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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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 7, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton the recorder is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said welcome everybody to the December 7, 2002....2022 ah, Council Meeting for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Crampton said at this time have they done a roll call on the members.... for identification.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording whispered, "roll call."

Speaker Crampton asked if they can quick run through that real quick, Mr. Recorder.

At this point the recording started with Recorder Wittenberg offering the Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

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

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked him for the prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

Speaker Crampton said um, ah, then they will call this meeting to order.

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have quorum Speaker Crampton.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

Andrew Jeurink walked in and out repeatedly during the course of the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISED IV B, AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR ELDER SERVICES FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C); by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton said okay, is there any discussion or questions from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion.....ah, ah, go back to Tribal Council.....any more questions. Crampton said if none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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 okay, they ah, approval of the agenda has passed.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 10/19/22

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept them.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
10/19/22; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

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

Roll Call #2

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 Tribal Council Minutes for 10/19/22 has passed.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval for Renewal of Service Agreement with TELE-RAD, Inc.

TELE-RAD, INC. provides and services for some of Public Safety's equipment.

Speaker Crampton said that is Director Medacco.

Robert Medacco, Director of Public Safety, represented this agenda item. Medacco said good morning Council.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said good morning.

Robert Medacco said he is sorry what was that.

Speaker Crampton repeated good morning.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has no idea.

A telephone can be heard in the background and it disrupted the meeting because of the continued ringing was loud.

Councilor Wever said go ahead.

Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 10:06 a.m.

Robert Medacco said okay, good morning Council. Medacco said um, before them today is a renewal of Service Agreement with Tele-Rad. Medacco said Tele-Rad is the service that ah, um, they utilize for their computers, their lights, sirens, and radios inside their vehicles. Medacco said um, this is an agreement that they had in place for several years its mimicked from last year's same price which is for 12 months and he has got the price here. Medacco said for \$1,164.60 and that would cover them from um, January 1st to December 31st of 2023.

Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:07 and closed the door where the phone was constantly ringing.

Councilor Wever said do they got any questions.

Councilor Lewis said please wait.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody on Council have any questions. Crampton asked does the membership have any questions. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-210;
RATIFICATION OF TELE-RAD SERVICE CONTRACT;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #3

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 #22-1207-210 has passed.

Robert Medacco thanked Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for ZDN to update Membership Meeting Quorum Software

ZDN to update Membership Meeting Quorum Software due to outdate SQL database and PHP interface. One time purchase.

Speaker Crampton said that is IT.

Andrew Jeurink, IT Director, represented this agenda item. Jeurink said good morning Council. Jeurink said ah.....

Recorder Wittenberg said may he get in on this. Wittenberg said to his knowledge ah, excuse him Drew, ah, that there was no resolution that was on this that was in the paperwork to his understanding.

Andrew Jeurink said no, it was submitted with the resolution and he can resend that again.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay.

Andrew Jeurink said it was submitted to ah, Purchasing with that they won't let him um, submit it if it doesn't have it.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, um, he has to.....

Andrew Jeurink said he even had Legal assist him on that ah, on the wording in the resolution to make sure that it was correct.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay. Wittenberg said he is just going by, they know, what he was told and he didn't know okay, so he can go ahead.

Andrew Jeurink said so this is for their ah, for their meeting.....Membership Meeting Quorum Software. Jeurink said their Quorum Software right now is ten years old, it was developed by Next IT in 2012. Jeurink said ah, meant to work on a 2008 Server which has um, already been um, for Microsoft ah, no longer supports it. Jeurink said they also have an issue with it running on an outdated SU Database. Jeurink said this program will need to be revamped completed they are looking at making it easier for the Election Officials and IT during the Membership Meeting to utilize it and hopefully to be improved accuracy um, for it too.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he has a question from 7985.

Councilor Wolfe said she would have to confirm what Councilor Wittenberg said she didn't receive an entire resolution in the packet for this item either um, she thinks they should postpone it until Second Open.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, that's why he was going to ____ this if there is no resolution in the packet then they should probably postpone it until Second if its just as easy as getting it sent over then just send it over and they will have it for Second Open. Crampton said he wants to just have the membership hear that explanation but yeah, if that's the case then um, he will entertain a motion to postpone....to Second Open.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE TO SECOND OPEN C.1; APPROVAL OF
EXPENDITURE FOR ZDN TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP
MEETING QUORUM SOFTWARE; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

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

Recorder Wittenberg said Gary Di Piazza has his hand up here.

