



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 11, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker Johnsons said good morning everyone. Johnson thanked them for joining them on January 11th. Johnson said here for their ah, normally it would be Wednesday, January 10th but today is Thursday, January 11th um, due to the snow day they had yesterday. Johnson said um, they are here today instead as a makeup day. Johnson said she hopes everybody stayed warm and safe yesterday. Johnson said so they are here um, and Councilor Di Piazza would he please say the prayer for today.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

Councilor Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaagnaash.

I pray to all Creation that they can all work together for the betterment of their Nation and people.

Give us a better way of life and a better way of living.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Acting Speaker Johnson said they are going to go through the list starting with ah, Jim can he please identify himself with either a Tribal I.D. number or if they are an employee of the Tribe.

Jim La Porte said Tribal Member #3383.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked him. Johnson said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said #3866.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Karol Ann.

Karol Chabot said #3742.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Keegan Bordeaux.

Keegan Bordeaux said Legislative In-House Counsel.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Laura Echelbarger. Johnson said Laura.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Outlying Rep. and #1747.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Shawn Bertrum.

Shawn Bertrum said #4779.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Venus Torres.

Venus Torres said Staff and Tribal Member #1102.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Veronica Burrows.

Veronica Burrows said hello. Burrows said oh, her Tribal number is #4754.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Victoria Wells.

Victoria Wells said there they go, sorry, malfunctions. Wells said Elders Meals Coordinator and member #4841, good morning.

Acting Speaker Johnson said good morning. Johnson said ah, number 231 329-1568.

Shawwna Gonzalez said #4700.

Acting Speaker Johnson said all right, ah, 906 458-4756. Johnson said phone number 906 458-4756 can they please can they identify themselves. Johnson asked what is it star.....to unmute themselves when they are by cell.

Councilor Wittenberg left the meeting room at 10:24 a.m.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said star six and it was unclear who they were or where they answered from.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the meeting room at 10:25 a.m.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked them. Johnson said once again phone number 906 458-4756 last chance before she puts them in the Waiting Room. Johnson said it is star six to unmute please identify themselves. Johnson said okay they are unmuted. Johnson said they see they are unmuted can they identify themselves. Johnson said okay, she is going to put them in...into the Waiting Room. Johnson said um, okay it was only once....ah, number 887-9856.

Councilor Wever said good morning this is Shirley Wever, Council.

Acting Speaker Johnson said number 231 794-0066.

Michael Burmeister said good morning, Michael Burmeister #0945.

Acting Speaker Johnson said good morning. Johnson said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Councilor Wolfe. Johnson repeated Julie Wolfe. Johnson asked Julie Wolfe is she there.

Councilor Wolfe tried to make a comment but it wasn't picked up clearly enough to understand what she.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Julie they seen that she tried to respond but she didn't come through. Johnson asked Julie Wolfe if she wanted to try that again. Johnson asked did they lost her. Johnson said ah, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225. Densmore thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Melinda Smith. Johnson said oh, not that one. Johnson said Roy Vanas.

Roy Vanas said #4906.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Julie she sees that she is back on.

Councilor Wolfe said Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council, At-Large.

Acting Speaker Johnson said hey, they got her this time. Johnson said um, Melinda Smith.

Victoria Wells said she has no audio or video.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson asked did she miss anybody. Johnson said who has.....Councilor Crampton go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, um, he apologizes but he doesn't care who it is he wants to make sure that the Speaker is allowing a meeting to go forward with somebody here that is unidentified so they can also happen in the past because if it is going to be allowed today its going to be allowed next meet....next meeting and the week after that too. Crampton said so he knows them guys all down there have their friendly little buddies and stuff but no this is a professional place. Crampton said if they are not answering they have rules.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she also realizes um, she is also an employee ah, so she doesn't know if that is why she doesn't have um, audio because she knows some of their employees when they jump on for.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he knows but he is in the queue and they can recognize who she is all they want and that is his point. Crampton said she as the Speaker she shouldn't be going she knows that person so she is going to just override the rules. Crampton said that is the point of what he is saying. Crampton said Mr. Vanas had stressed that many times over and he is going to back him up on this because he thinks that um, if they are not able....video or vocal to identify who they are and if she is going to make a special exception that should be allowed for anybody that gets on in

the future and doesn't have video or audio or unable to confirm who they are. Crampton asked so she is allowing it.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she is going to allow it....

Councilor Crampton said okay, then she is allowing it for the rest because they don't discriminate its their rights so anybody who wants to attend from now on they can. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um, moving on. Johnson said um, Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please. Johnson said yeah, um, that's okay.

Acting Recorder Silvis said um, okay.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Tammy Burmeister is Acting Ogema so she is absent. Silvis said they have eight present and one absent they do have quorum.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked her. Johnson said moving down to Approval of Agenda.....ah. Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, um, he noticed that ah, for the membership's consumption um, what happened last week and ah, today is kind of upsetting.... last week....after last week's um, vote some Council members.....Council member Wever and Councilor Di Piazza left. Crampton said the rest of Council stayed until 7:30 at night trying to fix this out. Crampton said um, they adopted a letter to be sent out the following Friday. Crampton said um, on the following Friday when they showed up and they asked if the letter had been sent out. Crampton said the Speaker then said she would like to hold a meeting to have the Council vote on sending the letter out. Crampton said when they showed up to the meeting there was something else on the agenda which is on the agenda again today. Crampton said yesterday they held a meeting putting this agenda forward. Crampton said there were only two items that were approved by Council to be put on the agenda and that was a continuing resolution and the approval to send out the letter. Crampton said today again they see that somebody has snuck onto the agenda um, approving a first quarter expenditure when no Budget has been approved by Council yet. Crampton asked who put that on the agenda he would like the members to know exactly what is going on and who sneaked this on the agenda. Crampton said Council did not approve that yesterday for two items to be put on the agenda. Crampton asked who put that on the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked if Councilor Di Piazza had his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said he wasn't here at the meeting yesterday.

Councilor Di Piazza asked was there a meeting yesterday. Di Piazza said Council.....

Councilor Crampton replied yeah, without him. Crampton said he didn't show up.

Councilor Di Piazza asked there was a Council Meeting yesterday.

Councilor Crampton said no there was a meeting with the Council to decide on the agenda today.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, okay that wasn't a Council Meeting right.

