



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024
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 February 14, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister said good morning, everyone they are here it is Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Burmeister said Happy Valentine's Day everyone. Burmeister said they are here for their regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting and the first thing on the agenda is the Opening Prayer, Burmeister said she had asked Councilor Wever so if they are able please stand.

I. Opening Prayer

Shirley Wever, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, Creator.

First, she wanted to say thank you.

Thank you for the mid-winter thaw, its beautiful.

Thank you for those of us that travel many miles or even just a few to get to work each day or weekly.

It truly helps with that.

These roads can be very, very dangerous,

Many commuters thank you.

Secondly, please Father protect them all, their staff, members within the Government Building.

Unfortunately, many tempers and angers arise very rapidly during their meetings and their everyday duties at the Government Center.

Please Lord protect and shelter us all.

Its truly a shame their behavior.

Please Lord love, protect and forgive us all.

And wanted to say God Bless to Julie Wolfe.

Amen.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Wever.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Speaker Burmeister said the next thing they will do is identify people on ZOOM so if they are a Tribal Citizen please state their Tribal I.D. Burmeister said if they are a ah, staff person then please state the department that they work in and their name. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said Laura Echelbarger please identify herself.

Laura Echelbarger said Laura Echelbarger 2276. Echelbarger said she is not sure whether their mics are working or their not turned on so um, she just wanted to bring that up.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Laura. Burmeister said Jim La Porte please identify himself.

Jim La Porte said Jim La Porte Member #3383.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Alicia Goff please identify herself.

Alicia Wales-Woodson said Alicia Wales-Woodson 1601.

Speaker Burmeister said Alicia Goff please identify herself.

Alicia Wales-Woodson asked is that her. Wales-Woodson asked can they hear her. Wales-Woodson said Alicia Wales-Woodson 1601.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Angela Rabb please identify herself.

Angela Rabb said Angela Rabb Finance Department.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Bill Ossiginac please identify himself.

Bill Ossiginac said Bill Ossiginac 3877 and it is hard to hear them guys.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said okay, can they hear them better Bill.

Laura Echelbarger said yes, they can hear them now.

Bill Ossiginac said much better.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said okay, sorry about that. Burmeister said ah, let's see here. Burmeister said Chelsea Densmore please identify herself.

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Drew Jeurink please identify himself.

Andrew Jeurink said Drew from Government IT.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Jamie please identify himself.

Jamie Friedel said Jamie Friedel Food Distribution 4744.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Janine Sam please identify herself.

Janine Sam said Janine Sam 0148.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Jim La Porte please identify himself. Burmeister said he already did, okay. Burmeister said move down the line Johnny please identify himself. Burmeister said Johnny please identify himself. Burmeister said last call Johnny Pabami please identify himself. Burmeister said okay, they will go back to him. Burmeister said Jolene O'Signac please identify herself.

Jolene O'Signac said Jolene O'Signac 3866.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Karol Ann please identify herself.

Karol Chabot said Karol Ann Chabot 3742.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Keegan Bordeaux please identify himself.

Keegan Bordeaux said Keegan Bordeaux Legislative In-House Counsel.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Kimberly Mc Clellan please identify herself.

Kimberly Mc Clellan said Kimberly Mc Clellan 2918.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Larry Olson please identify himself.

Larry Olson said Larry Olson 1532.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Martha Howell please identify herself.

Martha Howell said Martha Howell 3635.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Pam Johnson identify herself please,

Councilor Johnson said Pam Johnson Tribal Council. *Johnson also stated her Tribal I.D. number but the Speaker was talking and it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Roy Vanas please identify himself.

Roy Vanas said Roy Vanas 4906.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Sandy Mezeske please identify herself.

Sandy Mezeske said Sandy Mezeske 0018.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sara Agosa please identify herself.

Sara Agosa said Sara Agosa 4478.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Shawn Bertrum please identify herself.

Shawn Bertram said Shawn Bertram 4779.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sky Gonzalez please identify himself.

Sky Gonzalez said Sky Gonzalez 1042 and he is not sure them guys are aware but like on the camera half the Council Desk is showing.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said yeah, it's the way the cameras... see Gary how the camera is.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, come on.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him for saying that. Burmeister said ah, Shawna please identify herself.

Shawna Gonzalez said Shawna Gonzalez 4700.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Tina Mc Clellan-Payment please identify herself.

Tina Mc Clellan-Payment said Tina Mc Clellan-Payment 2917.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Venus Torres please identify herself.

Venus Torres said 1102 staff and Tribal member.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Veronica Burrows please identify herself.

Veronica Burrows said Veronica Burrows 4754.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said um, let's....Susan Thull please identify herself.

Susan Thull said 4727.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked did she get everybody....she thinks there is more down below. Burmeister said phone number 1 906 458-4756 please identify themselves.

Vicky La Porte said Vicky La Porte 3384.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said to Acting Recorder Silvis to let Staci Cheney in too please. Burmeister said they have one more person joining them though. Burmeister said Staci Cheney can she please identify herself. Burmeister said Staci Cheney can she please identify herself. Burmeister said she is still on. Burmeister said going back to Johnny Pabami can he identify himself please.

Johnny Pabami said Johnny Pabami 2978.

The others that were not mentioned are listed here:

Staci Cheney
Stewart Cogswell
Alicia Goff

Members that were in the audience are listed here:

Stephanie West
Debbie Smith
Steve Silvis
Dianna Harris
Virgil Johnson
Kelly Maser
Angela Schwandt
Brad Pringle
Machele Gibbs
Joanne Green
Mario Romanelli
Jon Robertson
Antonio Romanelli
Gary Lewis
Tara Bailey
Lee Ivinson
Lynn Saunders
Michael Burmeister
Jessica Steinberg
Israel Stone

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said so they are moving down the agenda to B. under General Business Roll Call. Burmeister asked Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

B. Roll Call

M. Silvis - Present	A. Metzger - Present	P. Johnson - Present
S. Crampton - Absent	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Absent	T. Burmeister- Present

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven present and two absent they have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this agenda. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions on the agenda. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any last call for Councilors with....go ahead um, Israel.

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said he just has a question in regards to the ah, approval or adoption of this agenda, Stone said according to the Tribe's Constitution the Council can only act in three ways. Stone said ah, motion, resolution, or ordinance. Stone said ah, that's the only way official acts....actions take place. Stone said so he is curious as to how they are ah, having a motion to consider the adoption of ah, agenda for today when the meeting from last week is still open and ongoing it's not been closed. Stone said for the Council to officially close a meeting they have to take a motion and roll call for that to happen. Stone said even if there is a break in quorum, they still have to do that. Stone said there is also a ruling he believed by Judge La Porte that says people leaving the meeting and breaking quorum intentionally is a violation of Constitutional responsibilities. Stone said and so his concern is last week Council had an agenda before them with a lot of items on it that are important not only to the Tribe but to all the citizens sitting in this room right now. Stone said um, grant applications ah, they know ah, Bids & Contracts they know all those things that were on the agenda last week. Stone said at the moment the motion to amend the agenda failed there should have been the question raised is there another motion on the floor to give the prevailing side the opportunity to present a motion before Tribal Council for approval of that agenda. Stone said being that the meeting was never officially ended and he heard a couple of different Council Members say the meeting's ended ah, that's not how that works. Stone said they have to take a motion and a roll call vote to close out that meeting. Stone said so now and the other thing is once items are officially placed on the agenda the only way they can remove those items to his knowledge is if the sponsoring Council Member asks for that to be removed or by vote of Council in the affirmative to remove those items from the agenda. Stone said so the question becomes how are they dispensing with the items from last week when the meeting has never officially been closed and no official action has been taken to approve that agenda. Stone said the implications of these types of things as it relates to grants, grant funding that impacts every citizen sitting in this room, it affects the departments sitting in this room that are dependent of that funding they had some important items on that....that agenda last week. Stone said approval of a generator to operate their Wastewater Treatment Plant. Stone said heaven forbid that ever goes down and they lose power to it then they lose all the functionality of the Gaming Enterprise across the road, the Government these things are not to be taken lightly Stone said he knows its....its of the opinion of...of...of certain Council Members that they can do business in a whim or in the manner that they see fit for these meetings but there prescribed procedures in the Constitution, there is prescribed procedures in the Meeting Procedures Ordinance that are not optional. Stone said its in there three ways they can act motion, resolution, and ordinance. Stone said as a body. Stone said one person can't make that determination. Stone said Madame Speaker he feels bad for her because nobody has stepped in to help guide her through this process being new to that seat and he going to tell her that she has done a phenomenal job with the lack of training she has been given. Stone said honestly, he doesn't know how she sits through this week after week with the lack of professionalism and consideration of all people in this room and sitting up there

on that Council. Stone said she should applaud herself and everybody in this room should applaud her for the hard work she has done to keep the wheels on this thing. Stone said but the fact of the matter is there are laws in place and the supreme law of the land is the one that Mr. Metzger has in his hand right now that's their Tribal Constitution and those things can't be negated, they can't be ignored, and they can't be violated. Stone said it puts them in a precarious position as citizens because they hear all this talk about lawsuits everybody is a bad guy if they file a lawsuit. Stone said that's the only recourse that they have to get a question answered. Stone said the only thing they can do is go to the courts and say was this legal and constitutional or was it not. Stone said oh, they are costing the Tribe money well their costing the Tribe a lot of money too they are costing the Tribe a lot of time. Stone said they are paying a lot of Council Members to not show up and follow their constitutional responsibilities that they swore to uphold when they took this oath....Oath of Office. Stone said he sees former Council Members sitting in this room right now that sat there regardless of whether or not they liked what was on the agenda or they approved of what was on the agenda. Stone said they still carried out their constitutional responsibilities that's what they do as Leaders. Stone said they agree to disagree, and they moved the Nation forward. Stone said when it gets to the point where they are in disagreements and they make those disagreements about how they feel personally or they make it about them they are neglecting their responsibility to every person in this room, on that call and that's a citizen of this Tribe. Stone said business has to happen this Tribe needs to move forward. Stone said their competitor to the South just announced that on top of the 330 million dollar expansion they are doing at Gun Lake another 10 million dollar expansion. Stone said but gaming isn't the only thing they're in what about Natural Resources, what about caring for their forests out there that are falling down and deteriorating, and the fire loads are so high on those parcels because the pine trees are overgrown and just falling over. Stone said thousands of trees laying on the ground....Mike how much fuel load has he seen laying on their Tribal Property. Stone said if they ever light up they are going to lose it. Stone said they are not doing....not only is it their constitutional responsibility but their responsibilities that they hold dear to them are passed down to them by their ancestors which is caring for the very resources that the Creator gave to them to provide for their people. Stone said they didn't rely on grocery stores they didn't rely on any of those things. Stone said they hunt, fished and gathered, Stone said but they are at a point in this Tribe's history and it's a critical pivotal point that if they don't address some issues and come together to move the Nation forward regardless of their own personal feelings or opinions they are going to fail. Stone said they are going backwards right now. Stone said they moved forward 25 years in this Tribe's history and now they've moved back 20. Stone asked how long are they going to stand here and allow themselves to continue to go in that direction because of people's ego and personality.

Martha Howell interrupted. Howell said more than five minutes.

Israel Stone thanked her for that. Stone thanked Madame Speaker. Stone said that is all he has at this time. Stone said he can assure her that he will be back with more to say. Stone said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion to approve the agenda.

Speaker Burmeister asked does she have a second on that.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he needs....hold on.....

Speaker Burmeister said oh, okay sorry Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th VALENTINES DAY, 2024 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: UNDER CONTINUING BUSINESS III A, ITEM MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN, RATIFICATION OF BATHWORKS SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE ELDERS APARTMENT CONTRACT; III C, APPROVAL OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURE, AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR ANNUAL DUES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION; OLD BUSINESS IV D. IS REVISED, APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FROM RESTRICTED ELDERS 10 COMPLEX ACCOUNT FOR BATHWORKS COMPANY SERVICE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,559.99; H. THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER; NEW BUSINESS V C. NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #04-100-07 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; AND ONE OTHER CORRECTION UNDER CLOSED SESSION C.2, ITEM NEEDS TO BE ADDED INTO SECOND OPEN FOR THE VOTE; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from the agenda. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions, Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Silvis will she do roll call.

Roll Call #1

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor, two absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he is the reason that the....they have two Council members that are missing today but he does know that one of them ah, had Julie ah, Councilor Wolfe had....had a member in her family that took that journey. Wittenberg said so he just wanted to let....before anybody starts....whatever it would be so. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Burmeister said Israel.

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said not to stop good progress, but he wanted an answer to his question please. Stone asked how are they moving forward with a new agenda when they never dispensed the agenda from last week's meeting. Stone said he is calling a Point of Order as a citizen. Stone repeated he is calling a Point of Order, and he would like a vote on the Point of Order please.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor....

Councilor Di Piazza said there was a quorum call and there was no quorum last week.

Acting Recorder Silvis said um-hum.

Israel Stone said the quorum call happened after people stood up in the meeting before they left and said the meeting is over. Stone said the meeting does not end until there is a motion and a vote to end the meeting. Stone said there was still a quorum until that point when people stood up in the meeting and said the meeting is over. Stone said they still had quorum. Stone said the procedure wasn't followed and there is still a Point of Order question and issue before the Council right now. Stone said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said very good point Mr. Stone. Metzger said he appreciates the inquiry. Metzger said ah, after the agenda was not approved last week was called by the Speaker that the meeting was over. Metzger said he assumed....

Speaker Burmeister interrupted. Burmeister commented it wasn't just her.

Councilor Metzger continued....he assumed that it was in their boundaries. Metzger said ah, and as for quorum he was still up in the Lodge area nobody came in and said they are doing a recount on quorum or else he would have came

back out. Metzger said he was under the impression that the meeting was called off. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Metzger. Burmeister said go ahead Israel.

Israel Stone said and he appreciates that Al and um, that honesty he just gave but actually if they listen to the recording the first person that said the meeting was over and that they cannot talk was Councilor Shannon Crampton. Stone thanked them.

Councilor Wever said yeah, he said it to her.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them,

Councilor Di Piazza made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly enough to understand.

Speaker Burmeister said so they are moving along on the agenda. Burmeister said um, let's see under....

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah. Di Piazza said em, no.

Speaker Burmeister said they are on D. Tribal Council Minutes. Burmeister said to Acting Recorder Silvis just let her know when she is ready.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked her. Di Piazza said this....

Speaker Burmeister said they are just waiting for the Recorder to get her paperwork set.

