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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on February 12, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Good morning, everyone, we are here this morning for our regular scheduled Tribal Council meeting for Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Um we will start with

I. Opening Prayer

I have asked Councilor DiPiazza to say the prayer, so if you're able to stand, please stand.

Councilor DiPiazza: Opp, it's working. *Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.* and what I said is I pray to all creation; we can work- work together and give all better way of life and help us all succussed. With that, Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Moving down to

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

I will call this meeting to order at 10:03. Next is

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson, can you please do roll call?

Recorder Johnson:

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you and just to note, um Councilor Metzger is out on work travel, so just wanted to have that stated for the record. Next, Zoom users, if you are a Tribal citizen, please list your name, your Tribal ID. If you are an employee, please list your name and the department that you work in. Thank you. Chelsea Densmore, please identify yourself.

Chelsea Densmore: Chelsea Densmore, 3225.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Chris 2916. Please identify yourself.

Chris McClellan: Chris McClellan 2916

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Delia Ross, please identify yourself.

Delia Ross: Delia Ross 2446.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Gary L., please identify yourself.

Gary Lewis: Uh Gary Lewis, Utility Director, Executive Lead, Tribal Member 1980.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Jolene O'Signac, please identify yourself.

Jolene O'Signac: Jolene O'Signac 3866

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Kathleen Bowers, please identify yourself.

Kathleen Bowers: Kathleen Bowers, budget coordinator

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Kimberly, 2918. Please identify yourself.

Kimberly McClellan: Kimberly McClellan, 2918.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Larry Olson, please identify yourself.

Larry Olson: 1532

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. LeeAnn Austin, please identify yourself.

LeeAnn Austin: LeeAnn Austin 3878

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Legi Assistant is Chantel Gamelin. She doesn't have a mic, so moving down to Mark Huddleston, please identify yourself.

Mark Huddleston: Mark Huddleston, 3230.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Martha Howell, please identify yourself.

Martha Howell: Martha Howell 3635

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Sandy Mezeske, please identify yourself

Sandy Mezeske: Sandy Mezeske 0018

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Sara Agosa, please identify yourself.

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Shanaviah Canales, please identify yourself.

Shanaviah Canales: Shanaviah Canales with Victim Services.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Shannon Crampton, please identify yourself.

Councilor Crampton: Shannon Paul Crampton, Outlying Tribal Council Rep, 1747.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Sky Gonzalez, please identify yourself.

Sky Gonzalez: Sky Gonzalez 1042

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Staci Cheney, please identify yourself.

Staci Cheney: 992.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Susan Thull, please identify yourself.

Susan Thull: 3727

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Tina McClellan-Payment, please identify yourself.

Tina McClellan- Payment: 2917.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Four number...Phone number 1-9-0-6-4-5-8-4-7-5-7. Guests, please identify yourself.

Vicki LaPorte: Vicki LaPorte 3384

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay. Beth McClellan, please identify yourself.

Beth McClellan: Beth McClellan, 2915.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Venus, please identify yourself. Um Venus Guest is our Legislative Director. She's not doesn't look like she has her, her mic isn't on. Um so, moving along

C. Approval of Agenda

Will there be any Councilors that are going to abstain from the agenda? Any Councilors with questions? Any Tribal Citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council. With no questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: I'd like to make a **motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Um so, a resolution was added to, under III Continuing Business Grants and Contracts, 1. Addendum to Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement**

SOR 4, and then under New Business, VH, Supplemental Payment of General Welfare Assistance Program 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program Utilizing the Remaining ARPA Funds of \$894,287.94 um is an add, and that is it.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Any Tribal Councilors with questions on the agenda? Tribal Citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no questions, Um Recorder Johnson, can you please do roll call.

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been approved.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to D, under General Business

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Resolution added 1. Addendum to Memorandum of Cooperative Tribal Ogema Agreement SOR4. D. Batchelder- Streeter

So, Dottie, the floor is yours.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Thank you. This is just an addendum to the SOR 4 that was approved in October. The state of Michigan, it's the state um opiate response money coming in through Inter-Tribal Council. And it's just an addendum because they took the extra housing and utilities that would have been helpful for the clientele out and that was across the board. So, this is just an um update for that. And we did um fix the date on it and the new resolution that was asked for yesterday.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any Tribal Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Councilor Wolfe, go ahead, please.

Councilor Wolfe: So, I know we had went over this when you had your work session. And what I had asked you for is not what was added to the resolution. I know that got missed in translation. You gave me the resolution number 24-1023-193 is when we accepted the grants. What I asked you was when did we approve for you to apply to the grant or to partner with Inter-Tribal Council? And that hasn't been provided.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: That was discussed in October. And this was something that Inter-Tribal Council just sent to us. It wasn't um approved in the beginning until we got the approval in October.

Councilor Wolfe: So, you didn't bring forward a process to us to be partners with under Inter-Tribal Council and receive these grant funds like every other grant application?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: This was a grant for five of the tribes that they just all of a sudden gave us two weeks to do. And that's how we ended up in this position.

Councilor Wolfe: But it still should have been brought to Tribal Council for authorization to partner with them.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: It should have yes

Councilor Wolfe: And you didn't do that. And that's why it's not in this resolution the correct way because that's what I was asking for yesterday. All you gave me was the resolution when we accepted the funds.

Speaker Burmeister: Other councilors with questions? I have a question, Dottie. Um could you just explain in the objectives why those why it goes from two to six? Because I know I had asked you that. So, just so everybody else knows why, if you could just explain that.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: The three to five objectives were to help with housing, whether it was uh apartment fee complex um Opps...or for utilities to help people get settled into a safe place. But that was all the stuff that was taken out for this session with the... this grant. Hopefully, it will be back in next time, but I don't know.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Dottie. Other questions from councilors?

Councilor Wolfe: I had raised my hand

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Council Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: And so, then we had also had a discussion at your work session. Were they able to modify the stakes effects January 29th and were not authorizing it by resolution until today?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: We do have the, I forwarded to them it as the today's date, the 12th of February on it.

Councilor Wolfe: It wasn't forwarded out to Tribal Council. Did you receive it, Pam or Chantel?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Sent it to Chantel and Pam.

Councilor Wolfe: Yeah. Our add only has the updated ones

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: I have another copy if you want it. Do you need this copy?

Speaker Burmeister: Pam's looking for it, Dottie. Let's see if she can find it so.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you, I appreciate you moving forward and getting that done as asked um the other question I had um we have a target goal 30 clients, and how many are we currently at?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: At the moment, I have nine people involved in that. It's a voluntary program and a lot of um our clientele are not into wanting to go to um treatment and stuff, but we have nine signed up right now.

Councilor Wolfe: And this dollar funding amount is what it does is it helps those that are underinsured or not insured at all pay for uh their opioid treatments.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: It's for opiate and stimulant um addicted people that wanted to inpatient or detox in the medication assistance treatment, which we right now we've been using addiction treatment services because they have that mobile unit. And then we have Samaritan Health that's coming into Manistee County that um out of Muskegon that is working with community mental health now and um Healing to Hope. I think that's what it's called, that one in Kaleva, because we don't have those services in this county by any group. So, um we're working with those people because we also have peer recovery coaches with them that are tribal members that work out in Muskegon that are trying to expand services up this way for us.

Councilor Wolfe: And so, the bulk of the money goes for those treatment services versus there's no um per say staff and travel training and all those dollars in there. This is it's mostly for client services.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Yeah, it's mostly for um treatment with because most of our treatment centers now are like 20- \$22,000 for 30 days, which is crazy.

Councilor Wolfe: And then it has the um GIPRA intake discharge and six months follow-up interview. Are do we have adequate staffing or is intertribal council doing those portion of the grant?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: I'm doing all of it. I just have a list of to do. So, but we do like up to six...six months follow-up and then the discharge. The GIPRAs that we have um are a lot smaller than the GIPRAs we used to have for um ATS or ATR that access to recovery. So, it's a lot shorter of the paperwork.

Councilor Wolfe: And are those billable services that we can collect fees on?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: I couldn't hear that.

Councilor Wolfe: The GIPRAs are billable to intertribal council to reimburse the tribe for your time?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: They're just part of the...the overall grant. We don't bill for each session or any of that stuff. It's mainly for um either transportation like gas cards and that kind of stuff or dollar ride um and then for getting to treatment.

Councilor Wolfe: Do you provide any services down in Muskegon currently?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: I'm having a hard time hearing that.

Councilor Wolfe: Do you provide any services down in Muskegon currently?

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: We do. Um we have clients from Muskegon. Sometimes they come up here or we do it virtually.

Councilor Wolfe: Okay. Thank you.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Mm hmm

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Any other questions from councilors? Councilor Wever, go ahead, please.

Councilor Wever: I just want to say to Dottie, I think you're doing a wonderful job and you're a brave woman to come up here. Thank you.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Thanks

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Councilor um Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: I'm just ready to make the motion

Speaker Burmeister: Oh, okay. Tribal citizens, any questions? Okay. Back to tribal council. With no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion. Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: **Make a motion to approve Resolution 25-0212-022, Approval of Addendum to the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for Tribal Opioid Response for Medication Assistant Treatment, SOR4.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Any councilors that have further questions? Tribal citizens? Back to tribal council. With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for the item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Dottie.

Dottie Batchelder-Streeter: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Moving down to Continuing Business A Grants and Contracts

- 2. Approving the Ogema's execution of the FY-2025 Tribal Ogema Subcontract for Administration and Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.**
- A. Martell**
F. Beaver

So, Archie, the floor is yours.

Archie Martell: Um thank you. Um yes, this is um the FY 2025 Subcontract with the Chippewa, Ottawa Resource Authority. Um this covers administrative and biological services that CORA uh provides to the five 1836 tribes. Um CORA um is the regulatory five-tribe body that um helps um govern, protect, and provide access to the 1836 uh Cedar Waters of the Great Lakes. Um some of the things that CORA provides to like Little River membership would be um CORA registration for vessels, um snowmobiles, and ATVs that would be used for either commercial or subsistence fishing. Um CORA administrative staff uh provides um coordination minutes and that for all the CORA meetings along with the Executive Council meeting, which is um an annual meeting held between the five tribes, the state of Michigan, and the federal government to go over any concerns that have uh come up throughout the year. Uh biological services provided um include um maintaining and um administration of the online um reporting system that we have in place now. Um also, um CORA staff provide uh representation for all five tribes um at like the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and other international and multi-agency bodies around the Great Lakes. Um funds for this um are \$61,249. Um I have submitted um funding for this to come out of our rights protection um from our Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program. Um CORA has been able to lobby congressional allocations for these funds over the years. So, each of the tribes gets um some allocation of funds to run these Great Lakes programs and also to support um CORA in its um in its duties. And um within the contract, you know there's a list of other things that they do, uh but those are kind of highlights of the big things that they provide services and benefits to Little River citizens.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Archie. Will there be any councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead please.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm just... I'm just going to say CORA, the CORA staff does most of the legwork on a lot of these things to regulate the fish population to make sure everything's in order so we can exercise them rights.

Archie Martell: Yeah, along with coordination with uh biological staff from each of the tribes.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, because for us to actually do it would be very costly more than more than \$60,000 a year. That's it.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other councilors with questions or comments? Councilor Wolfe, go ahead.

Councilor Wolfe: Um thanks for that um overview of the um contract. The one question I did have is, um it's in um biannual payments that we pay these dues or the contract.

Archie Martell: Mm hmm

Councilor Wolfe: What are the dates for those?

Archie Martell: Um I don't think we have specific dates on...on the biannual payment. Um I've submitted for the first payment after this is executed will be the first payment and then I will get a requisition from CORA sometime later in the year. Uh I think last year I got it in like December.

Councilor Wolfe: Okay, thank you.

Archie Martell: Mm hmm

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Do you have a question, Gary? Um any other comments from citizens or questions from citizens? Back to Tribal Council? Okay, with no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion. Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make that **motion to approve resolution 25-0212-023 approving the Ogema's execution of the FY 2025 subcontract for administration and biological services with CORA. Oh, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Councilor DiPiazza: I was just going to say CORA. Whoops.

Speaker Burmeister: Any councilors with further questions or comments? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council with no further questions or comments. Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Archie.

Archie Martell: Thank you very much

Speaker Burmeister: Moving down to

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__** Tribal Ogema
Authorizing a modification to the 2024-2027 DOJ K. Bowers
OVW Grant. S. Canales

Shanaviah the floor is yours.

Shanaviah Canales: Good morning. Yes, this is a budget modification request. Um uh we have not been able to spend the since we received it back in November as I worked with um Department of Justice of OVW to approve a budget that's now approved on their end. So, I'm requesting to have it approved on our end. And that's it.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any Tribal Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council. With no questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor, councilor um there we go. Silvis, I thought it was Gary at first. Councilor Silvis, go ahead, please.

Councilor Silvis: I would like to make a **motion to approve resolution number 25-0212-024, approval of budget modification MB 2025-05, authorizing a modification to the 2024-2027 DOJ OVW grant.**

Speaker Burmeister: Tribal Council with any questions? Tribal Citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Seven in favor, two absent. It's been accepted.

Shanaviah Canales: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Shanaviah

Shanaviah Canales: Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Moving down to

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

There is nothing listed under that.

IV. Old Business

nothing listed under that.

