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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on December 21, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton the recording is on. Wittenberg said what they are going to do is go to the list here to see who is who.

Councilor Wever said oh. Wever thanked him.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, Angela Rabb.

Angela Rabb thanked him. Rabb stated her name and that she was from the Finance Department.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said ah.....

Angela Rabb thanked him again.

Recorder Wittenberg said Bill Travitz.

Bill Travitz said he was with Artic Information Technology.

Recorder Wittenberg said there is one on here bti8815.

Dottie Batchelder said that is her from Be Da Bin Behavioral Health.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, Miigwech. Wittenberg said ah, Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Elise Mc Gowan-Cellular.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said In-house....Unified Legal Department.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Miigwech. Wittenberg said ah, Jay Sam.

Jay Sam said from the Tribal Leads, also Historic Preservation Department and Member #0140.

Recorder Wittenberg said Karol Ann Chabot.

Karol Chabot said #3742.

Recorder Wittenberg said Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg said ah, good morning Mr. Recorder, then stated her name and Tribal Citizen #0148.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, there is one on here iup5763.

Daryl Wever said good morning everyone this is Dr. Wever.

Recorder Wittenberg said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Recorder Wittenberg said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said Aanii #3727.

Recorder Wittenberg said he believes they have everyone that's on here. Wittenberg said Speaker Recorder he went through the list and everybody is ah, cosher so it's ready for him to start Speaker Crampton.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said everyone... welcome everyone to the ah, 12/21/22 ah, Meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said they will start the day off with a prayer and if Councilor Wittenberg would be so generous to offer one that would be greatly appreciated.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for this day and everything in it.
Help us....guide us our hearts, our minds and our thoughts that we may walk in a good way.

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

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call for attendance.

Recorder Wittenberg said give him one second here Speaker Crampton he is trying to ah....

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

Recorder Wittenberg said Bill ah, Travitz if he wants to leave his ah, his item won't be on until....in Closed so if he ah, then the gentlemen and ah, Drew will turnaround and get in touch with him it was moved from Open to Closed, sir.

Bill Travitz said understood. Travitz thanked him.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay. Wittenberg said so now he will go into the roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have a quorum.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said at this time he will entertain ah, a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 21, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF II E, ADD MOVED FROM NEW BUISNESS, ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET; B.1 IS REVISED, APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022 4th QTR TO FUND ENROLLMENT AUDIT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000; VII B IS MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION, APPROVAL OF ARTIC IT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES; VIII A IS MOVED TO GENERAL BUSINESS, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET; ALSO VIII B IS REVISED, ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023; IX A IS CHANGED, NEXT MEETING DATE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023; X 3 IS MOVED FROM OPEN SESSION, APPROVAL OF ARTIC IT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES; X D.4 IS AN ADD, ENROLLMENT CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2022 AND OCTOBER 2022; XI B IS AN ADD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY2023; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said seven in favor the agenda has been approved.

Speaker Crampton said okay, that takes them down to um.....oh, he wanted to thank Councilor Lewis for ah, setting.....reading out the minutes for the membership....the titles for the membership. Crampton said um, that is going to take them down to Tribal Council Minutes.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 11/23/22 ☐ 12/7/22

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to ah, accept those.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR 11/23/22 AND 12/7/22; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said minutes for ah, Tribal Council Minutes 11/23/22 and 12/7/22 has passed.

**E. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget
Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget.**

Speaker Crampton said he will turn it over to Mr. Pringle.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said ah, good morning Tribal Council. Pringle said this particular resolution he would like to start by saying is um.....on December 7th they had ah, a....the same Budget that was proposed but since December 7th there has been some changes to the Budget and he will go through those real quick with them. Pringle said um, on December 7th the ah, Tribal Council was notified that the Casino General Manager and the Ogema approved a 2023 Distribution amount of \$24,016,898. Pringle said on December 13th the Tribal Council received from Executive Management a Distribution Adjustment Spreadsheet reconciling the \$483,102 discrepancy in Distribution. Pringle said since then they have also added some wording to the resolution because there is significant shortfalls in the Professional Fees in Legal Services for this particular Budget that will have to be paid for by supplemental appropriations in the future. Pringle said the other ah, the other three changes included ah, which they will go through again the same that they went through on December 7th. Pringle said they removed all supplemental appropriations and COLA um, those supplemental.....supplemental appropriations and COLA were all ah, ah, ah, in total of \$587,000 those have been removed. Pringle said they removed the Next Generation Learning Grant dollars of \$627,000. Pringle said they removed \$226,000 from the Behavioral Health Program Revenue they are actually Pharmacy spill over profits. Pringle said they would like to....the Council

