the order umm prohibits council from moving forward as long they remove what was objected by the court the speaker is absolutely 100% correct on that. Now if there is any judge anywhere who said that the council the casino is not a entity of the tribe please find that person because they need to be removed immediately now the language the Chicke case was taken forward taken care of in the territory article 1 in the territory wording in the change in the 2016 constitution. So reread that because that mollifies that. Now I do not support getting rid of the General Manager just to get a member of our Tribe in here that was an idea brought forth by Wendall Long. If we're making a job incubator that's great, If the tribe is centralizing Manistee or making a job incubator for people in Manistee that's great! We're not a centralized tribe so we need that person in there with special abilities. Mr. Gentile through the harshest of circumstances has done an incredible job. He kept us on a even of tribes that we had no business even running with at the time. To remove him for the sake to just say we are putting a tribal member in there, that would do damage to the tribe to the tribe as a whole. Might be great to say hey we have a job incubator, and we are ready for that, I would support that fully we are not there yet. But now I have another concern I just heard the Ogema say he made ah a body to assist him with the... You guys may want to look at the constitution only Tribal council can make subordinate bodies. The Ogema is populated he cannot make them. Thank you!

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. Crampton for the words of wisdom I'm going to go back into queue of what I seen um council member Wittenberg and then I thought it was hands now have disappeared. Council member Wittenberg next in queue.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yes uh looking at this I'm listening to abuse and everything like that uh stating that the GM is ah going to if if this passes as a deadline and as I sit here as many GM's that were uh in that position also had a deadline when that contract was up so that was ah yes or a no but then I do know now going back now to our current GM that ah yes he is doing a good job with I personally would like to see somebody from our nation running that would be nice yeah and I have heard different ones that put in for it which weren't even heard...yeah! And there were flipped right on over to our current GM and so I looked at it in that way but first but if we look in all our areas of who is Native and who ain't ah I don't know how ah how that would balance out on that scale so that would be interesting but the point is on this and I do listen to everybody's comments and I have my own view on it that if the will is ah greased up good enough why put more grease in there? This uh the change will so but this is a 30day comment and uh its certainly uh open for anyone and everyone uh members to turn around and put their input in if one is that concerned uh on these things uh personally, I would enjoy the more participation of these things so that's uh my view on it. Milgwech! Its only for a 30day comment.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you councilor Wittenberg um we have uh Mr. Stone next in queue and then citizen Thull.

Israel Stone: Thank you Mr. speaker I'm just ah letting you know that I am here as a citizen uh so thank you for uh allowing me to speak Israel Stone 1735 actually ah the 6th Circuit did rule in the NLRB versus Little River Band of Ottawa case and contrary to previous statements that was never undone it identifies the Little River casino resort specifically umm in the court ruling and it says: And Indian tribes are not shield Ent from general statues because of the application of those statuses may incidentally affect revenue streams of tribal commercial operations uh clarifying that there's a separation between government and tribal operations ah tribal enterprises rather. The other thing is uh the conflict in this resolution is again ah the court case is ah Stone v Tribal council clearly states that the council shall not infringe upon or even encroach upon management activities ah in delegates those or delineate those authorities or clarifies through that ruling that those management activities belong to the executive branch of the tribe making organizational structural changes that's management looking at budgets that's management ah employment decisions that's management and so we can try to slice this thing as thinly as possible but again I think it's circumventing or attempting to circumvent ah the decisions that have already been made uh the other thing is a bit concerning here is that uh Shannon was right and Shannon knows ah he and I don't always see eye to eye and everything but he is right about the thing that he said about the general manager here we have an outstanding general manager this guy knows the business and I think by putting a date stamp on his kind here in this organization based upon his preference status um it is detrimental to this tribe especially when you look at the long term future possibly opening another property ah operating two properties that's the kind of talent you need in

an organization but again I heard Ron speak to the the current general manager those operational decisions are decisions that are being made by that general manager and so if people are saying hey this is a great general manager um he's doing his job let do his job stop trying to legislate constraints that infringe upon him managing the enterprise under the powers of the executive branch in tribal constitution uh by putting in place these legislative fixes uhm because it says in a accordance with tribal council ordinance motion resolution with the problem with that the last point in that sentence is so long as it doesn't infringe upon the executive branch or violate the provisions of this constitution so that has been clarified through uh the courts we talked about an incubation system we about system we talked about wanting tribal citizens and positions of employment we uh talked about development of tribal citizens wanting a tribal member GM and what's interesting to me uh in this time an what's going on is every department or employees that's being attacked right now by this legislative body is a tribal citizen not one...

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Stone I call to order

Israel Stone: I don't care if you don't like what I'm saying

Speaker Champagne: I'm calling to order that's your first warning you have now been out of order sir your making frivolous accusations that you know we've allowed you to do your interpretation of what you believe things mean which is your 100% right when you start making frivolous accusations sir I do have to ah give you a warning please stay on topic in regards to what the topic is today is which is a 30day public comment period thank you sir for understanding that.

Israel Stone: Ok Mr. Speaker may I ask a clarifying question on that? So, I don't

Speaker Champagne: Its still public 30day public comment period that is what we are discussing right here today thank you sir

Israel Stone: Right! But no may I ask a clarifying question in your point of order, so I don't fall out of order again

Speaker Champagne: Go ahead sir

Israel Stone: I'm not...So I listened to three people speak before me Shannon Crampton ah went all over the board ah, he ran everything from the GMs performance to ah the court case his view on the 6th Circuit decision all that ah Mr. ah councilor Wittenberg did the same uh those are the only ones that...

Speaker Champagne: you're the only ones that made frivolous accusations sir

Israel Stone: ok alright alright

Speaker Champagne: so that's... Please stay on topic

Israel Stone: just want to clarify that ah the other thing that I'll say here is ah at some point this tribe continuing down this path as a relates to ah laying out the separation of powers and all this other stuff as it relates to this ordinance that's being proposed needs to form a constitutional committee and we need clarification in these things because I would agree with what the councilor DiPiazza was saying and that a lot of the activities that you're putting in place through legislation do cross over that line into management function and that's how we got to where we were at with the stone omega v council case the problem with that is is when these things occur the only thing we can do to ah respond because we're not allowed to ah ah insert our opinion is to file in court and ask the courts to make a determination the unfortunate side to that is there's a exorbitant cost with that and when we get into that thing and we months and years in litigation over these things.

Speaker Champagne: Sir! Were on a public post on a 30days

Israel Stone: Right and I'm speaking

Speaker Champagne: On this ordinance is there items you are trying to go to specifically on that that I'm giving you a lot of leniency to the on your soapbox here this morning but you know we're trying to bring it into if you have provisions that you're in favor or not you know we have public comment period you just said that people are allowed to voice their opinion but it's literally this is the step of governance that allows to voice their opinion.

Israel Stone: ok! So again, I apologize that your allowed to soapbox I'll take my second warning for that comment because you comment on everything everybody says you take as much time as you want to and say whatever you want to say but if I assert to my opinion...

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Stone and madam recorder he is out of line please escort Mr. Stone out of the meeting for today

Israel Stone: that's only my second warning

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Stone you are now escorted out of the meeting for not maintaining order if you look at the procedure ordinance its actually two warnings only

Antonio Romanelli: unacceptable Mr. Nincompoop

Oh, my was caught in the ZOOM but not identified by who

Speaker Champagne: can you please identify yourself please

Somebody in the ZOOM said Larry

Speaker Champagne: umm madame recorder can you please see who made that comment? I believe it was Mr. Romanelli

Someone on the ZOOM: What did you say ahh Mr. Wittenberg?

Speaker Champagne: please escort that individual out of this meeting for diso...

Someone on the ZOOM: Larry Stone?