V. New Business

nothing listed under that. Oh, flipping A, sorry Julie

**A. Authorizing Biskaabiiyaang Commission Compensation
And maximum number of monthly meetings allowed.**

J. Wolfe

so, Councilor Wolfe, the floor is yours.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you. Just bring forward a resolution to um authorize the Biskaabiiyaang Commission meeting that commission compensation and maximum number of monthly meetings allowed. Um it's Tribal Council in accordance with the Commission Ordinance Section 902, monthly compensation and monthly meeting frequencies are set by resolution. Um this is specific for the Biskaabiiyaang Commission as it was a new commission adopted in January. Um Tribal Council approved resolution 10-106-03, setting commission stipends maximum number of monthly stipends allowed, setting stipend level for elders committee. Tribal Council then approved resolution 19-0131-027, reauthorizing clarifying compensation and commission and maximum number of monthly meetings allowed for and rescinding resolution 18-1010-396. Tribal Council approved the Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance and shall now set the stipend amount for the maximum number of monthly meetings allowed for the Biskaabiiyaang Commission. The Biskaabiiyaang Commission is allowed one meeting per month and a stipend of \$125. This was added to the fiscal year 2025 annual budget. And that's all I have.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? Tribal citizens with questions? Mark, I saw that you, okay, go ahead, please, Mark.

Mark Huddleston: Oh yes, I was wondering how we're doing on filling those positions on the committee or commission. I'm sorry.

Councilor Wolfe: We have received no nominations from the Ogema to appoint members to the commission.

Mark Huddleston: Uh is there, how many, has there been applications? How many?

Councilor Wolfe: I heard Mary Thomas say three applications.

Mark Huddleston: And was there, I thought we had a number that we wanted on it. Do you have that? How many we would like?

Councilor Wolfe: The commission has five open seats with one dedicated for an elder.

Mark Huddleston: Thank you very much

Councilor Wolfe: Your welcome

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Ogema

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you. We have received three applications, but we're still waiting for the application form from council for that committee to be developed so we can forward those on. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, Ogema, we do have the draft prepared for that. I'm reviewing it to update it to make sure that it has everything in there. And then that'll be sent to Mary because Mary had requested that.

Ogema Romanelli: Yes

Speaker Burmeister: Mm hmm

Ogema Romanelli: And once we receive that, we will put the three forward. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you. Any other citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Go ahead, Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, if there's no other questions, I'd like to make a **motion to accept resolution number 25-0212-025, authorizing Biskaabiiyaang Commission compensation and maximum number of monthly meetings allowed.**

Councilor Wolfe/ Wever: Support

Councilor Wittenberg: Who got

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any further questions from councilors? Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: UM yeah, I'm just kind of confused because in the past, the only thing we required was a letter of interest to be submitted to the Ogema's office. So, what is the application process? And we might want to look at a legal review because now you're creating a separate thing that I don't think was applied to prior committees and commissions. And that might be a violation of the Constitution. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli: Yes, the uh letter of interest also needs to be uh requested. That hasn't changed as well, but we're still waiting for the form. So then normally what they do is they submit their letter of interest and complete along...along with the application. And that's how it's processed. That's how it's been done on others, too. So, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: Just a comment. There is the um commission's application is now online and you submit it to the um Ogema's office and Tribal Council and the directions are on the website for that. Um and it was updated to a fillable form now that you can just fill out and print online.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Well, not that I'm disagree with anybody, but my um questions are a little bit um more complicated than that. Um if there are substantive requirements on the application that weren't applied prior, that would be my question because that would be barred by the Constitution. Thank you.

Councilor Wolfe: It's the same application that's used for all commissions.

Speaker Burmeister: Mm hmm

Councilor Crampton: I...My question was, is it done in the past? It has to be done for all prior to. So, if they're new ones and this is it's not argument. So, if you don't understand it, please wait until we talk to the lawyers if there are substantive requirements that are different than the prior, that would be barred. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, there is one extra requirement that one elder sits on that commission. That is a requirement.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: And that's what I'm talking about. That would not be understanding what I'm saying, because that would not be a substantial requirement that goes across anyway. That would just be including one elder, not a substantial requirement. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay. Um any other questions from Councilors? Back to Tribal Citizens, Tribal Council? With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

six in favor, two against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit summary for the Great Lakes Enforcement 4017 Department Budget. B. Pringle

So, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Sure. Once again, thank you, Council and uh membership via Zoom. I'm looking for resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for Great Lakes Enforcement, which is 4017 department budget. The Comptroller General has performed an internal audit on the Great Lakes Enforcement 4017 department budget. And whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit summary and any necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on September 26 of 2024 and any work session on January 23 of 2025. Now, it therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit summary for the Great Lakes Enforcement 4017 department budget dated September 26 of 2024. And uh some of the findings in this particular internal audit, which uh I've been uh the last couple of times presented actually went through these, so I'll continue that uh process. During the review uh, I found over-budgeted line items in the 5110 workman's comp premium and in the 5130-employee insurance. Uh the 2023 workman's comp budget was \$3,043 with \$3,461 in expenses resulting in a \$418 overspend. The 2023 employee insurance budget was \$46,158 with \$50,506 uh in expenses resulting in \$4,348 in overspend. Reviewed the budget for over-budgeting and found training and travel uh over-budgeted. The budget was \$15,000. They had \$3,420 in spend. The 2022 budget was \$15,000 and they had \$5,329 in spend. The Great Lakes Enforcement budget does adequately justify their need for the uh training and travel in their budget narrative. They're just not spending the dollars.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Citizens with questions? Go ahead, Sara.

Sara Agosa: Can you please clarify or further define what over-budgeted and overspend actually means? Thank you.

Brad Pringle: Overspend is uh they spend more money than they budgeted and over-budgeted means they're carrying more money than they need to in that particular budgetary line item.

Speaker Burmeister: Other questions from citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor Silvis, go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to make a **motion to accept resolution number 25-0212-026, acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the Great Lakes Enforcement 4017 department budget.**

Speaker Burmeister: Any councilors have further questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Moving down to the next item, which is

C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit summary for the Enrollment 1010-149 Department Budget. **B. Pringle**

So, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Sure, once again, thank you. Looking for a resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for enrollment, which is 1010-149 department budget. Whereas the Comptroller General has performed the internal audit of the enrollment 1010-149 department budget, and whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit summary and necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on May 6th of 2024 and in a work session on January 23rd of 2025. Now, it therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit summary for the 2023 enrollment 1010-149 department budget dated May 6th of 2024. And reviewing through the findings, uh reviewed the budget for overspending and found uh 5110 workman's comp, 5307 postage and freight, 5802 training and travel all overspent. Uh the audit of the 5110 workman's comp expenses, the budget was \$168. Expenses were \$179, resulting in an \$11 overspend. Audited the uh 53 postage and freight expenses. The budget was \$2,000. Expenses were \$2,322, resulting in a \$322 overspend. Audited the budget for overspending and 5802 training and travel expenses. Their updated budget dollar amount was \$6,100 and their expenses were \$6,223 for \$123 overspend. And that was all the findings in this particular audit.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions, go ahead Counc. Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: In the audit report, it's noted \$362.70 for revenues generated by the enrollment department.

Brad Pringle: That's correct

Councilor Wolfe: What... what would be an example of those?

Brad Pringle: Let's see if I have that report that tells me exactly what their statement on their revenue. Alright. Revenues include replacement of tribal IDs and uh let's see here. It all lists replacement of tribal IDs.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you

Brad Pringle: Yep

Speaker Burmeister: Any other councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor Silvis, go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to make a **motion to approve Resolution 25-0212-027, Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for the Enrollment 1010-149 Department Budget.**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, could you do roll call, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Brad. Um before we move on to the next item, we have a few Tribal members that have joined us. Vicki Sam, can you please identify yourself?

Vicki Sam: Sorry, my mouth is full. Vicki Sam, 4841 Elders Meal Coordinator.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Alicia Goff, can you identify yourself? Oh, she has her hand up. Maybe that was her identification. I don't know. Okay Alic. Okay Alicia, can you show us a picture, please? She has her hand up.

Recorder Johnson: Raised hand

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Okay. Next is Shawna Gonzalez. Can you please identify yourself?

Shawna Gonzalez: Good morning. Shawna Gonzalez, 4700.

Speaker Burmeister: Good morning. Thank you. Okay. Moving down to

**D. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Internal Audit summary for the Legislative Legal 1020-109
Department Budget.**

B. Pringle

So, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Sure. Once again, Tribal Council looking for resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for the Legislative Legal, which is 1020-109 Department Budget, whereas the Comptroller General has performed the internal audit of the 2023 Legislative Legal 1020-109 Department Budget, whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit summary and necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council in the Ogema on May 13th of 2024 and in a work session on January 23rd of 2025. Now, it therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit summary for the 2023 Legislative Legal 1020-109 Department Budget dated May 13th of 2024. Uh the let me if correct here. There was one finding in this particular one, reviewed the budget for overspending in 5110 Workman's Comp premiums, audited the 5110 Workman's Comp expenses, the budget was \$213, and expenses were \$346 resulting in a \$130 overspend.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Will there be any Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Tribal Citizens. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Uh well, this isn't on this matter. This is just a um bookkeeping uh question. Prior to Mr. Pringle taking this uh podium, um we were trying to identify Alicia Goff, I do believe, and somebody I heard in the background say I waived something. I just want to make sure that that's not happening because no Councilmember outside of a vote, I know that this Council acts differently than others and believes they have powers that they don't, but no single Councilmember up there has the ability to waive any rules outside of a vote but Council. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: When I announced Alicia Goff and she raised her hand, um she didn't have mic and then I called on her again and then she raised her hand again, so that was her acknowledgement that because she doesn't have, she didn't have her camera on. I

don't know if she wasn't um able to put camera on, but I know she had no mic, so thank you.

Councilor Crampton: Oh well, thank you for the explanation. My concern was that there was somebody up there saying that they would waive the requirement of having that, and that's not possible.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any Tribal um citizens with questions? Tribal Council with questions? No questions, so I'd like to entertain a motion for this item, please. Councilor Silvis, go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to make a **motion to approve Resolution number 25-0212-028, acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the legislative legal 1020-109 department budget.**

Speaker Burmeister: Any comments or questions from Councilors? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council with no further questions? Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for the item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay, um Brad, before we go on, there's another uh Tribal citizen that has joined us, so phone number 231-398-6823, if you could please identify yourself.

Ogema Romanelli: That would be the Ogema.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Larry. Larry Olson, that is. Go ahead. Larry Olson, you have your hand up. Go ahead, please. Okay. Alright back to Tribal Council. Oh, excuse me, Brad. Sorry about that.

E. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit summary for the Education 4026 Department Budget. B. Pringle

So, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Thank you, Council. Once again, looking for resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the Education 4026 department budget, whereas the Comptroller General has performed internal audit of the 2023 Education 4026 department budget, and whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit summary and any necessary

supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on May 14th of 2024 and in a work session on January 23rd of 2025. Now it therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit summary for the 2023 Education 4020 4-0-2-6 department budget dated May 14th of 2024. Uh amongst the findings in the audit, reviewed the budget for uh over, let's see here, overspending and found 5110 workman's comp premiums, 5120 retirement and 7,004 indirect cost expenses overspent. The audit of the workman's comp expenses, the budget was \$247, expenses were \$289 with a \$42 overspend. The 5120-retirement plan, the budget was \$3,094 and it was \$3,097 in spend, resulting in a \$3 overspend. The audit of the 7,004 indirect cost expenses, the budget was zero and expenses were \$38,603, resulting in \$38,603 in overspend. Reviewed the budget for uh overbudgeted line items, found 5204 client services overbudgeted. The audit of the 5204-client service budget uh was \$847,025 and expenses were \$336,266, resulting in 510,759 in overspend. Um Client services budget does break down in detail where the tribe is going to spend the money, uh but it is overbudgeted traditionally every year. During the audit of the accounts payable records under 5202, which is a tribal activity, I audited the record for a fall college credit course um that should have been charged to the 5204 client services. The total expense was \$300 and the date on that record was 8-30-23.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Will there be any counselors that are going to abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor Silvis, go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: Thank you. I'd like to make a **motion to approve resolution number 25-0212-029, acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the education 4026 department budget.**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any questions from Tribal Council? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

**F. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Internal Audit summary for the Grants 2000-405
Department Budget.**

B. Pringle

So, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Sure. Once again, looking for resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the Grants 2000-405 department budget, whereas the Comptroller General has performed an internal audit of the Grants 2000-405 department budget, and whereas the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit summary and any necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on May 6th of 2024 and in a work session on January 23rd of 2025. Now, it therefore resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit summary for the 2023 Grants 2000-405 department budget dated May 6th of 2024. Uh summary of internal uh... uh findings, the audit of the 2023 grant department budget, the budget only reflects one full-time grant writer in the budget. Salaries and wages documents reflect two employees until July 14th and then three employees and salaries and wages after that. And that's everything that was in the findings.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Will there be any Tribal Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Tribal citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council? With no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor Silvis, go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to **approve resolution number 25-0212-030, acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the Grants 2000-405 department budget.**

Speaker Burmeister: Any questions from Tribal Council? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

**G. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Internal Audit summary for the Commission and
Committees Department 1020-101 Budget.**

B. Pringle

so, Brad, the floor is yours.