Councilor Di Piazza and Acting Recorder Silvis were consulting in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said sorry about that. Di Piazza said the minutes are in Old Business. *Di Piazza was instructing Acting Recorder Silvis on what to do next.*

Speaker Burmeister said there is a Tribal member in the queue...go ahead Mr. Vanas.

Roy Vanas said yes, so he was wondering if he could ask a question to the Councilors that are in the room that got up and walked out what was their intent of action for that getting up and walking out in the middle of the meeting.

Speaker Burmeister said yes, he can ask that question. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said as he stated earlier, he was under the assumption that the meeting was called. Metzger said ah, he doesn't wanna put the spotlight on Madame Speaker, but he did hear her call the meeting. Metzger said he got up and went to his office as did other Council members. Metzger said and he believed it was Councilor Wolfe that came out and he asked if they were going to take quorum. Metzger said she came back and said no they're not. Metzger said he stuck around the office until what...1:30. Metzger said it was in the neighborhood of 1:30 before he left the building. Metzger said so he was present for the majority of that day here and he would have gladly came in if he knew that they were gonna restart the meeting. Metzger said nobody informed him while he was in his office that they were taking quorum. Metzger said when he got up and left like he said he was under the assumption that the meeting was called. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he will elaborate on that. Wittenberg said he also himself even though there was another Council member that said the meeting was done it was and he heard the tape itself and everybody that again wants to hear the tape that nothing on the Speaker here the words were quote "*the meeting is done.*" Wittenberg said when the Speaker turned around and said that's when himself he noticed okay the meeting is done so he turned around and walked on out, Wittenberg said that is what he did now exactly the same because he was here as long as Councilor Metzger was and when he was the one that gave him a ride home after a while. Wittenberg said yes they were out there they could have said if they wanted to do quorum would he mind coming back in but nobody did come back out there and that was after the fact. Wittenberg said that quorum and people brought that up that it was up so it would have been just as easy for him in his mind that says "*Hey we are doing another quorum call,*" he would have came back in himself. Wittenberg said but nothing was and he was sitting right out there ah, in his office is that excused....different people can call it whatever they care to but he was not notified that they were going to turn around and do another....another quorum so he's not pointing fingers at nobody but he is taking it as is what one says and it's the Speaker that runs the meeting that turned around and the meeting was done okay, then its done and he just got up and walked out but it would have been just as good also that they could have said, "*Hey we're doing a quorum.*" Wittenberg said so those are his thoughts on that and Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead and then they are going to move along, excuse her.

Mario Romanelli said Tribal member #3957 Mario Romanelli. Romanelli said um, it sounds like they had miscommunication or something that just went out of process. Romanelli said he thinks just to clean this up can they get a motion now

to actually have it closed so they can go forward with their business today in a legal way.

Speaker Burmeister said they are going to move forward on today's agenda. *Burmeister whispered to Acting Recorder Silvis to let her know when she is done.* Burmeister said yes. Burmeister said it did fail. Burmeister said um-hum. Burmeister thanked Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN LAST WEEK'S MEETING; by Di Piazza;
supported by Silvis.

Councilor Di Piazza said he made a motion.

Councilor Wever said support. Wever said Keegan did have it up.

Speaker Burmeister said Keegan go ahead please.

Keegan Bordeaux, Legislative In-House Counsel, thanked Speaker Burmeister. Bordeaux said so he wanted to bring it to Council's attention that they don't have Constitutional Authority to act without quorum. Bordeaux said he thinks all the Councilors are aware of this do if they lose quorum and they made a quorum call and they don't have it there is no vote to be taken to adjourn the meeting. Bordeaux said there is no business to be conducted, there's no witness' to be heard in the electern it's the end of their business. Bordeaux said so he is not sure why Council feels it necessary to make this motion to adjourn last week's meeting. Bordeaux said today's meeting was already scheduled by resolution of Tribal Council no further action is required for Tribal Council in a separate meeting today.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Keegan. Burmeister said um, they have Sara in the queue. Burmeister said go ahead then Israel.

Sara Agosa said that was actually her concern as well. Agosa said she is really unclear Speaker Burmeister why she is not asking for legal advice. Agosa said something like this should never be driven simply by request of members but rutwhat the rules say around this issue and that is her responsibility to verify. Agosa said that's her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Israel Stone said he is appreciative of that....

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Israel Stone continued....brilliant legal opinion but the problem is the meeting didn't end for lack of quorum. Stone said they had quorum when people left the

meeting. Stone said they had the people in the room to take the motion and the roll call vote they failed to do that as a Council not her, Speaker. Stone said stop taking this personally because everybody wants to point the finger at her, they know what, she is just the ring master at this point, and he apologizes for phrasing it that way but that is what this is. Stone said its not her fault, Stone said she didn't get up and walk out of the room. Stone said everybody sitting up here is an adult. Stone said to say they could have called them back in, no, they should've stayed in the room until the meeting properly ended, Stone said saying they were sitting in the next room over is not an excuse. Stone said they have an obligation to be here and be in these meetings. Stone said they get paid a darn good salary to be here. Stone said darn good and them guys just got a couple of raises over the last couple of years. Stone said years that the Executive Branch didn't get. Stone said he's sitting here. Stone said it didn't die for lack of quorum. Stone said them guys had enough people in the room it died because people walked out of the meeting which is in direct violation of Judge La Porte's Order. Stone said direct. Stone asked aren't them guys in court next week for Contempt of Court already. Stone asked is that a fact. Stone asked so is that the hand they want to force go ask this question again and have them held in Contempt again for violating the Court Order. Stone said that's not the road he wants to go down. Stone repeated that is not the road he wants to go down. Stone said he wants to say, *"You know what let's get past all this and sit in the room and everyone do their jobs and move forward."* Stone said he gets to be there today. Stone asked do they know what he gets to do he gets to submit PTO to be here to speak to his Elected Officials. Stone said he doesn't have the choice to get up and walk out of the room because he doesn't like the direction that something is going. Stone said they have a lot of meetings where he might not necessarily agree 100% with the rest of the people that are on...on those discussions but he still sticks around, and he still weigh and he still give his opinion because that is what is required of them. Stone said he will maintain the fact and because they are going down this road he will inform them that that he will be forced to do what he doesn't want to do is leave here and go out to Tribal Court and file the lawsuit for Contempt Charges. Stone said because nobody is willing to stand up here and say quorum... or the meeting ended because people intentionally walked out of the room and ended the meeting. Stone said them guys know they have been on here long enough to know they only act by motion, roll....resolution or ordinance. Stone said get a legal opinion on that from their attorney. Stone said ___ its in the Constitution. Stone said to end a meeting by walking out is a direct violation of their Constitutional responsibilities as Elected Officials. Stone said them guys know that. Stone said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza he was next in queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is going to call the question on that and end it. Di Piazza said he already made a motion to end last week's meeting right or wrong or indifference so. Di Piazza said so he calls the question.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis please do roll call.

Recorder Silvis said she will second that motion.

Chelsea Densmore said she is sorry, she apologizes, do they think they should get legal represent like their legal team to see if this is going to mess them up somehow for taking a.....

Councilor Di Piazza interrupted. Di Piazza said the question has already been called.

Speaker Burmeister said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said the question has been called.

Speaker Burmeister asked is she ready Misty.

Acting Recorder Silvis said yes.

Roll Call #2

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Councilor Metzger asked what exactly are they voting on right now.

Acting Recorder Silvis said motion to close last week's meeting.

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent the meeting was closed last week.

Speaker Burmeister thanked them.

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

Speaker Burmeister noted none were submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

**1. Ratification of Bathworks Service Contract for the Elders
Apartment Contract**

The Shower Unit 108 is holding water and isn't draining properly.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Tara Bailey are the ones that brought this forward, so she knows she is heading up Tara.

Tara Bailey, Housing Department Director, represented this agenda item. Bailey said good morning.

Speaker Burmeister said good morning.

Tara Bailey said this is to request ah, approval of expenditures from the Restricted Elders 10 Complex Account for Bathworks Service Contract in the amount of \$9, 959.99. Bailey said ah, to repair one of the ah, bathrooms in the Elders Complex one of the units.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, its 05.

Tara Bailey said them guys should have received she thinks on Monday there was a question ca.....in regards to the funds availability certification. Bailey said they should have received that now it should be in their packet hopefully.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any questions from Councilors. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah where exactly is this funding coming from.

Tara Bailey said ah, its Fund Number....the Title is Elders 10 Complex. Bailey said if she can find where she put the.....

Councilor Metzger said because he doesn't see it in the resolution. Metzger said he has two different resolutions.

Tara Bailey said he means the Fund Number in the resolution not just the title. Bailey asked is that what he is saying.

Councilor Metzger said that would be helpful, yes, both the title and the fund number.

Speaker Burmeister said those are in the resolution.

Angela Rabb, Tribal CFO, said Madame Speaker she is sorry to interrupt. Rabb said that phone number is 80....

Tara Bailey said 8021.

Angela Rabb said yeah, 8021.

Tara Bailey said it's on the fund's availability....

Speaker Burmeister said it was sent to them.

Tara Bailey continued.....certification.

Councilor Metzger said when yesterday or.....

Speaker Burmeister said she doesn't know the date it was sent to them but they did receive it.

Councilor Metzger said right. Metzger asked is...is that coming out of Complex 10 or Elders....

Tara Bailey replied yes.

Councilor Metzger thanked her. Metzger said okay, that's all he....

Speaker Burmeister made another comment but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister said Angela she has her hand up go ahead please.

Angela Rabb said sorry she just needs to lower it again, thanks.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said okay um, they have one more person they....yeah would she please... Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister said go ahead....go ahead Mr. Ossiginac.

Bill Ossiginac said she can call him Bill.

Speaker Burmeister said okay.

Bill Ossiginac asked is that \$10,000 for one shower.

Speaker Burmeister asked Tara could she give a little history on that please so that they understand.

Tara Bailey said yes, this is a request....

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Councilor Metzger left the meeting room.

Tara Bailey continued.....for the expenditures to come out of the Elders Complex and later in the agenda they have the approval of the contract for it. Bailey said um, this is....when they bill that unit or that building the original Contractor there was a defect in a couple of the bathrooms. Bailey said the flooring is all concrete and it was not sloped properly so that the va....the showers....the handicapped showers that were put in ah, were not....do not drain water properly. Bailey said they were able to get the original Contractor to bring in the original um, plumbing company they were able to address several of them. Bailey said in the meantime COVID hit and the company lost the person who did the warranty work and they kind of went back and forth trying to get that um, company to come back and fix this last one. Bailey said they have not, and they need to get this completed and done it is a safety issue for any Elder that resides in there so they decided to just go ahead and get it fixed and done and be over with. Bailey said um, it is 10,000it is \$10,000 but it involves pulling the old stuff out. Bailey said it is a built in shower unit so they have to take that out and they have to fix the concrete that is underneath, redo all the plumbings infa....stuff and then put all new shower surround sound fix up the drywall and all that. Bailey said the original quotes they were getting were about 13....over \$13,000. Bailey said she was able to work with this....and um, with this company and got it down to just under 10.

Bill Ossiginac thanked her. Ossiginac said okay um, yeah it just seemed like a lot of money for just one shower but he understands there is more involved in that so. Ossiginac thanked her again.

Tara Bailey said he was welcome.

Councilor Metzger re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Tara. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, he was just going to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-005;
RATIFICATION OF BATHWORKS SERVICE CONTRACT FOR
THE ELDERS COMPLEX CONTRACT;** by Di Piazza; supported by
Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister asked any other discussion from Councilors. Burmeister said with no further discussion Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #3

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent it is has been approved.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Tara Bailey said she just wanted to point out too....

Speaker Burmeister said sure.

Tara Bailey continued....to the membership that the fund.....that this funding is coming from is a fund that has been set aside for the Elders Complex strictly for stuff like this when it needs a new roof....things like that. Bailey said its not coming out of the ah, annual Operating Budget.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Tara.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said he is just wondering, they know, if it was a fault of the Contractors. Ceplina asked are they going to go after them because he seen a lot of shady stuff up there. Ceplina said he lived up there since 2006 and ah, there is a lot of stuff that the Contractors did but whoever was on board for the Tribe never went after them. Ceplina said at his house that he lives in is one of them because water came in, there is mold in there Contractors said they were going to come back and do some drain tile and seal it and that. Ceplina said they never did. Ceplina said so he would hope in the future that they have somebody on board like a Manager that when they do construction out there that they go out there and check to make sure that its right. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yes just to get them a little update that was the third unit that they had problems with. Metzger said the Contractor covered the first two units with no cost to the Tribe whatsoever. Metzger said ah, and then the person they had doing the work passed away. Metzger said so they had to outsource that plus it was past the warranty. Metzger said he believed that the warranty expired so they did have two units that were covered under the warranty. Metzger said it was the third unit that ah, the Housing Department reached out to them to cover the cost. Metzger said and that is where they are at right now. Metzger said and he does believe, and he does agree with him they do need to have a punch list or Project Manager in all ah, Building Inspector come in on the final say that's typically how its done, they know, in other places that ah, yeah. Metzger thanked him for his concern.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Tara Bailey said she had something on that.

Speaker Burmeister said yes, go ahead Tara.

Tara Bailey said in regards to the ah, they did talk um, going after the Contractor... the original Contractor but it would take a lot more money and a lot more time and that unit would be out of service while they are doing that. Bailey said so that is why they just decided to go ahead and fix this last one and be done and over with that project so.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Tara.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Authorize Payment of Annual Dues to the National Indian Gaming Association

Payment of Annual Dues to NIGA.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli brought this item forward. Burmeister said so Ogema Romanelli the floor is his.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her very much. Romanelli said this is the annual dues that they pay every year ah, because they belong to that ah, association. Romanelli said he thinks the reason that it was brought ah, up again was there was a question whether this should be called he thinks what was the title...resubmission or something, no, he is sorry the name was yeah, the ah, they changed the name and took out the National at the beginning. Romanelli said it was he thinks something simple that could actually have been approved by a motion with the word taken out, but Council decided to put it back on. Romanelli said but they understand that the word National to be out of there and its no longer NIGA it should be IGA. Romanelli said he thinks that addresses it. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked would there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion.

Acting Recorder Silvis made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what she said.

Speaker Burmeister said they have one Tribal citizen in the queue um, go ahead Sara.