Speaker Champagne: please escort Mr. Romanelli out of the meeting

Someone on the ZOOM: unacceptable Ryan, you know it

Speaker Champagne: Thank you sir enjoy your day. Next in queue is citizen Thull

Susan Thull: thank you I was just gunna ask that that be extended from 30 days to 45-day review because of the holidays thank you that's all I have

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Ms. Thull we do post for 30 days based off of ordinance um but you know we can delay on coming back and have do have a final work session as well so that gives you a little bit more time if that would be helpful. We can schedule a week later on that so that way people we do get more comments we take comments all the way up to our final work session

Susan Thull: Yes, thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you for your comment

Ron Pete: Mr. Champagne this is Ron Pete

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Pete are you 2315648435

Ron Pete: I am no I'm 616502

Speaker Champagne: I do have to go next in queue would you wanna be next in queue?

Ron Pete: yes, I would but I I'm telling you I'm on my phone

Speaker Champagne: Thank you second in queue Mr. Pete

Ron Pete: ok thank you

Speaker Champagne: 2315648435 next in queue the floor is yours

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Ogema Romanelli: excuse me was I kicked out of the meeting? This is the Ogema

Speaker Champagne: Not you sir um Antonio Romanelli was escorted out

Ogema Romanelli: I was disconnected and was put in a waiting room

Recorder Wolfe: right the numbers jumped so he must of spoke as the same time as Antonio was speaking so when I hit him in the waiting room it must of kicked you out. I just noticed you was in the waiting room and readmitted you

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you

Speaker Champagne: I apologize Mr. Romanelli it was it was Antonio Romanelli who was escorted out

Ogema Romanelli: please be careful when you say Mr. Romanelli. Please identify the first name thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you.

Recorder Wolfe: there both speaking at the same time

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah

Speaker Champagne: next in queue is 2315648435

Shannon Crampton: OK Shannon Crampton 1747 and I would just like to umm since my name was brought up by Mr. Stone if the members of the council and membership go back and review the tape I went bullet point by bullet point in response to Mr. Romanelli I did not stray or go off topic now I just want to clarify some of the misinformation because there is no court that ever said that wasn't an entity of the tribe no matter how you try to wordsmith it it's not real. I just don't want the members to get fooled by all the wordsmithing or and I to would like to know the expertise that Mr. DiPiazza has displayed because half the information he said is incorrect in fact 90% of it was incorrect. Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza care to response?

Councilor DiPiazza: uhm well that's your opinion sir. Uhm I been here quit a while and there's some, I do my research other than just pull the trigger on something. We end up getting to a predicament in the court system and I would like to stay out of it to be honest but that's your opinion so I'm good I'm not going to elaborate or get into a great big what's it match so thank you Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: thank you for response councilor DiPiazza next in queue is Mr. Ronald Pete

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Ron Pete: thank you so much councilor Champagne uhm uhm Ronald Pete 4158 I'm having difficulty I'm go going to with you on my phone and I don't know how to raise my hand on the phone, so I apologize for that

Speaker Champagne: No that's ok I believe council can you give him advice if it's just a dial in is it just a star something?

ZOOM background: star 6

Speaker Champagne: star 6. Ok thank you Mr. Pete go ahead though

Ron Pete: OK thank you so at any rate I'm gonna stay on I'm not gonna I'm gonna try to stay on topic this is about a 30-day comment period. I also would like to support what the what the councilor Champ councilor Crampton said and and what Sara said is I also think that our GM right now I think it would be the wrong time to replace that GM he's been through through a lot of the pandemic and he's he's really had us come out on the really good side I think and it's not over yet so I also would endorse the keeping of our our and I will put that into my 30-day comment period and so I really don't have anything more to say right now but uhm I once the comment period gets started we will get started right away and I will be deliberating this to tribal council with my comment period thank you very much

Speaker Champagne: thank you for your input, Mr. Pete it's appreciate it. Any other discussion at this time otherwise I'm entertain a motion to post for public comment from councilors...oh madam recorder

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO POST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT GAMING ENTERPRISE ACT ORDINANCE # 10-800-03.

by Wolfe, supported by Johnson

Speaker Champagne: we have a motion by councilor Wolfe support by councilmen Johnson discussion on the motion the floor 2315648435 you first in queue

Shannon Crampton: I apologize I was trying to respond to Mr. DiPiazza before this went this far just to say umm not to argue but you clarify for the membership on this phone umm opinion is when there is no verifiable metric, he stated that he had been doing extensive work the speaker asking for that information and I asked him for that information that is not an opinion. Thank you very much

Speaker Champagne: we have a motion on the floor councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: My point is do I wanna spend an hour here discussing something when it's gonna be a 30-day comment? yes, I did do a lot of research and I do have a lot of information so you can spew it anyway or spin it anyway last week we spent what an hour and 10 minutes on a contract so do I wanna go into that right this minute no

everybody wants there 10 minutes fame I don't know but I am not going to get into it right this minute it's up for a 30 day comment I will be commenting with my with my logistics and my research if nobody likes it well I can't help that if they like it yippee IO so I'm done

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. DiPiazza there is no Kaiya at the end of that one though?

Councilor DiPiazza: Yippee I aye he's up there nobody has found him; nobody found the Easter egg.

People laughing in the ZOOM

Speaker Champagne: Just trying to make a little humor thank you Mr. DiPiazza umm any other discussion on the motion on the floor at this time from citizens or councilors? any other discussion motion floor from citizens or councilors seeing none thank you all for giving your words advice we'd really be truly appreciate it. Madame recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (3-6-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: three in favor six against motion to post has failed

Speaker Champagne: Alright councilors going on the next item comm public comment period umm the Unified legal department ordinance number 15-100-08a motion is needed to post ordinance number 15-100-08a to gain public comment for on any revisions. With that being said this item has went through many work sessions with tribal council uh these work sessions have continued to go through uh it has been posted to outside legal council you have the legal review on that item um the executive side was ah invited to those meetings along with the general public uh we are at the stage right now where it's up for recommended for post for public comment period with that being said that concludes my introduction and presentation of this item. Any tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Any tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Any tribal councilors wish to abstain at this time? Seeing no abstentions ah open up for discussion at this time.

Ogema Romanelli: Mr. Champagne you could put the Ogema in when the time is ready for the Ogema to comment thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Sir any councilors wish to have comments or discussion at this time? Seeing none I go onto Ogema Romanelli and citizens Mr. Romanelli you first in queue

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you again there were some revisions and I don't know if we're just in adding the titles at this late time or if there were other revisions my concern is in the ability that I had to look at said that the unified legal department will be controlled by the tribal council you know as the unified legal department was formed I voiced my concerns that you put the attorneys within that department at a disadvantage because they answered to both the executive and the ah legislative branches I still felt that the idea was that it would stop us from going to court and I understand that that didn't happen over the years as well while I understand that the tribal council is trying to put it under themselves that's fine I think if if that happens if you move forward I think that the Ogema should be allowed to have full a full time attorney as we did in the past I have other comments but I'll them for now thank you very much

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. Romanelli as you mentioned this was a consta just like the last one its constitutionality issue that these were required to get fixes so we're not held in contempt from the court um so you know this is a legislative fix the constitution underneath legislative uhm to response to your question nothing else occurred on changes other than what Mr. DiPiazza recommended to have a title in to the agenda so we look forward to any comments that you have as well and I know you propose a 2022 budget uhm so that's appropriate place for your other section discussion on this 2315648435 your next in queue

Shannon Crampton: thank you Mr. speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 I just wanted to clear up little bit of revisionist history I was on the body that created the uhm Unified Legal it went almost uhm I think almost 2 years for the first time in history with no infighting and no cost to the tribe Mr. Romanelli was the one that launched that lawsuit that uhm violated that spirit so that's how that actually happened thank you

Ogema Romanelli: ah you can add me back in Mr.