Councilor Crampton said yup.

Councilor Di Piazza asked when can an action be taken.

Councilor Crampton said ah, their not talking about a Council Meeting they are talking they got together to decide the agenda. Crampton said he knows he wants to spin words but listen it's a simple question.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is still in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said ah-huh.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what three actions can be taken by Council.

Councilor Crampton said ah, Mr. Di Piazza what they are talking about is what is on the agenda he knows he wants to go back to this remedial question of grade school but they are trying to stick to the subject here. Crampton said it is that there are two items that were placed on the agenda that weren't agreed by Council yesterday and he was not at the meeting just like he left the other day; early. Crampton said so he weren't there so he doesn't know what the discussion was about. Crampton asked what was placed on the agenda Mr. Di Piazza yesterday at the meeting.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he doesn't know what happened yesterday.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said yeah, he doesn't know because he wasn't there so.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know.

Councilor Di Piazza was attempting to answer the question but he was interrupted by Councilor Crampton who was not recognized to be in the queue so Councilor Di Piazza's comments were not understood clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Crampton interrupted Councilor Di Piazza's queue. Crampton asked who put it....his question is who put this on the agenda.

Councilors Di Piazza and Crampton were both speaking at the same time and no one conversation could be followed clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked who put this on the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson said gentlemen.

Councilor Di Piazza said he still has the queue.

Councilor Crampton interrupted again unchecked. Crampton asked who put this on the agenda.

Councilor Di Piazza reasserted that he still has the queue.

Acting Speaker Johnson once again said gentlemen.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was called into the queue so may he finish.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she actually did call on Councilor Di Piazza so Shannon Crampton....

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't need a narrative....

Acting Speaker Johnson said....he is going to have to wait.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say that yesterday he doesn't believe there was any meeting. Di Piazza said the other day he had something to attend to which okay, everybody does at some point and time. Di Piazza said the only action they can take is by motion or resolution per the Constitution and yeah, if they just agreed on something where does that fall under constitutionality. Di Piazza said as far as the Budget when the ah....when the veto stands that is the Budget in play. Di Piazza said whether they want to say the Budget & Appropriations Act is un-constitutional though the only one that can rule on that is the courts. Di Piazza said not him and not them not anybody whether it is or not that is what is in play when this Budget was done. Di Piazza said and they can't rescind it all because it is still in play, right. Di Piazza said in the Constitution they can't alter the law to change the outcome. Di Piazza said so if they don't

want to appropriate the funds for this first quarter vote no. Di Piazza said but as far as continuing there is a Budget in play.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Acting Speaker Johnson said they have a motion by Councilor Di Piazza supported by Councilor Wever.

Councilor Di Piazza asked does she want him to read it. Di Piazza continued with his motion and read as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023 AT 10 A.M. AGENDA WITH NO CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.

Councilor Crampton asked discussion.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked will he stop getting ahead of her. Johnson said so once again motion by Councilor Di Piazza support by Councilor Silvis. Johnson said discussion on the motion from Council. Johnson said Councilor Wolfe she is first.

Councilor Wolfe said the same that Gary just made and all of his comments are not accurate. Wolfe said there is no Budget in play so this agenda item that they're have on there for Item A um, should not be placed on the agenda. Wolfe said there is no appropriation of funds for a Budget because there's no numbers. Wolfe said they don't have a Budget in play hence why there is a Continuing Resolution and not all Tribal Council agreed that was the action that needed to happen today. Wolfe said they don't have to act by motion or resolution to set their agenda. Wolfe said so she cannot support approval of the agenda with that item as posted. Wolfe thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well they have to approve the agenda it is done by a motion so. Di Piazza said yes they do. Di Piazza said as far as.....are they adhering to the Budget & Appropriations Act when this Budget was crafted and submitted or not. Di Piazza said that would be the question wo anybody. Di Piazza said he doesn't need an answer because he already knows the answer. Di Piazza said yes, they were adhering to that Budget & Appropriations Act when this was invoked. Di Piazza said and when the veto stands and that's the Budget that is in play per the Budget & Appropriations Act. Di Piazza said if they think it is different take it to the courts and have them rule on it. Di Piazza said he's good.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, just to point out the obvious just like Councilor Wolfe said that anything that Mr. Di Piazza said was true they would never be able to set an agenda. Crampton said they adopted it on a Wednesday and they said it on a Friday so he's completely....*laughs here*....inknowledgeable act and that is the danger of having someone like him on Council. Crampton said now what they have here today and that was the question he posed to Council before anyone started asking questions is who placed that on the agenda. Crampton said he got a call from a reporter last night in Muskegon who wants to do a story on how assinine this Council is thinking they are going to adopt the Budget without um, without actually having a Budget in place. Crampton said there is no numbers to plug in and they can....no listen....Gary just _____ to interrupt him so don't. Crampton said now this is what is going to happen them guys got to answer them sometime. Crampton said whatever one of them snuck on the agenda..... Councilor Di Piazza didn't show up for work yesterday so he wasn't at the meeting like usual and they all set this agenda. Crampton said there was only two items to be placed on this agenda that they agreed upon. Crampton said again, after they sat last week until 7:30 without Miss Wever or Councilor Di Piazza agreed on it somebody sneaked it on last Wednesday and now they are getting calls from outside agencies that people are laughing at them. Crampton said he wants to know who placed it on there so the rest of Council....once the membership finds out that he is telling them the exact absolute truth and only a complete idiot would do something like this. Crampton said he wants to know who placed it on the agenda....it just didn't appear there by an act of God. Crampton asked again, who placed it on the agenda because he is not supporting another sneak attack like last Friday just because them guys want to have their little baby weight. Crampton said he is not looking unprofessional and he is not making this Tribe look unprofessional. Crampton said now his question if any of them are adult enough to answer it is who placed that on the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked do they want to answer his question. Johnson said okay, Al hold on. Johnson said go ahead Councilor Silvis.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay, she will state....last Friday after they lost quorum they continued to sit here and work on the agenda. Silvis said she approved it to go on the agenda and there was nobody else that was here except for her and Pam. Silvis said so because them guys walked away and they lost quorum.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said that was after the 7:30 meeting.

Acting Recorder Silvis said meet.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said that was 7:30 at night.