Brad Pringle: Once again, thank you, Tribal Council. Looking for resolution approval for the acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for Commissions and Committees, which is 1020-101 department budget. Whereas the Comptroller General has performed internal audit of the 2023 Commissions and Committees 1020-101 department budget. Whereas the Comptroller General has prepared

and presented audit summary and any necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on October 1st of 2024 and in a work session on January 23rd of 2025. Um reviewed the December 23 monthly financial report, I found uh overspending in 5120 retirement 5202 tribal activities. Uh the 5120-retirement budget was \$500 with \$637 in spend resulting in \$137 overspend. The 2023 5202 tribal activities budget was \$45,750 with a spend of \$52,221 resulting in a \$6,471 overspend.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Brad. Will there be any Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor Silvis?

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to make a **motion to approve resolution number 25-0212-031 acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians internal audit summary for the Commission and Committees 1020-101 department budget.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Any Councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been accepted.

Brad Pringle: Thank you, Council and membership.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Brad. Moving down to

Add **H. Supplemental Payment of General Welfare Assistance Program 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program utilizing the remaining ARPA funding of \$894,287.94** J. Wolfe

So, Councilor Wolfe, the floor is yours.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you. Um so, what this item is, is a supplemental payment from the 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program, utilizing the remaining ARPA funding. Um Tribal members continue to suffer and experience financial hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Tribal Council deems it in the best interest of the Nation and its members to provide a supplemental payment to the 2022 COVID-19 General Welfare Program. Um this program was established in 2022. Um the Tribal Council approved the 2022 COVID Pandemic Assistance Program by Tribal Council Resolution 22-10-195 to provide relief to Tribal members who are experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19. Tribal Council Resolution 22-1109 allocated \$11.5 million,

which uh \$10,293,184 was distributed to 3,780 Tribal members with \$1,206,816 unspent. Um Tribal Council deems it in the best interest of the Nation and its members to provide a supplemental payment. Tribal Council has found that every Tribal member received a reduction in assistance as a result of loss of revenue to the Tribal Government. Tribal Council has found that Tribal members received a reduction of per-cap payments as a result of loss of casino distribution during the pandemic period of March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022. Um so now, therefore, it be resolved that Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes a supplemental payment to the 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program to those members that received the initial benefit, excluding deceased members. This program directs the following relief be made to eligible members and a check issued to each eligible member that accessed the program in 2022. Um we had the first initial work session on this on January 14th of this year, um, where we did come up with, um, what was determined is you no longer, because this is a supplemental payment, we will not have to have another application. There won't be an application process just from the list of members that received the benefits. That was, um, the 3,780 accessed the 2022 COVID-19 Assistance Program. Then we had a list of deceased members, which 125 members passed between 11-14-2022 and 1-11-2025. 102 deceased members were found on the list. 23 did not access the program. That makes us with an eligible of 3,670 members to receive the supplemental payment. Um, we had requested a certification of funds from the CFO with that after that initial work session on January 14th. Um, we did not receive one. We made several follow up requests. We asked for the budget coordinator to provide the dollar amount. Um, it has never been received. There was a follow up request. Again, we received communication back from the CFO that she would provide the, uh, remaining ARPA dollar eligible funding amount in that account on... on or after December 31st when she completed her report. That still has not been received. Um, this number of, um, \$894,287.94 is the amount that was eligible to be determined left in the account because on December 9th, she gave us the deferred revenue balance of \$5,047,586.87. Which \$227,855 was unused encumbrance. And then she had a certification of funds availability that were now then allocated by Tribal Council resolution in the amount of \$3,925,925,443.86 that was allocated by December 18th, 2024. So that's where it relieves the remaining balance of 900- \$894,287.94, which out of that leftover allocation of the 11.5 in 2022 and the million dollars that didn't get it sent out in benefits leaves a shortfall of membership from the original program of \$312,528.18. Um, so I wanted to add this as a late add. We've been working on it since the beginning of January. We have got some lists, um, and information from the CFO. We have not received that certification of eligibility of the actual dollar amount in the fund, but based on all the information that she's provided, that um information, the amount that I have on the resolution is the accurate amount.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Councilors with questions? Councilor Silvis, go ahead please.

Councilor Silvis: Um, yes. I just would like to add that, um, I cannot support this item only because that this was actually vetoed by the Ogema in December. Tribal Council did not override his veto. Um, there was only an email sent, and to me that does not justify

overriding a veto. Um, I don't know if the money's still there because he did veto the item, so I cannot support it not knowing if there's any money there. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: So, we did respond to the veto that it was not an authorized veto by the Ogema because the resolution that was adopted that he vetoed on December 18th was not a budgetary. This program is allocating and changing the budget. That one didn't, it has not been sent back because that amount would need to be, any expenditures that go back to the federal government are brought forward by resolution to Tribal Council to authorize the payment to send it back. So, the funds are still there and available.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you

Councilor Wolfe: If Tribal Council wants me to consider, I will postpone the item for one day and give the CFO another week, that would be six weeks, to provide a certification of eligibility of funding.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I have quite a few questions on a lot of it, but uh if you want to postpone it till you at least get a certification of funds, I'm in support of that right this minute. Otherwise, I can't support the item because technically the only one that can determine if the Ogema has had authority to veto anything would be determined by the courts, not us, not lawyers, nobody, because the Constitution is quite clear, the courts will clarify constitutional items or matters. I would prefer it be postponed right at this moment. I wasn't at the work session yesterday, I had something to attend to, and then later on I was out in the cold for a very long time. So, because there was another pressing matter that needed attention severely. So, if you want to postpone it, I'd be more than glad to support that at this time.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Crampton, you are next in the queue, go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you. Well, I'd just like to point out the obvious to the membership in that this is a body of the people to represent the people. You have Councilors up to that consistently, instead of arguing for the people, argue for the Ogema. And there's no change, there are people that are put on Council to be for the Ogema. That's the problem that we have here people, and that's what needs to change. You can listen to them yourselves. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Council Councilor Wittenberg, you are next in the queue, go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, uh Miigwech. I'm not going to get into who can, who can't, and the courts this and the courts that, and I wasn't here yesterday either because of the

simple fact I was out in the cold too doing something that uh had to be done. And so, but I do know uh the people do need this. Nothing has come back to the table to turn around and send it back. So, to me, this is uh still there. I can go with the postponement and see if uh we do get those numbers uh and go from there. But I can um I can certainly go for it. Miigwech. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Wolfe, you are next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wolfe: Well, the point of the veto and the response to the veto and the inaction by the Ogema after that substantiates that the veto was not recognized. Yes, the court may determine or not determine, but there's no legal matter pending on this. So, with that, **I'll make the motion to postpone this item until we receive that certification of funds.** Um It was noted yesterday that it was requested, and if not requested, we will subpoena that. Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Any further questions from Tribal Council? Um I do see we have a few hands up. Gary, Councilor DiPiazza, I did have your hand up. Or I did have

Councilor DiPiazza: No, that's fine. You're in a postponement. I'm not today in an argumental mood. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Thank you

Councilor DiPiazza: I see somebody else might be but thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Thank you. Councilor Crampton, you are next in the queue.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you. I just want to back up what Councilor Wolfe said about the response from Council. The Council did send a response. The appropriate action would be for Council to move forward on behalf of the people, and if the Ogema wants to issue a challenge, then that's what he does in court, and that's where it would be decided. It's not for Council members to go, oh, hey, the Ogema doesn't want us to do this. That's my point to the people. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um go ahead, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you very much. Uh I support this postponement. Um I guess one thing I want to get right off the top, there are not people put on the Council uh for the Ogema. Uh there are times where certain Councilors agree with us uh me, and sometimes they don't, uh but they are not put on for the Ogema. That's a misstatement. The second thing I want to say is I believe that the CFO did respond to uh the Council's attorney on the amount, which is significantly less. Uh I know this was all late communication going right up to the meeting, but that did happen, and I think the postponement is correct. Uh

we have- There's a lot of moving parts within this budget uh as far as the um the veto that I vetoed. There was not a specific amount in there, and if what we're hearing now is that there's significantly less money, uh that would have been a problem to go forward uh without any significant amount in there or any amount in there, because what could have happened is that the tribe could have had to pay that back. So, uh my understanding is that it's significantly less. I think it was just sent to your attorney probably this morning sometime, and I would suggest I would go along with the uh postponement at this time.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Crampton, you are next in the queue.

Councilor Crampton: I just wanted to go back to the fact that we've had Councilors who are on the Council right now who is um endorsed by the Ogema who have not brought anything forward and have sat down with Council and said I'm not going to vote for anything against Larry Romanelli, and it was reported to Mr. Romanelli in an email which he confirmed acknowledgment of it and said he didn't um make those statements, but yeah, it was reported to him. So yes, my statement is valid and true. Thank you.

Councilor Wolfe: vote on this

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, um we are not going to go back and forth with this because it'll it could be hours-

Councilor Wolfe: Motion on the floor

Speaker Burmeister: and we do have a motion on the floor, so and supported, correct. So, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for the motion, please? Hmm?

Councilor Wolfe: Take the citizen comment

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, or excuse me, Sara, go ahead. We'll let you go ahead, and then we're going to vote on this item.

Sara Agosa: I don't think it's fair to the membership to... to continue to delay this payment. Yesterday, we held a work session, and the information needed was not given, and I just don't think that's right. I think that's an absolute injustice to the membership, all this game playing. Additionally, why isn't Council confronting Mr. Romanelli and speaking up for us? Shannon and Julie are, and Ron did, but I would like to see stronger support for the people you represent. I'm just seeing a lot of complacency. Every day that ticks by is another day that one of our members needs this money. So, my question really is, how long have you been waiting for a certification of funds, and how long have work sessions been held on this topic? Those are my two questions. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: So, the first work session was held on January 14th, and it was noted at that work session that the speaker was going to request the certification of funds, so I

would assume it's safe to say the first request was made January 15th, and we've had work sessions weekly since January 14th, so that would be about a month's worth of them.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, since we do have a motion on the floor, Um Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for the item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Seven in favor, one against, one absent. It's been postponed.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Alright, we are moving down to

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 19, 2025

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Um the floor if yours Ogema Romanelli

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you very much. I have several items that I want to uh speak about today. Uh the first one, I guess, a couple of weeks ago, there was discussion about the housing uh department and the number of vacant homes and, you know, the problem with getting uh people into the homes. My understanding, I did do a walkthrough. I went over to the housing department and actually walked through a unit and found out that it was reported that there were five to seven empty homes. There are actually uh two. When I went on 128, there were two vacant homes. One was being worked on. I also found out that we have three and a half maintenance employees uh that cover about 80...80 housing units. When I became Ogema, there were about 15 housing units and had the same number of employees. So, I also understand that in the day I went, the staff was also doing plowing of the streets. Uh the number of streets that need to be plowed has greatly increased from 15 years ago. So, uh when I went through, I the one suggestion that I have is that we really need to look at the maintenance, uh the number of maintenance people going from 15 units to 80 units with three and a half maintenance people, plus they do plowing. Uh it seems like it needs to be looked at. Uh I also agree that uh there is a problem when uh people that are current residents move from one house to another, that it can be problematic. And I agree that that is the cause for a case. And I and it essentially, it ties up two homes. So, I would like to look at that further. Uh and I believe that we also need to speak with the Housing Commission uh about some of the information that is out and the rules that come through. So, uh I think that we and I also made some suggestions for the shortening of time to rehab the homes. Another thing that we could look at, not that I'm saying I support it, is that uh what can happen to help the situation is to have people that are looking to move into the units possibly do some work to uh to help the crew, and then it would be taken out from their uh first month's payment or whatever the case is. But that is just something, a ballpark uh idea to go through so. I

did go through and found out that there are two vacant houses. I think there was a third one that was about to become vacant, but it was tied up with a little bit of legality. So, uh that's it. Second thing is, yesterday we had a boat go down in Ludington. A fishing boat went down, and that's why I had to leave the meeting today, because I had an emergency meeting that I had to do. The boat went down yesterday, and it was reported in the news. Um and we were involved, although uh the tribe itself does not belong to the tribe. So, we're working on that, and I think that might have been what a couple of the councilors were also working through yesterday. I got a call. So, we're uh we're working on that. I probably will bring something to the uh council very shortly uh at the request of our Natural Resources Department so. That's it. Um we did uh what it looks like in talking about the financial, monthly financials. We know they're probably eight months behind now. Uh I did have a discussion and with the CFO. We are at the point where we believe the audit is to be sent to the clearinghouse, which means it's finalized as much as we can. We'll uh send it to the clearinghouse, hopefully, within uh within the day or two. Uh once that happens, the CFO has uh promised that she would start working on the um the financials the monthly financials as well. There are some concerns uh with the audit. And there is uh I misspoke recently. There is one sanction that we have against it. It's regarding the uh submitting how we submit for payment. We did submit a letter of um appeal, so and we're working through that as well. Uh I don't know where we're at with it right now, but I'll keep people updated. There's some real concerns that I have as we go through this audit process. Uh too numerous to mention right now, but we're going back uh more than just 2024 or 2023 excuse me. Uh we're going back further and looking at uh some concerns that involve both uh both branches of the government. So, but we are working through it, and they've been working extra hard trying to get this done. So hopefully, this week, it will be turned in, and then we will start working on the monthly uh financial reports as well. But I would like to have a meeting uh with the council to discuss the concerns that we both may have regarding the audit. I think that's it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to um C legi oh we have... Ogema, did you have something else to add? I see you still have your hand up. Okay. Thank you. C legislates

Ogema Romanelli: I just lowered it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Tammy Burmeister

I It's not an update that I have, but it's a question. Um the...the audit is supposed to be presented to tribal council um by the auditors and the CFO. When can we expect that to happen? Because I know a resolution of support has to be um executed from the council with that audit so. Do you have a date where it's going to be brought to our um review with auditors?