Speaker Champagne: Response from you Mr. Romanelli

Ogema Romanelli: OK yeah thank you I I think if you look at the records there wasn't a two year span where there were no uhm court action from the development of unified legal to the time that court actions had and as you know yes I did start the court actions and as you know after 4 1/2 years I was found to ah be correct in my my court actions and the court made the decisions and anybody can look it up it was that February of this year where they came back so the right to go forward was done and it was done in a proper way and ah I think if you look at the records it was only two year span of free without court action thank you very much.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. Romanelli. Discussion for motion of posts with citizens or councilors at this time? Discussion or

Shannon Crampton: If I could respond Mr. Speaker

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Speaker Champagne: Response by Mr. Crampton go ahead sir

Shannon Crampton: ok uhm it was the longest period in the history of the tribe maybe it wasn't two years, but it was still violated first by Mr. Romanelli. Thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you and just for the citizens

Ogema Romanelli: and might I respond back again?

Speaker Champagne: Sure, I think you both are correct I really do

Ogema Romanelli: ok

Speaker Champagne: this is something that was put fourth because it's a appellate court beamed at the unconstitutional many many provisions and it was unconstitutional it is power of tribal council you know I think you know this is trying to comply with court orders to make sure we have clear separations, and the tribe really does need to have ____ but if you guys want to go back and fourth your more than welcome to Mr. Romanelli for a response.

Ogema Romanelli: OK thank you yeah, I just wanna say yes, I did bring the court action forward yes the court sided with me and yes Mr. Crampton was one of them that caused the court action to happen by the meeting of August 16th or somewhere around there 2016 when he proposed uh to to make the changes in the oversight taskforce etc. so he was one of the two that brought it forward so I'll leave it at that thank you.

Speaker Champagne: OK so with this this is specific had nothing to do with that case this has to do with a different matter while it was there to run constitution by appellate court they cannot represent all the branches they can the intent and the spirit of this just as the author of this was that we continue on providing legal counsel to our enterprises and the ban on request but they represent the tribe's all as tribal council 2315648435 your next in queue

Shannon Crampton: first let me apologize to the council no matter how you tried Mr. Romanelli tries to spin it my only statement was it was the longest period to the tribe, and he filed the first lawsuit nothing else that's all I said he confirmed it now let's bid thank you

Speaker Champagne: alright can we go to madame recorder do we have a motion?

Recorder Wolfe: I'm ready to make a motion if there's no abstentions

Speaker Champagne: there ya go

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO POST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT UNIFIED LEGAL

DEPARTMENT ACT OF 2015 ORDINANCE No 15-100-08A

by Wolfe, supported by Wittenberg

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by madam recorder Wolfe support by councilor Wittenberg. Ah discussion on the motion on the floor? 2315648435 discussions on the motion on the floor?

Shannon Crampton: I apologize I forgot to take my hand down I'm sorry

Speaker Champagne: Do we have discussion for the motion on the floor? Seeing no further discussion for the motion on the floor. Madam recorder Wolfe roll call please

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Seven in favor two against motion is passed

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madame recorder the next area is uhm C 100% enrollment audit of membership files tribal council has determined that 100% Enrollment audit of all currently enrolled membership is warranted to for the tribe to move forward in good way and promote healing amongst the nation and tribal council finds it is in the best interests of the tribe and its citizens to be able to provide for the peace, moral, on general welfare of the Little River Band and its members action is needed to mandate a 100% enrollment audit of membership files this item did come before tribal council through a work session and discussion ensued there and then continue on for another work session yesterday before appearing on here uhm this has multiple authors and cosponsors which are not reflected on here and I'm not sure why uhm but I'll read into the record Co-authors sponsors myself Nitumigaabow Champagne councilor Wittenberg councilor Lewis councilor Madam recorder Wolfe I believe uhm and councilor Champagne are all part of ah bringing this forward so with that being said I will defer to the coauthors and sponsors for any other presentation on this item... Councilor Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah uh reason on my end why is brought forward because there's so many uh everybody hitting on everybody saying this and saying that and it does divide our tribe where for myself and they can put my name in there right at the beginning I don't mind at all if it's there not it's not but I turned around and I think and feel that at least that part will turn around and they can't on different one point fingers that your this or that so I do feel of course you'll have others that will turn around and just as it will be yes you are but someone will say I would probably think and feel no you're not so it goes on and on but that part I know since I've been up there which is been going on 16 years that that was always the main topic to me ever since I've been going to a membership and

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elsewhere so I'm in for support of it and looking at it in a good way and I look at it As for myself it's a if it's there it's there if it's not well that's OK at least for Ron he found out what it is to be Anishinaabe so Miigwech.

Speaker Champagne: Councilor DiP

Ogema Romanelli: When the time is right can you add the Ogema in? Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Yeah, we're actually not up for public discussion yet this is just the co-sponsors doing their presentation but will do. Ah madam recorder Wolfe as a co-sponsor co-author go ahead

Recorder Wolfe: so the reason that I was in support and joined on as co-sponsor for 100% enrollment audit of membership files is because since forever as I can remember I've heard the membership request that they want 100% audit enrollment of the membership file so just in keeping with that and providing the information to them one that I believe and I'm hopeful that once the audit is proceed and enrollment files are found to be in order with the majority of them being in order and correct that the turmoil and the dissent among members and always having the question we have these eligible these ineligible we have people that are enrolled that are not those questions can be addressed and laid to rest for the membership so that was my reason for being in support of the item thank you

Speaker Champagne: Alright councilor Lewis or councilor Champagne anything as cosponsors or author you would like on the presentation portion?

Councilor Lewis: Yeah, I would like to say I'm in support of the people____ uhm also I really think that this is really good information that you know everyone should have full understanding. I don't know I think that there's some good things that come out of this starting uhm who are out there

Speaker Champagne: thank you councilor Lewis. Councilor Champagne thank you

Councilor Champagne: yes, yes I would say I'm in support of the can you hear me?

Speaker Champagne: go ahead yes

Councilor Champagne: can you hear me?

Speaker Champagne: yes, go ahead

Councilor Champagne: I was in support of this ordinance simply because ever since I came to Manistee all I heard was this one is enrolled in the tribe but they're really not eligible in that and there's always this tension there and when people get promotion they say well they're not easy tribal and yet they got promoted but they are they do carry a

tribal card and I think it's put a lot of uhm controversy between the members and hopefully by having this 100% membership audit that'll take that away and they'll be less less issues among the members and we could start acting like a family that we are supposed to be so that's why I'm in support of this thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you and I'll just conclude as a last comment I heard from councilors throughout that meeting initially of the want to be able to bring our people together and heal and to put these things behind to certify A roll at the end of this and we hope that no one has any mistake or just that I'll state for the record that this was not intended but to be able to finally put this item to rest and to move forward every five years that will have just a scheduled audit as planned we also have in there specifically not to utilize the same company more that there's been utilized in previous ten years and that continues on its files auditing practices good but in practice so with that being said that it is the introduction and presentation of this item at this point time does any tribal councilors wish to abstain? any tribal councilors wish to abstain? I'm gunna recognize first in queue is councilor DiPiazza second in queue uhm at this time it will just be with tribal councilors then I'll move on to citizens. Councilor DiPiazza you have the floor sir.