Acting Recorder Silvis tried to make a comment but was interrupted by Councilor Crampton who was not in the queue on the ZOOM recording and her comment could not be made out clearly.

Councilor Crampton continued to interrupt and said that was when they signed that letter.

Acting Recorder Silvis said they approved for the coming....this week. Silvis said so she approved it. Silvis thanked them.

Councilor Crampton continually interrupted and was not recognized to be in the queue. Crampton said no, he will not be supporting the idiot Budget....not at all.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger made a comment but he spoke so low that it was not picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he is not going to respond and go back and forth but he would like it if she could curtail him on his snide remarks if she would please. Di Piazza thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she will try her best. Johnson asked um, Councilor Crampton if he forgot to lower his hand or does he have a comment.

Councilor Crampton said he has a comment. Crampton said he would like the membership to look up the definition "curtail" because he thinks he just made up a word.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said like....just let him run.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson asked any other comments from Council. Johnson said okay, they will move onto the membership. Johnson said and, ah, first they have Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said yeah, she just wants to make a comment. Cheney said everybody is saying that the Budget since they didn't override the veto with respect to the Ogema's Budget. Cheney said but in the Budget & Appropriations Act it clearly states that the Ogema has to have a balanced Budget so she just

wanted to make that comment. Cheney said he doesn't have....what he submitted wasn't balanced so that's her comment. Cheney thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Roy.

Roy Vanas said ah, yes he was hoping that the Speaker could please put Councilor Crampton in check. Vanas said so far from his count in this meeting he has had five interruptions, three out of queues, two name callings, and about six childish insults. Vanas said idiot, baby weight, childish they know they should have a little bit more of a professional decorum with his speech. Vanas said and that's all.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked him. Johnson said um, ah, Sara.

Sara Agosa said she needs clarification. Agosa said she doesn't understand though this is directed towards Councilor Silvis. Agosa said when she says she approved the agenda does she mean that she approved the agenda or approved this item.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she approved this item to go onto the agenda and um, Councilor Crampton was talking about a Tuesday night meeting. Silvis said there was a Tuesday night work session which was only a discussion and not a meeting. Silvis thanked them.

Sara Agosa said so in follow-up last week on Friday Tammy Burmeister was doing dual roles as Ogema and Speaker and Pam was Recorder and Misty they had personal correspondence by email and she said she was not the Recorder. Agosa said then she replied and asked who the Recorder is and she did not get a response. Agosa said so with this agenda item she is saying that she sponsored the agenda item but did not approve the agenda.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she was only speaking as a Councilor at that time she said that she would um, be good with it being on the agenda. Silvis said but she was at that time she didn't know if she was actually Recorder again just this week because there was some confusion. Silvis thanked them.

Sara Agosa said so at the time when this agenda was approved who was the Recorder.

Acting Speaker Johnson said it was this week so it would have been her.

Acting Recorder Silvis said it would have been her.

Sara Agosa said okay, so she then approved the agenda and also sponsored this particular item.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she didn't sponsor it she just said it could be added onto it.

Sara Agosa said okay, so she is really unclear because she thought the agenda was approved by the Recorder.

Councilor Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said Sara the agenda is set by the Recorder and improved by the body of Tribal Council.

Sara Agosa said okay, but the Recorder is responsible to draft the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson said correct.

Acting Recorder Silvis said correct but she did not draft only because she has no um, computer right now because she has IT issues. Silvis said so it was drafted up by the Speaker. Silvis thanked them.

Sara Agosa repeated it was drafted up by the Speaker so that would be.....who would that be.

Acting Speaker Johnson said her.

Sara Agosa said she is sorry who is me.

Acting Speaker Johnson said that would be the currently the Acting Speaker..... Pam. Johnson said she is going to let two people into they are in the Waiting Room.

Councilor Metzger left the meeting room at 10:31 a.m.

Sara Agosa said she does have one final comment. Agosa said it is absolutely unacceptable that they as Tribal members does not know who is filling Officer duties. Agosa said when they try to contact Tribal Council the Officers they don't get a response. Agosa said they should know at all times who is acting in these roles. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked Israel if he could please identify himself.

Israel Stone said Tribal I.D. 1735.

Acting Speaker Johnson said where is the other person that she just let in. Johnson said oh, 616 607-4884. Johnson asked can they please identify themselves. Johnson repeated the number is 616 607-4884. Johnson said ah, star six.

Mary Witcevis. said Tribal I.D. um, 3....she can't remember 1369 she thinks.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked her. Johnson said okay, um, ah, Israel please go ahead with his comment.

Councilor Metzger re-entered the meeting room at 10:36 a.m.

Israel Stone said um, thanked Madame Recorder. Stone said he hears what seems to be a lot of confusion or miscommunication going on to their citizens and that is a little bit worrisome. Stone said in that there is no prohibitions. Stone said the um, ah, Speaker who is Acting Ogema to ah, actually be involved, vote, bring forth issues she is still a Tribal Council Member. Stone said she is taking the additional responsibilities of the Ogema's Office in his absence but that doesn't...she doesn't vacate or leave to go in a different position of ah, Ogema. Stone said she is still an Elected Official of the Tribe, she is still a Council Member. Stone said the bigger concern that he has is a lot of the commentary that he is hearing about the Budget process. Stone said the Constitution and the Legislation for the Budget and Appropriations Act is very clear about what occurs in this process. Stone said he sees today that they have both a Continuing Funding Resolution and an appropriation. Stone said according to the Budget & Appropriations Act what occurred is should the Ogema submit a Budget Council makes amendments and sends it back, the Ogema vetoes it the Council it gets one shot not multiple shots to override his veto. Stone said should they fail to override that veto the law is very clear the original Budget as submitted becomes the Budget for the Ogema to sign and approve. Stone said now separate and aside from that there is also leg....ah, original legislation that says that Council is required by December 31st, June 1st ah, make quarterly appropriations. Stone said where this gets very convoluted should they not have an approved Budget by December 31st then they can put in place a Continuing Funding Resolution that is absolutely within their purview but in this circumstance failure to override the veto constitutes the approval of a Budget. Stone said that was sent forward to the Ogema's Office the Council's only other option at this point according to their own laws is to approve the...the Funding Resolution or the appropriation for the Budget. Stone said the bigger concern that comes into all this is right now FLSA requires if employees are being required to come to the place of work and conduct business, they have to pay them. Stone said what this has set up for all three branches because to his personal knowledge they still have employees working is a misappropriation of funds and it is a misappropriation of funds in accordance and defined by the Constitution which would fall under Article VI, Section....or Article V, Section 6 which is removal of Officers, gross misconduct while in office, misappropriation of funds. Stone said this sets the table for the government to be operating and incurring expenses without funding to pay those expenses. Stone said if they look at GADSBY...FASBY any of those regulations by Federal Law they cannot retroactively approve spending. Stone said so now they have operated, they are on the 11th day of the New Year without funding being appropriated for spending to occur. Stone said he sees on their....their agenda that they have Approval of an Attorney to represent the arguments in a case about this exact issue. Stone asked how are they paying an attorney in absence of