Ogema Romanelli: I was told within the next few days it was to be hopefully turned into the clearinghouse, so I will get with the CFO and have that question answered.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay um will you send us an email on that, please?

Ogema Romanelli: Yes

Speaker Burmeister: So, we know so we know. Okay. Mm hmm. Okay. Um I'm just going to go down the list here. Recorder

2. Pam Johnson

You are next.

Recorder Johnson: Um so just a little follow-up from last week. Um on uh I did get the draft of the findings um that we had from last week, so I just wanted to share those with everybody on what they were. Um one was material audit adjustments. Um what part of the I guess the audit description of condition and effect. During the audit, multiple adjustments were provided in order to reach proper year-end balances. The majority of the adjustments that were made were identified by the auditors, while a few were identified by the tribe. As a result of this condition, the tribe's accounting records were initially misstated by amounts material to the financial statements adjusted- adjustments affected a significant number of accounts and opinion units. So that is number one finding. Keep in mind this is just a draft. Uh two was preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Um that basically just means uh they wasn't prepared, and um it got like because of delays, it was pushed back. So, it wasn't done uh by the schedule they had. Three was timely financial reporting. I think that pretty much states for itself. Four was segregation of duties. Um due to staffing issues, there basically was like one person doing um several uh duties. Thank you. Like totally drew a blank. Thank you for that. Um so that is number four. Five, of course, we know is the tribal council minutes. And six is variance in quarterly reporting. Um and that is uh the condition, and effect is during the audit, we noted a variance between amounts reported on certain quarterly P&E reports and amounts recorded in the general ledger and presented on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards for fiscal year 2023. As a result of the condition, the tribe did not fully comply with the current requirements of the grants or the uniform guidance. So that is just to give everybody an update. There so, we did have six findings according to the draft. And um last week, one was mentioned, and um and now everybody knows what the other five are that were in the draft. So, I just wanted to share that with everybody as well. So that's it for me.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor

3. Julie Wolfe

you're next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wolfe: Thank you. So, for legislative update I have I know I reported once on Michigan House Bill 4854, the tribal regalia bill, and that was sent to um Governor Gretchen Whitmore. She approved that on January 17, 2025. So, she concurred and signed off on it. So, the tribal... tribal regalia bill will take effect April 2, 2025. The bill allows Native Americans to wear traditional regalia at formal and informal public events. Um traditional regalia includes clothing, wearable items that represent Native American

tribal or ancestral traditions. Traditional objects include cultural, religious, or ceremonial items that hold a tribal ancestor meaning for Native Americans. So, at graduation ceremonies all... all across public school, you will be allowed to wear regalia. Um another note, um the Gaming Commission met last night, and they elected new officers at their last night's meeting. So, for the Gaming Commission, this is a one-year term. Um Commissioner Steve Parsons is chairperson. He remained that as before. And then um Mark Jasperson was um nominated and accepted the secretary position. So, there's new officers for the Gaming Commission. And then the last thing I wanted to share, uh not really legislative update, but an announcement of Valentine's Day cookies and cards parties happening tonight from 5 to 7 at the Food and Nutrition Center on Dontz Road, for elders and children are welcome to... to come and decorate cookies and make valentines together. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor

4. Gary DiPiazza

you were next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, yeah, I don't have a whole... whole bunch. Ogema kind of covered that situation. So, and I had gotten a call. So yeah, it was cold down there on the lake. I'm still freezing. Anyways, that's all I have.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor

5. Shirley Weaver

you are next. Go ahead, please.... Thank you. Councilor Wolfe, did you have something to add to yours?

Councilor Wolfe: Well, I just wanted to ask Councilor DiPiazza can for clarification to the membership.

Councilor DiPiazza: That's alright

Councilor Wolfe: The boat that the boat that we're talking about is not a tribally owned boat or is not a boat of the Natural Resource Department.

Councilor DiPiazza: No, no, it is not. It is privately owned.

Speaker Burmeister: Mm kay.

Councilor DiPiazza: And it's not it's not a registered through the uh CORA or any other source. So, it is privately owned. It had nothing to do with treaty rights because it was not registered. But it's still sitting on the bottom.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Thank you. Al um Councilor

6. Al Metzger

is next, but he's on work travel. Moving down to Councilor

7. Ron Wittenberg

You are in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, uh Miigwech. Uh talking I'll go back to the boat uh that's underwater. Anyways, uh I'm curious as to how that boat is coming out. That the Ogema shared something about coming to a council concerning that boat. But if it's not tribally owned or something, I don't see what and where and how uh Little River's got anything to do with it. That's just my question or thoughts on that. But uh I'm sure they'll come to light here uh shortly because I know that has to get out there and something's got to kind of evidently coming forward to the table. So, this should be interesting. Miigwech

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Councilor

8. Misty Silvis

You're next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Silvis: Yeah, I just wanted to state I... I was down there till about seven o'clock last night. Also, myself. Um no, and it's not owned by the tribal, but it is owned by a tribal member. And so, it is just concerning because there's still a part of the tribe. And I do have a concern wanted to make sure that there was no contaminations. There was no contaminations in the water. Uh but I feel that something needs to happen before that does become a problem. So that's my only update. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Wittenberg you

Councilor Wittenberg: Can I?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah. Uh thank you on that because I wasn't sure because I hear so many. Uh so it is tribally owned.

Councilor DiPiazza: Citizen

Councilor Wittenberg: Tribe

Councilor DiPiazza: Citizen

Councilor Wittenberg: Tribal citizen that is tribal.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yes

Councilor Wittenberg: Oh, okay That explains it. Alright. Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: But the Tribe does not

Councilor Wittenberg: Because I hear different things and uh to hear that. But okay. Now I understand why it's coming to the table.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Councilor

9. Shannon Crampton

You are next in the queue. Go ahead

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, Speaker. Um well, the state of Alaska has filed a disturbing lawsuit against a tribe in Alaska, trying to shut down one of its gaming halls that opened up on its own parcel of land. Um if that is successful, I think like the casino that went in in Benzonia would probably not survive um because that's a casino that you can open up much like Little Traverse did in Mackinac on your own reservation without government approval if you keep it right around Class 2. Um that's something to watch because that's legislation that gets knocked down and that fires the um ability of tribes to issue state or Class 2 on their own land. That's why it sounds beneficial. That's actually terrifying to tribes because that's a uh de-escalation of our rights. And uh while I get the um sediments of a member of a fishing boat going down and the Ogema being there because he's the office of one, I'm not sure what the council can do there as individual council members since your only power is that of being on a nine-person body other than to express concern. Um I did call out just to put some feelers out for and to ask for some help for Councilor Metzger since he went out there alone. I did receive some um calls back that they're going to take him under his wing their wings, and uh I was it was expressed to me that a great need for our leaders to be in Washington and I was reminded that there will be um a MAST meeting where they'd like to see Little River at coming up in March. It's uh I believe it's March 22nd to 28th and it was expressed that some of our voices are very missed at that level. I know that we get caught up in the day-to-day politics at Little River but that's only about 10 percent of your job and we're pretty um remiss on the other 90 percent. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I just wanted to clarify. I wasn't down there uh to spend our money or do anything. I was down there because it is a citizen, and it went down. Contamination and other things, that's all the things we have to worry about. A lot of that has to come from the Ogema side. That's why he's bringing that forward. I need to go down there and see it, touch it, feel it. Boy, I feel it because I'm still freezing and if anybody would have been here this morning, we had a conversation about it but if you're not here, you can't be part of that conversation. I don't know what else to say because it was brought up, yeah, first thing this morning. I'm good. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Crampton, go ahead please

Councilor Crampton: I... I just I'm not too sure of the appropriateness of Councilor DiPiazza constantly trying to campaign in council. Um this why are you allowing comment on our legislative reports? I'm just I'm just interested in your answer.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Um one other one other thing of noteworthy the Sault St. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians, they experienced a

Speaker Burmeister: Oh yeah

Councilor Wolfe: A cyber-attack on Monday which um closed all five of their casinos um and impacted some of their government and services and program systems so just be vigilant of that and you know some good thoughts to them that they can recover from that. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you

Councilor DiPiazza: That would be don't open any suspicious emails but you gotta remember we're split. We have our own IT, they have their own IT. Sault St. Marie was all combined so a lot of stuff when that virus got in, away it went. Don't ever open an email that spelled wrong, or you won a bunch of money. Don't do it. I'm good.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: So, we just get to start making comments without the queue or anything. This is getting out of hand. Speaker please, a little bit of professionalism. I know that Mr. DiPiazza thinks that this is his entertainment period but it's not and it's actually quite disturbing so if we could please just keep a little bit of professional decorum. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

D. Public Comment Period

Do we have public comment? Go ahead Sara.

Sara Agosa: My comment is about the membership meetings procedures ordinance. From what I understand the initial vote to post this draft for a 30-day public comment period didn't pass. Those who voted no, Silvis, Wever, Burmeister, Johnson and DiPiazza. This legislation is really important. It ensures that all members are treated equally and fairly in membership meetings. Information is transparent and that virtual technology is maximized to its fullest potential. So, I do have a question, and I'd like to direct it to Recorder Johnson since she's an outlying representative. This legislation is really important to allow virtual participants the same equal rights as in-person participants in these meetings and since you're an outlying representative, why did you vote no? That's my question. Thanks.

Recorder Johnson: What was it on Sara? What are what motion are you specifically referring to?

Sara Agosa: The membership meetings procedures ordinance.

Councilor Wolfe: She said you guys all voted no when it was brought forward by Shannon to be posted and she's asking you specifically as outlying why you voted no.

Recorder Johnson: I would have to look at that again Sara to... to be able to answer that of completely.

Sara Agosa: I'll ask you next week. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um next in the queue is Corey Wells.

Corey Wells: Boozhoo Tribal Council. I'm coming to you this morning as not Corey Wells tribal member but as the acting commander of the Warriors Society. Uh as you know we've been trying to piece the Warriors Society back together again because it's been fairly inactive over the last couple years. In order to do so, oh I forgot my phone. One second. In order to do so uh we needed; we're going to need a tribal council liaison appointed. So, I don't know, uh I can't, maybe I can request. I'm asking if you guys will appoint a tribal council liaison. The only reason I ask this is because in the Warriors Society ordinance, which is 10-700-09 and section 8.01 bank accounts, because right now the Warriors Society is unable to access its bank account, deposit, or withdraw money. So therefore, we're not able to do anything really. Uh in order to establish a new bank account that's under the Warriors Society's name, the society is authorized to open and maintain a bank account subject to the approval of tribal council or tribe's chief financial officer and the tribal council liaison. Uh so, I can't open a new bank account without having a tribal council liaison appointed so that we can get their permission along with the CFOs to open a new bank account under the tribe's EIN number. So that's my request to tribal council. I would like to stay here and be able to, you know, talk about it if you guys will or would like to, but we had a sewer back up at the house and I got to go fix that.

Councilor Wolfe: I can just give you a quick response. Um we did discuss it when Councilor Johnson brought it forward and because none of the seated members are veterans, we wanted a work session to see how it would work because previously all the liaisons that were on the Warriors Society and I think she had gave you the form to set up that work session. That's all I have.

Corey Wells: Because I don't believe any elected officials right now are currently Ogechida or Ogechidakwe. I don't believe so. And that's absolutely fine, uh at least as far as the current officers are concerned. We just need that person to be able to interact with Council and interact with us to be able to let, you know, one, to open a bank account and two, you know, tell you what the Warriors Society is doing. But without the bank account, we can't conduct business, we can't do audit, or we can't have an audit of our finances, which apparently are required via the ordinance and according to the uh Accounting Act, whatever one that one is. So, we're behind on a lot of things, but we really can't do anything without the initial step of having a liaison so we can open a bank account, transfer money, start business.

Speaker Burmeister: Ron. Councilor Wittenberg, were you going to respond to Corey? Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, Miigwech and uh on this and bring it forward, but uh there's nothing in there. Does it say anything in there that a liaison has to be a veteran? That's my there you go. Thank you.

Corey Wells: Not to my knowledge.

Councilor Wittenberg: You do not have to be a veteran. As like for me to carry a Mi'kmaq Eagle Staff in the circle, some say, oh, you got to be a veteran, but I know some that are high standard in our nation here in the three fires that turn around and told me, you're a Ogechida, you carry that staff on in there. So, there you go.

Corey Wells: Several of you know, of my brother and I, who's one of the other officers, have been working on an ordinance to expand the definition of warrior to not just include veterans, like obviously veterans will be there, but there's other people in our communities that constitute as warriors.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah

Corey Wells: And, you know, we're open to including, you know, people like yourself. There's several people that I use the Dakota Access Pipeline, those people that stood up to those men with guns, you know, pointed at them and stood their ground for, you know, those are Ogechida.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah

Corey Wells: You know, we have tribal members who carry a gun and protect the community every single day. They're Ogechida, you know, as far as I'm concerned, warriors. So

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah

Corey Wells: but, you know, we can't really do any business until we get step one done.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah.