Councilor DiPiazza: oh my comment is the same that I brought up in the work session uhm you know back in 2011 there was a resolution it's number 11-0727-293 adopting a qualified roll of tribe members whose files were subject to and confirmed by audits conducted in 2019 2004 2008 2010 so it's not like there hasn't been audits and for all these years I understand what everybody is thinking everybody's gonna sing Kumbaya afterwards it's never gonna go away I don't know what to say now I heard somebody say oh we need to strike get a DNA sample or something it's like really that's so childish it's just unreal and that's ok you know I was certified by the BIA back in 1974 so BIA certified a lot of tribal members back in the day when this tribe started because of the 80/20 which there's nobody to certify them members other than the BIA for funding for land claims so uhm like I said It's never gunna go away uhm it will always be there. I would hope this would, but I don't know its its there's a lot of files sealed by courts. I don't think its going to end its going to make it even worse that's just my opinion so ok that's all I have

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. DiPiazza uhm discussion of tribal councilors at this time? Uhm, I had my hand raised but was not responded for Mr. DiPiazza. Mr. Wittenberg you're in queue to be called after me are you wanna be in respond to Mr. DiPiazza? Or do you just want to be put in queue?

Councilor Wittenberg: uh I can respond on that.

Speaker Champagne: ok go ahead then

Councilor Wittenberg: Either way when we turn around and look at it being audited and even though BIA uh went through it well now all we're doing is confirming what the enrollment and BIA is because the simple fact the membership is the one that turned

around and constantly brought it up brought it up brought it up so personally myself yeah well it will it change different peoples opinion maybe yes maybe no will it contin... you know we've been having to me for years and years ever since he ships landed on ah Turtle Island on that on the same thing what we're talking about and they uh do go a lot of them and a lot of other tribes are been going DNA well I'm not going DNA I'm just having a simple audit to turn around and confirm because that's what the people said now yeah some members have said do a DNA but I'm satisfied with a just doing a simple audit and so and I'm looking at it in good way so to me for those that uh and I would seem to think and just my opinion again that uh I'm proud of who I am now if it comes to be I'm not well I can accept it whatever it is but ah I'm certainly not gonna swing it back around and take it to court and this and that in this and that and bang the table and that and just look at it in a good way you know it's pretty simple for me so that's all I gotta say on it. Should it come to be it will be what it is at least the membership will turn around and uh look at it and see the bindings and hopefully this uh nation can go on and we can get together instead of turn around and be so ah divided. OK that's pretty much what I have I'm good Miigwech

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Councilor Wittenberg uhm Ms. Wever I'll put you in queue after myself

Councilor Wever: k

Speaker Champagne: Unless you're wanting to respond to councilor DiPiazza?

Councilor Wever: No, I just want to respond to the tribe

Speaker Champagne: ok ok so

Councilor Champagne: I would like to respond to Mr. DiPiazza

Speaker Champagne: OK we still have responses from Mr. DiPiazza comment go ahead councilor Champagne

Councilor Champagne: yes Gary is absolutely right there has had several audits in the past and I know this for a fact because my family was in most of those audits which is one of the other questions uhm why I wanted to have 100% audit of the membership because how can the same family always show up in the audit and I was I was really upset when one of my family kept showing up because I thought why are they always auditing our family I think I understand now I think we put this 100% audit in place and we are going to be a lot further ahead thank you

Speaker Champagne: ok thank you no further responses by ah co-sponsors next in queue is myself and then councilmember Wever in guards to on this there has been enrollment irregularities we've you know there's actions that have been taken even from those ones I think councilor DiPiazza has cited uhm there has been and they haven't addressed I believe in enrollment fraud has been addressed in this tribe has been taken care of this

resolution specifically states follows the constitution and appellate court workers that interpret that constitution because that is correct body to interpret the constitution and they've been pretty clear guidelines on what our criteria is we are not a tribe with grey areas it is very clear cut there is no grey when it comes to our enrollment any ordinances that we make that infringe upon those guidelines you know that's that's here nor there this audit is looking at just that so we can put these things to rest I look at it and I gave them two citizens came forward with concerns and it was not in their interest but they both contested with enrollment and when they went through to say that you know what we are not at blood quantum we are supposed to be at they mentioned that their father was nonnative but they had their stepfather listed and while they there was a mistake of fact they didn't per populate that mistake of fact they tried to correct it and what they did was they actually lost enrollment determined that there's stepfather was their father and used their blood quantum they of course didn't argue any further cause they did their job bring it to their attention those are mistake of fact that we might come across we need to be able to have 100% enrollment on it so that people can move forward and say you know what we're here we're all in this together and we continue on there is no grey area and so I think this is the correct way of doing it and had other issues in the past uhm that had to do with where people swore we have four elder swear about peoples blood quantum's and they were raised those have all been corrected from years ago ah Mr. DiPiazza mentioned closed cases this is 100% audit of all enrollment files of living members so I think there is no off grounds on this you know close cases those close cases the parties petition for that information so not to be confused with what that actually meant I think that you know I'm in support of this I think the citizens are in support of this cause this is what they've asked for years and this council hopefully will deliver on it that's my only comments on that. Council member Wever

Councilor Wever: yeah, I just wanna say I wanna explain the way I'm why the reason how I'm gonna vote because I do not wanna be attacked by these people that are that I see. What I wanted to say was that I have a cabin and in front of my cabin there's a river that flows by now if I go out there and disrupt this flow what would happen to my cabin? So, I'm just saying that because that is I don't wanna be attacked by these people for the way I'm going to vote and that's it that's all I want to say because if I said anymore, I'd probably be kicked out of here

Speaker Champagne: By no means Ms. Wever you're always very respectful thank you for that and councilors should not ever be feeled pressure to vote one way or another they are voting what they feel is in the best interests for the tribe. alright I believe I went through and did ask if everyone wanted to abstain, we were past that point in time uhm is that correct madam recorder

Recorder Wolfe: correct

Speaker Champagne: ok so we are on discussion with tribal councilors at this time any councilors have any further discussion? Any councilors have further discussion? First in queue is Mr. Romanelli and then citizen Ms. Agosa

Ogema Romanelli: again thank you we know over the years that we've had numerous audits of the enrollment department I believe that in most cases or all cases the policies have been followed once an audit is done it comes back to the tribal council and over the years to tribal council has qualified those roles over the years since I've been here as well people have questioned matter of fact right after I got into office people were questioning the the enrollment of our tribe. In my opinion I believe it's specula's to divide the membership much as the Manistee 500 has done over the years if you go with 100% audit and whatever the findings are I don't believe it will quell the rumors and the things that have been happening over the years I just don't think it will you talk about all family we should all be family we don't treat each other as all family hasn't happened since I've been here and it won't happen after I leave. I think that is gonna continue to go on we talked about the Manistee 500 in those people in Milwaukee or Wisconsin and those out of state I think it'll always continue I I think this will serve no purpose myself I've been my family also has been accused I've been accused I've been called chairman Renya I've been called a Mexican and every other name you wanna call and it just serves no purpose but uh I know that if you go ahead it will not change a damn thing because who will continue to fight and say it's wrong these things are issues that went to court before I even got here that are still being discussed the court made the decisions in the enrollment files have been qualified by the tribal council and it'll just go on so I'm not even gonna comment on whether you should or you should not. Well, I guess I should I think it's a wasted effort but thank you.

Speaker Champagne: thank you Mr. ah Romanelli does any councilors wish to respond who are authors or co-sponsors on this? To Mr. Romanelli. Ok next in queue is citizen Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 can you hear me?