Speaker Crampton said his ____ is full go ahead, Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, there is a resolution there wasn't one sent out Friday in the packet um, which ah, but there is a resolution on it. Di Piazza said it was in everybody's hard copy that they might of received so. Di Piazza said that is just clarification so. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Crampton said okay, yeah, it doesn't hurt to move it to Second Open just if anybody has any questions like this or if anybody didn't pick up their hard copy so its just moving it so there shouldn't be really any issue.

Andrew Jeurink asked would Council like him to.....who should he send the ah, resolution to.

Speaker Crampton said send it to the Recorder and the Recorder will send it out to everybody else or send out to Venus. Crampton said send it out to the Recorder and cc Venus.

Recorder Wittenberg said send it to Grace.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Venus and Grace.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Andrew Jeurink thanked Council and walked away.

Speaker Crampton said okay, that is going to take them down to the next item.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they're to vote on this motion to Second Open on this agenda item.

Speaker Crampton said he is correct, he is sorry, he forgot that. Crampton said okay.

Recorder Wittenberg said he needs roll call.

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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 -	Yes

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg asked what did she say.

Councilor Lewis said no.

Councilor Johnson said no.

Recorder Wittenberg thanked her. Wittenberg said the item to move into Second Open has failed. Wittenberg said four and four and one absent.

Councilor Lewis said Drew wants to come up and say something.

Andrew Jeurink walked back up to the podium at 10:15 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked Mr. Recorder does he have an um, resolution to present.

Recorder Wittenberg said with this package he says he doesn't have his on there. Wittenberg said the package....

Councilor Wever asked what one does he want.

Recorder Wittenberg made a comment but it was not understood on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Wever said yeah, that's it.

Speaker Crampton asked so he has it.

Councilor Wever said yes.

Councilor Lewis made comments to Recorder Wittenberg but they were not clear enough to understand on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wittenberg said why the ah....what it would be on this resolution #22-1207-211. Wittenberg said on the resolution.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said they had already gone through the presentation so. Crampton asked are there any questions ah, from the membership. Crampton asked any questions from Council. Crampton said he will entertain a motion on this item. Crampton said someone who voted no should probably make the motion. *Crampton started laughing at this point.*

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion,

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-211;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR ZDN TO UPDATE
MEMBERSHIP QUORUM SOFTWARE;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked are there any further.....

Councilor Wolfe said she is going to abstain.

Speaker Crampton asked is that Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe responded yes.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said four in favor, three against, one abstained and its failed. Wittenberg said what....that has failed.

Councilor Lewis asked what did he call.

Recorder Wittenberg said to his understanding because it is four and four.

Councilor Guenthardt said no.

Recorder Wittenberg said then he needs a Legal Review.

Speaker Crampton said the abstention counts as a no vote.

Recorder Wittenberg said the reason he says that is because he knows there was abstains in there before and that it failed and they thought that they had abstained when they ah, abstained that it wouldn't count and when they did abstain one time he does know that it.....the other.....it passed so they counted it as.....

Councilor Lewis asked a no vote.

Recorder Wittenberg continued.....a no vote. Wittenberg said is where.....

Councilor Di Piazza said an abstention means nothing.

Recorder Wittenberg said that is the way it went on a couple of other items that was brought before them.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't remember them.

Recorder Wittenberg said he does.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, good.

Recorder Wittenberg thanked him.

Andrew Jeurink thanked them for their time, Council.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, my God their doomed.

Recorder Wittenberg asked whose God.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Drew and IT can bring this back he could have told them this was going to happen when the first had happened but they can please bring it back. Crampton said um, so another resolution in next meeting they will put it back on.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "no," but didn't identify themselves for the record.

Speaker Crampton said oh, go ahead.

Recorder Wittenberg asked are they going to need a Legal Review on this also then.

Speaker Crampton said he sees that the record shows an abstention now Councilor if he wants to go with Roberts Rules and go to ULD that's great. Crampton said he wants to move on so.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay.