Corey Wells: So

Councilor Wittenberg: Uh you're absolutely right. Ogechida does mean a warrior and a warrior does not mean a veteran. A warrior as each one, as all our people that are warriors in one way or another. And so, if we were going to go to uh veterans, then it... it should be to me another name because a warrior includes all. You don't have to be a veteran.

Corey Wells: And to be fair, our... our pool of citizens is shrinking every day. I think Councilor Wolfe stated that, and that was the first thought that ran through my mind when she said that, uh how many people have passed on from the first COVID payment to now?

Councilor Wittenberg: Right

Corey Wells: You know that number is only shrinking as so is the number of Ogechida. A lot of our Ogechida right now are, you know, um I'm trying to think of the polite word to say it, but, you know, on the older side about, you know, and there's less and less young, I guess I can't even call myself a young person anymore, but, you know, there's less people my age and below that uh are veterans so.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, personally myself, I do know uh a lot of veterans that are out there as far as being in the service at different uh branches, but uh it's a shame that they don't step up and turn around. And then I do know that a lot of veterans that are wearing warrior jackets uh turn around and they don't want to partake. So that's the part where uh you have some that want to, and then some that already are, and it goes on that they're not standing up. So that's just my thought. Miigwech for coming forward.

Corey Wells: Well, thank you, Tribal Council.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um Councilor DiPiazza, did you have a response?

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah

Speaker Burmeister: Okay

Councilor DiPiazza: I was going to try to rectify that in second open because even before the chair was Virgil, which was the speaker, which had signature authority. I don't have signature authority. Nobody has signature authority except the speaker and the recorder, the officers. So, I'm going to try to fix it in second open for you.

Corey Wells: I appreciate it, and I wish I could stay to help out, but...

Councilor DiPiazza: No, you go plug that leak.

Corey Wells: There's a problem at the house and I probably should get it fixed before uh my wife and my girls get home, and it becomes a disaster so.

Councilor DiPiazza: Be a good idea

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Corey. Um Councilor Crampton, um do you have a response for Corey?

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, and I have a response like everybody else was allowed to do, too. First, the was the incorrect application of Ogechida when he said that I don't believe any of our council members are Ogechida. The correct uh from uh application of Ogechida does not um qualify you because you signed up for a foreign army. That's got no application in our language whatsoever. It's people who stand up for our rights and fight for the people. They could be a woman, they could be a medicine man, they could be a gatherer, they could be a hunter, they could be a warrior. That's the correct application of Ogechida. It's not whether you signed up for a foreign army of another nation. That would have no place in our language, but that's that was an incorrect application. That's where that all confusion started from. I wanted to jump back to what um Ms. Agosa was talking about because that's when my hand shot up and you let everybody else respond to the questions that came up. Um yeah, I brought that forward, the Membership Meeting Procedures Ordinance, and that would be exemplary of what I was talking about having council members on here who are not voting for the people. That was only to post it for 30 days so the people could see it and uh give comment. You had five council members who did not want that to be heard by the people or be seen by the people. That's what happens. Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: campaigning speech Speaker

Councilor Crampton: Is he speaking again without the cue? Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Corey

Councilor DiPiazza: Asking another campaigning speech

Speaker Burmeister: I don't know if we have any further questions for you.

Councilor DiPiazza: For the Speaker

Speaker Burmeister: Appreciate that. Okay, thank you. Oh, I had him next in the queue. Um oh, did he leave?

Councilor DiPiazza: Looks that way

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, James. Move on to the next one. Um Shawwna, you are next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Shawwna Gonzalez: Hello, Shawwna Gonzalez 4700. I was just wondering about the Cultural Commission. I came in on the end of that conversation. Um did I hear that its um held up because of the application? Because I did fill out the application for that. So, I was just curious if anybody could reiterate um what's going on with that.

Speaker Burmeister: Shawwna, um there had there was no form which lists like terms of officers for that commission. So, uh Venus has drafted one of those up. I'm reviewing it

to finalize it. And then once that's done, I'll send it to Mary Thomas who had requested that. And then the Ogema's office will bring the interested applicants forward.

Shawwna Gonzalez: Okay, thank you so much. I really appreciate that.

Councilor Wolfe: Council

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. You have the queue, James.

James Dame: James Dame. Um I just would like to comment on the boat that sank down in Ludington. The boats not registered. The boat is a tribal member tribal member owned. There's another boat down there also that is not registered. I do not know who owns it, but I do know that it's tribally registered or tribally owned. Now, if that boat if that boat sinks, and that boat has sank twice before, and that will be an environmental hazard because there's oil in the water in that build right now. So, if there's anything that we can do as a tribe to take care of this, we should start looking at that. That's what we as a tribe, natives, try to take care of our environment. So, let's try and get take care of that. Otherwise, what's going to happen, we're going to be like this right now. And then there's all these people out here in the state, they're going to, they're getting ammunition right now. And they're going to start slinging it at us, just like what happened before. If we can nip it in the butt as quickly as we can, that's what we should try and do. And that that's what I have to say. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, James. Um Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, that's why I needed to go down there and see exactly what was transpiring. Because yes, we will get pounded on the head for it later. Because that, and I, and technically, the Ogema needs to take some of them actions, whatever they may be. So.

James Dame: I...I was actually the first one down there.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh okay

James Dame: I had a daughter sick at home from school. And I dropped everything I had to do, gave her my phone. And I went down there because I'm concerned citizen of this tribe. And I knew that that wasn't my boat, my boats on the beach, I pulled it out. But I wanted to see what was going on, make sure that what I could do, there was nothing I could really do. But I could go ahead and... and relay information to our conservation officers that were on the phone with the Ludington PD so.

Councilor DiPiazza: That was the main reason why I needed to see it, feel it, understand it, where yeah. Anyways

James Dame: Anybody else has their hand up? But just one more before I, um the other thing is the young man that does own that boat is in a bad way right now. And I feel

really bad for him. So, if anybody and everybody could give him some good thoughts or prayers, if that's what you do, he's going to definitely need it.

Councilor DiPiazza: Mm hmm absolutely

Speaker Burmeister: Okay thank you James. Okay um go ahead Councilor Weaver

Councilor Weaver: Yeah, I just want to know, isn't there a law that you have to have those boats removed before winter? You say you have yours on land. Why aren't the other ones on land for the winter?

James Dame: So, in our decree, there's a spot in there that does say that boats have to be pulled out. But if a boat is actively fishing, it could stay in. And that's, that's, now those two, those other, those two boats that are down there, they're not registered under anything. So, what did they fall under? They do not have a state, a state registration number. They don't have a CORA registration. Cuz CORA, you have to go through uh safety inspections to even have a CORA... CORA stamp. And those boats haven't, haven't anything. So, I'm not trying to throw anybody under the bus.

Councilor Weaver: No.

James Dame: I'm trying to go ahead and say that there's a possibility of an environmental hazard right now with one boat still down there that has sank before. And, and it, you'll end up with water or oil in the water or whatnot. So, it's not, but yeah, go ahead. I'm sorry.

Councilor Weaver: No, I was just going to ask, who's going to be responsible for that? We will.

James Dame: That's what I'm, that's why I brought this up right now. I'm hoping that our council could get, can talk. Yes, our Ogema, everybody needs to come together with something like this, because this is an environmental thing. And if we want to say we're native, doesn't, isn't natives aren't that what we were all about at one time is to protect our, protect our ground, protect the earth and our environment.

Councilor Weaver: Absolutely

James Dame: So, let's go ahead and put away our um our differences for something that we know. We say that's a ticking time bomb right now. The boat that's down there right now, that's still floating for now. It it's a ticking time bomb. It's already sank twice before. And like I said, I'm not trying to get anybody in trouble. I'm not trying to throw anybody under the bus, but I've had to cross over that boat, almost broke my leg, taking fish off of my boat over the summer. Then if the boat doesn't have any registration on it, it's not supposed to be in the water. Whether who's, who's responsible for it comes back. It'll, even if it's not us, we can say, well, it's not us, but guess what? Public opinion, we're already no good down there. We're, we're not any good down there right now.

Councilor Wever: No

James Dame: There's people slinging mud at us right now.

Councilor Wever: Its true

James Dame: So, if we could go ahead and show, hey, we're, let's get these, let's get these out of the water so that we don't. And that, that would show one thing now who's responsible for the pay to get it out. Let's deal with that down the road

Councilor Wever: Absolutely

James Dame: Because honestly it looks, we're, we're kind of good at kicking the can down the road sometimes. So, we could kick that can down the road a little bit too, to see who, who, you know, put them on a payment program, whatever. You know what, pull those boats out, clean them up and set them there. If we ever figure out this property thing, and they could be really good learning pieces, museums, whatever, you know, that right there. I mean, so that's all I have to get going, but thank you very much for your time.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Thank you, James. Okay. Sara, you have already been in the queue. Um so you're not able to speak.

Sara Agosa: Call a point of order

Speaker Burmeister: The next one is Mark. Go ahead, Mark.

Mark Huddleston: Thank you. I have a question about a resolution. Uh it was for a charitable contribution on November 22nd, I think it is, 2023 to uh Magwitch Inc. And I uh heard the six-month report. Did we get a final report from them? And uh I was wondering if the recorder could inform the members of the amendment to resolution 24-0403-062 for clarification on that. Thank you.

Recorder Johnson: Um Mark, I don't know offhand what resolution that is. Um so I can get back to you later on that, but I don't know offhand what resolution that is.

Mark Huddleston: I...Can I speak? May I speak?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes

Mark Huddleston: Um that would be requiring tribal councilors to attend physically, present, in person at our regular council meetings in the lodge beginning after this resolution is invoked and from here forward. The resolution number is 24-0403-062.

Recorder Johnson: Okay. Um can you so that resolution was done. It was amended twice to clean up the language in there a little bit last year. And that is that tribal council uh needs to be here in person, but there is it... it does allow councilors to miss six meetings where they can be on Zoom versus being in person um per year.

Mark Huddleston: Thank you

Recorder Johnson: And they can vote in person or on Zoom for those six meetings.

Mark Huddleston: Thank you.

Recorder Johnson: Yep

Mark Huddleston: One last thing, I would like to say Miigwech to members assistance for all their help and uh getting me enrolled with the health clinic and answering all my questions to get my prescriptions filled. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Crampton, you are next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah. Uh I was kind of into that boat story until somebody who came here to lay it on the tribe kind of blamed us for kicking it down the road. Um no, I just heard a person that didn't have to be there say that they went down there, and they have to crawl across boats to do this. That's an irresponsible boat owner. If they're parking their boats where other fishermen have to get across the boat and then now it's sinking and now it's the second time, maybe they shouldn't be out on the water. Um and to come here and to try to say that the tribe is pretty much kicking it down the can. I really don't care what other people think. I'm a council member for my nation. I'm not going to be running down to Ludington saying, oh, please like us. If they if they have the attitude of us because a boat sank, that's pretty small, minded hillbilly town. And uh I'm not going to be caring for their favor. Now, on the second part of this, what are you using to deny Sara Agosa the right to speak when you allow so many people to retort, get out of the comment? And I pointed this out quite a few times. You're reading the meeting procedures. Absolutely wrong. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay like I said before, Sara, you have already spoke so.

Sara Agosa: But I wanted to call a point of order to correct misinformation.

Speaker Burmeister: Um well, it's not a go back and forth. You already spoke. You asked your questions. And so, we're moving on to the next person, which is Ogema. Go ahead, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli: Thank you. I did want to speak to James uh James uh questions and concerns. I know that he's concerned about the property because he's brought it up to us and uh the property in Ludington, but also about the boats. Uh the reason I had to leave

the meeting this morning and I've had some conversations both I got I received notice from public safety yesterday and I've spoken to the natural resource staff. It is a concern. And it while it's a tribal member's boat, it is a concern for the tribe in that public relations. Again, I think James mentioned it. It's not good anyway. There's also the environmental concern that happens when a boat goes down. We've had that in the past. And I think it's something that will take the natural resource department, the Ogema, the uh person that's involved and the tribal council all to get through this. And I don't you know, I understand his comment with kicking it can down the road, because at times that's what it seems like. With these fishing boats, as you know, I've been we've been uh dealing with this off and on for 19 probably 19 years now. So, uh I think we need to totally come together and look at the situation. As I mentioned earlier, I think I will bring something, a request from the natural resource department to the tribal council. And if we can all get on board, whatever that is, and see how we resolve this situation. The second boat uh that James talked about was also discussed at this uh meeting that I had this morning. So, uh we want to look at both situations, the one that's now below water, and the boat that's sitting there. So, we will be having a discussion, I will bring something forward, uh along with natural resources to the tribal council to see how we alleviate the problem and address this current situation. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um 4689, can you identify yourself? And I know you also had your hand up. So, I didn't know if you still had your question.