would like to earmark those for Dental and Vision Programs in the nine county service area. Pringle said they are adding back the \$226,000 back to Behavioral Health um, using the 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Proceeds. Pringle said other than that that's the basic changes to the Budgets. Pringle said they have gone....they have met multiple times in the last two weeks to ah, go through these Budgets and Tribal Council has given him ah, the input they just discussed.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he would just like to add that it was an open process too and Council had membership there um, probably 90% of the time if not the full time. Crampton said um, are there any questions for Mr. Pringle at this time from Council. Crampton asked any from the membership. Crampton thanked Mr. Pringle. Crampton said he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1221-221;
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-221 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Operations Approval of Addendum to the Nichols & Paper Supply Company Contract**
Current Agreement expires on 12/31/2022.

Speaker Crampton said he received an email from De-Ahna this morning that said he believed that Jay would be representing this item.

Jay Sam said that is correct Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Crampton said okay, at any time go ahead.

Jay Sam said um, thanks, let him look at the item again. Sam said yeah, their current agreement expires 12/31 this is for the um, supplies to clean and provide services from EVS to the offices.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he knows they beat this to death a couple of times with De-Ahna at Agenda Review and at another work session. Crampton said um, does anybody have any questions for Jay at this time. Crampton said okay, then he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1221-222;
RATIFICATION OF ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH NICHOLSA PAPER &
SUPPLY COMPANY FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS,
AND EQUIPMENT;** by Lewis; supported by Wever.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-222 has passed.

Jay Sam thanked them. Sam said he would like to thank the Council.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

2. **Approval of TDS/Rx30 Pharmacy Management System Lease Agreement for the Muskegon Pharmacy**
Acquisition and maintenance of a Pharmacy Management (computer) System required to process prescriptions at the Muskegon, MI Pharmacy.

Speaker Crampton said that was done again, he thinks by Keith that represented last time.

Keith Jacque said that is correct. Jacque said good morning Tribal Council. Jacque said the resolution is for the ah, ratification of a Lease Agreement with Transaction Data Services for the ah, implementation and maintenance of the Pharmacy Management System that would be needed to ah, to um, basically fill prescriptions at the Muskegon Pharmacy.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he knows they had some healthy discussion at the work session yesterday. Crampton said um, does anybody have anything for the Pharmaceut....for Keith at this time. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1221-223;
RATIFICATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
TRANSACTION DATA SYSTEMS (Rx30/POS/CENTRAL SITE);
by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-223 has passed.

- 3. Financial Approval of Master Agreement for Services with Montana & Associates, LLC**
Approval of Master Agreement for Services with Montana & Associates to provide audit services for Enrollment.

Speaker Crampton said it is his understanding there was a problem with the Certification of Funds. Crampton asked has that been resolved. Crampton said Elise.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said yeah, good morning everyone. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said the Certification of Funds is in ah, is part of the second agenda item or the following agenda item, which is the um, Approving Supplemental Appropriation which in fact has been sent to Grace.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said that was his concern he knows that um, if they don't have that then there is no um, well they can continue with the first one. Crampton said if they do have that then there is no problem. Crampton said okay.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker they have to go back to the Master....Approval of Master Agreement for Services with Montana & Associates. Wittenberg said when they are talking about the funds is ah, would be the next one ah, Speaker Crampton.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he understands but he wanted to make sure based on the conversation that the second part was there or the first part wouldn't really make a difference.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay.

Councilor Wever said she is glad someone understands it.

Recorder Wittenberg asked anything else.

Speaker Crampton asked if he wanted to represent this at all Mr. Wittenberg.

Tribal Councilors were talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but the conversation couldn't be heard clearly.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, yes and what it is concerning is ah, the audit service ah, for the ah, Enrollment and that's the company that they will be going ah, going through. Wittenberg said he doesn't have much more to say on that other than what....what that's for Speaker Crampton.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he didn't mean to put him on the spot he wanted to make sure they had some kind of formal representation. Crampton said um, okay, so ah, at this time he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-224;
RATIFICATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
WITH MONTANA & ASSOCIATES, LLC; by Lewis; supported by
Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Tribal Council or any questions.