Speaker Champagne: Yes Mam

Sara Agosa: ok my comment is I found an article by the Chicago Tribune long awaited land settlement insight for Michigan tribes published on December 21st 1997 this article states that Little River Band had 1141 members in the October 21st 2021 operations report which is online Little River Band has 4068 members I can't imagine our birth in adoption rate has been higher than our death rate this large jump should be verified for accuracy I fully support a 100% audit I feel distressed that are 100% audit hasn't been done recently in Gary stated that there have been audits done and I believe the last year you said it was 2010 that's it's been quite a while and our roles have been closed since 2016 as an outline member I had no idea that our rolls haven't been fully audited on a continual basis although I believe the entire issue should be deferred to the BIA for full review of our ordinance, amendments, resolutions for rulings and roll and any other documents to ensure compliance with federal and tribal law that council is moving forward with a request for proposal for a private contractor I want The Ogemas commitment that he will seek the most qualified individual or company in that the individual or company will have ethical historical knowledge of the Durant role and will provide accurate information based on the best practices in the genealogy research of

tribes as well as certify that all members meet the same standards and law and no individual family or families is given preferential treatment the membership should also be assured that anyone who has been enrolled since 2016 when the roles were closed meet the qualifiers of birth or adoption criteria and that all families are treated equally our ancestors experience hardships were persecuted by the government including their children our citizenship today is rooted in the past and the tenacity of our ancestors to survive and to me tribal citizenship is a result of their efforts and struggles and should only be passed down to their descendants it's only fair in its only just so I asked if the Ogema negotiate and tribal council ratified this RFP honestly transparency transparently and procure a qualified expert and even after the audit is done I still believe that the tribe should have an outside third party review the findings and the BIA does have ethnohistorical researchers on staff. Thank you that is my comment.

Speaker Champagne: thank you for that excellent comment, Miss. Agosa. Uhm next in queue is citizen Chelsea Densmore, myself Nitumigaabow, Mr. DiPiazza, Mr. Romanelli, 2315648435 that's the queue. I got you in Mr. Romanelli

Ogema Romanelli: Ok thank you are you ready for me now?

Speaker Champagne: No, you're a little bit further after Mr. DiPiazza

Ogema Romanelli: Oh, ok thank you

Speaker Champagne: Ah citizen Miss. Chelsea Densmore

Chelsea Densmore: Miigwech Mr. Speaker Chelsea Densmore 3225 uhm I guess I wanted to make a couple comments First off I'm really discouraged to hear our councilor DiPiazza and Ogema Romanelli talking about how this is a waste of time you know people are gonna fight no matter what people are gonna believe what they want you know the Ogema is saying that you know that's been going on forever it's always gonna go out I don't agree I don't think that we should not be taking steps to try and bring the tribes together to try and fix uhm that division within the tribe I don't think that we should ever stop trying to take those steps so first and foremost I think that's really important I know that uhm the speaker had said when he was I think first talking uhm you know the whole point of this is to kind of ah resolve that division it you know he hopes that there are no mistakes and that kind of brings us together I couldn't agree more that's that's really what I hope as well and I do think that you guys should do it I don't think this is a waste of resources I agree with Sara that it should be done on occasion doesn't need to be done every five years with all 4000 or whatever right but I do think that you know uhm every you know decade or two right we should be you know looking at stuff and dotting our I's and crossing our T's right I do think that's important uhm and I each think it's silly that the Ogema is saying you know this is a waste of time I don't think we should do it the Ogema had an entire meeting that was just about rumors related to him that used tribal resources right like you had it was at the casino it was on zoom it was you know X Y&Z and I'm not saying that was good or bad I'm just saying that was just to call rumors if this is just a call rumors to why was that OK and not this right so I really hope that you

guys do approve this I do think that this is important uhm and I do think that that's something that should be done and I really do hope that it resolve some of the division and it puts some of this stuff to rest because I too have heard so many people talking about you know like this person and that person whatever and it's just it's gross and it's inappropriate and I think someone said during one of the work sessions this is a sensitive topic because you know you're talking about your family and lineages and your ancestors and and it's true right this is a sensitive topic and that's why it shouldn't be weaponized against people that's why we should do an audit now like people have requested like people have stated over and over right just do it get it done and then you can say we did an audit everyone should be here we need to work on coming together and create a programs create the legislation do what you need to do to try and bring people together more but that's all I can say I really hope you guys approve this Miigwech.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you citizen Densmore next in queue is myself then goes to Mr. DiPiazza, Mr. Romanelli and then to ending in 8345 so uhm my comment is back to the certification of the role uhm there has been errors after those roles were certified and they have been corrected as the citizens are mentioned going back in over and having an audit and looking at it based on our constitution and the appellate court order will make sure that we can quell any of this and I hope that you know we can move forward in a good way I think you know not addressing the fact or the ____ the room continues to allow for dissent and I want to be part of the council that can move our people forward and so thank you council for being supportive of this and support of the citizens place next in queue ah councilor DiPiazza.

Someone in the ZOOM: Council is on mute

Speaker Champagne: I was just saying that's the best speech I ever heard

Everyone laughing

Councilor DiPiazza: Just remember nobody found the Easter egg there is a \$50 bill for that one but to late. Anyway what I was going to say I have to disagree with Sara and Chelsea because I never said it was a waste of time I'm saying you're not gonna rectify this problem because and also you know there's been audits done over the years one done in 14 one done in 16 I looking at them right here are the contracts that were brought forward no to say it was only done in 2010 that was just the one I pulled up because it had the most information and the most of the dates that went back and did and did them things and ah like I said when I hear somebody tell me oh don't leave your straw lay out because somebodies gunna you know get that and get you're your sample you know that's CIS stuff you know really uhm and that doesn't happen in the real world so and that's dishearten when this come up this what I hear and like I said I've been certified by the BIA since 74 anybody wanna see them papers I'd be more than glad to whip them out uhm so and a lot of times this is you know this is brought up to get somebodies goat going or get them all riled up and yea that's happen before cause people you know they hate it when somebody I don't know what to tell ya. I know where I came from and where I'm going, and I know what I do every morning to help these people and help my

people when that sun comes up every morning the more people practice that we would have a much better life ahead of us cause I see the ridicule in the in the things people say. Do I always comment on them... NO I've got better things to do then to comment on somebody's ridicule or are you Anishinaabe or not or uhm I just don't think your gunna cure what you're wanting to cure.

Councilor Wever: Someone has to make a motion

Councilor DiPiazza: So, I'm all set right now but yea if want to go into resolutions I can send you numbers for when them audits ah happened.

Speaker Champagne: and just for clarification those those audits were limited number of years after and from the last one to their enrollment and then it was a percentage-based audit just for the record

Councilor DiPiazza: was trying to say something in the background but couldn't make it out clearly

Speaker Champagne: Next in queue is coun or Ogema Romanelli... oh go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: I was just saying up to the ones that were done like in 2010 another one I think yea 2014 and another one in 2016 that went back to that 2010 mark whatever that number maybe so... Yeah, I just don't think you're going to rectify what you're thinking but that's my opinion. I'm good thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you uhm next in queue is Ogema Romanelli then 2315648435 then councilor Guenthardt

Ogema Romanelli: OK thank you well I'm not going to really answer Ms. Agosa concern wants me to promise that I'll be fair and pick the right group or whatever that doesn't even make sense I did not pick them in the past and I probably won't pick them in the future not sure where that's going the rumors then the cost was minimal it was not only a meeting regarding rumors it was other issues that were going on and it wasn't only enrollment so I I guess with that you know again the council will do with council wants to do I guess is there a cost or a timeline that you are aware of I'm sure somebody who's done some kind of investigation and what cost would be or the timeline can somebody answer that anybody that's bringing this forward thank you

Speaker Champagne: yes, thank you Mr. Romanelli the cost that we accured based off the responses from the RFP so that that is a competitive process and choosing the right firm based off their experiences and criteria and obviously once the selection committee selects it goes to Ogema for negotiation and ratification by tribal council

Ogema Romanelli: Do you have an estimate cost on what that cost would be?