Sara Agosa said the issue with the name change was brought up a few times and its really important that the agenda does reflect correct information because they use these agendas for historical purposes as well. Agosa said and she is really concerned that the Ogema doesn't think its important to have the name correctly

recorded. Agosa said she thinks this should be fixed so her question is to the Recorder why it wasn't fixed on the agenda. Agosa said additionally she just wanted to make a note that the name change applies to the Indian Gaming Association but does not apply to the National Indian Gaming Commission their name is the same right now she doesn't know if that will change in the future, but she just wanted that noted. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that her question to the Recorder.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Sara. Burmeister said go ahead Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, and it was a simple process all they had to do is approve the item on the agenda and note that the name change should happen and take out National. Romanelli said its very simple. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said they have a motion on the floor by Gary okay go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he makes the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-006;
AUTHORIZATING PAYMENT FOR ANNUAL DUES TO THE
INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION; by Di Piazza; supported by
Wever.**

Councilor Di Piazza said simple fix.

Speaker Burmeister asked any Councilors with further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Silvis will she do roll call please.

Roll Call #4

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

IV. Old Business

A. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 3/22/23

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from these minutes. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens....go ahead.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said like Israel was saying, they know, they got a procedure ordinance and he noticed they are making some inconsistencies here. Ceplina said like he had a question on the last one that they brought up but never said do any of the citizens have any questions so he just wanted to make that a point for them, so they do it regularly. Ceplina said he is looking through the....*the rest of his comment was not heard on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she appreciates that. Burmeister said go ahead Israel.

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone asked could they please restate the date of those meetings. Stone said minutes that are being approved.

Acting Recorder Silvis said sure there are 3/22/23.

Israel Stone said okay, so he heard a lot of consternation and ah, jabs being taken at the Ogema for reports not being submitted in a timely manner and he just wanted to note for the record that these minutes are a year old. Stone said also those minutes are critical timeframe when this Tribe was in much turmoil and those documents needed to be available to the citizens um, so they could have taken appropriate actions. Stone said not having timely meeting minutes and he is going to say this proceeds them guys. Stone said these minutes have been hanging out there forever. Stone said they have been historically behind even though they have some people out he gets all that stuff but at some point in order to catch those up they may need to consider to contract that out and get those meetings ah, caught up fully to date because there is a lot of times an evidentiary hearing or if their taking something to ask a legal question in front of the courts without the minutes and without documentation they don't have evidence that substantiate their standing in court and a lot of times those cases will be dismissed because they will say, "*well you didn't provide evidence of what their saying has happened and did in fact happen.*" Stone said and so he thinks that ah, they need to make an effort to do whatever they have to do to catch those up because there is a lot of information from March of last year that is critical and ah, necessary to the citizens of this Tribe and that begins with a ah, ah, times um, where like he said there is a lot of turmoil so he doesn't know what Council can do to help out in this situation because them guys shouldn't be catching up meeting minutes from prior to them but ah, he would like to see them caught up. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she can make a comment and um, about the minutes there a few of them that minutes have been transcribed. Burmeister said they are reviewing them for um, preciseness so that they are accurate, and she had reached out to the Tribal Court because it was told to her that they have a system that transcribes their minutes. Burmeister said that is not

correct um, Spring from the court said they do it the old fashion way. Burmeister said so they transcribe all their minutes so she said if she finds something that can help with transcribing to let her know but so there are a few of them that are trying to get those minutes um, they are done but they need to be accurate. Burmeister said so she just wanted to make sure everybody knew that also. Burmeister said go ahead Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he doesn't mean to drag this on longer but also there are minutes from 2021....going back to 2021 that are very important that have to be updated too. Romanelli said he does appreciate ah, this Council trying to bring those up because he knows this predated ah, the Officers that are on there now. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said okay, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, with that being said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
3/22/23; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister said okay, any further comments from Council. Burmeister said okay, Recorder Silvis will she do roll call please.

Roll Call #5

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

B. Approval to apply to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services-Behavioral Health Initiative as part of the Mental Health Block Grant

Notice received on 1/18/24 that this application is due 2/16/24. The program has received this grant since 2016 and it funds the Tele-psychiatric in the Be Da Bin Behavioral Health.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli, Kathleen Bowers and Angela Schwandt brought this item forward so Angela has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Angela Schwandt, Mental Health Counselor, represented this agenda item. Schwandt thanked her. Schwandt said this is to apply for the Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative which is from the Mental Health Block Grant through the State. Schwandt said um, this is in the amount of \$170,000 per fiscal year this is for fiscal years 25 and 26 which would begin October 1st of this year and then run through September 30th of 2026. Schwandt said um, this would fund the position for an additional Mental Health Counselor, Traditional Healer, and then also the psychiatric services through Pine Rest.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors who will be abstaining from this item. Burmeister said citizens she sees Janine Sam has her hand up so go ahead please.

Janine Sam said Miigwech Madame Speaker. Sam said she just wanted to make a point um, because she hasn't reviewed any of the Personnel Policies of recent but when they apply for grants from this particularly funding agency the Background Investigation required for the staff that work in the Health Department or Family Services Department also has to include the check against um, they call it....she thinks its called Wyatt's Law. Sam said but there is a specific check that has to be done for Practitioners and staff under these grants and she knows the background process includes fingerprinting and they get a Background Report or had been getting Background Reports in the past but she just wanted to point it out when they accept a grant from the State of Michigan they also have to check the um, Child Abuse List against um, anybody that works in that area. Sam said and so she does know that....she knows when she left employment there that was not included as part of the Background Check at that time but they will absolutely have to do that check on the um, Child Abuse List um, its only open to specific agencies. Sam said and so they may have to apply with ah, the State of Michigan if they haven't already. Sam said that's all.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked any other citizens with comments or questions. Burmeister asked Councilors with questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah, he would like to make a motion if there are no other questions or comments.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-007;
APPROVAL TO APPLY TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AS PART OF THE MENTAL
HEALTH BLOCK GRANT TO FUND THE TRIBAL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM;** by Metzger;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister asked is there any other further questions from Councilors. Burmeister said Recorder Silvis will she do roll call please.

Roll Call #6

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor and two absent it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her and Angela.

C. Ratification of Wolverine Power Systems 3-year Contract for Generator Maintenance-2024, 2025 and 2026 Annual Maintenance on Generators.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Gary Lewis brought this item forward. Burmeister said so....and Jonathan. Burmeister said so Jonathan he will be giving the update and presentation.

Jon Robertson, Utilities Department, represented this agenda item. Robertson said all right, so this is for a three year contract with Wolverine Power to do their maintenance and upkeep on the generators. Robertson said ah, it's for the three year contract annually it breaks down to \$9,770 per year for a total of three years adding up to \$29,310. Robertson said that's for the four generators that are utilized by Utilities and the two from Maintenance.

Speaker Burmeister asked is there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion if he could.

Speaker Burmeister said okay um, any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any further questions from Councilors. Burmeister said with no further questions Gary has....she will entertain a motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-009;
RATIFICATION OF WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS 3-YEAR
CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE 2024....; by Di
Piazza.**

Acting Recorder Silvis said it is eight....008.

Councilor Di Piazza said oops. Di Piazza said correction.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-008;
RATIFICATION OF WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS 3-YEAR
CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE FOR 2024, 2025
AND 2026; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors with further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Councilor....Recorder Silvis will she please do roll call.

Roll Call #7

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent it has passed.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her, Jonathan and Gary.

**D. Approval of expenditures from Restricted Elders 10 Complex
Account for Bathworks Company Service Contract in the amount of
\$9,959.99**

To use the money in the Elders 10 Complex for remodel of a shower.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli and Tara Bailey had brought this item forward. Burmeister said the floor is hers Tara.

Tara Bailey, Housing Director, represented this agenda item. Bailey said help again. Bailey said Speaker can she restate what that agenda item is. Bailey said she thinks it might be mis....

Speaker Burmeister said sure....sure. Burmeister said um, it says revised. Burmeister said it states Approval of Expenditures from Restricted Elders 10 Complex Account for Bathworks Company Service Contract in the amount of \$9,959.99.

Tara Bailey said because they already approved the....

Councilor Di Piazza said this is just to um, spend the funds.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay.

Tara Bailey asked this isn't to approve the contract.

Councilor Di Piazza said they already approved the contract. Di Piazza said they have no funds to....they have no funds to.....

Tara Bailey said they are going to do this backwards.

Councilor Di Piazza said a little bit. Di Piazza said today it is all backwards.

Tara Bailey said okay.

Acting Recorder Silvis said yes, they already approved the contract.

Speaker Burmeister said this is to approve the funds, Tara.

Tara Bailey said oh, okay. Bailey said well she doesn't know everything because she said everything in the first part.

Speaker Burmeister said that's okay.

Tara Bailey said this is just for the Elders 10 Complex for the Bathworks Contract \$9,959.99. Bailey said she guessed the only thing she would add is the company once they get the contract approved and they schedule it they have it done in two days they have said so she is going to hold them to it.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister asked is there any questions for Tara. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions for her. Burmeister said...she has to step back here....first of all will there be any Councilors abstaining from the item. Burmeister asked is there any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister said any Councilors with further questions. Burmeister said if not she would like to entertain a motion, please. Burmeister said Ga....Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-009;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2024-01-1st
QTR TO FUND BATHWORKS COMPANY SERVICE CONTRACT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,559.99; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.**

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions from Councilors. Burmeister said Recorder Silvis can she please do roll call.

Roll Call #8

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Councilor Metzger said he needs some clarification did he say appropriate or expend it.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Approval of Supplemental Appropriation.

Councilor Metzger said did the Councilor that brought this forward did he say appropriate or approval of please.

Councilor Di Piazza said Approval of Supplemental Appropriation. Di Piazza said the revised.

Councilor Metzger said so its not inco...inconsistent what's on here then, right.

Acting Recorder Silvis said yeah, its this one. Silvis said seven in favor and two absent it has been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Tara.

E. Operations Report ☐ December 2023

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors that are abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked any further questions from Council. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked any comments from Councilors. Burmeister said Recorder Silvis will she do roll call please.

Roll Call #9

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

- F. Adoption of Edits to the Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01 and Authorization for Legislative In-House Counsel to submit to National Indian Gaming Commission for review and approval**
Tribal Council has reviewed and updated Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01 that incorporates the final rules published by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe had brought this item forward and she is absent so go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said usually protocol when that Councilor has an item on the agenda it is removed because they are not here to represent it. Di Piazza said he will represent this item because it is of grave importance that this gets into....gets submitted so it can be taken care of. Di Piazza asked the what...her name is not on there don't point at her.

Councilor Wever said yeah.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is impolite. Di Piazza said anyways this is their edits that they wanted corrected in their um, Gaming Ordinance. Di Piazza said so he doesn't have all the logistics, but it is of grave importance that it gets done and submitted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said citizens.....she sees they have one citizen that has her hand up..... two citizens.

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said he wants to thank Councilor Di Piazza for keeping this item on the agenda. Stone said this is a matter of importance it impacts many Tribal Citizens who may have made mistakes previously early on in life um, and because of those mistakes didn't really have a truer chance to rehabilitate into the work force if he is not mistaking this ah, that issue. Stone said they have citizens that are impacted by that if they rehabilitated their lives, rebuilt themselves and are upstanding citizens in their community that contribute greatly and this allows them to be able to um, maintain positions of a higher level of authority and he thinks that is important ah, as they move forward in the Tribe. Stone said so he wants to say Miigwech ah, Councilor Di Piazza, and Council for taking this up and assisting those citizens with ah, being able to be

inspired to reach their goals in their lives and ah, supporting the citizens. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said go ahead Mike.

Michael Ceplina said yeah, Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said yeah, they said it was impolite to point and all that they know they do have people here in positions that can tell Tribal members what's going on with this. Ceplina said he doesn't see it where it is impolite to say that, they know, somebody in their audience can do that for them. Ceplina said Israel came up and did that. Ceplina said he appreciates that, Israel. Ceplina thanked them very much.

Councilor Di Piazza said they had numerous work sessions on it. Di Piazza repeated numerous. Di Piazza repeated numerous. Di Piazza said he doesn't have it in front of him right this second.

Speaker Burmeister said any other Councilors with....

Councilor Di Piazza continued. Di Piazza said if somebody else wants to pick it up then go ahead.

Speaker Burmeister laughed a little.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was just going to make a motion to approve it.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, he will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-010; ADOPTION OF EDITS TO THE GAMING ORDINANCE #10-400-01 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGISLATIVE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL TO SUBMIT TO NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; by Di Piazza; supported by Metzger.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further comments from Councilors. Burmeister said they do....they do have their attorney on. Burmeister said go ahead Keegan.

Keegan Bordeaux, Legislative In-House Counsel, represented this agenda item. Bordeaux said um, he thinks he brought this up before quite a while ago and before they take a vote, he thought he would try one more time. Bordeaux said he feels it would be most appropriate if they switched the term In-House Council to Speaker if its not too late to make a motion in the text of the resolution to say the Speaker's title instead of Legislative In-House Counsel he feels that would be most appropriate.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he will make that correction. Di Piazza said let him restate it then.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-010; ADOPTION OF EDITS TO THE GAMING ORDINANCE #10-400-01 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SPEAKER TO SUBMIT TO NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; by Di Piazza; supported by Metzger.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions from Councilors. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please. Burmeister said they have a hand up in the audience Kelly she can come up.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Commission Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said good morning and thanked them. Maser said she doesn't want to call to question um, Keegan's request but um, she just wanted to let Tribal Council know for the record that um, that often times through this review process the communication going back and forth is between the attorneys. Maser said she is not sure that the Speaker would be comfortable um, dealing with the NIGC attorneys, if they will, if they were to come back with feedback as it relates to their proposed changes to the ordinance. Maser said um, past practice has always been that the Tribe's attorneys would be doing the communication. Maser said um, she just wanted to share that with Tribal Council so that they understand.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Kelly. Burmeister said and her understanding from all the work sessions....Al sssh....all the work sessions they had it was never discussed that she would be the one having those communications so. Burmeister said go ahead Keegan.

Keegan Bordeaux, Legislative In-House Attorney, thanked Speaker Burmeister. Bordeaux said if NIGC or anyone else comes back with any questions or if Tribal Council has any of those future questions Tribal Council can certainly ask him for legal advice about anything. Bordeaux said this is his understanding of the solution is that it's the person responsible for transmitting it to NIGC it's not the...to having every single conversation only be ah, allowed to take place between the Speaker and NIGC only or to exclude Legislative In-House from all internal legal advice.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Keegan. Burmeister said okay. Burmeister said so they....whoops....they have a motion on the floor um, and Gary and Al supported. Burmeister said and there is no further comments from Councilors so she would like to enter....excuse her.....Recorder Silvis will she do roll call.