appropriations. Stone said they cannot spend...spend in a vacuum. Stone said somebody else mentioned a balanced Budget that is what a balanced Budget is. Stone said accounting for all expenses and all receivables. Stone said so there is a lot of concerns with this particular issue and he has a lot of concerns also with the violation of three separate court orders by this body by filibustering by breaking quorum and not showing up to meetings. Stone said that has positioned them from a government, self-governance contracts standpoint and from a grants ah, contracts standpoint to be in violation of all those agreements they made that they were going to uphold the laws and follow and adhere to the laws. Stone said so do they funding agencies come after them, that remains to be seen. Stone said somebody's going to follow him and tell him he making this up and that he is wrong, listen, read it for themselves, its black and white, yes he is already requesting contempt charges and he is already asking for a hear...a hearing before their courts on this exact matter because this is a problem. Stone said he cannot spend in absence of appropriations. Stone thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, ah...she has from the queue ah, Chelsea go ahead.

Chelsea Densmore thanked Madame Speaker. Densmore stated her name and Tribal #3225. Densmore said she wanted to make a comment on what Israel said because she doesn't disagree with a lot of it but in the beginning he had talked about there is the ah, previous Speaker that is standing in for the Ogema's seat and that that person doesn't necessarily take away their, they know, Speaker position or their Council position or whatever, right um, in lieu of the Ogema. Densmore said but really a lot of this confusion and a lot of the reason that they still don't have a Budget, right because in her capacity as Ogema she vetoed it on December 22nd and nobody knew about it until January, right, so where is the outrage in that. Densmore said where is the outrage in the fact is what slipped under the door of the Chambers then was just left there and nobody was notified. Densmore asked why wasn't Council all given that notification prior to the government shutting down for two weeks, they know what she means. Densmore said in like she doesn't disagree with what they are saying but let's make sure that everyone is being held accountable too, right, so if they are talking about um, the previous Speaker having put through the veto, having previously sat...currently sitting on Council, right, didn't notify her other Councilors of this veto and the fact that she was not approving the Budget and the fact they were going to start the New Year with no Budget and no notification to their employees and Councilors is also a giant issue. Densmore said she doesn't understand why anybody isn't talking about that too, right. Densmore said its not just oh, that a couple of Councilors didn't show up the other day which granted is a problem, right, it should be an important issue to everybody. Densmore said them guys should be here non-stop. Densmore said she remember the conversation prior to um, Christmas when they had that meeting and them guys were approving the Supplemental Budget for January just to make it through while they talked about it. Densmore said and them guys potentially talking about trying to make

meetings or at least Julie did, right, nobody would say anything of course, right, because them guys like to sit quietly when they are on these meetings unless they have a jab at each other. Densmore said but like them guys should be sitting together and working together so let's not forget that a lot of this stems from the fact that the previous Speaker didn't even notify anybody that she was vetoing it and now they are stuck in this issue, they know, two weeks into this New Year with absolutely no Budget and notifications to their employees that they are going to get paid. Densmore said this is outrageous but she thinks all of them are at fault, right, it shouldn't be just pointing fingers them guys should be trying to work together and make a Budget. Densmore said they shouldn't be approving a Budget that is like what four hundred thousand dollars or something over Budget. Densmore said that's insane, right, them guys knew this weeks and weeks....a month ago, right, months ago that there was this big issue and that them guys were potentially looking at an over Budget....Budget, right, insanely over Budget. Densmore said and instead of having the conversations and working through it they are just point fingers and saying go to court, go to court, and go to court so that's her issue with it. Densmore said they have nine people who should be working together and they are all just...frankly just doing their job. Densmore said so its very disappointing.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, Sara.

Sara Agosa said her first comment is about Tammy Burmeister filling dual roles on Friday and she referred to a resolution in the Emergency Meeting. Agosa said she did submit a Records Request to obtain this resolution. Agosa said she believes this is an infringement of powers and violates the Separation of Powers doctrine. Agosa said so no she does not believe she can fill dual roles at the same time its absolutely illogical. Agosa said and that is simply her opinion she is not an attorney. Agosa said additionally the Budget that was proposed by the Ogema was and is inbalanced and that is a violation of the Budget & Appropriations Act. Agosa said she absolutely agrees that information has been concealed. Agosa said they are not getting formal announcements and it is just absolutely unethical and is not how a democracy works. Agosa said so um, they are not going to accept it as Tribal members and this is directed to Tammy Burmeister and Pam Johnson in particular as the Officials um, that what they are doing they won't condone it. Agosa said um, even the closure yesterday there was no reason that the Tribal Council Meeting was cancelled. Agosa said they have access to ZOOM that meeting could have carried on as usual and she did email....she did email them with this concern and never heard back. Agosa said and that also will not be condoned, this unresponsiveness. Agosa said so that is her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, any more comment from the membership. Johnson said oh, go ahead Jessica.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said just a reminder before they try to skip over it they have two Councilors in the queue.

Jessica Steinberg said oh, she will defer to the Councilors.

Acting Speaker Johnson said go ahead this is membership. Johnson said they will have theirs when them guys are done.