Speaker Crampton said get a review from ULD ah, if he can find them but that will be Roberts Rules and it counts as a no so. Crampton said they can have another one but that moves them down.

IV. Old Business

A. Binojeeuk Commission Report □ October 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

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

Roll Call #6

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 Julie Wolfe is absent.

Councilor Wolfe said she said yes.

Recorder Wittenberg asked she said yes. Wittenberg asked could she repeat that please. Wittenberg said oh, she said yes. Wittenberg said okay, Miigwech.

Councilor Wolfe said yes, on accepting the Binojeeuk Commission Report for October 2022.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said the Binojeeuk Commission Report has been accepted.

B. Authorization of Application for Elder Services Funding from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants (Parts A/B, and C)

Need signed resolution to Submit with Application Due December 6, 2022. This item was postponed from the 11/23/22 Agenda pending a work session.

Speaker Crampton said that is Melissa Waitner.

Melissa Waitner, Members Assistance Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Waitner said good morning Council. Waitner said um, this is the grant that operates their Elders Congregate Meals and Nutrition Program. Waitner said they have had this funding since 2010 when the program was initiated. Waitner said this application um, if approved from um, the Administration on Aging will fund the program with um, no expense to the Tribe at this point there is no match. Waitner said they have not put any Tribal dollars into this program to date um, they will be funded for the next three years. Waitner said um, they are submitting it today um, so that was kind of the rush that they had to get this moved through and have the resolution for today as well so. Waitner said the average amounts she will say um, the last three years each year's worth of funding was approximately \$125,000 per year so that is for the three-year funding cycle. Waitner said \$374 on estimate.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked do they have any questions from Council. Crampton said he has one and that is um, he knows she is new to the position but in the past um, if there was any indication on um, turnaround time. Crampton said he knows they are just applying today but.....

Melissa Waitner said she is sorry, turnaround time for when they will get approval for the grant.

Speaker Crampton said yes, yes.

Melissa Waitner said um, they know, she can't give a specific date um, essentially if they submit this and this is what she had been told by the Funding Agency and this is how it kind of worked in the past is that once they get it submitted because it's a formula grant the only way they cannot get this funding is number one not submitting or number two not being in compliance with the funding um, they know, for every year that they operated it at least in the past three years. Waitner said so it will be submitted once they approve the resolution today and they are in compliance thus far.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is any there any further....

Melissa Waitner said she means the turnaround time should not be very long.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is there any further questions from Council. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton said ah, okay, he will entertain a motion on this.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-212;
AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR ELDER SERVICES
FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY
LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS
ACT TITLE IV NUTRITION SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND
CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C); by Guenthardt;
supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked is there any further questions from Coun....oh he is sorry, um, go ahead 7985.

Councilor Wolfe asked are they looking at Title IV or Title VI.

Councilor Guenthardt said VI, he is sorry he read IV it is VI.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-212;
AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR ELDER SERVICES
FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY
LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS
ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND
CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C); by Guenthardt;
supported by Lewis.**

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him.

Councilor Lewis confirmed that she still supports that.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any further questions from the membership. Crampton said anything further from the Council. Crampton said Susan.....he's sorry, Susan Thull go ahead.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said she has one question and that is what age is....this is through the um, U.S. Government.

Melissa Waitner said correct.

Susan Thull asked what age do they consider um, for this.

Melissa Waitner replied they allow the Tribes to dictate what that age is. Waitner said they ask them to report on two separate numbers which is they consider an Elder to be at 60 but they allow the Tribes to serve what they consider, of course, then 55 but they are allowed to serve what they consider to be an Elder. Waitner said at this point it is ages 55 and up.

Susan Thull thanked her very much.

Melissa Waitner said she was welcome,

Speaker Crampton said okay, is there anything further from the membership. Crampton asked is there anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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 #22-1207-212 has passed.

Melissa Waitner thanked Council.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

V. 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 pretty much beat this to death. Crampton said they went over it and over it at several meetings. Crampton said Mr. Pringle if there was anything he would like to say.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said he was just going to read the portions of the resolution that may be appropriate.

Speaker Crampton said please proceed.