Speaker Champagne: We do not have an estimate on what the cost would be because until you put it into competitive market, we've only ever used one firm for a decade and then one firm that may not be true reflection of the market cost and that one individual was a hobbyist not a professional firm uhm frame we have amended to 60days out to start the process of putting out the RFP. Next in queue is 2315648435

Shannon Crampton: Thank you Mr. Speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 uhm just to step a little bit back uhm the reasoning that tribes right now are going to DNA and it's deals with the cost like Mr. Romanelli was just talking to they're going through it because of the cost six or seven years ago a DNA restrained was found that only exists in Native America so they made the job of auditing that much simpler you won't have it if you're not native American that's why most are going towards DNA now in the uhm I'm the one that got sued before over this and the family went up made up all kinds of wild stories the case was dropped was dropped when it was found out that they had the burden of proof to prove it the only way they could prove was to bring the records out when that was proposed it was dropped I didn't get sued nobody took me anywhere they just wanna make sure that I didn't sue them back that's not what I was after in the first place what I was after was a correct tribe now for the members for anybody to sit here and say we've had correct audit since day one that's a lie. In simply please just release what tribal council has in the back office there that shows there was enrollment fraud it was not corrected there was an internal audit there was no outside audit the recommendation from the audit were do not send this to the BIA because there's way to many of them then they went and made the 44s this was all documents it's right there so this criteria contains the same thing as the 44 I would suggest that the members go for a law suit a class action law suit because information is there there's no reason to play this game. Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. Crampton next in queue is council member Guenthardt... Council member Guenthardt?

Councilor Guenthardt: yes, I was just wondered what the cost would be for the audit is all that's all and I heard so thank you

Speaker Champagne: thank you council member Guenthardt there are he that will give us the cost factor on a competitive market. Madame recorder Wolfe for response as a author

Recorder Wolfe: No, I'm just ready to make a motion

Speaker Champagne: Ok let's I will entertain that motion because we can still discuss it after that go ahead

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-1215-309 ONE HUNDRED (100%) ENROLLMENT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP FILES by Wolfe, supported by Wever Page 36 of 48 Regular Meeting , 2021

Speaker Champagne: Alright we have a motion made by madame recorder Wolfe support by council member Wever. Discussion on the motion first in queue citizen Agosa second in queue is 2315648435 Mr. Crampton. Alright

Ron Pete: Mr. Champagne this is Ron would you put me in

Speaker Champagne: Yes, sir your third in queue. Ms. Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 my comment is in response to the Ogama statement something along the lines of he's not responsible to negotiate this RFP and in the work session yesterday I believe it was stated that enrollment will be negotiating uhm but I just want to state that even if the Ogama isn't directly negotiating he is the manager of these departments so yes I do feel it is reasonable to ask him to commit to make sure that any contractors are professional and ethical and produce what they're supposed to. My comment is a question, and I can't remember why are we posting RFP for 60days? Thank you

Speaker Champagne: No because it's a chance to prepare it within 60 days start the process, I'm sorry if I misspoke. Next in queue Mr. Crampton if you still want your hand was just left raised otherwise, we will just call on Mr. Pete

Shannon Crampton: I lowered my hand sorry Mr. Speaker Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Pete.

Ron Pete: OK thank you coun counc excuse me I still have trouble talking thank you very much for allowing me in Ron Pete 4158 I'm just my only comment would be you know there gonna do what there gonna do the council is going to either order it or don't order it but the end of the day I still think that some of the council council people out there and some of the people out there in to just think that this is going to end everything you know I think that's pretty wishful thinking that we're gonna come back together as a family once this is done this but it and and God bless you I I would hope that that would be the case but council Champagne I really want a thank you to allowing me in and I will be try to be back next week I'll try to be on my computer at that time right now I have to get ready for a doctor's appointment so I have to leave so thank you all very much

Speaker Champagne: Thank you we love having you back sir

Ron Pete: Buh bye

Speaker Champagne: Alright any other discussion from tribal council or citizens at this time? Any other discussion? Seeing no other discussion madam reporter roll call please

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Six in favor three against resolution is passed

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder we are going in to concluding business

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) Wednesday, December 22, 2021
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Champagne: Sir if you care to give a presentation the floor is yours

Ogema Romanelli: thank you I just have one item that I wanna talk about and obviously we're going through the budget but I was trying to have a meeting where I uh informational type meeting before the holiday break if I am it look it looking like the 20th or 21st but we have a lot of court actions going on and other things that are happening so I'm not sure I'll be able to do it I will try and keep posted if members wanna watch the our Facebook tribal Facebook page I will put the information on it as soon as I can make a determination if I'm gonna have one or not thank you that's it and I have to leave as well.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Ogema Romanelli. The next item if business is Legislative affairs any tribal councils wish to give a Legislative affairs update? I do want to notice there's citizen Thull, citizen Chelsea Densmore, citizen Sara Agosa uh I'm guessing your raising your hand on the Ogema update citizen Thull?

Susan Thull: yes, I was just wondering if we could have the actual dates of the holiday break uhm also uhm there's a lot of questions about uhm the per cap not hitting the banks I was wondering if there is uhm any problem with that that we could let membership know and uhm I had another one but I can't remember it but oh it it did what did the soft opening happen at the medical clinic thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you Mr. Romanelli do you care to if your still on I'm not sure if you are

Ogema Romanelli: yeah I can I can answer the one with the holiday break it is from the 24th through the January 2nd on the soft opening I don't know if that happened or not I don't know someone is on that can answer that or not nor do I know about the checks I know there was an issue with the deposit not going in as normal I think it's been corrected but I don't know what that total issue is unless there's somebody from accounting or a lead that could answer that thanks very much

Speaker Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza or Mr. Wittenberg for response. Mr. DiPiazza then Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor DiPiazza: I was gonna say Huntington bank bought PNC where we usually ran our per cap through so I evidently, I heard yesterday there's a little glitch in that. Keep in mind per cap is the 15th just because you might get it early in your correct deposit yesterday technically this is January per cap that we graciously give out ahead of time because the Christmas portion uhm that and uh money is being transferred to wire transfer things on that order there's some new logistics that the the banking firm has in place for for fraud the only reason I know that is cause they always call me I'm gonna let them call Ron from now on but there's a lot of different logistics in place since even last per capita which is they put a lot of fraud internet fraud stuff in place the banks have like I said the only reason I know that is because I run outta here it's for the telephone call for wire transfer so anyways I'm done thank you

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: yes uh that's absolutely right what Gary with sharing I was down there as Steve was talking with the bank this morning and as the bank says that one one bank brought bought out the other bank and with the fraud going on they needed another signature the money is in there and the gentleman on the phone that Steve was talking to said it should be out within an hour and I would say that was neighborhood of nine o'clock or in there someplace so going on noon if everything is right what they said because they got the money it's just they needed another signature and that's what they were saying on the phone when Steve was talking with the people at the bank so I would presume that at this moment if you have direct deposit it should be in there cording to what the bank said I'm just going by that so hopefully everything goes well and those people you can go down there and cash out

Susan Thull: May I respond Mr. speaker?

Speaker Champagne: Yes mam

Susan Thull: thank you so much well that is the kind of answer I would like to that I appreciate uhm Ron and I'll let them membership know via Facebook and the ones that have been messaged to me personally uhm I don't know how I've gotten a following as far as thinking that I know what's going on but I've asked the question and at least I can give him an answer now so thank you very much Gary and Ron I appreciate your answers. Miigwech

Councilor DiPiazza: You can blame me go ahead I'm used to it

Speaker Champagne: Next in queue citizen Chelsea Densmore

Councilor DiPiazza: No to get into my office. Lucky, I didn't bust a hip

Speaker Champagne: Citizen Densmore next in queue

Chelsea Densmore: Miigwech I was wondering if the Ogema commented on if ah Whitmer made anymore decisions with Muskegon casino I was just looking for a update uhm I apologize if I missed something and it was already stated but thank you

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli?

Councilor Wever: He's gone

Speaker Champagne: Mr. Romanelli?