Councilor Wolfe said let her clarify Speaker Crampton that she is the one who supported the item.

Crampton said he is sorry Councilor Wolfe he apologizes. Crampton restated who made the motion and who supported it. Crampton said them guys sounded the same. Crampton said again he will entertain a motion on this item and they have it so ah, any questions from Council. Crampton asked is there anything further....further from the membership.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had one.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said well in the agreement can they accommodate them the 2,500 square feet that is a secured location other than having them do it out in the parking lot. Di Piazza said also the dollar amount doesn't match with the Certification of Funds are in their bid and also the next item too those numbers don't match but they pretty well said they needed a secured location of 2,500 square feet. Di Piazza said he doesn't know the Lodge here....its about three of these Lodges so.

Speaker Crampton said okay, do they have any other further comments or questions from....on the item.

Councilor Di Piazza said that um.....okay.

Speaker Crampton said okay, hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion failed (3-5-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-224 has failed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approving Supplemental Appropriation 2022-__-4th QTR to fund Enrollment Audit Services in the amount of \$375,000**
Approval of the 5th Amendment to extend the duration of the Contract.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't even know if this one is needed now if that one has failed but he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-255;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-05-4th
QTR TO FUND 100% ENROLLMENT AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$375,000.00; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Gary.....

Councilor Di Piazza said is he going to abstain ah, no but.....

Recorder Wittenberg said Gary Di Piazza had his hand up.

Speaker Crampton said okay, go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said well the same concern that the Certification of Funds doesn't match even the ah, contract amount of \$361 yeah, thousand let alone \$375,000 ah, so they are going to be short. Di Piazza said that is all he has the numbers don't match.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, okay it is pretty much a moot point at this point but um, anything further.

Councilor Lewis said she amends that to 225.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-225;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-05-4th
QTR TO FUND 100% ENROLLMENT AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$375,000.00; by Lewis.**

Speaker Crampton asked Councilor Wittenberg if he still supports that.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, he still supports, 225.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-225;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-05-4th
QTR TO FUND 100% ENROLLMENT AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$375,000.00; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion failed (3-5-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-225 has failed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton noted they don't have anything.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | ☐ None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | ☐ None Submitted |

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| B. Enrollment Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| C. Gaming Commission | ☐ November 2022 |

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Operations Report has been accepted.

Councilor Lewis asked where are they at.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, he is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said he takes it that was the Gaming Commission.

Recorder Wittenberg said the Gaming Commission ah, Report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

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| D. | Health Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| E. | Housing Commission | ☐ November 2022 |

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Councilor Wolfe said Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton said sorry again. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any questions from Council. Crampton asked any further from the membership. Crampton said excuse him. Crampton said ah, anything further from the Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said the Housing Commission Report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

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| F. | Natural Resource Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
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Speaker Crampton said if the Liaisons could get with these commissions and see....because some of them this is getting out of hand. Crampton said so if the Liaisons could get with them and check why they are not getting the reports.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. | Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | ☐ None Submitted |
| B. | Biskaabiiyang Committee | ☐ None Submitted |

C. Elders Committee Minutes

☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business

A. Ratification of Master Agreement for Services with Van Dyken Mechanical, Inc.

Maintenance Agreement for the Government Center HVAC. This item was postponed at the 12/14/22 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Crampton asked who is representing this.

Jay Sam said Mr. Speaker that would be him again.

Speaker Crampton said please proceed.

Jay Sam said they have a Master Agreement that is expiring on 12/31 with Van Dyken. Sam said they have Van Dyken under an agreement for the Government Center's HVAC System that requires a specific skilled and trained technician that is a geothermal glycol based system. Sam said they also help with other buildings HVAC Systems and they have used them before. Sam said this is more or less a renewal and it is a two year term.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, does anybody have any questions for him at this time. Crampton said um, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said good morning. Howell said she would just like to say about the Natural Resource Commission Meeting Minutes she does not appreciate the quip he just made about the meeting minutes. Howell said Virgil Johnson is their Chair and the meeting was cancelled for December so there wasn't any meeting minutes for November because they didn't meet in December. Howell said so please refrain from making the side-handed insults. Howell thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, just to point out that ah, no more of that Mrs. Howell. Crampton said she did this at the work sessions and Agenda Review the other day nothing was said other than the Liaisons to please get with some of these commissions because some of this is getting out of hand. Crampton said nothing was identified from Natural Resources so please stop.