Roll Call #10

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Councilor Metzger left the meeting room.

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

G. Approval of Re-Appointment of Virgil Johnson to the Natural Resource Commission

Re-Appointment of Virgil Johnson to the Natural Resource Commission.
This is for Seat #4 with a term ending 9/20/2027.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli has brought Virgil's name forward. Burmeister said they had an interview with Virgil so. Burmeister asked Virgil if he wanted to come should there be any questions. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions for Virgil. Burmeister asked any Tribal Citizens with questions. Burmeister asked Councilors. Burmeister said with no questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF VIRGIL JOHNSON TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION FOR SEAT #4 THAT ENDS 9/20/2027; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked any questions at all for Virgil from Councilors. Burmeister said okay, Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #11

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said there he is.

Councilor Metzger re-entered the meeting room.

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two is absent welcome aboard.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Virgil welcome....welcome for his re-appointment.

Virgil Johnson said Miigwech....Miigwech.

H. Financial Reports ☐ October 2023

Speaker Burmeister said first they are for October, November and December and they are going to do them individually. Burmeister said so the first one is for October of 2023. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions for Angela Rabb any citizens. Burmeister asked any Councilors. Burmeister said she would like to entertain a motion. Burmeister said go ahead ca....Gary....Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked any comments or questions from Councilors. Burmeister said with no questions Recorder Silvis will she do roll call.

Roll Call #12

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

☐ November 2023

Speaker Burmeister said they have the minutes or excuse her the Financial Reports for November of 2023. Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked citizens with questions. Burmeister asked Council. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister asked questions from Councilors. Burmeister said Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #13

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor and two absent they been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

□ December 2023

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister asked any citizens with questions. Burmeister asked Councilors. Burmeister said will there be anybody...she kind of forgot about abstaining um, so with that could she have a motion please....entertain a motion.

Tribal Council was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but their comments were not picked up clearly.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza he had his hand up first.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, he will make that motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT;
by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister asked any further questions. Burmeister said with no further questions Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #14

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor two absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

V. New Business

- A. Request the Secretary of Interior take Title into Trust for the benefit of the Tribe, 60 Acres of Land, shown Exhibit A and identified by Muskegon County, Michigan Assessor Parcels Number 61-15-115-300-0026-00; and making Specific Findings of Fact in support of the Request in Compliance with Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 151.3 and 151.11 and Bureau of Indian Affairs Guidance, issued with respect to Section 20 or the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2719**
Request the Secretary of Interior take Title into Trust for the benefit of the Tribe, 60 Acres of Land.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza has brought this item forward. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza the floor is his.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he is bringing this item back to the floor to resubmit to the Interior because they keep asking why they haven't resubmitted it since the Governor wouldn't sign off. Di Piazza said so basically, it's a two part determination that was um, submitted some time ago and they need to do it. Di Piazza said the only way anybody is going to get any more Per Capita is having a new revenue stream. Di Piazza said and yup, that being said he will make a motion to approve the resolution.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be any Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any Councilors with questions. Burmeister said Councilor.... Councilor Metzger go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger said yeah, during the work session it was brought to the attention that the implication that they are processing for Gaming. Metzger asked are they seeking for Gaming or non-Gaming.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, resolution is for Gaming. Di Piazza said they can still resubmit for non-Gaming but there was never a resolution submitted to do that back in 22. Di Piazza said it was just done by motion which they need a resolution to submit to Interior to Trust.

Councilor Metzger thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said this is what this is. Di Piazza said there is 1.9 GB of information it was so large that it could not be e-mailed.

Councilor Metzger said he has further questions also. Metzger said ah, he believed the original project called for 85 acres....

There was some background disturbance coming from Councilor Johnson's connection on the ZOOM recording.

Staci Cheney asked can she mute herself.

Councilor Metzger continued. Metzger asked can he mute himself.

Karol Chabot said Pam.

Councilor Metzger said oh. Metzger said ah, if he's not mistaken, he believed it was originally discussed that they put 85 acres into Trust for Gaming. Metzger said he doesn't see why they have to....why they're ah, putting bits and pieces into it they are asking for 60 eight now when their intention is to put 85. Metzger asked why don't they just put the 85 in and then go from there. Metzger said start off with a Class II which isn't regulated by the State to a point, they know, because if they go Class III then they run into other complications that he really doesn't want to get into right now. Metzger said but he sees by putting the 85 in they have 85 acres eligible. Metzger said that's his concern. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked any other Councilors....Gary did he want to respond to that.

Councilor Di Piazza said well his intent was to put it all in Trust down there but they need to do one parcel at a time. Di Piazza said so...he...there is a motion on the floor to make a resolution also. Di Piazza asked do they want him to go ahead with that.

Speaker Burmeister said they have a few other people in the queue. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said all right.

Speaker Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli is in the queue next.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he wanted to answer a couple of those questions. Romanelli said when they started this.....the Council, the Ogema, and the Tribe started this almost 13 years ago. Romanelli said the purpose to purchase the land was to get a casino down in Muskegon. Romanelli said for doing that they had to enter into a two-part determination, and they had to get that approved by the Department of Interior so its always been for a casino. Romanelli said and that is what this is for as well. Romanelli said when they say Gaming or non-Gaming there a couple of different options there a couple of different things that they are looking at. Romanelli said in answer to putting the 60 acres they own 233 acres there. Romanelli said the cost and the ability to put a casino there only the 60 acres is needed. Romanelli said he thinks Virgil Johnson was a part of that

way back when and he thinks there are other people in the audience, but it was determined that only 60 acres is needed to put the casino in there. Romanelli said the cost to put the.....do the survey is huge as they know. Romanelli said they have invested over \$30 million in the project. Romanelli said and had they tried to put all the 233 acres into Trust and do the Market Studies that were involved would have been a huge amount. Romanelli said right now they need the 60 acres in Trust that is not to say that the other acreage at a later date can be put into Trust for non-Gaming purposes. Romanelli said but that's where they are going and why they are doing it. Romanelli said he hopes that answers the questions. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger he had his hand up next go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger said yeah, if they want to do it....excuse him....for quite a while he wanted all that land in Trust now its going to cost them by bits and piecing it together. Metzger said he's done. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said they have a few citizens that are in the queue first citizen is Israel.

Councilor Di Piazza said them three.

Israel Stone thanked them. Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said first of all Gary and thanked him for holding to his word in the meeting that he had with all of them with the citizens a couple weeks back at the casino and bringing this item forward. Stone said he thinks that shows integrity on his part. Stone said um, he would just start by saying there is advantages and disadvantages to having some in Trust and some not in Trust. Stone said yes, the lands are in Fee to Trust ah, are still going to be taxable they know that but from an economic development standpoint they don't necessarily want all that land in Trust meaning there may be companies that they may want to sub out to later on down the road be it restaurants or hotels. Stone said any of those types of things where it is a lot easier to contract with them when it's not land that's in Trust. Stone said with Land in Trust there is a lot of sovereignty questions that are going to come to the table and its hard to attract ah, investors and businesses ah, to a Trust Parcel of land. Stone said but he gets what Al is saying. Stone said at the same time he thinks the important thing here is ah, that....that parcel was always intended for gaming. Stone said to get this far and stop now is like reading every chapter in the book except for the last chapter....reading the last page. Stone said they got....they have invested too much and not know how this plot turns out. Stone said and for them as citizens they know that Muskegon County is their territory. Stone said it always has been. Stone said they have a large population base there ah, they have in Holton Township a historical tie to Muskegon County they know that exists. Stone said he knows that there is consideration for ah, Grand River Tribe, they know what he is glad that they're going through their processes and moving those

forward but reality is this is the Tribe that is the descendent of the Grand River Tribe. Stone said they have a Tribe its Little River Band. Stone said and try to get a separate designation ah, as a Tribe based on population density because that's truly what this is about if they put a casino in Grand Rapids they are going to make a lot more money than off of one in Manistee. Stone said um, he would argue they're not separate and different in fact many of the members on their rolls came from um, them they have been trying to organize since he's been....starting to walk. Stone said he remembers the Genia and all those guys ah, that worked for years out of the Muskegon County/Grand Rapids area to try to accomplish this. Stone said they accomplished it they got a Tribe it's called the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Stone said now that being said there is a model out there ah, that they may want to familiarize themselves with and Al he kind of hit....he kind of hit the tip ah, of the nail, right but not the whole thing; the Oklahoma Model. Stone said in Oklahoma ah, the Tribes have placed gaming operations and C-Stores across their territories and grocery stores everywhere they can but its Class II. Stone said but Oklahoma is unique in that all the Tribes in Oklahoma share their gaming revenue. Stone said they are in a unique situation they unfortunately are in a competitive situation ah, with their other sister Tribes. Stone said but the reality is they will never grow the population in Manistee or shorten the drive to their casino doors. Stone said the only way they shorten that drive is by extending out into the exterior areas of their Reservation boundaries. Stone said that was the intent. Stone said they fought a long, hard battle, they have invested a lot of resources, and by the way the product that was turned into the Department of Interior was some of the best work that they ever seen. Stone said they approved them and that's hard to do especially when they are talking what they consider off gaming....or off Reservation Gaming Parcel, right. Stone said they approved it. Stone said let's not temp fate here and, and, and hold this up because if they hold this up any longer and politics change and when politics change people over in those offices and they can lose that support that they have now. Stone said so strike while the iron is hot get the land into Trust for gaming purposes. Stone said then Al is right they can start having those discussions about what do they do there what is the quickest route to a outcome for them and for their citizens. Stone said there are a lot of members in Muskegon County that would love employment for their Tribe and their Tribal Community that could be gained by working for this enterprise at many different levels. Stone said the previous action they took the ah, gaming regulations....gaming ordinance ah, would provide a vehicle for even more Tribal citizens to seek gainful employment in those areas. Stone said this is a proud day for the Tribe and all of them should be proud for being a part of this legacy project. Stone said it is a legacy project that they walk away from at the end of their term or their two terms whatever they're serving and they go, "you know what I made a positive impact on the Tribe and the citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians," by taking this action. Stone said he applauds them guys because they know what there has been a few Councils that kind of ah, strayed away or shied away from this but them guys are taking it head on. Stone said let's finish the story, let's write the final chapter, let's complete all the work that has been done, and get this across the finish line so that they can get

moving forward as the Business Practitioners to get the pieces in place and get a building put on that site. Stone said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she knows Councilor Metzger has a question because there are a couple of citizens before him.

Councilor Metzger thanked her. Metzger said the only thing....they know this has been an on-going project and he sure hopes they have all their ducks in a roll. Metzger said he really, really does. Metzger said they know....and he liked to bring up is Section IX of their Compact. Metzger said he is going to read it in full. Metzger read: *Section IX-Gaming outside of eligible Indian Land. An application to take land into Trust for Gaming purposes outside of eligible Indian Lands as defined in Section II B. of this Compact shall not be submitted to the Secretary of Interior in the absence of....in the absence of prior written agreement between the Tribe and the States other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes that provide for each other Tribes.* Metzger said now this is a catching point here. Metzger said to share in the revenue in any gaming facility that is subject to the application to take Land into Trust for gaming outside of eligible Indian Lands. Metzger said his concern on that do they have letters from the other 11 Tribes. Metzger said he even put the application in. Metzger said his other concern is and he would be more than happy to have this really explained to him this part. Metzger said other Tribes to share in the revenue and any gaming facility that is subject to the application to take Land into Trust for gaming purposes outside of eligible Indian Lands. Metzger said that he is concerned with because as he reads it they might pull in \$120 million a year. Metzger asked do they know how much Little River gets after expenses, \$10 million. Metzger said that's how he reads it. Metzger repeated he is concerned about that. Metzger said like he said this project has been on ah, ah, going on for geez 13 years. Metzger said 08 and he is really surprised they don't have their ducks in a row. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said she has Councilor Di Piazza that's in the queue. Burmeister asked does he want the Ogema to go before him or....go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza replied he can. Di Piazza said he was in the queue....

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza continued....before she allowed the other one...but that's okay.

Ogema Romanelli said the ah....in answer to ah....ah, the Councilors questions... concerns. Romanelli said he has been involved with the project since day one for all 13 years, yes. Romanelli said they understand they was given a.....all of Council was given the documentation it took to get here. Romanelli said it was about 2,000 pages. Romanelli said he can almost assure them most people don't understand the 2,000 pages. Romanelli said the reason that the Department of

Interior is requesting them to bring this forward again is because it was the best project from what he understands that ever been given to them. Romanelli said what had to be covered were all the concerns that he has which to do with the Section IX Amendment. Romanelli said that's what they are going for and that's what they have gone for before. Romanelli said they have had two Governors that have approved the Section IX Amendment. Romanelli asked can he tell him the other Tribes that have received the....all the proofs....all the approvals from every other Tribe ah, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger answered in the background, but it was too low for the ZOOM recording to pick up what he said clearly.

Ogema Romanelli said no, okay and he is saying that that's....go ahead.

Councilor Metzger asked did he get approval from the other 11 Tribes.

Ogema Romanelli said do they....

Councilor Metzger said that is all he is asking. Metzger said all he is doing is reading what the....

Ogema Romanelli said he understands that.

Councilor Metzger said that is in the Compact.

Ogema Romanelli said he is asking that....go ahead.

Councilor Metzger said that's all he asked, did he get approval from the other 11 Tribes.

Ogema Romanelli said no.

Councilor Metzger said yay or nay.

Ogema Romanelli repeated no and he has....but they can't leave it....

Councilor Metzger thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli said they can't leave it at that he can't say did they get it or not. Romanelli asked do they have to get it is the question. Romanelli repeated do they have to get the other 11 Tribes. Romanelli asked can he tell him that.

Councilor Metzger said "shall." Metzger said shall not be submitted to the Secretary of Interior in the absence of prior written agreement between the Tribes and the State's other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.