Scott Wahr: Scott Wahr. Uh no, I had a couple comments about the boat, but they've been answered. Thanks.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you. Councilor Wittenberg, you are next in the queue. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, uh Miigwech Ogema Romanelli uh for coming back on. And uh I know uh within myself, I have a lot of questions because yes, we do need to do something about those uh boats that are down there. And then also to see uh myself, because I know we had, uh this ain't the first time this has happened as far as down in Ludington boats going uh down. And so, I'd like to see myself past practice of what went on. And those are my concerns. And any future boats, uh turn around and uh make sure they're, whether they say seaworthy... seaworthy, you know, but uh because that is an environmental thing and, but I'm looking forward to it. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Kimberly, I know you had your hand up and you lowered it. Do you still have a question or comment? Councilor Silvis, go ahead, please.

Councilor Silvis: With no further hands up, I'd like to make

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Councilor Silvis: **To end first open.**

Recorder Johnson: It's up to you the motions already made

Speaker Burmeister: Um we do have a motion on the floor. Um Delia, I'll let you go ahead, but then no other hands raised will be um asked to move forward with their questions. So go ahead, Delia.

Delia Ross: Thank you. I was just wondering, since um our financial report will be in, Um I think the Ogema said in a couple of days, does that mean that we'll have that certified number that we need for the COVID-19 issue? And my second thought is, um while I understand the boat issue, I wish that the council and those that we take consideration or that much consideration to the people of the tribe. I know of people that can't eat, that are living in hotels, that have been put out of their places, and they really need that money. And for us to keep on going on with this for over a month now, um trying to get this set up because we can't get a certification number, which I don't know why. All you have to do is look it up. Um account any accountant should be able to do that. So, um that was my only question, is are we going to get that certification in a couple of days along with the rest of the financial report? And uh please take into consideration the membership. Take as much concern for one single boat owner. Take that consideration for the rest of the tribe as well. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Delia. Um has his hand up now? Nope. Um we can't take any further comments, because I already stated that. And there is a motion on the floor. So, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for that motion, please?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Seven in favor, two absent. We are done with first open at 12:08.

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.

Councilor DiPiazza: Ill make a **motion to go into second open**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Pam did you. Are you recording?

Recorder Johnson: Yes

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call, please.

Recorder Johnson:

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor, one absent. We are in second open at 1:24

Speaker Burmeister: Okay um let's see, Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead, please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, I need to make a motion to amend the agenda. **Amend the agenda to add pointing Tammy Burmeister as a liaison for the Warrior Society** so they can continue to conduct business because technically the officers have the only signature authority at this time.

Councilor Wittenberg/ Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Who'd you get, Pam?

Recorder Johnson: I heard Ron.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay then me too. And was it Shirley that had said something?

Councilor Wittenberg: Also

Recorder Johnson: Okay

Speaker Burmeister: yeah.

Councilor Wittenberg: She supports also.

Recorder Johnson: Um

Councilor Wittenberg: *Mumbling something but unclear in the mic*

Speaker Burmeister: That's right, that's right. Okay tell me when you're ready.

Councilor Wolfe: I have my hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Oh, go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: Did I miss the work session? We agreed to have a work session to have a discussion over this, not just to add it to the agenda because they bring it to public comment, and he was given the form.

Speaker Burmeister: You're responding?

Councilor DiPiazza: Some of it I believe. Yes, some of it

Speaker Burmeister: Okay go-ahead Councilor

Councilor DiPiazza: I believe is time sensitive to at least get the accounting portion straightened out before it's non-straight and unpalpable. Big time

Councilor Wolfe: Virgil's been gone for a long time, so it's not a red fire.

Councilor DiPiazza: This time it is, but that's where it's at. They cannot conduct business without that. And then you can have a work session and change whatever needs to be changed. But at the end of the day, it still needs a liaison with signature authority. They can open their bank account and close the other one and whatever needs to be done.

Councilor Wolfe: And I'm disagreement that the liaison needs signature authority. It's brought by tribal council resolution to open the bank account. Doesn't give need the speaker to sign the bank account or the liaison to sign the bank account. It's an action by tribal council with the authority to open it. Needs to be re-read and discussed from an attorney point of view. Why I suggested the work session, why we agreed to the work session, why he was given the form and didn't schedule it.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Well, first it's very disturbing that when a councilor speaks to the speaker, we have another councilor just assuming that he's in a position that he's never been elected to and nobody voted for him in. Um so that speakers, we're talking to the speaker, not to anybody else. That shouldn't be happening, but it constantly does. And that needs to stop immediately. Secondly, that was my recollection of exactly how it went is how Councilor Wolfe said. And I that absolutely does need to be reviewed. Like I said two years ago when I was speaker, and we were going through our laws, and I said these five that we fixed are just the start. I too do not believe that one person from council can go as a liaison and start whipping through money without council authority. You're still just a liaison. Liaisons function despite what's being done at the National Resources Department. They're not supposed to be in the meetings. They're not supposed to be steering the commission. They're a liaison. If something goes wrong, the word of liaison is you are just reporting back to council. You're not an active member of the board or the body. If you're really if you're reading the commission's ordinance correctly, they elect a person who's a contact person. That person contacts the liaison if there's an issue. Liaisons can sit in on a body that's not there for a vote. They can't be steering the direction of the committee or running the commission or telling people, hey, you can't get anything with my word because council members have no power unless they are on a Wednesday as a body of nine. So no, my questions are pretty huge. And I don't think a person just as in the liaison role can start whipping through money. And if that is in the ordinance, that would be unlawful or incorrect. And I'm with Councilor Wolfe needs a legal review. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor... Councilor DiPiazza, you had your hand up next and then Ron, I have you.

Councilor DiPiazza: I believe I steer the commission whatsoever being a liaison. I'm there to help them and get them information back and forth. What you do, that's on you. I want to see our 1836 treaty rights as strong as possible. I don't know what you do with half the time, but okay. So don't dog me for what I do. I try not to, I usually don't. But anyways, I made a motion to uh amend the agenda. So.

Speaker Burmeister: Mm hmm. Um Councilor Wittenberg also has.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, I can understand that to hearing this of not uh council turn around and just trying to get off the track but turn around and see what uh our attorney would have to say to have a more black and white. So, it doesn't put council to me in a trick bag. And I don't see, uh because we'll be talking with her hopefully uh tomorrow to turn around and get her view. Cause I would seem to think she would be on that. And I can't see one more week uh of just having a clear of uh what can we do, what can't we do? How many times has council did something and put themselves in a trick bag? And that's what I'm looking at is uh trying to uh keep that clarity in there, cause nothing works. Anybody speaking here can turn around and say, this is right, that's right. But then we turn around and do it. Then we find out that it wasn't right. And we should have waited while we done did it wrong. So now we got uh whatever, and that's just what I'm uh looking at. So, but yes, I would definitely like to hear this exact to make sure we're on the right track. And we did uh in different things many times or postponed it to hear exactly from-

Speaker Burmeister: Mm hmm

our attorney. And I see nothing wrong in it. If they waited uh this long, uh one more week uh would not hurt it. And then, yeah, okay. My thought on it, I think. It's clarity, that's all.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Well, before this gets reduced to some seat, he said, she said stuff. Um no, there's an absolute ordinance. There's a written document you can look at. Um I did not see anybody's name, but Councilor DiPiazza made it about himself again. I correctly read what a liaison is supposed to be doing. And no, they're not supposed to be steer uh steering departments or um heading them up. If that's happening, I don't care what you think or have to smell or have to taste. That's unlawful and will not continue. So, if that's happening on any of the boards these members know about or it's going on, and we have a Councilor pretending that he's got more power than he does, please report it. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, you're the one that said NRC Commission. So, who the who is a liaison on there? Really dude. You want to play these word games. Anyways, I made a motion to the agenda. And this is just a closing on account out and open account up. There is no signature authority for say that she can touch any of that money.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: So

Speaker Burmeister: Um

Councilor DiPiazza: *Speaking but not clear on zoom*

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Are you done, Gary?

Councilor DiPiazza: I guess. *Unclear on zoom*

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Um please. Um

Speaker Burmeister: Sandy, please mute yourself.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah please

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton is before you, I have you in the queue next.

Recorder Johnson: I muted her

Councilor Crampton: Thank you...Thank you. Can we get somebody just so he can't keep making this about himself. I'm trying to conduct business here. The correct response is that liaisons can't be doing that. And the question here is legal. Can a liaison actually go over and start getting at money without Council approval or Council vote that isn't on a Wednesday when they have no power whatsoever? That would be the legal problem that we have here. Now, I'm going to say this again, no matter if the document says that it has, it can or can't be done, as we've learned in the last administration when I was speaker, there are almost all the documents that need to be fixed so that they relate back to the constitution. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Sandy.

Sandy Mezeske: Um it's a question, isn't the Warriors, and that's what you're talking about, correct? The Warriors Society?

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, mm hmm

Sandy Mezeske: Okay. The Warrior's Society is not a commission, correct?

Recorder Johnson: Yes

Speaker Burmeister: That's correct.

Sandy Mezeske: I can assume that even with Virgil not being there anymore you know, and I don't know how many is on the Warriors Society, they would already have a bank account open, correct?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes.

Sandy Mezeske: So, I mean, I don't know if it's the fact that a liaison has to go down and sign a bank card or who's on the bank card, but...but you're treating this as a commission, which it's not, it's a Warriors Society. That's just my comment. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um go ahead, Corey.

Councilor Wolfe: Corey didn't raise his hand, and you have a motion on the floor.

Speaker Burmeister and Recorder mumbling but not clear on zoom

Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: At the end of the day, they're not a commission, but they're not a committee.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: And

Councilor DiPiazza: So

Councilor Crampton: I'll wait. Um Ms. Mezeske makes a very good point. If they're not a committee and commission, then how does our ordinance apply? We need to look at it legally. We have a legal review that needs to be done, absolutely now, and she just added to another point. If they've been conducting business, they might not need that. And the ordinance might be incorrect and need to be rectified.

Speaker Burmeister: Corey did this time

Councilor Crampton: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Uh Corey, could you explain the situation?

Councilor Wolfe: We have a motion on the floor.

Recorder Johnson: Everybody else is talking

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, everybody else is asking questions and commenting. So, Corey, can you please explain so that we're all hearing the same thing?

Councilor Wolfe: We asked for a work session, and he didn't submit the paperwork. Now you guys are adding it and pushing it through.

Speaker Burmeister: I'm not pushing it through.

Councilor Wever: No

Speaker Burmeister: I just want everybody to hear the same thing.

Corey Wells: Would you like me to explain?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, please.

Corey Wells: Uh I only caught a little bit of Sandy's comments. Um uh the only reason that I can see that we need a liaison is because the ordinance says that we need one in order to establish a bank account. Uh just a little brief history on the bank account. Uh it's under Virgil Johnson's personal name as his personal account, doing business as the Warrior Society. So, it's not under the Warrior Society. So, none of us being Virgil Johnson can touch, move or otherwise do anything with that money. We're looking to use the tribe's CIN number to establish a new bank account that is just for the Warrior Society. And with the officers, whoever gets elected to there can do business you know as one would normally do. The problem is the bank wants to close the account because it wasn't open properly to begin with. And you know they're desperate for us to open an account, move that money to an account that actually you know is a Warrior Society business account, not a personal account under Virgil Johnson doing business as the Warrior Society, as best as I can explain it. Uh the only reason we need a liaison is that uh the Warrior Society ordinance specifically states that in order to open a bank account, we need the permission of the chief financial officer of the tribe and the tribal council liaison for the Warrior Society. I ... I don't know why, or you know how that got put in there. Uh if it needs to be removed you know then that'd be great. But you know either way, we can't do any business until we establish a new bank account and can you know move those funds. Hopefully that explains things.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Councilor Wittenberg, your first in the queue.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, uh that's to me and I'm just running it through my mind of a personal account and then the bank, credit union, whatever, wanna close that. But if it's my personal account, to me, they're always stepped in there as saying I'm gonna close it. I mean, that's just my thought. Now, if it's my personal account, I can put anybody's name

sitting at this table on my account and I don't need a liaison or something like that because it's a personal account. And I wanna transfer these funds if from my personal account. And I'm welcome to hear if I'm wrong, but if it's my personal account, got my name on it, I can turn around and go down and say I want this under this person. And I, because it's my personal account, wanna close it. But I'm taking this and I wanna shift it under so and so name, which would be, I would presume, Corey Wells, in my mind. I'm not a banker or anything like that, but that would be the same question I would have if I, my personal account, to turn around, cut mine off, stop it, put it under so and so name. And then all those funds would be, whatever uh would be there to ship it. Just my thought, that's curious. That's why I want myself an attorney to, uh because as we can see right now, uh a lot of questions bring up questions. And that's my thing in there. Just my thought on that, that personal account. Oh, well, thank you. Miigwech. Just a thought.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um Councilor Crampton, go ahead. You wanna get back in the queue? Because I have Pam next.

Councilor Crampton: Um yeah, so that would be, again, back to my point. Um now I'm even more concerned that I hear this, that there was a personal account that somehow was affiliated to the tribe that can't happen under the ordinance. So, there we really, I can't stress this to you guys enough. We need to have a lawyer go over it to see if everything's right. If there was actual concern about the warriors in getting this done, we would have a lawyer in here and expedite this process. Trying to put a band aid on it and use it as an excuse of, you don't care about the warriors. No, if you cared about the warriors, you would get this done right and securely. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um go ahead, Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: So, Corey, and uh would it be better to have a resolution done giving from council saying it would be better to have that resolution attached to that account? They say, yes, this is uh this is approved to open up an account, whatever, like the council has done in the past instead of having a liaison, since you guys are supposed to stand on your own. So without like the interference, and I guess it's just that liaison term, but would that be more suffice, even though this would just be getting you guys situated for the moment without the bank closing that account?