Brad Pringle said at the very bottom of the resolution:

WHEREAS the Tribal Council has authorized Section IV, Section VII, I 1 to approve the annual Budget presented by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS Tribal Council has authorized under Article V, 1.2.c of the Budget & Appropriations Act to adjust Budget proposals by Line Item increases, deductions, deletions, and additions; and

WHEREAS Tribal Council has held multiple public work sessions to discuss the Budget and proposed Budget proposals; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED Tribal Council hereby approves Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Government Operations Budget in the amount of \$41,579,940 with a Gaming Distribution of \$24,000,500.

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

Recorder Wittenberg said Gary Di Piazza has his hand up.

Speaker Crampton said he is sorry, Gary, he can't see him, go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said well the narrative on the bottom saying that the grant funds can be moved around to Public Safety and Government Building. Di Piazza said um, if its grant funding from the Next Gen or whatever that may be them grant funds usually have designated what their attached to. Di Piazza said so that may be a problem people thinking they can move grant funding around like that so.

Speaker Crampton was trying to make a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it didn't come through clearly.

Brad Pringle said that is in a question format it says if any can be moved.

Councilor Di Piazza said it shouldn't even be a question but so be it.

Speaker Crampton said no that is the second version that was Pam's concern and they fixed that concern so. Crampton said if Mr. Pringle wants to explain that.

Brad Pringle said sure, the original conversations were around ah, were concerning grant dollars being moved from the Next Generation Learning Center to a Public Safety Legal Fees and the Grant Department removed all that particular proposal one wording. Pringle said they are no longer moving Next Generation Learning Center dollars into other departments. Pringle said it would just be removed from the Budget.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, that is kind of interesting he didn't see that in the report since it was removed. Crampton said ah, okay. Crampton asked are there any other questions from Council. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-1207-213; ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked who did he get support from.

Councilor Guenthardt asked who did he get support from.....get support from.

Recorder Wittenberg said Ron.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry. Crampton is anyone going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked any further discussion from the Council. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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 -	Yes

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said four in favor, four against and one absent Resolution #22-1207-213 has failed.

Brad Pringle thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, December 14, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he just has a couple of items. Romanelli said for the last couple of weeks he has been on travel. Romanelli said one was to Washington, D.C. to look at the Summit with the President's Administration and he was there for probably four days. Romanelli said he was travelling to different departments. Romanelli said he will have a more full report later after he collect his wits. Romanelli said he travelled and in fact he went

to....for the last few days to the State Summit and that was up in Sault Ste. Marie. Romanelli said so he has been on a little bit of travel to get back in the saddle trying to figure out ah, trying to pick up where he left off. Romanelli said there is a lot of things going on but other than that he can't think of anything else. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he has a question from Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said her question is for the Ogema. Agosa asked um, she is just wondering why they are not informed of travel plans in advance.....

Councilor Wever said she thought they were.

Sara Agosa continued.....and only hear about it afterwards. Agosa said this also happened with the Indian Boarding School event when the Ogema did not attend the Budget Work Sess.....or the Budget Meeting.

Speaker Crampton said he is pretty sure he notified them before he left in a meeting. Crampton said that is how he was notified. Crampton said go ahead Sara.

Sara Agosa asked was just Tribal Council notified or is that given to.....

Speaker Crampton said it was in a public forum just like this.

Sara Agosa said she doesn't recall ever receiving that information and she does try to follow the issues.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said yeah, it was in a public forum. Crampton said he told them in a public forum in a meeting just like this. Crampton said um, Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said um, Speaker Crampton she did want to ask um, um, if he could ask the Ogema um, about.....and this isn't political its about but its just bringing up the question um, about the Muskegon Project because it was in the bio. Cheney said she was curious about um, where.....what is the update on that because she knows that it was published in the Muskegon um, News Press and she is just curious um, if he could help them get an update on that from um, the Ogema.

Speaker Crampton said well looking over the ordinance he thinks that any statements should come directly from the Shoreline Task Force. Crampton said he was going to hold a work session on the Shoreline Task Force just to see what they are going to do with it coming up but he thinks any statement can be ref....that has anything to do with the ah, Muskegon Property, like he said come from the Shoreline Task Force.

Staci Cheney said okay. Cheney said so there will be a work session on that.

Speaker Crampton said he was just.....he is bringing forward something on the works.....work session just to discuss the need.....necessity for it but if the Ogema wants to answer her question.