Martha Howell said he knows.....

Speaker Crampton said now they will be moving on. Crampton asked does anybody have any questions for the agenda item. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-226;
RATIFICATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
WITH VAN DYKEN MECHANICAL, INC; by Lewis; supported by
Wever.**

Recorder Wittenberg asked who said that.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-226 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said bear with him with the adjustments and everything that they had this morning. Crampton said he thinks that....so ah, the next item.....

B. Approval of Artic IT Contract for Services

The Tribe has not been successful in hiring and filling the IT Department Staff so this contract is to provide support and services to assist. This item was postponed at the 12/14/22 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker Crampton said they moved the Artic IT Contract to Closed Session.

VIII. New Business

A. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget.

Speaker Crampton said they had already taken care of this at the start of the agenda.

B. Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2023

The Constitution states that the schedule of meetings for Regular Session of the Tribal Council for each Calendar Year shall be set by resolution of the Tribal Council at the last Regular Session of each Calendar Year.

Speaker Crampton said that is Recorder Wittenberg.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, he turnaround and ah, made....or through Grace made the calendar out and they don't have nothing going on when they come back. Wittenberg said they are down on the second so the fourth would be their first Council Meeting and there was nothing submitted so he didn't put a Council Meeting on that day but they do have the rest of the year filled up.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does anybody have any questions. Crampton said he will entertain a motion on the item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-227;
ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023; by
Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-227 has passed.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 11, 2023

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he has no updates at this time. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time. Crampton said the only thing he wanted to say is that um, just for everybody to be careful he heard there is.....they are going to get their first big storm starting tomorrow night and it looks like the Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee areas is a prime target area. Crampton said so just everyone be careful down there

if they can. Crampton said then that is going to take them down to Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she has two questions. Agosa said her first question is can she get a response from the Councilors who voted no on the Enrollment Audit why they voted that way. Agosa said that is her first question, thanks.

Councilor Wever said he can respond then, go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he is good.

Speaker Crampton asked Sara Agosa what her second question is.

Sara Agosa said well she would like a response um....

Speaker Crampton said well he knows but listen she can't force a response and he can't force a response.

Sara Agosa said well she is just going to say that she disagrees because they are Elected Officials they should know. Agosa said there should be transparency as to why they voted no.

Speaker Crampton said well she can disagree but he is going to go back to he can't force them to answer. Crampton said it is actually on Tribal Council Meeting Minutes when the Council votes that they can't abstain they can still not vote. Crampton said if.....to make this process a little more expedient what is her second question.

Sara Agosa said um, well she will get back with him Shannon about where that is in the procedures and that Elected Officials aren't accountable to the membership to explain their votes.

Speaker Crampton said that is not what he said and that is not what she said Sara. Crampton said that is not what he said.

Sara Agosa said that is her interpretation.

Speaker Crampton said no, she just interpreted it and tried to say that he said....he just wanted to make it clear that he did not say that that was not his intent and those are her words.

Sara Agosa said but that is exactly what he is saying though, Shannon.

Speaker Crampton said he is going to go slow on this. Crampton said what he said was in the Meeting Procedures Ordinance it says even though the person abstains and the Council votes against it they still cannot force them. Crampton said they can't force an individual that is all he is saying.

Sara Agosa said abstentions but these weren't abstentions.

Speaker Crampton said Sara.....Sara proceed do what she is going to do.

Sara Agosa said okay, first of all they need to establish mutual respect um, because she is simply asking for accountability so she just wanted to make that clear, Shannon. Agosa said that is why she is also asking from him. Agosa said her second question is why is Cindy absent.

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone want to answer for Cindy. Crampton said okay, does she have another question Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said no, she is a little surprised that a Councilor is absent and nobody knows why. Agosa said that is her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said she would like to know um, can someone tell her what the minimum amount of mandated meetings are for the Tribal Council. Howell asked what is the minimum amount of time that they can meet per month to hold a meeting.

Councilor Wolfe said they are only required to meet once a month.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah.

Martha Howell asked will they be returning to that because the meetings scheduled for January are awfully close.