Recorder Wolfe: He's not on the call anymore

Speaker Champagne: Ok madam recorder Wolfe do you wish to respond? And it has

made newspapers

Recorder Wolfe: Well as a member of the Shoreline task force it was requested to Little River to send a letter to the department of interior asking for the six-month extension because governor Whitmer has not made a decision her not making a decision is not in support or not of support, but she did ask for an extension for the six-month termination fee extended until June 2021

Chelsea Densmore: Miigwech Julie

Speaker Champagne: Madam recorder there also is another newspaper article at state something bit different that she may have made a decision I'm not sure if that's just a conjunction with misinterpreting the original newspaper article

Recorder Wolfe: I haven't got notification of any type of decision other than asking for the extension

Speaker Champagne: Thank you. Next in queue is citizen Ms. Agosa

Sara Agosa 4478: I don't know if this helps or not but there was an article in video posted on news 8 December 13th 2021 I'm not sure if other articles have been issued since then the titles Whitmer expected to push back deadline for signing Muskegon county casino proposal in the article the Ogema states that he perceives a delay in the decision due to COVID so I just wanted to verify in order to share this information that definitely this the decision has been extended until June 2022. I I just Julie I just wanna make sure that I'm clear?

Recorder Wolfe: We have sent a letter on behalf of the governor from Little River Band asking for the extension because the governor has asked Little River Band or communicated with Little River Band that she would like the extension

Sara Agosa: ok I just have one question thank you very much i just wanna make sure I have my facts straight. Uhm the COVID relief check for \$350.00 is there an update on that because people are asking online thank you

Recorder Wolfe: So, the update on the COVID relief payment the determined amount was \$391.06. They are processing the check and going through them because we did just authorize it last week, they didn't have all the supplies necessary to print and send out the checks I do know they are processing and fast as they can we don't have a set determined mailing date, but it is soon as they can get through the list and send those payments out it will definitely be before December 31st

Speaker Champagne: Ok were still on Ogema update did you want to go to Legislative update? I see Mr. DiPiazza raising his hand go ahead for response

Councilor DiPiazza: Either one. I was gonna say people keep in mind just because the you know the governor asked us to send that letter to the BIA cause they didn't really know how cause I don't think they ever had to do one before you gotta remember she could have let that die on the _____ so you know that's due to be signed tomorrow she didn't sign she didn't do nothing she didn't even inquire about it that would have died on the line so it doesn't mean she is saying yes or no but to extend it is a lot better than just let it die on the line so keep that in mind also so she really didn't say no or otherwise she would have no done anything so I guess that's just my observational opinion. Ok I'm done. I guess that could have been Legislative

Speaker Champagne: With the Ogema not being on I'm going to move to Legislative affairs update and then we can still keep in queue with questions

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Champagne: Legislative affairs update? Legislative affairs update? Any councilors with to Legislative affairs update? Ok Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah, as I have for the last few weeks keep in mind on the virus and everybody try to stay safe out there and keep that in mind about those that are coming down. This stuff is to my understanding is it's a sweeping Michigan and we personally I wouldn't wanna take it as something Oh well this is people are taking that journey from this and also to my understanding with the hospital are getting to capacity Lasing ain't taking no more in keep in mind that even though that have got those shots are down with it but to my understanding there not as bad as what those that haven't and so that is up to in each individual how they would like in their life but still in the bottom line is not gonna take it away that it's still running out there so I'm asking everybody to be safe and think of the next person. Miigwech

Susan Thull: Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you. Councilor Champagne you want to Legislative affairs update?

Councilor Champagne: No, I don't have one thank you

Speaker Champagne: ok next in queue is myself for Legislative affairs update I think Mr. Wittenberg mentioned it and I'll I'll tell our citizen body is that tribal council many of the tribal council members were exposed in these chambers to a positive individual with COVID-19 there is reasons why we have safeguards in place asking individuals not to come to the chambers of our council and to appear online and virtually much of the work does not require in person we have councilors who are of the majority of council is considered to be elders status and many councilors have different health implications we encourage we ah staff to respect the request by us to appear virtually we understand citizens have been appearing virtually and we are thankful that you have taken that route can still participate in fact participation has increased since we made virtual across in the virtual median acts across we're hopeful to see in 2022 that more and more citizens appear and participate in the governance process of this tribe that is a positive thing going into the new year having their voice heard is what governance is about to influence and adjust today we had a legislation that did not pass for 30 day public comment period I'll be bringing it back before tribal council to find out what areas they would like change before going to public comment period. I believe it's because of your voice that resonate loudly who is online did not want the general manager to have Indian preference status specifically eliminating that position I can't speak to those councilors but I'm curious on what they have because that's what governance is is hearing from you and at the minute can make that decision to say wait we need to do a little bit more work on this and we understand as council members we may not always have it right the first time that's where you come in within the public comment period where you come in and work sessions to inform us what your beliefs are so thank you for that aspect that concludes my legislative affairs update any other counselors wish for legislators update I'll turn it over to the public if not. Next in queue citizen Ms. Sara Agosa oh Gary we also have ah so here's the queue citizen Ms. Sara Agosa uhm Mr. Crampton and also director Lewis

Sara Agosa 4478: I just wanted to clarify, and I apologize if I need things restated sometimes but my wireless connection sometimes is unstable and also to with everyone wearing masks is kind of hard to hear sometimes so about the COVID payment I just wanna verify the number \$391.06 is that correct

Recorder Wolfe: That is the correct amount

Sara Agosa: Thank you

Speaker Champagne: Next in queue Mr. Crampton

Shannon Crampton: thank you Mr. speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 I was actually waiting for public comment so

Speaker Champagne: Ok Legislative affairs update Mr. Lewis

Gary Lewis: yes thank you I think I hit the clap button instead of the raise hand button for a second there so sorry about that so I just wanted to say that governor Whitmer did sign into she did sign up and was that its water and wastewater professional professions week so if anybody is interested in this field it's a great career go to eagle.com eagle.gov I'm sorry and look that up and then there's a lot of trainings on there in the lot of explanations of what we actually do out here it's not there's a lot of chemistry and get into some algebra we have electrical, plumbing it's a wide variety of things that we do out here so if you or a family member interested in a career on that then if you look that up on the eagle website there's a lot of videos that are on they're going through this week but I'm sure that you can you know go into archives and find him and bring them out if you type in operator certifications and trainings there's a whole list of trainings in there that you can utilize and then there's a couple colleges in Michigan that actually offered courses in wastewater and water and then if I might go back to the I just wanna say that about that and then if I could go back to the other issue with the water usage it was actually 20,000 gallons and our operations coordinator here when she reconciled the bills monthly she looks for any abnormalities in there on the building and then she caught this one and we notified Rusty and Rusty took care of it right away it's kind of hard to figure that out because this is actually come out to about 600 gallons a day over a 30day period so she's got 100 bills that she's gotta go through and she actually looks for those most utilities won't do that you use the water you pay the bill we take it a step further because this is all tribal a tribal family and so she looks for abnormalities in the billing like that and we have caught other situations and notify people and they go look at this might might have a leak uhm but actually it was only 20,000 gallons and we did catch it and took care of it but the first line of defense is the staff and the cut you know customers that come into the building tribal members if you see leak report it to the appropriate person and it it'll get taken care of and that's it thanks

Speaker Champagne: Preferably waited till public comment period we will go onto public comment period. Mr. Crampton