Jessica Steinberg said good morning Madame Speaker, good morning Councilors and those in the room and those that are online. Steinberg stated her name and she is the Coordinator for the Members Assistance Department. Steinberg said she primarily runs Assistance Programs for citizens who are at crisis and at risk for many different levels of need. Steinberg said they operated several programs in Members Assistance and they also operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program which is a Federally Funded Program that actually comes through to the Tribe from the State of Michigan. Steinberg said presently they have upwards of two dozen requests for assistance that are sitting with checks being drawn, Purchase Orders being issued and no check signers. Steinberg said and the reason they have no check signers as she is understanding it from a Coordinator's point of view is because no preparation has been made to support the lawfully adopted 2024 Budget. Steinberg said she says lawfully adopted because she used to sit in one of those seats and when they don't override the government or the Ogema's veto the Budget that was presented originally that becomes the Budget of operation. Steinberg said with that being said she is now put in a position to call these particular Tribal citizens and let them know that the holds they have placed on their accounts they cannot honor. Steinberg said some of them they have been contacted back already with this morning because they already had a 48 or a 72 hour hold on them and the funders or the vendors are not going to honor those holds because they have not been able to guarantee payment. Steinberg said she came up here before rather sternly and expressed that this is who their hurting. Steinberg said yes, do they need a balanced Budget, the Budget & Appropriations Act, she apologizes for not having it in front of her but that section does say a balanced Budget but in...in past legislative practice that balance has also been achieved with a Supplemental Appropriation to meet the expenses for the year. Steinberg said that's not unusual and its not uncommon. Steinberg said there is lots of resolutions that can be researched and brought forward that support that statement she just made. Steinberg said in addition to being able for her having to call the vendors back now she is placed in a position she has to call the funder and let the funder know that they have not appropriated the funding and that they will not be making these payments which will substantially reflect when they make the Financial Report for that particular grant. Steinberg said so she is asking that they fund the first quarter of the lawfully adopted Budget because they didn't successfully override the Ogema's veto. Steinberg said and she is asking that they no longer place their citizens in this position of uncertainty because that is what it is and anything else that needs to happen on the side and they go in the Chambers together and figure how to settle

it out and reach a conclusion for the benefit of their citizens. Steinberg said she has been watching this and they know she has been watching social media traffic and she has been even chiming in from time to time as a citizen but this is getting deplorable. Steinberg said she came to work today with no certainty of payment. Steinberg said under Federal Law and the fact that a portion of her wages are funded under Federal Law, that's a blatant violation of their own laws. Steinberg said what Mr. Stone stated is exactly correct this is a misappropriation of funds, its mismanagement of funds, and its misuse of funds. Steinberg said employees in this building that works for the citizens deserves better and especially the employees who are citizens of their governing population. Steinberg said so hopes they will fix this and she hopes they will fix it today. Steinberg said they got the 2024 Budget in front of them, appropriate that first quarter, and get on with it. Steinberg said that will give them at least 45 more days to argue amongst themselves. Steinberg thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said stop.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he did it too.

Acting Speaker Johnson said hey....

Councilor Di Piazza said he said....

Acting Speaker Johnson said hey....hey.

Councilor Metzger said he is talking to....

Acting Speaker Johnson said stop....stop.

Councilor Di Piazza said practice what he preaches.

Acting Speaker Johnson said stop.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is done.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay um, so she let in a couple of guests that have joined.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said the queue has been waiting a long time and please.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Gary L. can he please identify himself.

Gary Lewis said Utility Director.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Alicia Goff who has said she has no camera. Johnson said so she is online as well. Johnson said there is a Deb P. can she please identify herself.

There was no response from Deb P. to identify herself.

Acting Speaker Johnson repeated Db P. can she please identify herself. Johnson said outlying Huey can they please identify themselves.

Auhline Huey said Tribal Member #1347.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked her. Johnson asked where did the other one go? Johnson said Deb P. can she please identify herself.

There was still no response from Deb P. to identify herself.

Acting Speaker Johnson said maybe she is having issues. Johnson said ah, Sara she sees that her hand was up does she still have a comment.

Sara Agosa said she is good. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, if that is it for members they are going to go back to Councilors. Johnson said ah, star....starting with....Israel does he have a comment.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mrs. Speaker she just jumped the line he already spoke she went back to Council. Crampton said this is getting irritating now please be professional.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she is and she is giving the members the chance....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said no she is not she is trying to avoid.....

Acting Speaker Johnson said she is giving the members their chance and an opportunity to speak. Johnson said Council gets two opportunities members only get once.

Councilor Crampton said yes, and he did speak....its their turn now.

Acting Speaker Johnson said stop, okay call the question. Johnson said ah, Councilor....

Councilor Crampton shouted there's nobody to question....she didn't recognize anybody to call the question. Crampton said it is his queue she can't recognize anybody else other than the queue. Crampton said she can't jump ahead to another

Councilor. Crampton said Speaker they all know what she is trying to do please be professional.

Acting Speaker Johnson said so did she. Johnson said Acting Recorder Silvis will she do roll call please.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said there's no question....she did not....she is violating the rules ri....she is violating the rules Mrs. Speaker..... please stop she is violating.....

Acting Speaker Johnson said Recorder or Councilor Metzger do a....called the question and she did ask Recorder Silvis to do roll call.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said she cut off him and Julie. Crampton questioned Al.

Councilor Metzger replied yes, he didn't cut off nobody ah....

Councilor Crampton said they were waiting to respond in the queue yes, he did cut them off.

Councilor Metzger said hang on....hang on Council Member Crampton. Metzger what actually just happened was the Speaker was going to recognize a Tribal citizen as she also recognized him at the same time.

Councilor Crampton raised his voice. Crampton said he knows he has been waiting to speak for almost a half hour.

Councilor Metzger said yes, and she allows a....apparently she allows whoever she deems important to jump in and interrupt. Metzger said he is getting really tired of this back and forth he would like to vote on it ah.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he would like to....they have always say something about the comments that was made. Crampton said there is a lot of untruth....

Acting Speaker Johnson said yep, the question has already been called.

Councilor Metzger interrupted. Metzger said they are discussing Subject A when all they should be doing is ah, ah, at least trying to ah, pass the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson said exactly they already called the.....

Councilor Metzger said but they are good....excuse him....

Councilor Crampton said but he is cutting off him and Councilor Wolfe....he just wanted to make the.....

Councilor Metzger said so what has.....he didn't mean to cut anybody off. Metzger said what he....

Councilor Crampton said but he did.

Councilor Metzger said there is going to be plenty of time for this discussion on New Business A. Metzger said all they have to do right now is to approve the agenda.

Councilor Crampton continued to interrupt. Crampton said but if they approve the agenda Al....

Acting Speaker Johnson said so please do roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Councilor Crampton shouted his vote of no.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would yell but yes.