Ogema Romanelli said so his concern here is he doesn't know who they're working for or to get information for because it is very concerning that they have a Tribe that has worked their butt off for 13 years invested this kind of money. Romanelli said they are Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians and they put a heck of a packet together that the Department of Interior, all the way to the top basically, has said it is a great packet. Romanelli said they are behind them 100% and the Section IX Amendment is what he is talking about. Romanelli said that is the key to this whole issue but they need to put the packet forward. Romanelli said the Department of Interior has recently as last week asked them to do it again. Romanelli said they have been waiting for over a year for Council....Council to do what they're going to do today hopefully. Romanelli said it gets frustrating to him to have to re-go over and explain 3,000 pages this....this Council has had it... this basic information since 2015 and to sit on it for a year. Romanelli asked what happens....and he won't go on too long....what happens is all the work they've done they had to do an Environmental Study, they had to a Traffic Study, they had to do an Impact to the Community Study all these studies takes a lot of time. Romanelli said they know what they do have a shelf life...they have a shelf life of several years. Romanelli said if they don't get this done and he will be very clear here that will be on the record if they don't get this done soon all is lost. Romanelli said they lose the \$30 some million of the hard work they've done over the years. Romanelli said they have the ability and....the ability to lose hundreds of millions of dollars to the tune of....if they take the 20 year average up to \$2 billion. Romanelli said if they are willing to take that chance and have that on their shoulders he is more than happy to do it but he does not believe that they need to explain 3,000 pages and with all due respect Councilor....

Councilor Metzger can be heard mumbling in the background on the ZOOM recording but his comments were not picked up clearly.

Ogema Romanelli continued.....those are questions that should have been asked a long time ago. Romanelli said they had this information. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Metzger said excuse him.

Speaker Burmeister said um, Councilor Metzger excuse her Councilor Di Piazza he had a motion on the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes, he did and he will make that motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-011; REQUEST FOR SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TAKE TITLE INTO TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TRIBE, 60 ACRES OF LAND, SHOWN EXHIBIT A AND IDENTIFIED BY MUSKEGON, COUNTY MICHIGAN ASSESSOR PARCELS NUMBER 61-15-115-300-0026-00; AND MAKING SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 25

OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 151.3 AND 151.11 AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS GUIDANCE ISSUED WITH RESPECT TO SECTION 20 OF THE INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT, 25 U.S.C. 2719 AND ALSO AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO RESUBMIT THIS TO THE INTERIOR; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked any Councilors with further questions. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yeah, he had a....one of his other concerns he doesn't know how this is going to turn out. Metzger said during an ah, recent work session ah, the Ogema told the attorney to stand down and he was questioned about it during an Open Session they know, by following through putting this land in....this Land into Trust for any purposes. Metzger said ah, he may be called all sorts of things after this, but he wants the facts to be known....all of the facts. Metzger said anyone sitting here on this up in here by being silent don't have to verify it or by speaking about it they can verify it. Metzger said he believed the response was they refused to answer and ah, its....it was said that Grand River people down there are eligible for enrollment in Little River. Metzger said that's not true they excluded ten chiefs the ten chiefs that are still down by the Grand River. Metzger asked why did.....why were they excluded he hasn't the slightest idea. Metzger said that was back in 94. Metzger said they know he is looking out the window and he sees their flag, their Tribal Flag, half staff. Metzger said he doesn't want to do stuff half assed he wants to make sure all their ducks are in a row prior to submitting. Metzger said that is all he is asking for. Metzger said they don't have the 12 letters....11 letters....apparently they don't need it. Metzger said he's not reading an amendment that was the actual Compact that he read he means if....what changed in between the Governor saying no and today. Metzger asked what changed. Metzger said the whole process is still the same, all the evidence out there is still to change....he means is still the same. Metzger asked what changed. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza then she has the Ogema.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will call the question.

Councilor Wever in the background on the ZOOM recording said she was going to do that.

Councilor Di Piazza said why not.

Speaker Burmeister said with the question being called they do have a motion on the floor. Burmeister said um, he called the question, so they have to move forward.

Councilor Di Piazza said question.

Speaker Burmeister said um, Recorder Silvis please do roll call on this item.

Bill Ossiginac interrupted. Ossiginac said they have people with their hands up.

Councilor Johnson said yes.

Speaker Burmeister said the question has been called so they have to move forward.

Bill Ossiginac said yeah, they are going to railroad this through like everything else.

Sara Agosa said she is being truly corrupt Tammy.

Councilor Di Piazza said can you put....

Sara Agosa said truly corrupt behavior.

Councilor Di Piazza said all of them for disrupting.

Councilor Metzger said remember that too when someone else disrupts.

Councilor Di Piazza said absolutely, absolutely....absolutely.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis go ahead please.

Acting Recorder Silvis continued with calling on Tammy Burmeister.

Roll Call #15

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	No	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	No	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Councilor Wittenberg said to himself there are too many questions.

Councilor Metzger voiced his vote in Anishinaabemowin.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, stop.

Acting Recorder Silvis said five in favor, two against and two absent it has been approved.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Recorder Silvis.

B. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to Transfer restricted Funds to Hi Yield Bank Account

To capture interest at market rates.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger brought this item forward and the floor is his.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Councilor Metzger thanked the Speaker very much. Metzger said it was brought to Council attention that they have in their Restricted Funds that the interest is really rather, rather low less than .034% ah, despite interest they lost almost half a million dollars by not transferring it over to a hi yield Restricted Account and for further ___ clarification he would like the Comptroller to ah....

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said sure, sure this resolution for authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to transfer restricted funds to a high yield bank account. Pringle said whereas Tribal Council author....is authorized under Article IV, Section VII i 2 to manage funds within exclusive control of the Tribe and whereas Tribal Council has restricted the following funds: the Capital Replacement Funds, Elder Complex 10, Housing Stock Reserve, Online Gaming Tax Reimbursement, the Strategic Gaming Reserve, Working Capital Reserve, and the ARPA Funds which are 4995 and 4996 which are currently held in various PNC Accounts. Pringle said whereas the ever asked.....currently the Tribe has bank accounts from PNC, the Tax One Gaming Proceeds that receives a significantly higher interest rate than the other various PNC Accounts. Pringle said it now therefore it is resolved that directs the Chief Financial Officer to transfer balances to the Capital Reserve.....

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

Brad Pringle continued....Elder Complex 10, Housing Stock Reserve, Gaming Tax Reimbursement, Strategic Gaming Reserve, Working Capital Reserve, the ARPA 4995 and 4996 from various PNC Accounts and shall be invested in a new PNC Bank Account that earns interest at a higher....the highest rate available. Pringle said it is further resolved that the Financial Officer shall complete the transfer within 30 days after the enactment of the resolution. Pringle said it is therefore further resolved that the interest earned from these restricted funds shall be transferred and remain in Tribal Council Restricted Fund Accounts. Pringle said the...these funds can only be released by Tribal Council resolution. Pringle said Tribal Council has had at least half a dozen work sessions in the last nine months to discuss this particular concern.

Councilor Metzger thanked Mr. Pringle.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Brad Pringle. Burmeister said um, Angela Rabb has her hand up so she believed she is going to have a re....okay she thought she might have a response to that. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Angela Rabb interrupted. Rabb said she does have a response.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, does he want her to go next before him okay, go ahead Angela.

Angela Rabb said okay um, in response to that and she did respond to this in Agenda Review on Monday. Rabb said okay, so are Gaming Proceeds Account earns 5.26% they have an Investment Sweeps Account which quite a bit of their money is in and that earns 4.5%. Rabb said the difference between those accounts is that their Investment Sweep Account which earns less interest is collateralized by the bank. Rabb said she did speak to PNC last year about moving that Investment Sweep into a different kind of account where they would get a higher interest rate however the price, they pay for that is that account will not be collateralized. Rabb said when they are talking about these high ah, bank balances millions of dollars the FDIC covers a very small fraction of that amount if the bank goes under or they have something like that happen um, they know obviously PNC Bank is very strong and probably will never fail however in the event that something does happen when they are collateralized by the bank their millions of dollars will ah, stay intact. Rabb said when they are not collateralized, they have no protection if something goes wrong with the bank. Rabb said all right, so their Investment Policy and she has explained this in prior Tribal Council Meetings, and she has an extensive e-mail that she sent to Mr. Pringle last year talking about an Investment Policy. Rabb said the philosophy of that policy is safety, liquidity then yield and it's in that exact order. Rabb said safety they maintain the original investment. Rabb said the original money that the.....original monies that are deposited into these accounts. Rabb said then liquidity they have to keep things liquid so they can pay their bills. Rabb said yield is last now that doesn't mean its not important, but they don't move money around chasing earnings because things like....things happen like they give up safety. Rabb said she is not giving up safety of principle she is not giving up safety and preservation of original deposits of Tribal member's money. Rabb said this is Tribal member's money and it is going to stay intact. Rabb said so she doesn't know where its coming from that they lost \$500,000 ah, last....in 2023 for a whole year they earned over \$2 million in interest compared to 2022 when they earned \$600,000. Rabb said that is almost a \$1.4 million increase in interest and dividends alone. Rabb said that does not include any realized gain from whatever they have invested in Wells Fargo. Rabb said so \$2 million um, she doesn't like she said she doesn't why he thinks they lost \$500,000 ah, maybe they did because they have it in a lower interest rate but like she said safety is paramount. Rabb said absolutely paramount. Rabb said as for the half a dozen work sessions that have been had about this, she was invited to two of them and the invites was not

very inviting because in the invite there was language um, to the effect that she needs to explain all of her violations. Rabb said she has not violated the purc... the Investment Policy she doesn't know what violations she has. Rabb said so she declined these invitations um, basically because she has been since July of last year she has been harassed by Tribal Council, she has been verbally and emotionally abused by them um, in public meetings and she was not going to go to yet another work session where is obvious from the invite that she was going to be um, publicly harassed and ah, verbally abused again. Rabb said um, this is her job...the investment is her job and she thinks its done pretty well considering they earned \$1.4 million more in 2023 than they did in 2022. Rabb said in the month of January 2024 they earned almost \$300,000 which they know, if they earn that much in February of this year, they equaled the whole year of 2022. Rabb said so she doesn't know where this is coming from, she doesn't believe that their Investment Policy has been studied in depth by Mr. Pringle. Rabb said she has explained this Investment Policy to him like she said in a very extensive e-mail that she sent out last year and here they are again talking about the same things. Rabb said so that is her response.

Councilor Wever was going to leave the meeting room but changed her mind and returned to her seat.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Angela. Burmeister said no because they will lose.... um, Councilor Di Piazza she knows that he was next in the queue go ahead please.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he believed there is a lot of mis.... miscommunication on this whole....whole thing the resolution doesn't read proper to begin with but that's okay.

Councilor Wever left the meeting room.

Councilor Di Piazza continued....he can't support this at this time because yeah, he doesn't believe its....he believes their information is not correct. Di Piazza said they know, when they treat people hostile, they don't want anything to do with them. Di Piazza said they are not even going to give them the time of day. Di Piazza said so yeah, he can't....he can't support this resolution doesn't read right it is missing things it was not his function to make sure its done right because he didn't submit it so. Di Piazza said at this point and time he can't support it whatsoever.

Speaker Burmeister asked Gary if he was done.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah.

Councilor Wever re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.... Burmeister said next in the queue is Keegan go ahead please.

Keegan Bordeaux, Legislative In-House Attorney, thanked Speaker Burmeister. Bordeaux said he just wanted to give Miss Rabb a chance to clarify, and she used some strong language there and he doesn't want anybody to get the wrong impression. Bordeaux said so just to clarify for Angela. Bordeaux asked is she saying she will comply with this resolution if Tribal Council enacts it.

Angela Rabb said Mr. Bordeaux she complies with all of the ordinances, resolutions, motions of this Tribal Council so yes, she will but she is attempting to give some factual information about this resolution.

Speaker Burmeister said excuse her with all due respect.

Angela Rabb said she is sorry.

Speaker Burmeister said um, she doesn't think he can put her on the spot like that so um....

Councilor Di Piazza said he is an In-House Attorney.....

Speaker Burmeister said that's right.

Councilor Di Piazza continued....not Legislative.

Angela Rabb said well this isn't the first time Mr. Bordeaux has spoken to her in an inappropriate manner but she....she does comply with whatever Tribal Council passes so.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said next the queue she has Mike.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said now with his question if they put it in a high yield how safe is it. Ceplina said that's his question. Ceplina asked does anybody got that answer.

Angela Rabb said may she respond to that please.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Angela.

Angela Rabb said okay, for Mr. Sep.....Mr. Ceplina typically um, the rule of thumb is the higher the yield the higher the risk.

Councilor Wever said um-hum.

Angela Rabb said so she can go out there to find um, much higher yields ah, but like she said for example their money is collateralized by the bank which means they back up all of their deposits with um, investments in government securities. Rabb said so if something goes wrong with the bank, like she said, all of their millions of dollars is safe and backed up by those securities however they in exchange for that safety they get a lower rate of interest. Rabb said as she said she did speak to VNC....PNC about a higher rate of interest and they said they can do that but they would lose their collateral....collateralization and since there's.... she doesn't know she is talking off the top of her head at this point, maybe \$40 million in PNC total. Rabb said she would prefer to earn a little lower rate of interest and keep that money safe and secure. Rabb said um, this is a government, this is not a private enterprise, a private business or an individual looking to build ah, money in their 401k or whatnot this is government they owe it in her opinion they owe it to Tribal citizens to maintain the original deposits into these accounts so that they can provide services that's what governments are for to provide services to their constituents. Rabb said so she....as she stated the Investment Policy is based on safety, liquidity, yield um, or ah, that is also called sly and sly is very prevalent in governmental accounting whether it be Tribal or non-tribal. Rabb said it's very prevalent, highly used philosophy for investment policies. Rabb said so she has been doing government work for over 20 years and this is where her investment philosophy comes in as well. Rabb said so she go with safety first and the liquidity so they can pay their bills then yield. Rabb said and um, she thinks that's the end of her response to that question. Rabb thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said um, Brad she knows she is kind of going out of order here does he have a response to that.

Brad Pringle said once again Tribal Council and membership um, this particularly roughly \$24.6 million the return last month on that \$24 million was 1/3 of 1%. Pringle said so they're not talking small change. Pringle said ah, for instance that \$24 ½ million dollars if it was invested in an open market at 5% which would be a high yield would be about \$1.2 million in interest on those accounts and ah, currently at the point the 1/3 of 1% they are talking about \$60,000. Pringle said so their talking \$1.2 million is the difference.

Speaker Burmeister said she is going to let Angela go ahead and respond because she is sure she is responding to Brad so go ahead please.