Ogema Romanelli said he can answer it in part.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said well that was part of the State Summit that happened and he spoke to the Governor yesterday about their Muskegon Project. Romanelli said that it is not dead yet and is still on-going and there is still some discussions that still has to be had. Romanelli said one of them was held yesterday. Romanelli said he had a 15 Minute Meeting with the Governor directly about the project and about a couple of other issues. Romanelli said so the project is still on-going and he can update the ah, ___ whenever they want. Romanelli said whenever they get together so.

Speaker Crampton said well they need to have that update very quickly then because um, the application they submitted is moot and done and over with. Crampton said they can submit a new one. Crampton said he just wanted to make sure the membership has the right information.

Ogema Romanelli said right. Romanelli said the options for Muskegon Casino are still on the table. Romanelli said that is correct that the first application is dead in the water it did not happen. Romanelli said that doesn't mean there isn't an option for a second application which the Governor is fully informed of.

Speaker Crampton said ___ they can file a new one at any time. Crampton said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said oh, she is sorry she will take her hand down. Cheney thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked are there any further questions. Crampton said if not they are going to move onto Legislative Affairs.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody that has anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said he does um, he just asks that members be patient. Crampton said he knows that their Members Assistance is doing a wonderful job with getting the checks out. Crampton said their Accounting Staff has been helping out um, everyone down there....Angela, Laura they have all been helping out everybody's been doing a good job just please be patient. Crampton said as

far as Legislative Affairs he just wanted to point out that um, the other day the Governor did appoint the first Native American Justice to the Michigan ah, Appeals Court and that was Judge Ally Maldonado. Crampton said she was actually a Visiting Justice in their courtroom.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, at the Summit yesterday as well. Romanelli said Judge Maldonado also recognized Little River that she has worked for the Tribe in the past as well. Romanelli said she has been working for the Little Traverse Bay Band. Romanelli said the Governor personally signed it yesterday ah, at the Summit.

Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 10:41 a.m.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anything else for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said if not they are going to be moving down to Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked is there anything for Public Comment. Crampton said he is not seeing any hands. Crampton said so if they don't have any Public Comment they are going to 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 he will entertain a motion to Close First at 10:44.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Sandy Mezeske said what a disgrace.

Councilor Wever said oh, support. *Wever started laughing at this point.*

Speaker Crampton said oh, excuse him was that an employee because he knows they have a Personnel Policy around here. Crampton asked was that really an employee that he just heard say that. Crampton said well they will pick this up later.

MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST OPEN AT 10:44; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue.

Sandy Mezeske said she wasn't talking to him anyway.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked can they please get this ___ off of here. Crampton said okay. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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)

Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:43 a.m. during the vote.

Recorder Wittenberg said First Open.....they are done with First Open at 10:45 they are done with First Open. Wittenberg said he is sorry.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone and to have a good day.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton ah, the recorder is on at 12:07.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open at 12:07.

Councilor Lewis said she will make that 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. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said they have quorum, 7-0.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton said okay, do they have anything to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Wittenberg said no.

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

Speaker Crampton said okay, hearing that he will entertain a motion to End Second Open at 12:09.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, ah.....

Speaker Crampton said he'll wait do they have something to move.

Recorder Wittenberg said on the Closed Session number one Approval of Budget Transfer to Fund Little River Holdings, LLC. Wittenberg asked does that come into.....into O....

Speaker Crampton said with the numbers in there right now he'd say....he doesn't have a problem doing it but with the numbers in there he doesn't want anybody getting upset so let's run it by Elise and then they can move it out next week.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, then ah, nothing to his.....

Speaker Crampton said okay, then he will entertain.....

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, and he is sorry Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth or...

Speaker Crampton said that is a contract so he wants to get.....let's wait for Elise on that.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, so then oh, ah, okay then they don't have nothing.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said okay, then he will entertain a motion to End Second Open at 12:10.

Councilor Guenthardt said so be it.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 12:10; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said ah, please do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

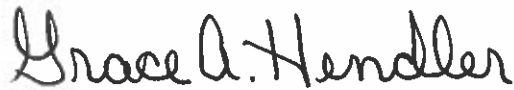
T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Absent	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wittenberg said they voted end of....they adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked everybody.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Ron Wittenberg,
Tribal Council Recorder