Councilor Silvis: I don't think the ordinance right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah

Recorder Johnson: I know.

Speaker Burmeister: It states it in the ordinance.

Corey Wells: Would you like me to respond?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes, please.

Corey Wells: Okay um so, I'll answer Ron's question first. He brought up something. We did try to do that, Ron, but that would also put us in the situation that you know if I ever stopped working with the Warrior Society, then we'd be in the same boat. And I think I'm actually in agreement with uh Councilor Crampton that the Warrior Society's accounts weren't opened right to begin with, if that makes sense. Like the more I dig into it, the more I'm like, what is going on here? Which is why we were trying to follow the ordinance, which specifically stated we needed a tribal council liaison. Um the new ordinance that we're writing for the Warrior Society would not include that language because it's supposed to be independent, which I agree. Uh but right now, in order to use the tribe's EIN number and to be tax exempt, which the current account shouldn't be tax exempt, question mark, because it's under a personal name. So, I have no idea. Like, I don't really even wanna dig into it too deep to know something I don't wanna know. But uh in order to be tax exempt and continue business tax exempt, we'd need to operate under the tribe's EIN number until the Warrior Society could file to be a 501c3 or something similar along those lines to be its own independent uh body to be tax exempt. Um but I'm just following exactly what the ordinance says, requesting the tribal council liaison because that's what the ordinance requires. And until I get notified otherwise, that's, in my opinion, tribal law, and I'm just trying to follow it. So, if we have another solution, I would be more than happy to go over it. I'd be more than happy to talk to the attorneys. Uh I'd be more than happy with the work session. The only reason I requested a liaison is because that's what the ordinance said on there so

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you, Corey. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Yes, there will be no other way around this in keeping their tribal affiliation um to us other than to fix the ordinance, which is gonna require just exactly what Councilor Wolfe started out saying. Um every document that we have needs to be looked at and corrected. You're gonna find mistakes all throughout them. Constitutions are living documents. They need to be updated and amended to incorporate the changing times. This one is just like the Budget and Appropriations Act. And um what was the other one? Seventh Generation uh Budget and Appropriation. There was like five of them. I'm trying to remember what we went through. Um anyway, they all need to be fixed and updated. There's language in there that's incorrect in all of them. To try to keep going around the obvious answer just wastes more time. We should take what we have, expedite it, get it with the attorney immediately. I...I would suggest Mr. Frias, because he seems to be very diligent and very timely. Um and just get on this as quick as possible. If you don't care about the warriors, don't use it as an excuse to try and get faulty legislation. It's just gonna cause more problems pushed through. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor DiPiazza, you still have-

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, I wasn't pushing anything through. And the liaison doesn't have a signature authority on checks. It states quite clearly in their ordinance who does. So, you don't wanna do it, that's fine with me. Um you know, they've gotta probably order some flags coming up. Well, how are you gonna transpire to that when

you can't access the funding to do so. So, and yeah, they're not a commission, they're not a committee. They're designed that way, so they don't really have to deal with us. Cuz nobody wants to deal with us. If you haven't noticed lately. Employees don't wanna deal with us, nobody wants to deal with us.

Speaker Burmeister: *Mumbled something*

Councilor DiPiazza: A lot of people noticed

Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: So right now, I would draw it if that is the purview. Otherwise, I will continue with the motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Um go ahead, Corey, and then I'll hit you, Ron.

Councilor Wittenberg: Oh okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: I mean if you wanna dissolve the Warrior Society, so be it. That's what's gonna happen.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, please stop him. Nobody said dissolve it, but we're gonna go into this mindless craziness forever, so stop him, please.

Speaker Burmeister: Um go ahead, Corey.

Councilor DiPiazza: That was my opinion. That's what's gonna happen.

Speaker Burmeister: Shh Gary, um.

Councilor Crampton: Oh my God, is there some place we can put him, please?

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Corey.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm right here, buddy.

Recorder Johnson: Stop it

Speaker Burmeister: Gary, stop.

Councilor Crampton: Oh yeah, last time that didn't work out did it buddy

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, stop it, both of you. Stop it, both of you. Corey, do you have a comment? Guess not. Corey? Okay, Ron, I know you did.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, this is my last comment, and it goes right back to it, to me. It's a personal account.

Speaker Burmeister: Uh huh and it shouldn't.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yea and it shouldn't and what Corey shared needs to be a liaison, which is a whole different thing. A resolution. And to me, and it goes right back to the same thing. And then my question is, is why? But that's all right, that if it's my personal account, I have a right to go to the bank, credit union or whatever, to close it. Why would they wanna hold it if I got a signature on it? To turn around, and then they're gonna say they're gonna close it. That's just my point. Yeah, there's a lot of, to me, questions on there. And if it needs to be somebody right from that bank, I wouldn't mind uh listening to exactly what they say. Because that's how we're talking about a personal account. We're not talking about accounts. You can put any name on there. Okay, it's got the Warrior Society uh on there, but it's a personal account. It's the same thing. A personal account. And you know that's where, to me, in my mind, and they already talk about closing it. That's why I turn around and I'm a little bit more in depth on there because it's um too many questions. A little clarity is what I'm looking at, but that's, you know. And to keep, then we can turn around and bring it to the table. And if that needs to be resolution as what it says under here, Corey's thing, well, then we can go about it. But the number one thing is exactly what is going on with that account. Because it's a personal account. It's not under, you know, exactly see what it says. That's, I'm done.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, um go ahead, Corey.

Corey Wells: So, I guess what I can offer Tribal Council is that I'll come in and fill out the paperwork for a work session if we can have one fairly quick. Um I do have the updated ordinance that I've already uh like revamped the old ordinance to be a little bit more modern. And if uh we could have a work session so we can sit down, maybe have an attorney present to see, you know, make sure all the I's are dotted and Ts are crossed. I can offer that since I already have the ordinance mostly done or the new one or mostly rewritten. So

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah

Corey Wells: Uh that's something I can put on the table.

Speaker Burmeister: That... that sounds good, Corey. Yeah, if you could follow through and do that, that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Councilor Wittenberg: And soon

Speaker Burmeister: Yep, the sooner the better. Um Shirely do still have a comment?

Councilor Wever: Well, I was just going to say that, Virgil. Maybe that's why it's a personal account because it doesn't belong anywhere, but it's still a red flag and I'd love an audit

Speaker Burmeister: No, yep. Thank you. Alright, so we, so if there's a motion on floor, don't we have to?

Councilor Wolfe: He already withdrew, Tammy.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, well, I'm just making sure.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, hold on, directed towards me. I thought I was still in the queue. I just had one further question. Warrior Society get any stipends or payments for doing this or is it strictly all volunteer?

Corey Wells: Uh by the ordinance and we kept that. Uh the Warrior Society is not allowed to accept any compensation for their duties.

Councilor DiPiazza: Strictly volunteering on your dimes. Okay.

Corey Wells: That is correct.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, and that's the new ordinance, correct?

Councilor DiPiazza: Mm-hmm, just signing.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, so you withdraw then?

Councilor DiPiazza: That's why everybody probably drops off.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah

Councilor DiPiazza: yeah, I would withdraw that motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay

Councilor DiPiazza: Why not?

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you. Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: Is Bill Willis still involved in handling the finances currently? It's what you said to me earlier this week, Tammy.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, I thought Bill was the one that made the deposits. Corey, correct me if I'm wrong.

Corey Wells: He was as of a couple of months ago. I haven't talked to Bill in a while about it, so I don't know if he's continuing to do that. Although the bank was starting to get nervous about that because they'd been audited, and that account had been flagged and they wanted to resolve the issue as fast as possible so

Speaker Burmeister: Okay um part of that, good question, Julie, too, because I signed a check yesterday for two flags. Payment for two flags and the check was written out to the Warrior Society, so it was for \$100. So, I don't know who's going to take that to the bank.

Councilor Wittenberg: Okay.

Corey Wells: It has been, Bill, up to recently. I don't know if he's still doing it.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, just didn't know because, yeah, the check, that check was written out to the Warrior Society, so just FYI.

Councilor Wolfe: And one comment on that, Tammy. Checks are good for 180 days

Speaker Burmeister: Yes

Councilor Wolfe: from the tribe, so that's not a fire issue right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, well, the reason I brought it up, too, is because I had known that Bill had made those deposits. So just letting everybody know that a check was cut, so he might if it's given to him, he'll just sit with it for three months, probably. I don't know, I can't... I shouldn't say probably, but I'm just saying that just for the record. You know what I mean? Yeah

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, I withdrew my motion, so.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, okay, so we can

Councilor DiPiazza: move on.

Speaker Burmeister: We will move on.

Sara Agosa: I can't make a comment.

Speaker Burmeister: She can, because-

Councilor DiPiazza: Go ahead.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Sara.

Councilor DiPiazza: I withdrew my motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, you withdrew your motion, so. Go ahead, Sara.

Sara Agosa: I'm concerned with what I'm hearing, especially that nobody knows who's making deposits. I don't know if that's just specific to the Warrior Society or in general who's making deposits, but Tribal Council definitely should be made aware if there are any changes in a position that's that important.

Councilor Wolfe: It's only specific to the Warrior Society for this situation.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah

Sara Agosa: okay, I just, I hope that, you know, Tammy, I hope that you will follow up and um get an update as to who's making the deposits now. Thank you

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you um I will follow up. Yeah, um go ahead, Councilor Silvis, you had your hand up.

Councilor Silvis: Yes, I would like to make a **motion to amend the agenda.**

Councilor DiPiazza: Same thing with mine. Support

Councilor Silvis: For a motion to make a motion for Tribal Council to stop working on the election ordinance until after the 2025 regular election.

Councilor Weaver: I'll support.

Councilor Silvis: It is a regular election to that.

Recorder Johnson: Okay.

Councilor Silvis: I don't think we can do special election

Recorder Johnson: Okay

Councilor Silvis: Regular election

Speaker Burmeister: So, I'll wait till you're done writing that and then discussion.

Recorder Johnson: Alright, you can do discussion.

Speaker Burmeister: Is it okay? Okay.

Recorder Johnson: Yeah, there's nothing while I'm doing it

Speaker Burmeister: Um first of all, is there going to be any Tribal Councilor that is going to abstain? Councilor Crampton, go ahead, please.

Councilor Crampton: This has got to be the funniest I've ever heard. Um first of all, it would be a violation of the constitution, and it would be a violation of the meeting procedure's ordinance. All would say anybody can bring a work session forward on council. Um it doesn't say what the topic is. That's your right. I understand a lot of you really want to get a crooked election across for Tammy's sister, but that's not going to happen, and you can't curtail the constitution or ordinance. You'd have to change the ordinance, but this is the funniest one I've heard yet.

Speaker Burmeister: Um go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza and I have you Ron. Gary then Ron. Okay

Councilor DiPiazza: My personal opinion, the more you monkey with this election ordinance, the more you're going to be at some point dragged in court for interfering with an election because now you're changing the rules and the rules of conduct of it halfway through. So, I can see another court battle and we're not going to fare well, let alone being accused of interfering with an election because right now that's kind of what it is.

Speaker Burmeister: Mm hmm. Okay, um go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg: Okay, Miigwech and uh I uh do chuckle on this myself uh big time and that's okay because I can laugh at the whole thing and understand where different things are surfacing, and I don't mind laughing about it because it is funny. Well, on the way to afterwards, we can see what is going on because it's all in the vote. But yeah, big time funny, but that's my opinion so

Speaker Burmeister: Um are you done Ron

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah

Speaker Burmeister: Okay alright, um go-ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Uh well, no, monkeying with the election would be if council found that there was a bunch of legal problems and council voted to stop it and send the election board, monkeying with the election would be for somebody to stop sending that to the election until a week later after your sister declares an election. That would be monkeying with the election, not bringing forth your constitutional right to work on anything. And we don't have anything to worry about because in the middle of an election, uh two election cycles ago, uh Judge Sherigan issued an administrative order to seat herself within three days after the election announcement. So no, that won't be happening. No, you won't be stopping anybody from bringing their constitutional duty forward to bring forward any work session they wish. But this is letting the members know that you right now are trying to tamper with an election. You're trying to violate the constitution. You're trying to violate the election ordinance. You're trying to violate the members procedures ordinance all out of desperation. But again, if you're looking for a lawful uh definition of messing with an election, that would be when council has a lawyer and identifies that you have illegally hired a lawyer, your regulations are in conflict with

the constitution, council identifies it, has a lawyer come in and write the document up and then votes to send it to the election board. And then when the speaker on her own accord without any vote of election or of the council holds it until after her sister declares an election. Now that, that, that's election fraud. See, so if you're looking for something, there you go. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Uh you wanna get back in the queue?

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I would love to.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, I'll put you in there. Um Councilor Wolfe, you are next. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Wolfe: Well, to stop working on an ordinance that we know has inconsistencies with the constitution and other matters wrong with it is crazy. And to stop working on it just puts you in delay between of April and what happens in April, we've been working on it for clearly a long time. So, to stop working on it is different than to not legislate anything while the election's happening. So, I think your wording's a little bit off. I'm not in support of your motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Sara.