Angela Rabb said as she explained yesterday or Monday at the Agenda Review they have to prorate their interest between those restricted funds and so they do earn between all of their accounts between four and well over 5%. Rabb said aah, the number that they see there the .3 is how they allocate that....how they allocate interest to those restricted funds but they are earning like she said between four and well over 5%. Rabb said when she says four at that low end she is talking about Wells Fargo's Investments ah, some are at four, 4 ½, five and 5 1/2. Rabb said um, obviously she already gave the rates for the PNC Accounts ah, 4.5% and

then 5.26%. Rabb said she...she guessed she move money into another account. Rabb said she can open another account and its going to be 5% again. Rabb said then she is going to come back with these financial statements they are not going to look at the revenue that she provides, interest revenue, of \$2 million obviously they haven't looked at that number. Rabb said they are going to look at those ah, restricted cash schedules again and see the number that they used to prorate interest and they are going to say, "*well we only earned \$60,000,*" that is absolutely not true. Rabb said so she did explain that, and she did explain that in an e-mail that she sent to them last year. Rabb said the same e-mail that she keeps talking about and she doesn't know how many times she needs to explain this. Rabb said she....its getting tiresome. Rabb said so that is her explanation again. Rabb thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Angela. Burmeister said um, go ahead Councilor Di Piazza he was next in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion to remove this item from the agenda and he will make that motion because he believes the information what is on this resolution is not correct, but nobody asked him. Di Piazza said but he is offering to make a motion to remove this item from the agenda.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA; by
Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister said they have a few others in the queue Councilor Di Piazza. Burmeister said let's see here....she has Sara in the queue go ahead please. Burmeister said she has him in the queue too, Al.

Sara Agosa said she has a question, and she would like her question to be answered and not ignored that is her right which is also in the Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance that members can ask questions so if they can ask questions then they deserve a response. Agosa said her question is who sent out the meeting request to Angela with a content that prohibited her....prohibited her from attending the work sessions.

Speaker Burmeister said usually those requests come from um, the Legislative Director.

Councilor Di Piazza whispered or Council.

Speaker Burmeister said huh? Burmeister said not the meeting request.

Councilor Di Piazza said form.

Speaker Burmeister said she got her answer Sara.

Sara Agosa said okay, she does have a comment. Agosa said that it was really important for the CFO to attend these work sessions and that if there were any issues with the content in the meeting invite that should have been addressed instead of just not attending the meetings. Agosa said and she keeps hearing that officials are relying on e-mail correspondence to communicate and that's fine however that only goes so far especially when there is a conflict or a concern why officials are not picking up the phone and meeting with each other. Agosa said that is also their responsibility so she is just very concerned that all of these issues are coming out both in Agenda Review and in this meeting when they really should all been hemmed out in the work sessions. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli go ahead please.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said yes in work sessions a lot of this information could come out. Romanelli said ah, part of the reason why he suggests that Directors do not come into work sessions is because they are hostile. Romanelli repeated they are hostile. Romanelli said they see some of it here today where it goes into a situation that it shouldn't go to. Romanelli said the terms liar, fraud, investigation come up almost every work session that he's been involved with. Romanelli said and their CFO does a great job she just answered the question now it may not agree with their Controller, but the fact is they have both sides of the issue. Romanelli said now they'll take....they'll take advantage and do what they need to do from what they have been given but its not important to have very Council's person sitting here....sitting here and being in the meeting yet they think its important that a Director go into a work session normally in a little small room with Tribal Council and from what he feels is being badgered. Romanelli said and no he gives a directive many times for the Directors not put in a position where he feels there is a bad environment. Romanelli said so part of that comes from him and rather than not showing up at meetings or not going by phone calls or not going by e-mails the best place is to sit in a circle right here face to face but they can't seem to do that within this Tribe so until they do he will suggest that none of his Directors go into work sessions until the attitude and the atmosphere changes. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza he had his hand up next.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeeeah, when their not here on the premises a lot of times people don't have no idea what the *hideho* what is going on because he wants to look at somebody in the face and ask them that question or ask them a question but also remember when he is asking questions to whoever that department may be he's not gathering information to go after somebody it's for the benefit of the citizens every time. Di Piazza said because he hears it all the time he doesn't know they brought some mickey-mouse investigation forward

because he....Shirley and him signed a Dennis Swain Checks....oooooh, anyways guess what last week he was on check signing and the week before Shirley was on check signing now there was a big *"oh my God you're a criminal for signing checks,"* once somebody up here one of the ones that brought it forward say *"hey. hold on stop wait whoa hold on,"* don't be signing.....

Jolene O'Signac interrupted. O'Signac said Speaker please take control of the meeting.

Speaker Burmeister said she doesn't need the interruptions please. Burmeister said she was just going to say please stay to the topic.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, his apologies. Di Piazza said they can if they got duck tape they can mute him but.....

Speaker Burmeister said Gary....

Councilor Di Piazza said he still has a motion on the floor to remove this item off the agenda.

Speaker Burmeister said Angela is next in the queue. Burmeister said she has him down.

Angela Rabb said um, she wanted to provide a little more information regarding Ms. Agosa's ah, question about um, she thinks she's said something to the effect of her being invited to these work sessions but also there's language in there prohibiting her from attending. Rabb said um, that's not exactly what happened. Rabb said what happened was she received two different invitations um, both of which said authorize CFO to move money to a high yield ah, bank account but in the body of the invite it said something like CFO will explain all of her violations. Rabb said now given that she have already mentioned that she's been just lit up basically by this Council since July of 2023 she was a little hesitant to reply attend. Rabb said so she replied and requested more information about her alleged violations which she received no response. Rabb said she did this she believed both times....both invitations um, and received no response. Rabb said so she is not going into a work session with she guessed without all her ducks in a row. Rabb said um, she needs to have some information about what the work session is really about so that she can come in with some information to educate some folks. Rabb said um, she does that and also she has been directed by the Ogema not to attend certain work sessions um, and she will be honest she has gone anyway because people are trying to get work done here and without certain things that she does going to Council she....other people can't get their work done. Rabb said so her reluctance to attend those was ah, due to the language in the invitations and she did inquire as to what she needed or what that meant and she given no response. Rabb said so um, hopefully that answers her question, Sara. Rabb thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said she has Councilor Metzger in the queue next. Burmeister said well she's been.....she already asked the question. Burmeister said there are people before her to ask a second question.

Councilor Metzger said all right ah, what Council planned on doing with the interest that was earned was to put it into another account for Tribal member services. Metzger said what they are trying to do is utilize the banking system to create more capital for the Tribe. Metzger said since he heard no support on Council member Di Piazza motion he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER RESTRICTED FUNDS TO HI YIELD BANK ACCOUNT; RESOLUTION #24-0214-0012; by Metzger; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister said they already have a motion on the floor by Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Metzger asked and who supported it.

Councilor Wever said and she supported it.

Speaker Burmeister said Shirley.

Councilor Metzger said he never heard her say it.

Speaker Burmeister said there were questions by Councilors that they were going and citizens and those haven't been addressed yet.

Councilor Metzger asked Councilor Wever if she supported that.

Councilor Wever said she did yes, she told Misty. Wever said she said support.

Speaker Burmeister said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza said they didn't hear Shirley.

Councilor Wever said oh yeah, right.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is sorry.

Councilor Wever said yeah, no one listens to her. *Wever laughing here.* Wever said they hear her, but they don't listen. Wever said she needs the violin.

Speaker Burmeister asked are there further questions.

Councilor Metzger said so with that being the case he withdraws his motion. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes, he made the motion to remove the item. Di Piazza said no it is just a motion.

The motion was reinserted here to refresh Council and attendees.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA; by
Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister said with no further questions from um, Councilors Recorder Silvis will she do roll call. Burmeister said the members all lowered their hands. Burmeister said she is sorry Israel go ahead he does have the right to ask. Burmeister repeated all the other members lowered their hands.

Israel Stone said well he can certainly appreciate ah, efforts to try and increase the Tribe's revenue streams. Stone said ah, the one thing he will point out to this Council is the vehicle for which they use to restrict funding ah, is a far worse enemy than lower interest rates and what he means by that is that they have restricted all the Online Gaming Tax Revenue they could replace gaming dollars with to fund the Budget that would free up the Tribe's liquidity. Stone said he can agree with that, and he believed that Angela can agree with that. Stone said okay so anyway....he will let that go. Stone said anyway um, they have restricted funding that should be used because according to the Online Gaming Tax Laws that money can be used to fund government services. Stone repeated government services. Stone said that's the purpose so why would they not take the free gaming revenues that is being distributed from the casino and pull those out of the Budget and first fund the Budget with Gaming Tax dollars which is the purpose for that. Stone said right now they want to talk about being res....restricted in a lower interest rate account. Stone said Council tell him how much interest they earned on that money. Stone said he heard the excuse that well they are looking to buy land with it. Stone asked how much money are they going to gain interest off of buying land. Stone said they have ah, ah, land base over 5,000 acres right now. Stone said its like an acre and a half per citizen....of land. Stone said he's not saying he wouldn't like to see them gain more land. Stone said he would like to see them get all their land back but there is a process to do that. Stone said they take the government to court, and they say they know what they violated the treaties and they want their land back. Stone said the same way they took them from them through fraudulent activities. Stone said they do it the legal way and they get it back. Stone said they are hurting themselves. Stone said as to the attendance at meetings and everything else he is going to side with Angela and say this he personally reached out to the Ogema and asked that himself and his

peers and other staff members come into work sessions and be subject to hostile work environment and harassment. Stone said they know this goes on all the time. Stone said a couple of weeks ago they were called dunces, idiots, frauds, liars and this goes on. Stone said their employees of this organization the subsidiary the sister company the Resort. Stone said their employees they have protections as employees. Stone said by the Ogema if he chose to send them into that setting anyway that puts the Tribe at risk for liability because they know what there is not a one of them sitting here right now that is not employed by this organization that couldn't be or shouldn't be in a lawsuit against this Council for a hostile work environment.

Councilor Wever said she agrees.

Israel Stone said so that said is this Public Comment he heard all kinds of comments let go and they take exception because he is speaking truth up here.

Councilor Metzger said no he....

Israel Stone said he heard the comments did he address the comments that were made at them. Stone asked did he protect them.

Councilor Metzger said may he....

Israel Stone asked did he protect them.

Councilor Metzger said he is asking him questions.

Israel Stone asked did he protect them.

Councilor Metzger said the matter on the table is....

Israel Stone said okay.

Councilor Metzger continued....moving.

Israel Stone said the question is did he protect them.

Councilor Metzger said he tried to Israel.

Israel Stone said because they know what....

Councilor Metzger said he really, really tried.

Israel Stone said coming here as a citizen and feeling this big when they are trying to offer knowledge that they have gained over 30 years.

Councilor Metzger said that is how he feels....

Israel Stone repeated 30 plus years.

Councilor Metzger asked that big.....does he know how disrespected he's been.

Speaker Burmeister asked can they move along please.

Israel Stone said so anyway....

Speaker Burmeister said she believed there is a motion on the floor.

Councilor Metzger asked can he call the question.

Israel Stone said he has the floor and that can't be done. Stone said his point being ah, they are looking at moving monies, high risk, high reward, high risk big loss. Stone said in his 401k personally he is in the high-risk category because he is fairly young and he is going to have to change that in about a year and go with conservative, right. Stone said he does that because he wants the big gains but what happens when the market turns, he takes the bigger losses. Stone said it doesn't take long to raise a million, two million and five million dollars. Stone asked do them guys even know what that is sweep accounts. *Stone pointed at Councilor Di Piazza.* Stone said he does he guarantees most people don't. Stone said they are taking their money for a specified period of time and saying invest this and please do well with it because if they don't, they are going to take the hit. Stone said there is no guarantee on the back side of that. Stone said ah, they know he just they play fast and loose with ah, the dollars of this Tribe on an often basis. Stone said and the thing about it is they know this is their Comptroller General, they have a CFO she is an expert in her field and her industry and every time they stand up here and question people's expertise, they are questioning integrity and beyond that their questioning reputation. Stone said and that reputational harm in this industry travels quick. Stone said and so when they are talking about investing the Tribe's resources, he wants them to remember one thing these aren't their resources these are their resources. Stone said they need to have a say in that. Stone said he just heard a debate over putting Land into Trust that went on far too long its an obvious one. Stone said but they come to this point when the Council isn't restricting....their restricting funds that should be utilized to fund their Budget so they free up capital. Stone said talking about being able to pay out Members Services Al. Stone said that would have no restriction on it. Stone said after the ah, revenue....Revenue Allocation Plan, the RAP ah, plan there would be zero restrictions. Stone said they can do whatever they want to do with that money. Stone said if its replacing money in the Budget they could send everybody a check, they can pay their light bill, they can put fuel in their car, they can do whatever they wanted with that. Stone said but the money they restricted they can't do that with. Stone said its for a specified purpose which is to fund government services or government programs. Stone said and so these are all

great ideas and great concepts but let him ask them this has the Tribe ever sat down and develop an Investment Plan a Strategic Plan for investing the Tribe's resources over the next five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years. Stone said has that been done. Stone asked has anybody met with a Financial Planner outside of, and he is not discrediting the expertise but if they brought somebody in and said "hey, what is the best use for this money. Stone said there are other Tribes in this country right now buying property and casinos in Las Vegas. Stone said they realize that their investment opportunity to grow revenue doesn't necessarily exist in Tribal Gaming. Stone said they are going out and buying properties. Stone said their buying properties across the country because they know that even if it is \$50 million additional coming in it is \$50 million additional coming in. Stone said see they need to have a strategy, they need to have a Strategic Plan, they need to have a Master Plan, they need to think this stuff out. Stone said this is not on a whim and say hey let's move it to high risk. Stone said its all great and good if they get a big win. Stone said but terrible if they get a big loss. Stone said and so...thanked Gary for removing this he thinks there is a lot more planning. Stone said they have way more discussions about changing a word in the law than they are right now about changing their financial planning and investment. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said they do have a motion on the floor. Burmeister said and she believed that he called the question, Councilor Metzger. Burmeister said okay, Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #16

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	No	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	No	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (4-2-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, two against and three absent it's been removed.

C. Notice of Intent to Repeal Ordinance 04-100-07 Administrative Procedures Act

Ordinance requires this notification.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton was supposed to present this item so Councilor Di Piazza go ahead please.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, unfortunately this one he can't support there is no documentation that was submitted, and he is not here to represent it. Di Piazza said and plus there is nothing to replace this with even....once its repealed. Di Piazza said what it does is take away transparency from Council about posting items because that is where it lies. Di Piazza said the 30-day posting of intent and two-week notices and that is all where that lies. Di Piazza said so this is another

attempt to take away transparency from them the members and he will make a motion.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM OFF THE AGENDA; by
Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked will there be anybody....any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger. Burmeister asked why is he abstaining. Burmeister said please state his reason why. Burmeister said that doesn't sound like an abstention. Burmeister said they will have to take a vote on it.