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

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked her.

D. Tribal Council Minutes

Acting Speaker Johnson noted no minutes were submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Acting Speaker Johnson noted that none have been submitted.

B. Budget Modifications

Acting Speaker Johnson noted no items were submitted.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Acting Speaker Johnson noted they have none.

IV. Old Business

Acting Speaker Johnson noted none submitted.

V. New Business

A. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY 2024

Acting Speaker Johnson said Brad Pringle will be introducing this. Johnson said so Brad go ahead.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, represented this agenda item. Pringle said good morning Council and membership via ZOOM. Pringle said this is for the appropriation of funds for expenditures during the first quarter FYI 2024 whereas Section 7.5 of the Budget & Appropriations Act requires um, the Tribal Council appropriate funds for expenditures on a quarterly basis. Pringle said now their resolved that Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians appropriates \$2,810,859.25 for expenditures during the fiscal quarter beginning January 1, 2024 that actually....that's one quarter Gaming Distribution. Pringle repeated once again \$2,810,859.25.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked him. Johnson said um, discussion first from Council. Johnson asked any questions. Johnson said okay, it looks like they have Shannon or Councilor Crampton go ahead.

Councilor Crampton thanked her. Crampton said yeah, he is going to pick up a lot things where he waiting in the queue to discuss. Crampton said it has to do with all this.....

Acting Speaker Johnson said stick to the topic please.

Councilor Crampton said this is on the Budget. Crampton said everything that has been talked about is on the Budget. Crampton said now please stop interrupting him. Crampton said now this is not a ah, like it has been told before, this is not, absolutely not in line with the Constitution but the problem here that Mrs....that Mr. Stone and Mrs. Jessica on Councils in the past that has written some of these laws very erroneously....very erroneous and um, not in line with the Constitution. Crampton said and some of those were already removed and identified in the past um, by the past Council fixing some of them. Crampton said one of the things they didn't get to in the Budget & Appropriations Act is if they go and look at the sovereign....severability there is a Severability Clause in there. Crampton said the severability is for if there is anything out of line in the Constitution the rest of it

survives and that gets removed that is what severability is for. Crampton said um, right now they are getting laughed at by everybody out there. Crampton said this reporter Merusia...he was trying to think of...Overly at, at...wants to do a story on them tonight about the way this Budget is getting done and their laughing. Crampton said um, Mrs. Densmore had said that there was Councils that didn't approve this. Crampton said Council has approved a continuing...a Continuing Resolution twice now and he thinks it has been a...it has been vetoed once by Mr. Romanelli and then vetoed by Tammy Burmeister. Crampton said so Council has done their job and put it forth so that is a false perception. Crampton said they keep voting and cutting out members in the expenditures that Jessica had identified is Mrs. Burmeister and Mr. Romanelli. Crampton said um, this is so unprofessional and when they go back and try to fool the members that a Speaker can step into the role of Ogema can step into the role of a Speaker that would be great if they were a Board but they are a tri-partied government and there is a Separation of Powers. Crampton said that Separation of Powers there has been cases here and there has been cases in the Supreme Court anybody can um, look them up. Crampton said they cannot hold both offices at the same time and not even when their acting so that was false. Crampton said to do this today is to again, there is no numbers to plug in, there is nothing identified, it's a blank check. Crampton said what should happen is the same thing that they had done before and agreed upon yesterday is the Continuing Resolution. Crampton said another thing that has also egregiously done to the membership and it was a lie of Mrs. Silvis and the membership should go back and watch because hind sight is 20/20 when they were discussing who approved the agenda and put this on the agenda she said she did it last Friday then she was called out by Sara Agosa if they look back at the minutes she said she was not there on Friday and she was not the Speaker...or Recorder. Crampton said in fact there is an email ah, that she denied to the rest of Council that she was the Recorder on Friday so she didn't approve it on Friday. Crampton said so that was another lie. Crampton said but this needs to be ah, wiped out this is makes them all look foolish. Crampton said adding a Continuing Resolution lets everything be paid, lets everything go. Crampton said so despite what Jessica is saying, no, it's been the Ogema that has vetoed it. Crampton said it's been Mr. Romanelli or Miss Burmeister they're the ones that are cutting their funding. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said well ah, Julie go ahead.

Councilor Wolfe said the Constitution makes it clear that Tribal Council holds the power of adopting the annual Budget and currently they have not passed any legislation that is enacted into law in regard to the 2024 Tribal Budget therefore no appropriation can be done at this time. Wolfe said she agrees with the disruption of government services that is most important that therefore she supports the Continuing Resolution for physical year 2023. Wolfe said this appropriating funding out of numbers that are fictitious that don't have any merit that are not adopted would be very foolish and entirely irresponsible on the body of Tribal Council. Wolfe said with that comment she calls the question.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, they do not have a motion so she needs a motion first before they can call the question. Johnson said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza made a comment but it was not picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Speaker Johnson said it was, yes.

Councilor Di Piazza was speaking but nothing can be heard on the ZOOM recording because his microphone was not working.

Acting Recorder Silvis said support.

Councilor Wolfe said she could not hear the motion. Wolfe said all she heard was support.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will repeat it. Di Piazza said his mic was not on. Di Piazza said he will make a motion to approve Resolution #24-0111-001; Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2024.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0111-001;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FIRST QUARTER OF FY2024; by Di Piazza; supported by Silvis.**

Councilor Metzger said support.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked Acting Recorder Silvis what does she have down.

Councilor Di Piazza said she said it so technically either/or.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay ah, they have a motion by Councilor Di Piazza and support from Silvis. Johnson said she um, so ah....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Speaker could they have the Recorder read back the motion so everybody has it clear.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked Acting Recorder Silvis if she could read back the motion. Johnson said give her a moment.

Acting Recorder Silvis said motion to appropriating funds for expenditures during the first quarter of FY2024.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she forgot the resolution number.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Resolution #24-0111-001.

Councilor Crampton thanked her.

Acting Speaker Johnson said being that they had ah, yeah, point of question.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Julie Wolfe.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, four against and one absent.

Councilor Di Piazza asked hum?

Acting Speaker Johnson asked did she call Julie. Johnson said okay. Johnson repeated okay and thanked her. Johnson said um, okay moving onto the next one. Johnson said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh no, he just wanted to get in the queue. Di Piazza said read it off or whatever she was going to do.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay.