Sara Agosa: I do have a comment, but can you please clarify the motion for me?

Recorder Johnson: It is just to amend the agenda to put in this um item.

Sara Agosa: What is the item?

Recorder Johnson: To... to stop working on the election ordinance until after the regular election.

Sara Agosa: Okay, I think that is absolutely unethical, especially a tribal council had an agreement that a letter would be sent, and Speaker Burmeister delayed um that letter because your role as councilors is to uphold the fairness and integrity of our election process. And if they were legal issues, then that election shouldn't have been called. And the election board is also required to follow ethics standards, which is in chapter 14 of their regulations. So, I'm absolutely opposed to this motion. And I think that that's really unfair to me as a voter. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um Councilor DiPiazza, you are next in the queue.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, still constitutionally the membership voted to give the election board the autonomy of a lot of things. So, I don't know. I guess if you disapprove of anything going on, the courts are right across the street. You're free to go file anything you'd like. And I really you know love it when you want to accuse everybody of wrongdoing, like accuse her sister.

Sara Agosa: A point of order.

Speaker Burmeister: Please you don't

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: He has the queue, Sara. You can't say that. You can say that but

Sara Agosa: But it leads him to sidebar comments. I don't need it.

Speaker Burmeister: Well, he has the right to do that. He has the right to do that.

Sara Agosa: There's no conspiracy, Gary.

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: Well, you muted the wrong person.

Recorder Johnson: No, I muted it.

Speaker Burmeister: Oh. Gary, I-

Councilor DiPiazza: Like I said, if you disapprove of a lot of it, the courts are across the street. Take it up over there. Prove me wrong. I encourage you. But to keep wanting to accuse people of stuff, like doing things because her sister is on the election board. So what? Everybody's got relation that either works or on boards, all kinds of stuff. So, I don't know. All I know is you're going to end up interfering with an election, what's happening right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Hmm Okay, so-

Councilor DiPiazza: No, I'm done.

Speaker Burmeister: Are you done?

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm good

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, go ahead, Councilor um Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Uh yeah, nothing I said was he said, she said. Council took a vote. Councilor Wolfe said, hey, did you send it to the election board? The speaker said, um no, I thought there were some things wrong with it. So, I contacted the attorney. That's not what happens on council. See, holding that after there was a council vote, and that was before the election, holding it till after the election when you knew the problems were there, that's not he said, she said. That's not my opinion. That actually happened. I know we have delusional minds on council, but I'm trying to stay away from

that as much as possible, you guys. This is actual, factual what happened. Now, if you want to go for removal, this is, I'm going to show you how to do it. The constitution says anybody can bring forward any work session to council all they want. It's backed up by the meeting procedure's ordinance. Now, it says that council in the constitution can only act by motion, a resolution or ordinance. Um and then it takes an even further drastic definition of that on page 20 of the constitution. It says, to take action not inconsistent with this constitution or federal law. This vote right here, absolutely not my opinion, not nobody's interpretation. You can read it for yourself, is an absolute desperate violation of the constitution and the laws. And it defines it right before they even do it. So, they know it. I mean, any childish interpretation afterward, you can all read for yourself. So, you already know what's going to happen. We're going to get some kind of childish. It doesn't matter. It's still in there. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, go ahead. Go ahead councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh, I Yeah. Can you please, I don't know. Is, yeah, I think my mind is gone because are you a none of us are constitutional experts no matter what you say or what you say is or what you say is not. The only ones that are in the constitution are the courts that rule on this constitution. So, you can bark all you want. The courts are the one that are going to clarify the constitution per the constitution. I know you like to throw the constitution out there and kind of manipulate it to the best of your ability, but again, courts are there to clarify. Feel free to go spend 20, 35 bucks and file. Encourage it. I'm done

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Thank you. Go ahead councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Well, again, or for all the rest of you, um it's on page 20. It's on actions of tribal council. It's powers of tribal council. It defines what action tribal council can take. Now, again, three actions. They can do it by motion, ordinance or resolution. Each one of them requires a vote. Those votes cannot be inconsistent with the constitution or federal law according to the constitution on page 20. Now, I know some council members need other people to interpret that for them, but it's pretty clear that when it says in the constitution, you can't do it. See, this is the problem that I'm having on a council and there'd be no other councils that even do stuff like this, that pretend that the speaker did not withhold that letter from the election. Are we insane? That actually happened. That's on record. We have emails showing that it happened. And then to sit here and try to bypass it like it didn't happen and blame everybody else for election fraud after this. This work session was started way before the election. And I kept telling the members for almost a year, they're stalling this off and we're going to have a calamity. Now, the calamity they've created, they're trying to throw it on somebody else right now. Again, this is all election fraud.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Just for clarification, when was the election declared? Anybody know? I don't remember.

Speaker Burmeister: In August 29th

Councilor DiPiazza: In August

Speaker Burmeister: of 2024.

Councilor DiPiazza: When did we do that motion to send whatever to the uh election board? Anybody? No, I'm asking you, Mr. Know it all. Tell me what date that letter was posted.

Councilor Crampton: If you'd be quiet, I'd try to help you out there.

Councilor DiPiazza: Okay, come on.

Councilor Crampton: See, you got to stop talking for me to answer. Um the election, they tried to do it twice, which was part of my complaint. They didn't post the regulations a second time. They posted the first one and declared it with those regulations, and then went back and rewrote them and tried to insert them without declaring the second election, which was part of our complaint. So, you see, what you guys are reading is just adding this to the absurdity. So, there's your answer. Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: What

Speaker Burmeister: That didn't answer the question

Councilor DiPiazza: What date was that posted to do that? What date? What month? Give me a month.

Councilor Crampton: The first one they declared; it doesn't matter. They tried to reinsert some other ones without declaring another election. Are you not, don't you comprehend? Read the paper our lawyer gave us.

Councilor DiPiazza: In regulations, don't need to post it.

Councilor Crampton: Umm careful. Hold on, let me bring it up for the membership so they can hear all the violations that we had.

Speaker Burmeister: He's asking you for a date.

Councilor DiPiazza: Just give me a date.

Councilor Crampton: I... I understand that. I've already explained that to you, and you guys can't comprehend it because you want it.

Speaker Burmeister: No, I can give you an exact-

Councilor Crampton: You want, then please do, because you're trying to-

Speaker Burmeister: It was October 23rd, 2024. The motion was by Councilor Crampton, seconded by Councilor Wolfe, and it says to have the speaker send a letter to the election board, um notifying them of their violation of law. It uh let's see here. To have Ms. Frias prepare the letter.

Councilor Crampton: Mm hmm

Speaker Burmeister: So, Ms. Frias prepared the letter, and she signed her name, and I had questions because of her signing her name, and Councilor Wolfe had a couple edits that she wanted-

Councilor Crampton: You were supposed to be saying a date. Now, you're not supposed to be explaining why you didn't send the letter because that's my argument exactly.

Speaker Burmeister: No, you're just trying to monkey it up because I have-

Councilor Crampton: No, you're trying to monkey it up. You're saying my exact- I said you didn't send the letter. Now, you're trying to give an excuse why you didn't send the letter and tie that into the election.

Councilor DiPiazza: The motion wasn't done until October 23rd.

Speaker Burmeister: Almost two months after the election was declared.

Councilor DiPiazza: So, I think you owe the speaker an apology for all the times you were-

Councilor Crampton: Look, it doesn't matter how hard you talk like your poop, and it doesn't matter. I'm going to stick to the regulations and the rules.

Speaker Burmeister: You are... you are uncalled for It's because I have the factual information in front of me.

Councilor Crampton: No, it's not. You still withheld the letter.

Speaker Burmeister: And you just spout because you don't think anybody will bring the factual information forward because-

Councilor Crampton: You withheld the letter, Tammy. You withheld the letter, Tammy.

Speaker Burmeister: Two...two months later.

Councilor Crampton: You withheld the letter.

Speaker Burmeister: There is a motion on the floor by-

Councilor Crampton: You withheld the letter. You're trying to commit election fraud right now.

Speaker Burmeister: No, you're just Factual information.

Councilor Crampton: No, you five are trying to commit election fraud and violate the constitution right now.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay whatever. Okay, Councilor Silvis-

Councilor Crampton: Whatever, whatever. Is that how you handle things?

Councilor DiPiazza: Don't need to be posted

Speaker Burmeister: And Shirley seconded it.

Councilor Crampton: You guys are violating the constitution and the law. And no-

Sandy Mezeske: Take it to court.

Councilor Crampton: It's not take it to court. This is how the 500 hillbillies do that.

Speaker Burmeister: Can you mute him?

Councilor Crampton: No, you're not right.

Sandy Mezeske: You are 553.

Councilor Crampton: Oh my God. Relatives, talk, please.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, you're trying to over talk now.

Sandy Mezeske: Crampton, shut the hell up.

Speaker Burmeister: Sandy!

Councilor Crampton: Please, speaker, come on. The drink, please.

Speaker Burmeister: Sandy. Can you kick her out because we're not supposed to use vulgarity?

Sandy Mezeske: I'm sorry.

Councilor Crampton: No, she's supposed to be gone.

Speaker Burmeister: Just well, just, I'm handling it

Sandy Mezeske: Well so is he

Speaker Burmeister: I'm the speaker. So, I can-

Councilor Crampton: She's still there.

Speaker Burmeister: And you need to be quiet, please. I've asked you in a respectful manner, because, okay, go-

Sandy Mezeske: Well, he's disrespectful

Speaker Burmeister: Um

Councilor Crampton: She's supposed to be gone, speaker.

Councilor Silvis: So, there's a motion on the floor just to amend the agenda.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay right, that was the motion. Okay, so, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call to-

Councilor Crampton: Uh the courts already ruled, you can't make me partake in violations of the constitution. I wont

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, please. Go ahead, Recorder Johnson.

Councilor DiPiazza: He needs to abstain

Councilor Silvis: He left

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh alright

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah. He left yeah, he left because he got mad. Well, go ahead, Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Four in favor, three against, two absent. It's been amended.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Silvis

VIII. Open Session

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

Councilor Silvis: I would like to make a **motion for Tribal Council to stop writing legislation on the ordinance until after the 2025 regular election.**

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll support it.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, so is there going to be any Tribal Councilors that are going to abstain from the item? Any Councilors with questions? Any Tribal Citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council. Oh, go ahead, Sara.

Sara Agosa: Um can you please restate what the action is right now? I'm... I'm so confused. What is the motion?

Councilor Silvis: Making motion for Tribal Council to stop writing legislation on the election ordinance until after the 2025 regular election.

Sara Agosa: Okay, so you're voting on that right now?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes.

Sara Agosa: Okay, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay um. I'd like, okay, we already have a motion on the floor. So, Councilor DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, I was just going to say, since before I got interrupted, but technically they don't have to post the regulations because what happened on Council, you don't have to post regulations anymore. So, where's that going to go? And plus, that motion and it was voted on... on October 23rd, 2024, to send the letter to them after the election was declared. So, it's easy to spew them things unless you have documents or factual is when we have massive amount of turmoil, and it does not play into that into that narrative. So.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Any other councilors with questions or comments? Back to Tribal Council? Or I mean back to, go ahead, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: Well, I want to say for the record, Misty, every resolution that or motion that you bring forward is only to stop the work and the progress of the body of Tribal Council. You don't bring any legislation for the people. So, what you're doing is absolutely insane. Cut off your nose to spite your face.

Councilor Silvis: You're saying?

Councilor Wolfe: I don't need commentary. You weren't in queue.

Speaker Burmeister: Um back. Okay, any other councilors?

Councilor Wever: Yeah.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever: I just want to say, I don't know why Shannon got off. What was his problem?

Speaker Burmeister: He didn't like what I was saying.

Councilor Wever: He could vote this down.

Speaker Burmeister: Yep.

Councilor Wever: So, where is the little?

Speaker Burmeister: Be nice.

Councilor DiPiazza: Easy, easy.

Speaker Burmeister: Easy

Councilor Wever: little councilor.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, too many witnesses, here. Careful.

Councilor DiPiazza: Because we had facts.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, so we-

Councilor Wever: He could have still voted down.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah.

Speaker Burmeister: Yep. Up or down, that's what you always say. Vote it up. Vote it down.

Councilor Wittenberg: *Saying something but wasn't clear*

Councilor Wever: Shannon.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, so um, Recorder Johnson, can we do roll call for this item?

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Four in favor, three against, two absent. It's done for now.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'd like to make a **motion to close second open**

Councilor Wittenberg & Recorder Johnson: Support

Councilor DiPiazza: Why what did you think I was going to say?

Speaker Burmeister: I didn't know that's what was looking at you. I'm like, okay, we have something else

Councilor DiPiazza: No.

Recorder Johnson: Who do you have?

Speaker Burmeister: I have Ron.

Recorder Johnson: Okay

Councilor DiPiazza: We're all done, and nobody wants to do it.

Recorder Johnson: Stop it.

Councilor DiPiazza: Until we get what's going to happen.

Councilor Wittenberg: Clarity

Speaker Burmeister: Um Recorder Johnson, can you do a roll call for adjournment, please?

IX. Adjourn

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Five in favor, two against, two absent. They are adjourned at 2:22.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chantel Gamelin".

Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Johnson".

Pam Johnson,
Tribal Council Recorder