C. Public Comment Period

Shannon Crampton: yes thank you Mr. speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 I just wanted to say thank you to the council for the enrollment audit and point out a couple thing I am extremely alarmed and what I heard Mr. Romanelli say as he said that he had treated a body and then already been operational that is a direct violation of Article 4 section 7G of the constitution but these are patient of legislative powers Mr. Romanelli cannot make subordinate bodies he can't make anybody he only populate them if this action is taken that it's severe if that should actually happened you guys need to get on it right away now another thing I kept hearing bringing up with the Chicke case I was in Council that time and we took care of that for the amendment that we looked at article one in territory and now you'll see that some wording for the benefit of tribal members all the properties that been for the benefit of tribal members its now included that didn't belong there it wasn't there the time of the rulings Chicke is irrelevant now so I would look up that also uhm far

as the governor just so the members understand what we're up against uhm Detroit all the casinos in Detroit don't want it the mayor of Detroit has written a letter the City Council Detroit the City Council has written a letter to the governor they don't want it the other three tribes don't want it all their constituents don't want it we have a poorly planned infantile I want this I want this rage going on in papers its embarrassing what the governor's office did say is this is what you can do there's no tie between her and the federal government that's state and federal she's telling us what we can do we can stop and elongate it that's not gonna change her decision and if it does we need to have a feasibility study done. Sure a casino down in Muskegon was great idea in 2004 2005 2006 2007 it's not a good idea now everybody got a casino in their pocket before we get a profit from that we are going to have to recoup from that how are we gonna do that if everybody is gaining their pockets it's like order now when Indians were given there was a finite life 25 years where over that we need to take a long hard look at that and I don't think the governor is going to do this I understand wanting to see a phase but tomorrow is the day thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you councilor Crampton public comment period from any citizens? Councilor Wever go ahead public comment

Councilor Wever: Yeah, I do I do have a comment uhm probably like the rest of the rumors, but I've heard that uhm I know someone that works for the governor Whitmer and she's going to sign this in June that's all I wanna say period thank you

Speaker Champagne: Thank you council member Wever, any other citizens for public comment at this time? any other citizens for public comment at this time? Uh council member Crampton Mr. Crampton

Shannon Crampton: Thank you thank you Mr. Speaker Shannon Crampton 1747 now I was just going to say if you could verify that because that is absolutely hearsay and nonsense

Councilor Wever: Oh, that's what I said it's hearsay it's a rumor but there is someone that's what I was told

Shannon Crampton: Wait you just said there is a rumor but there is someone? Who?

Councilor DiPiazza: You don't got to name names

Councilor Wever: I'm not someone that works

Speaker Champagne: Ok Ok thank you all for public comment period. This has been a lively uhm council meeting. I hope I hope that you know we'll find out as a body when it happens moving on, we will be going into the purpose of closed session

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

Speaker Champagne: I want to thank everybody for participating today I know it was a little chaotic uhm my apologies for my part in the chaos of trying to maintain the meeting going through this we are going to close session I will entertain this time motion to enter Closed session

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by; Johnson supported by Wittenberg

Speaker Champagne: We have a motion by councilor Johnson support by Mr. DiPiazza, Oh council member Wever

Councilor Johnson: That was Ron

Speaker Champagne: Ron! Ok *laughing* these masks are really hard to tell ok I see fingers pointing and it was pointing at, and I get it, so we motion by Johnson support by Wittenberg, discussion on the motion? Uhm Mr. Crampton you have your hand raised on discussion on the motion?

Shannon Crampton: No, I apologize I will take it down

Speaker Champagne: Alright seeing no discussion on the motion madam recorder roll call please

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Five in favor three against one absent we have ended first open at 12:20 p.m.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you council we are going into closed session, lets come back in 10minuets thank you

XI. Open Session

Speaker Champagne: Thank you we are back for second open at this point in time I'd entertain a motion to enter into second open

Councilor Johnson:

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SECOND OPEN SESSION; by Johnson; supported by Wever.

Speaker Champagne: Alright we have Johnson with motion to go into second open any support?

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Champagne: support by Wever. Discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder roll call please

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Six in favor two against one absent we are in second open at 1:25pm

Speaker Champagne: Thank you council there is only one item on second open

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Champagne: At this time do any councilors wish to have any items moved from Closed to open session? they have transparency amongst our citizens. Madam recorder Wolfe?

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLTION MOTION AND ROLL CALL FOR THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM APPROVAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR TELE RAD; by Wolfe; supported by Wever.

Speaker Champagne: Do we have support?

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Champagne: Support by Wever motion by Wolfe. Discussion on the motion on the floor? Discussion on the motion on the floor? Seeing no discussion on the motion on the floor madam recorder roll call please

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe: Eight in favor one absent item is moved from Closed to open.

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder. Any other tribal councilors wish to move items from close to open session? Any other tribal councilors wish to move items from close to open session close open session? I'd entertain a motion from tribal council to move the dirty little files that Mr. Crampton referenced in first open into open session if any councilor so is moved? Seeing no councilors entertain that motion... Oh Mr. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Well first off, we need to actually know what the dates what they were referencing to just to make a statement like that I been here a long time and I don't remember some of them things so an actual date to start with from Mr. Crampton would it be of beneficial I really hate it when people say I've got the evidence right here and you turn it around and it's like it's a blank piece of paper but you cant see this side so that would be my persona

Speaker Champagne: Are you making a motion at this time Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: pardon

Speaker Champagne: Are you making a motion at this time to move items from closed to open session?

Councilor DiPiazza: Not till I know exactly the dates

Speaker Champagne: Well, sure that sounds good. I was unfamiliar what those being referenced uhm, but I figured some council members who sat here for a long time might be uh we can ask our administration team to bring forward items that on discussion today if you'd like that be something your request of the administration Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, if they want to look into it and find out what he's actually pointing the finger at I would be more than glad to put that out to the membership

Councilor DiPiazza: Wonderful thank you Mr. DiPiazza saying we would have this great discussion any councilors wish to move anything from closed to open session at this time? Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, uh I just got a text, and I don't know so to speaking yanking my chain, but they said they just got their check in direct deposit

Councilor DiPiazza: Yep

Councilor Wittenberg: OK so I was confirmed by another council member I guess it's true so those that are since this is in open and the other council members if they get text then they can reply that it's true if that's what I hear I know what I heard I don't know there...

Speaker Champagne: Thank you council member Wittenberg. Any councilors wish to move anything from closed to open session at this time? Seeing no other ones uh I'd entertain a motion at this time to end second open. Madame recorder Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe:

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne: Alright we have motion by madame recorder Wolfe support by councilor Johnson discussion in motion in the floor? discussion on the motion on the floor? I'm going to raise my hand for discussion I just don't want it to end I'm having so much fun here today but I I think when we were looking forward on council, we heard that the dollar amount of 391 and some odd senses went out I would like to be able to have that information posted for public who was not in attendance today did that already go on our social media?

Legislative director Wilson-Torres: I sent it to Rebecca yeah, I sent it twice yesterday and she hasn't given me any reply so

Speaker Champagne: Ok because I think its imperative for that information go out to our citizens so that way they're able to know it and and not only that but we should also publicly post the letter because we have to have guidance on how the money is to be spent right otherwise you receive the check they don't know what the checks about we did not put a insert in so we have to make due diligence and posting that the money is meant for pandemic assistance madam recorder Wolfe?

Recorder Wolfe: So Tribal council has created a press release and it is pending being posted to the Little River Band tribal Facebook page

Speaker Champagne: Awesome

Recorder Wolfe: and it's going to be posted on the news information section of the web page also

Speaker Champagne: Do we also

Recorder Wolfe: It has been submitted it's just waiting for the formal process to be uploaded was told to tribal council

Speaker Champagne: Thank you madam recorder Wolfe. Director Wilson can you also uhm post it have it posted in the government offices

Legislative director Wilson-Torres: Yes

Speaker Champagne: and just have that documented that if you wanna do a log like a memo where all the items were posted for public consumption and then attach it to the official resolution or packet as backup supporting in case, we get audited. Other discussion on the motion on the floor which is to close second open? Seeing no other discussion for close of second open madam recorder Wolfe roll call please

XII. Adjourn

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe: Nine in favor we have adjourned second open at 1:32pm.

Councilor Wever: You said nine

Councilor Champagne: That would be eight Julie

Recorder Wolfe: Eight in favor one absent correct

Respectfully Submitted,

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