B. Approval of the Continuation of Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget for the month of January 2024

To approve continuing funding for the month of January 2024.

Acting Speaker Johnson said this is brought forward by Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said so this resolution is to bring forward approval of continuing of physical year 2023 for the month of January 2024. Wolfe said it is allowed by the Budget & Appropriations Act and includes the legal framework for the enactment of continuing resolution for the month of January 2024. Wolfe said um, what it does is authorize for the expenditures for January 2024 with a portion of physical year 2023 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government Budget of 2023. Wolfe said what they are appropriating funding for for aggregate spending of \$3,580,000. Wolfe said it does not allow for new employment positions, contracts, new capital expenditures to be authorize without the approval of Tribal Council um, Charitable Contributions will be made in accordance with approved Allocation Plan, Per Cap Distribution that will be made in accordance with the approved Revenue Allocation Plan. Wolfe said so what she is bringing forward is proposal that this be adopted and moved forward so there is not a Government Shut Down and they

can expend funding for the month of January to not disrupt government services. Wolfe said again this one has to happen and be brought forward because there is no adopted 2024 Annual Budget. Wolfe said this has been proposed several times again she is bringing it forward in the best interest of the Tribe and the membership. Wolfe thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um, up for discussion they have Councilor Di Piazza first.

Councilor Di Piazza said well please clarify are they going by the Budget & Appropriation Act this time or is that in play or just a portion of it. Di Piazza said somebody said it wasn't. Di Piazza said he is just curious because by the Budget & Appropriation Act this should have been done in December before January even hit. Di Piazza said so technically this is in violation of that Budget & Appropriation Act. Di Piazza said so please make up their minds either they are going to follow the Budget & Appropriation Act or their not because now they want to.....he doesn't get it. Di Piazza said soooo its....he knows exactly how this is going to play. Di Piazza said the Budget is already in play and the veto stands or the Budget & Appropriation Act. Di Piazza said the Constitution doesn't say that anybody submit a balanced Budget. Di Piazza said so is that portion of the Budget & Appropriation Act unconstitutional. Di Piazza said he doesn't know. Di Piazza asked is this to do an extending resolution unconstitutional because its not in the Constitution. Di Piazza said so please make up their minds he knows its difficult or what's left of them anymore. Di Piazza said but he can't support this whatsoever because it falls outside of the Budget & Appropriation Act. Di Piazza said so when they want to say shame on him and shame on somebody its shame on the rest of them because they are not going to get paid either. Di Piazza said soooo employees don't get paid Elected Officials certainly aren't going to get paid. Di Piazza said he doesn't care if they say he is a Federal Employee and he can't do that, guess what, somebody still has got to enter their numbers and so forth. Di Piazza said so what. Di Piazza said so if nobody else is going to get paid none of them are going to get paid. Di Piazza said so remember that. Di Piazza said he hopes they got some money stashed under their pillow. Di Piazza said so with that being said, yeah, this is falls right outside the Budget & Appropriation Act it should have been done in Janu....er December. Di Piazza said just like it has been done before when it is a cluster. Di Piazza said they could have passed a Budget they could have duked it out later. Di Piazza said now they....he doesn't know what to tell them. Di Piazza said shameful.....shameful. Di Piazza said he is good. Di Piazza thanked them.

In the background on the ZOOM recording someone said, "Hey Israel has anybody ever brought up....."

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Crampton he is next.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, for those paying attention like Mr....Mr. Vanas he thinks that Mr. Di Piazza just insulted all of Council said something about brains. Crampton said he knows that they won't note that or nobody will mention that but he just wanted to make note for the membership. Crampton said he thinks they are all onto what he does. Crampton said um, everything Mr. Di Piazza said is..... laughed here....absolutely absurd. Crampton said um, he....he....he can't stress this strongly enough for the membership trying to be professional with somebody like that and their Board and can't comprehend simple....simple....simple things. Crampton said so for the membership he wants them to understand that that any of them can look this up. Crampton said by motion, resolution, or ordinance; ordinance is subservient to the Constitution. Crampton said the Constitution does not change, cannot be amended, and is the law of the land. Crampton said any motion or resolution that does not comply with it overwrite or rewrite the resolution it gets removed. Crampton said that's why there is severability. Crampton said the Constitution....somebody in 2013 on Council wrote that um, somewhere along the line that they could amend the Constitution and add to it saying that if Council didn't adopt the Budget that it went back to the Ogema. Crampton said okay, well let's all just sit there and think about that for a minute. Crampton asked why would they have a Budget Process in the first place or a check and balance like a tri-partied government demands if it only went back to the Ogema number where he could just give anybody a number. Crampton said that is why the Constitution is correct. Crampton said whoever wrote that and there was nine people who wrote that in 2013 were absolutely incorrect. Crampton said this Council, well the previous Council under his direction as Speaker had taken up and started going over these to remove portions like that. Crampton said this is one of the portions now that they have in place that needs to be corrected. Crampton said no, it will not override a Constitution. Crampton asked can anybody here imagine if nine people sit in a room and rewrite their Constitution through ordinance, resolution, and motion. Crampton said that can't be done the only people that can do that is a vote of the membership. Crampton said so when they hear people telling them Budget & Appropriations..... Budget & Appropriations please pick up the severability and look at it. Crampton said that is why its there. Crampton said there is no severability in a Constitution so they have to understand that the people who keep saying Budget & Appropriations have no idea what they are talking about. Crampton said a Constitution is the foundation, is a ___ and it does not change. Crampton said again can anybody here imagine if nine people were able to amend their Constitution in that back room because that is what that 2013 um, ah, ordinance did. Crampton said it amended their Constitution to add an extra step to their Budget Process in the Constitution. Crampton said that is absolutely insane that anybody believes that people that step up to this podium are in some pretty high places. Crampton said that is the problem with the Tribe they have people in those places who don't understand things like this. Crampton repeated that's the problem. Crampton said but yes this will....like Councilor Wolfe said this will go forward, this will let everybody continue what their doing and they can still.....