Councilor Wolfe said she doesn't believe they will be returning they just adopted a Meeting Schedule for 2023 so that is what is in place. Wolfe said there is three months.....three meetings scheduled for the month of January, four for all the rest and December goes back to three months.

Martha Howell thanked her. Howell said that is all she wanted to know.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske thanked him. Mezeske said she is going to go on the same thoughts as Sara Agosa um, Tribal Council she believes they are all very

aware...very aware that she is living in Wisconsin and Tribal Council has not done any sort of action to deal with her. Mezeske said she is not on 90% of the work sessions, she is not attending, and again, she means they all know that she is living in Wisconsin has been there for months and he directed Cindy Shantz here oh, a few weeks ago to say that....because she asked the same thing why she wasn't present. Mezeske said he directed her to the EB to have her removed, they know, its Tribal Council's fiduciary responsibility to take action on themselves to remove her. Mezeske said they have the ability. Mezeske said they all know what is going on for months and they have chosen to sit there and do absolutely nothing to hold her accountable. Mezeske thanked them.

Councilor Wever asked shouldn't it be up to the members that voted for her.

Speaker Crampton said um, please unless she is going to hold her hand up and get in the queue please refrain from speaking. Crampton said no more side bar comments from Count....from the Council please, he means that is really unprofessional. Crampton said just to get back to some of the comments from Sandy Mezeske no one on this Council up here is responsible for Cindy Champagne she is a grown adult and is responsible for herself. Crampton said there are many things that go on here um, there are also things that should be brought up about the Ogema but they don't have the numbers to get that either. Crampton said they are stuck in the situation that they are stuck in but no, Council is not responsible for Miss Champagne no matter how many times Mezeske tries to say so its not reality. Crampton said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said they are responsible because they know she is living in Wisconsin, okay, they do know....

Speaker Crampton said no....

Sandy Mezeske continued....yes, they all do.

Speaker Crampton said he is not going to argue with her Sandy and if she keeps....if she keeps.....

Both Speaker Crampton and Sandy Mezeske were speaking at the same time and it was hard to follow one conversation.

Sandy Mezeske said no, they know what....two weeks ago she was in town and chose not to come to a Council Meeting.

Speaker Crampton said first warning Sandy please refrain.

Sandy Mezeske said no, they know what, she wants a vote. Mezeske said she wants a vote from all of Council....

Speaker Crampton said second warning.

Sandy Mezeske said this is her opinion. Mezeske said he has his opinions and she should have hers.

Speaker Crampton said please remove her from the meeting Mr. Wittenberg.

Sandy Mezeske said don't even think about it Ron.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Recorder please remove her from the meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said um....

Sandy Mezeske said she wants a vote.....she wants a vote.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Recorder please remove her from the meeting. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell asked is this Public Comment Period for the membership.

Speaker Crampton said yes, and go visit the Tribal Membership Meeting or the Tribal Procedures Ordinance there are rules for even that. Crampton asked any further Public Comment at this time. Crampton said okay, seeing none Tribal Council will be going into Closed Session. Crampton read the following statement:

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

Speaker Crampton said with that he will entertain a motion to close First Open at 10:55.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Recorder Wittenberg said support.

MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST OPEN AT 10:55; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Wever said now he shuts up.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, and voted.

Recorder Wittenberg said motion to end First Open at 10:56.

XI. Open Session

There was no recording showing in the folder for the Second Open Session for this day. The following minutes was taken from the Roll Call Record and past practices of Tribal Council.

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

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

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said they are in Second Open Session at 12:18 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton asked do they have anything to move from Closed to Open Session.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, they do.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-228, 229 AND 230,
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; by Wittenberg; supported by
Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session. The roll calls are not numbered because that is how they appear on the Roll Call Sheet.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTON #22-1221-228;
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY
THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF THE MORNING STAR;
by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-229;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE FIFTH
AMENDMENT WITH HOBBS STRAUS FOR LEGAL SERVICES;
by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-230;
RATIFICATION OF ARTIC IT CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by
Wittenberg.**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

B. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2023

1st Quarterly Appropriations of Funds for 2023.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. *Pringle's explanation was not recorded into the minutes and is lost at this point.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1221-231;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FIRST QUARTER OF FY2023;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1221-231 has passed.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN SESSION; by Lewis;
supported by Wever.

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

S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said they have ended at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Ron Wittenberg,
Tribal Council Recorder