Councilor Metzger was making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording, but they were not picked up clearly.

Councilor Metzger said he is specifying that he doesn't like it, okay.

Speaker Burmeister said okay they will take a vote. Burmeister said she will have to do another roll call for that.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Councilors Burmeister, Di Piazza and Silvis were conversing in the background on the ZOOM recording, but their comments were not picked up clearly.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, because he made the motion to remove it off the agenda.

Councilor Metzger said actually he will save them all some time. Metzger said he will switch his vote to no. Metzger thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said they haven't voted yet.

Speaker Burmeister said okay who did she get this....*the rest of her comment faded away on the ZOOM recording.* Burmeister said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said they have to call his name.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Silvis if she could please do roll call.

Roll Call #17

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	No	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	No	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (4-2-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, two against and three absent it has been removed.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 21, 2024

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Burmeister asked are there any Councilors who would like to give an update. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said other than he hopes that everybody has a nice Valentines Day and hug your sweetie nice and tight. Di Piazza said love 'em because yeah, enjoy them little things in life. Di Piazza said other than that he is good. Di Piazza said his apologies for being a week late on bringing that forward, but they know how hard it is to cram 1.9 gb of information into a little plastic thing. Di Piazza said oh, it's a flash drive but anyways. Di Piazza repeated 1.9 gb think of that. Di Piazza said anyways that's it.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger he is next go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger didn't turn on his microphone and all that can be heard is mumbling on the ZOOM recording.

Sara Agosa interrupted. Agosa said they can't hear him.

Councilor Di Piazza left the meeting room.

Councilor Metzger thanked her. Metzger said he would like to take this time to ah, ah, ah, share his condolences to Council member Wolfe and her family and that there is a fire going on 2/17 9th um, enjoy maybe take some food over there. Metzger said have a shoulder to cry on, support, they know support one another. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister asked Tara if there was something she wanted to say or.....

Tara Bailey, Housing Director, said yeah, she just wanted to make sure they did the motion correctly for her item because um, Councilor Metzger said um, question whether it was an appropriation or an expenditure. Bailey said and after she left, she read the resolution that she provided. Bailey said he read the right resolution number, but the title says Approval of Expenditure. Bailey said because her understanding is that is....it is not an appropriation because there is already a Budget for it, so it is just an Approval of Expenditure. Bailey said so before they

concluded this meeting she didn't know if that maybe needed to be changed or not or if it matters, she doesn't know. Bailey said she just wanted it for the record.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the meeting room.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Tara. Burmeister said on the agenda it does say um, Approval of Expenditure of restricted.....

Tara Bailey said yeah, but she thinks the motion said.....

Speaker Burmeister said okay then they will make sure to look at that. Burmeister said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza walked up to the podium to speak with Tara Bailey on the resolution and her request. Di Piazza then returned to his seat.

Tara Bailey said she thinks when they first put it on the agenda it was listed or the first resolution, she provided it said appropriation. Bailey said she was correcting it in the work session that it was supposed to be an expenditure not an appropriation, so they changed it but for some reason it didn't get changed on the agenda or when it was moved from last week to this week maybe it wasn't changed. Bailey said but the resolution that them guys read and approved says the title is Approval of Expenditure but in his motion, he said Approval of Appropriation.

Councilor Wittenberg can be seen making comments in the background while holding up the agenda in his hands, but they could not be heard on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister said they have to make another motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said he changed it to that.

Speaker Burmeister said so she would like to entertain a motion to correct this. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion to correct that item which would be Old Business IV D which was Resolution #24-0214-009 and it should read, Approval of Expenditures from Restricted Elders 10 Complex Account for Bathworks Company Service Contract in the amount of \$9,959.99. Di Piazza said Miigwech for catching that. Di Piazza said there was two of them but today has been all upside down.

Councilor Wever said support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-009;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FROM RESTRICTED ELDER**

**10 COMPLEX ACCOUNT FOR BATHWORKS COMPANY
SERVICE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,959.99; by Di
Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister said she has him, Mike, she is just waiting for Councilor Silvis to write it all out again so. Burmeister said on the correction. Burmeister said yeah, they will be in Public Comment is that what....go ahead he has a response to Tara.

Mike Ceplina said when they do that don't they have to rescind their last motion before they bring this motion forward. Ceplina said just a thought.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Silvis....Recorder Silvis could she reread that to make sure they have it correct.

Acting Recorder Silvis said motion for the correction to Approve the Expenditures from Restricted Elders 10 Complex Amount for Bathworks Company Service Contract....oh, wait she thinks she.....she thinks she just wrote it wrong. Silvis said in the amount of \$9,959.99. Silvis said correction to the resolution 24-0214-009 the Approval of Expenditures from Restricted Elders 10 Complex Account for Bathworks Company Service Contract in the amount of \$9,959.99.

Speaker Burmeister said they do have a motion on the floor.

Councilor Wever said oh, did she support.

Speaker Burmeister said she did Gary made the motion, Councilor Wever, and she supported it so.....

Councilor Wever said roll call.

Speaker Burmeister said yup. Burmeister asked are you ready Misty.

Acting Recorder Silvis said yup.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis can she please do roll call on that item.

Roll Call #18

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six in favor and three absent it has been approved.

Councilor Metzger asked so is this still 009.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Burmeister said yes. Burmeister thanked them.

Tara Bailey thanked them. Bailey said she is sorry about that.

Speaker Burmeister said that is okay. Burmeister thanked her for catching that she appreciates it. Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, just three items...its been a long meeting but he wants to express their condolences to the Wolfe Family and he also wanted to thank Tribal Council for their votes yes or no. Romanelli said he just appreciates it very much. Romanelli said he thinks this has been one of the most succ....ah, well run meetings that they have had in a long time. Romanelli said he thinks they got a lot of work done. Romanelli said he very much appreciates the Council ah, being here and doing what they done. Romanelli said he also wants to thank the Tribal members that travelled from a distance and kept with this all that time. Romanelli said ah, and the ones on the phone um, the whole list of people on the phone. Romanelli said um, he thanks everybody for paying attention to their Tribe and making sure they are going in the right direction. Romanelli said they work for them, but they need to hear it from them. Romanelli said he thinks today from..the Tribal members not all of them of course. Romanelli said ah, but he very much appreciates the work and every ____ that everyone has put in today. Romanelli thanked them and that he appreciates it.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said they are moving down to Public Comment Period.

C. Public Comment Period

Speaker Burmeister said Tribal Council has a 1:00 meeting that is Closed with Wells Fargo so Public Comment is going to be short. Burmeister said yeah but they don't know what time. Burmeister said so they can start Public Comment, but they won't know what time they go back into Second Open. Burmeister said so that can be posted on their website they will have to just watch that. Burmeister said yup, so they have....let's see here in the audience Israel is next in the queue and Michelle. Burmeister said yeah, Michelle is in the queue too.

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said he spoke a lot today...let him go Gary so he can get done geeze oh pete. Stone said he just took a minute of his time. Stone said ah, listen he just wants to point out ah, this is how good government happens. Stone said he wants to thank his nine county representatives today. Stone said they showed today that regardless of filibuster or anything else

they can move stuff forward. Stone said that should show them the power that exists within unity amongst this Council. Stone said when them guys stick together, they make progress. Stone said when them guys break stride and separate progress....thanked them for making progress today. Stone thanked them for taking a stand and moving this Tribe forward. Stone said Tammy...or Councilor or Speaker Burmeister he would agree she did a phenomenal job today ah, with this meeting.

Councilor Wever said yes, she did.

Israel Stone thanked Ogema for bringing the items forward even though they are difficult at times. Stone said um, this is a proud day for their Tribe. Stone repeated it is a proud day. Stone said they are putting their Land into Trust, and they are moving forward and he believes if they continue in this manner nothing will stop them from getting to a good outcome on anything they try to do. Stone said so Miigwech, have a great day.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Michelle she is next in the queue, so the floor is hers.

Michelle Gibbs said Michelle Gibbs 1252. Gibbs said um, she just has a couple of comments. Gibbs said um, more capital for the Tribe that is going to come with the Muskegon Project, so she thanks them for their votes. Gibbs thanked Gary for bringing that forward for them. Gibbs said um, she just wants to say she understands the Grand River um, situation it is a little sticky but um, as Council members who do they work for....they work for them and to move their Tribe forward. Gibbs said and she would also ask Council how do they accuse if they do not have proof so they hear a lot of comments about fraud, corruption and illegal activity. Gibbs said if they are going to speak those words, they need to have documentation so that the membership is aware and understands they have legal issues with that but if they are going to say the words they should be able to back up what they are accusing people of. Gibbs thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said Mike he is next in the queue.

Mike Ceplina said Mike Ceplina 0692. Ceplina said when they have stuff on the agenda, and they bring it forward could they include the dollar amount of what they is costing the Tribe and that. Ceplina said and also he would like to say about delisting the wolf a lot of people down here they don't wolves down here....not very many. Ceplina said up in the UP they have a lot. Ceplina said just this week there was six wolves by his mother's house. Ceplina said she is 94 years old can they imagine if she was outside. Ceplina said there was a coverup too nine miles from her Presque Isle, Wisconsin the lady had her arm ripped off. Ceplina said never found her arm. Ceplina said the DNR said oh it was friendly dogs. Ceplina said and there are no wolves there. Ceplina said that's why he can see delisting them wolves and controlling them because the DNR doesn't. Ceplina said they

put them right by their towns up there and they have pictures to prove it. Ceplina said a child getting on a bus and a wolf right over there. Ceplina said so maybe they know, when they say delisting the wolf and that they got to control the animals. Ceplina said there is no doubt about that. Ceplina said so that is all he has to say about that. Ceplina thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said they have about three more minutes um, Sara she is next in the queue.

Sara Agosa said she did want to make a statement but since they are cutting short Public Comment she will save her comments for next time. Agosa said she thinks that is very unethical to do that especially since they are restricted. Agosa said some of their Public Comments um, in particular with the agenda item that Gary Di Piazza brought forward that was extremely unethical. Agosa said that's her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said Sara just to answer her question there they are having Public Comment in Second Open, so she doesn't know if she heard that or not.

Sara Agosa asked can she please respond.

Speaker Burmeister said well actually they already have one of their representatives from the bank on the line and they have two minutes so they need to be able to go into a private setting to have the meeting so she has everybody written down that um, is in the queue so when they go back into Second Open she will go down that order. Burmeister said so they are going to take....go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

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.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Wittenberg; supported by Di Piazza.

Councilor Wever supported as well.

Chelsea Densmore said wait can't they just take like the two people that are left.

Speaker Burmeister said no because they'll....that would be disrespectful for their representatives from the bank. Burmeister said she meant they are waiting for them. Burmeister said so they have a minute. Burmeister said she has her in the queue.

Chelsea Densmore said she knows but she doesn't know....they don't even know when they are going to be back for a Second Open she just didn't want to wait like four hours for like a 30 second comment like not even.

Speaker Burmeister said she is sorry Chelsea but they do have them waiting for them, so they do have to end.

Chelsea Densmore said oh, no for sure she guessed priorities right she totally gets it.

Speaker Burmeister said so she does have her Chelsea. Burmeister said um, so did she get that Misty. Burmeister said motion to end....Recorder Silvis if she could do roll call to end First Open. Burmeister said she thinks it was Ron and Shirley wasn't it.

Councilor Metzger said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said he thought he did, but she couldn't find Shirley.

Councilor Metzger was commenting in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not heard clearly.

Speaker Burmeister said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said go ahead.....go ahead.

Councilors Metzger and Wittenberg were making comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not picked up clearly.

Speaker Burmeister said she is writing fast.

Councilor Metzger said oh, too late.

Speaker Burmeister said okay....okay. Burmeister said Recorder Silvis please do roll call.

Roll Call #19

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said seven in favor and two absent they are in.

The motion carried with six in favor and three absent. Acting Recorder Silvis got the numbers wrong when she announced them.

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

XI. Open Session

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she has gone back and forth twice now. Silvis said so Shirley is supporting that. Silvis said that keeps changing on her.

Speaker Burmeister said and it is 3:12.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Silvis if she can do roll call please.

Roll Call #20

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six present three absent they have quorum.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session-Minutes and Materials shall remain confidential

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session. This part was not mentioned on the recording.

Speaker Burmeister said they have Little River Holdings, LLC minutes they have October and Novembers. Burmeister said they will do them each separately.

1. Little River Holdings, LLC Minutes 1. ☐ October 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2023; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Councilor Wever said when they are done she has her hand up.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked them for that.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she can't hear. Silvis said okay, now she's got it.

Speaker Burmeister said just let them know when she is ready.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she is ready for roll call.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis can she do roll call for those minutes please.

Roll Call #21

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six in favor three absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her.

Councilor Wever asked did they do October and November.

Acting Recorder Silvis said no they are doing them separately. Silvis said okay, so now November.

2. ☐ November 2023

**MOTION TO APPROVE LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER OF 2023;** by Di Piazza; supported by
Wever.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis can she do roll call for those minutes.

Roll Call #22

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six in favor three absent they have been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister said next item on the agenda um, was moved from C Bids & Contracts to Open.....Second Open and that item is....just one....Approval of

2023 Audit Services Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson. Burmeister asked who would like to make the motion.

Councilor Metzger said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #24-0214-012;
APPROVAL OF 2023 AUDIT SERVICES ENGAGEMENT
LETTER FROM REHMANN ROBSON;** by Metzger; supported by
Wever.

Councilor Metzger said the actual ratification of the engagement letter, yes. Metzger said there is no discussion on this matter whatsoever. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him.

Councilor Metzger said 14 was it 14.

Councilor Di Piazza said it should be.

Councilor Wittenberg said 13.

Acting Recorder Silvis said 12.

Councilor Metzger said no that one failed.

Councilor Wittenberg said these both failed its 102. Wittenberg said his was 111 and these two failed because they got a 0 vote.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, they did have a 0 vote. Di Piazza said right it is 012. Di Piazza said he said zero right.

Speaker Burmeister said yeah, he did. Burmeister said that's okay to double check on that. Burmeister said they want to make sure, so they didn't have to go back. Burmeister asked Recorder Silvis if she will do roll call on that item, please.

Roll Call #23

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six in favor three absent it has been accepted or approved.

Councilor Wever said she has her hand up so she is next.

Councilor Di Piazza said all right.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said she will make a motion. Wever asked is she allowed to now.

Speaker Burmeister said no he had his hand up also. Burmeister said she will let Councilor Di Piazza and then....

Councilor Wever said she will keep hers.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he wanted to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-013; MOTION TO PAY JONATHAN HAUSWIRTH ATTORNEY FEES TO LESLIE VAN ALSTINE THE SUM OF \$13,494.45; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.

Councilor Wever said support.

Speaker Burmeister said she needs that repeated.

Acting Recorder Silvis asked they are paying Leslie Van Alstine for Jonathan Hauswirth or are they paying Jonathan.

Councilor Di Piazza said no they are paying the lawyer.

Acting Recorder Silvis said they are paying Leslie Van Alstine for Jonathan Hauswirth attorney fees of \$13,494.45.

Councilor Di Piazza said Case #23105-GC.

Councilor Metzger said also the Ogema's Prosecutor.

Councilor Di Piazza said yup.

Acting Recorder Silvis asked Councilor Di Piazza to look at her sheet and tell her if that is right.

Councilor Di Piazza said they are not paying Jonathan they are paying his Attorney Leslie.

Acting Recorder Silvis said for Jonathan.

Councilor Di Piazza said for Jonathan.

Councilor Metzger asked can't they just send him the check and if he doesn't pay them that is his fault.

Acting Recorder Silvis read the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0214-013; TO PAY
LESLIE VAN ALSTINE FOR JONATHAN HAUSWIRTH
ATTORNEY FEES OF \$13,494.45 CASE #23105-GC; by Di Piazza;
supported by Silvis.**

Councilor Metzger asked did she add a point of order or what. Metzger said he means they have the case number on there so.

Councilor Di Piazza said for judgement or...he doesn't think they do they have a case number.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay. Silvis said she thinks that is going to work. Silvis asked okay who did the support.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Silvis if she can do roll call on the item.

Roll Call #24

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	No	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister	- Yes

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said five in favor, one against and three absent it has been approved. Silvis said she got to find another piece of paper for another motion. Silvis said she done ran out a while ago. Silvis said don't worry she'll get it.

Councilor Wever asked her if she could write on Kleenex.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay say it slow. Silvis said so that is number 4.

Councilor Wittenberg said talk slow please because they don't talk slow.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wever she has the floor.

Councilor Wever thanked her. Wever said she would like to make a motion to have the Ogema's Update put on their meeting on Wednesday. Wever asked is no one going to support that.

**MOTION TO HAVE OGEMA ROMANELLI'S UPDATES PUT ON
WEDNESDAY'S MEETING; by Wever; supported by Di Piazza.**

Councilor Di Piazza said support.

Councilor Wever thanked him.

Acting Recorder Silvis said let her read it back to them.

Councilor Wever said yeah, sure.

Acting Recorder Silvis said a motion to have the Ogema's Update put on their Wednesday's Meeting.

Councilor Wever said not back just put on Ogema's Romanelli's Update.

Acting Recorder Silvis said have the Ogema's Update put on their Wednesday's Meeting so she will add Romanelli.

Councilor Wever said yes please. Wever said Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Wittenberg asked just say the Ogema's Update.

Councilor Metzger said just the Ogema.

Acting Recorder Silvis said does she change it.

Councilor Wever said she likes Ogema Romanelli. Wever said he likes Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Wittenberg said he likes ___ but he doesn't use it all the time.
Wittenberg said he wasn't trying to say what goes on just what it said.

Councilor Wever said he has all kinds of names but Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Metzger said Ogema.

Acting Recorder Silvis said it's a motion, so she has to write what she states.

Councilor Wever said yup. Wever thanked them.

Acting Recorder Silvis said and he seconded it Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Burmeister said okay Recorder Silvis will she please do roll call.

Roll Call #25

M. Silvis - Yes	A. Metzger - No	P. Johnson - Absent
S. Crampton- Absent	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe - Absent	T. Burmeister - Yes

Motion carried (4-2-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, two against and three absent it's approved.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. *Burmeister made a comment but it was not heard clearly and it couldn't be made out what she said.* Burmeister said okay moving down to um, nine adjournment.

Councilor Wittenberg said no and raised his hand.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Wittenberg.

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney asked are they going to do Public Comment aren't they.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she has comment before adjournment.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION UNDER CONCLUDING BUSINESS ADD TRIBAL COUNCIL'S NAMES ALONG WITH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES;
by Wittenberg; supported by Metzger.

Acting Recorder Silvis said they are making another motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Acting Recorder Silvis said hold on.

Councilor Wittenberg asked wouldn't that be fair because the people will know who their Council people are. Wittenberg asked wouldn't that be fair instead of just saying Council so Legislative Updates they have all of their names on it because a lot of people don't know who is what.

Councilor Di Piazza said if they don't know him by now.

Speaker Burmeister said he means under Legislative Report.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Speaker Burmeister said so that would be concluding....

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, under Concluding Business so that way it lets all the people know who is who on there.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she just has one question.

Councilor Wittenberg said because there was at one time then they turned around and they had one minus on Council so they see one name missing or three names or whatever then they would know who that was....who that name that was not on there.

Acting Recorder Silvis asked he means for like every meeting he wants everybody to show who is there or just Council in general.

Councilor Wittenberg said just add it on their paperwork.

Acting Recorder Silvis asked is anybody going to make any more motions because she has got to make.....she has like....

Tribal Council in the Chambers were all laughing at the same time on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Burmeister said the last one.

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said she is going to have to call a recess because she is going to have to leave to do it.

Acting Recorder Silvis said no, but she also can't copy.

Speaker Burmeister said she can write it on the back of here then she can transfer it.

Councilor Wittenberg said that is what they did before is write it on the back of a piece of paper.

Speaker Burmeister said that is the last....that might be the last one.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she has a white one.

Councilor Di Piazza said that one is fine it doesn't matter what color.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay she just needs the dates.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, the paper color don't....just write it on because it is open anyway.

Acting Recorder Silvis confirmed the motion to write down under....under Concluding Business. Silvis asked what did he say.

Councilor Wittenberg said under Legislative Affairs Update of Tribal Council to add Council names ah, even say initial to put on there so that way so they can turn around and right that.

Acting Recorder Silvis said he said a lot right there. *Silvis was laughing here.* Silvis said under Concluding Business add Tribal Council's names.

Councilor Wittenberg agreed. Wittenberg said like Recorder whoever.....Speaker Burmeister or whoever and then it goes on down. Wittenberg said it lets the people know that....

Councilor Wever said she would like her name first.

Councilor Wittenberg said that would be neat.

Acting Recording Silvis asked above or below the Legislative.

Councilor Wittenberg said Legislative Affairs Updates then....yeah. Wittenberg said he thought that would be kind of neat, yeah.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Gary.

Councilor Metzger said support.

The motion was reinserted here to remind members what it was before.

MOTION UNDER CONCLUDING BUSINESS ADD TRIBAL COUNCIL'S NAMES ALONG WITH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES;
by Wittenberg; supported by Metzger.

Acting Recorder Silvis was basically talking to herself while writing down the motion made by Councilor Wittenberg on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she just has under Concluding Business add Tribal Council's names along with Legislative Updates. Silvis asked is there something else that is needed with that.

Councilor Metzger asked Councilor Wittenberg how does that sound, good.

Councilor Wittenberg said sounds good, yeah. Wittenberg said yeah, that sounds good.

Speaker Burmeister said she has got Al and Ron right.

Acting Recorder Silvis said um-hum. Silvis repeated um-hum.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Silvis if she could do roll call for that please.

Roll Call #26

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said six in favor three absent it is passed.

Councilor Di Piazza asked now what.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she doesn't have an adjournment paper she has got to find another one.

Councilor Metzger asked is she not going to entertain....

Speaker Burmeister said she thinks it was Staci that had asked. Burmeister asked wasn't it Staci that spoke up.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she heard something, but she doesn't know who it was.

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney said it was her.

Speaker Burmeister asked is that her Staci okay.

Acting Recorder Silvis said no she'll wait.

Speaker Burmeister said all right the person she had first in the queue was Sara. Burmeister asked who is that? Burmeister said oh, that's Michael.

Councilor Di Piazza said they don't have a microphone.

Acting Recorder Silvis asked so what happens they adjourn and get comments.

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney said Speaker.

Acting Recorder Silvis said because they can't have any discussion right now unless they end the meeting and open it up for discussion. Silvis said because technically they can't have discussions at this point. Silvis said they are still in a..

Councilor Metzger said they are in Open Session.

Speaker Burmeister said they are still in Open, yeah.

Councilor Metzger said now they have....

Speaker Burmeister said this is like an exception.

Acting Recorder Silvis said they end something and start something, right.

Councilor Metzger said this is member's comments.

Acting Recorder Silvis said that's fine she didn't know what they wanted to do it correctly.

Speaker Burmeister said they know they are doing this because um, comments were cut off because of the appointment that Tribal Council had with Wells Fargo so.

Councilor Wever asked can she go just like this to get water.

Speaker Burmeister said no.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Wever said she won't even go out the door.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Speaker Burmeister said call Brad and have him get her some, Shirley she can't do that.

Councilor Wever asked Councilor Metzger to hold onto her.

Speaker Burmeister said they lose quorum then Shirley.

Councilor Metzger got up to assist Councilor Wever with her water and maintain quorum.

Councilor Wever said no just like this.

Acting Recorder Silvis said see she can do it.

Councilor Di Piazza is waving her on.

Councilor Di Piazza said hurry up.

Acting Recorder Silvis said that's funny. Silvis repeated that's funny.

Councilors Metzger and Wever returned to their seats.

Speaker Burmeister said Sara is in the queue so go ahead.

Councilor Wever thanked Councilor Metzger.

Staci Cheney said Speaker she is not showing a microphone just so they know.

Speaker Burmeister said oh yeah, she is not. Burmeister said she wonders why that....okay, well she guessed they will have to skip over her. Burmeister said um, Staci did she want to....did she have a question.

Councilor Di Piazza asked is she on the list.

Speaker Burmeister said yeah, she was but she scratched her off already.

Staci Cheney said um, is she the next one in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said yes.

Staci Cheney said well she has a couple of comments to make today. Cheney said um, first of all she wants to thank Al Metzger for advocating um, for the citizenship. Cheney said um, she thought he did a wonderful job and um, its okay Al to pose questions and to ask questions specifically in regards to the land that being asked to be put in Trust. Cheney said and she doesn't understand why he got attacked by Ogema Romanelli because he raised his voice and lost his temper today so she is wondering if he has um, any idea why that happened and if he give....if anybody has any answers as to why that happened. Cheney said and he was the one who came back after the meeting saying that this was the best meeting that they had in a long time but how no liars were called or how it was well run. Cheney said but it was allowed for him to behave that way, and nobody called him out on that behavior and he was the only one that behaved that way. Cheney said so she wants to know if anybody found that offensive or if they thought that isn't appropriate. Cheney said that's her first question. Cheney said um, and she wanted to know if she could get an answer. Cheney thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said okay Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said oh yeah, he did ah, hear raise his voice and also what he said at the end. Metzger said ah, he didn't want to go back and forth in the argument, they know, it is not productive. Metzger said they were trying to move on and yeah, he could get back into a shouting match. Metzger said disrespect could have been shown both ways but he is trying to....trying to change, hey. Metzger said he could say how impartial he is but there are times he can walk away. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Staci.

Staci Cheney thanked her. Cheney said and then her question is to the Speaker. Cheney asked um, why was that allowed, Speaker Burmeister, because if anybody else in the meeting did, she would've definitely interjected so why was that allowed and does she find that to be ah, permissible in a meeting like that.

Speaker Burmeister said well she appreciates her comments Staci um, and she is choosing not to comment she just wanted to get through the agenda, listen to what everybody had to say, um, and that's pretty much what she has to say on the subject.

Councilor Di Piazza asked do them two want to go out.

Staci Cheney said well she just wanted her to know that she plans on behaving like that on next week and if she gets muted or taken out of the meeting then she will be filing a lawsuit against her. Cheney thanked them. Cheney said and that's her comments, but she just wanted to say "thank you," to Al and Ron for um, advocating for the citizens. Cheney thanked them again.

Councilor Metzger said his pleasure. Metzger thanked her.

Speaker Burmeister said okay go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Burmeister asked who would like to make a motion to adjourn. *Tribal Council did not adjourn but returned to the meeting to make more motions.*

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion to end Second Open.

Councilor Wever said support.

Acting Recorder Silvis said because they didn't have any of the other ones raising their hands were not on the list.

Acting Recorder Silvis said so.

Councilor Wever repeated support.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Gary made the motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes, he did.

Speaker Burmeister said and Ron supported, right Ron.

Councilor Di Piazza said no it was Shirley.

Councilor Metzger said Ron had his hand up for comment.

Councilor Wittenberg said it was when they came back on.

Speaker Burmeister said they don't need to go back and forth.

Councilor Wittenberg said no.

Speaker Burmeister said to Acting Recorder Silvis to let her know when she is ready.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she got the ___ all wrong so....she is running out of...

Councilor Wittenberg asked what time is she coming in to do 40 next time, just kidding.

Acting Recorder Silvis said everyone is down here for roll calls and she wrote on everything.

Councilor Wittenberg said don't feel bad.

Councilor Metzger said the motion to adjourn.

Acting Recorder Silvis said so what is she supposed to do with this thing here, so it ends.

Speaker Burmeister said yes....yes.

Acting Recorder Silvis said so she just writes it right there.

Speaker Burmeister said yes, okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said she can title them afterwards.

Speaker Burmeister said yeah.

Councilor Metzger said sorry Bill.

Staci Cheney said somebody else has their hand up just so they know.

Councilor Di Piazza said they were not in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said they were not in the queue prior so.

Staci Cheney said she wasn't taking people in the queue she said they were ending it so people put their hands down in the queue.

Acting Recorder Silvis said they need roll call.

Speaker Burmeister said okay so Recorder Silvis can she please do roll call.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked is there any further discussion. Burmeister asked is anyone going to abstain. Burmeister asked Acting Recorder Silvis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #27

M. Silvis -	Yes	A. Metzger -	No	P. Johnson -	Absent
S. Crampton-	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	No	J. Wolfe -	Absent	T. Burmeister -	Yes

Motion carried (4-2-0-3)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, two against and three absent they have been adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Acting Council Recorder