they still have to come up with a Budget so there's no missed opportunities set down for Council to sit down and renegotiate this. Crampton said this will be the third time that himself, Councilor Wolfe and Councilor Wittenberg and Councilor Metzger voted affirmatively to bring this forward. Crampton said the only one who keeps knocking this down is the person in the Ogema's seat. Crampton said no matter how many stories they tell or how many things they try to say that's the truth. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so again they can see the disagreement between the body of Tribal Council. Wolfe said half believe there is a Budget adopted and half knows that is no Budget enacted by law. Wolfe said this is the fourth time again that it has been brought forward again for Council to vote on to continue the Budget to allow for Budget negotiations to happen internally so they can get on something they can agree with which has already happened and been proposed. Wolfe said it has been in their in-box to be review pending the outcome of this which actions they take next. Wolfe said so this Continuing Resolution for 2023 to carry over for the month of January 2024. Wolfe said she is begging the rest of Tribal Council to pass it so they do not interrupt government services. Wolfe said as they can see clearly on the agenda item is a notice to be sent to the other branches letting them know no appropriations have happened. Wolfe said so if they Budget for it if they pass this resolution continuing for January 2024 it ge....enables the Tribal Government all to get on the same page and enable and enact a true and appropriate, accurate Budget for 2024. Wolfe said so if they can just move forward and get this done it gives them the time, it allows for everything to get paid, it allows for funding to be expended to cover these 11 days that they have been operating without. Wolfe said to say this didn't happen in January.....in December it did. Wolfe repeated it happened in December it was vetoed by the Ogema slid under the door and not recognized by Acting Speaker or any member of Tribal Council until offices reopened in January 2nd. Wolfe said so she doesn't know where those comments are coming for. Wolfe said with that she will make a motion.....sorry about that.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0111-002;
APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION OF 2023 ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024;** by Wolfe;
supported by Metzger.

Councilor Wolfe said with that she will Call the Question on the item.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said motion by Councilor Wolfe and supported by Councilor Metzger. Johnson asked him is that correct.

Councilor Metzger said yes.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked Acting Recorder Silvis if she was ready. Johnson said ah, roll call please.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Wever said she could hold her breath but yes.

Acting Recorder Silvis said five in favor, three against and one absent it has passed.

Acting Speaker Johnson said moving onto the next item.

C. Re: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Negotiations

Acting Speaker Johnson said um....

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

Acting Speaker Johnson said yup and ah, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said yeah, at this moment he would like to make a motion because it is no longer needed.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM; by Metzger.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she disagrees she thinks they can make the motion if they decide not to disperse the letter um, pending the outcome of this if it is not vetoed then it would be there. Wolfe said that's why this wasn't dispersed on Friday because Tribal Council didn't have a meeting to take official action so she thinks this one needs to be voted on and it should move forward that the Speaker is mandated to pass this letter if it should become needed.

Councilor Metzger said then he withdraws his motion. Metzger thanked Councilor Wolfe for the clarification.

Councilor Wolfe thanked him.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said um, so at the moment this letter is actually a....go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he is going to support what Councilor Wolfe said because now that the Council has passed for all of them um, have all the services for the membership to go forward, all the payments for the Elders to go forward, everything to go forward there is.....the past three times they had Larry Romanelli stop it and they had Tammy Burmeister stop it so he does not have any comfort that they are not going to harm the Tribe again. Crampton said so he would like this letter to be in place just so they are ready and so no members can be here and be confused like the last things he's heard like all this talk Council had harmed the membership. Crampton said they just...their body just passed something so let's get this straight. Crampton said like Mr. Romanelli and Miss Burmeister tried to spin this have everything they need now. Crampton said unless Miss Burmeister does damage or harm to the Tribe they are going to continue. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said all right Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so she is not the Tribal Council Member that brought forward or put this item on for the agenda it was put on by the Acting Speaker Pam Johnson. Wolfe said so she would like to give an overview of what the intent or what the purpose of the letter is for and why she supports the motion. Wolfe said so what the letter is is um, drafted from Tribal Council, the body of Tribal Council regarding the physical year 2024 Annual Budget. Wolfe said they passed the Budget um, it was vetoed by the Ogema. Wolfe said that resolution failed to override the veto so to avoid any interruption in Tribal Government Operations and let negotiations continue they have this notice that goes to the other Heads of Branches which this is going to Acting Ogema Burmeister, Chief Judge Sherigan, and the Chair of the Election Board. Wolfe said um, and what it clearly states is today Tribal Council has not approved any Budget or otherwise authorized any part of the Tribe's Government expending on any amount of the Tribe's Funds during physical year 2024. Wolfe said the Tribal Council understands the difficulties that each of the offices will face due to their lack of lawful authority to spend the Tribe's money or to support their operations. Wolfe said they will continue to work diligently to resolve this dispute as soon as possible and provide further updates as soon as possible and practicable. Wolfe said in the meantime Tribal Council requests that each recipient of this letter reply with a list of employees, contractors and officials who will continue to work without pay during this time period in which it will be furloughed until the Budget dispute is resolved. Wolfe said that is the meat and potatoes of the letter that is being discussed. Wolfe said what they are simply doing right now is authorizing..... proposing to authorize a motion that mandates the Speaker to distribute the letter because when they have this conflict and turmoil since Friday she has refused to send out the letter and notice by the other branches and continue to create the turmoil among the employees about being paid or unpaid. Wolfe said so if this

letter in hindsight because moving forward they know she will not act without this motion in place. Wolfe said they are proposing to bring forward that make....that allows her and compels her to send out the letter should anything happen to the Continuing Resolution that was just passed. Wolfe said those are her comments. Wolfe thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor ah, Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well there is no....oops mic is not on...he was going to say there was no sense voting because they just read it into the record so. Di Piazza said he disagrees with this because....yeah....for obvious reasons but so be it. Di Piazza said do what their going to do. Di Piazza said this will be in court before they can probably see anything at the end of the day. Di Piazza said another one to add to the list how many do they got on there now.

Acting Speaker Johnson said oh, geez.

Councilor Di Piazza said seven. Di Piazza said he's good.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes, he just wanted to add onto what Councilor Wolfe had stated because this is the letter that Council stayed last week until 7:30 without Mr. Di Piazza or Mrs. Wever to work on and they were....that was on a Thursday and they thought....or agreed that this was going to go out the next day. Crampton said this is what happened to the meeting last Friday so Mrs. Densmore this is correctly what happened. Crampton said um, they all agreed that the letter was going to go out on Friday when the meeting was called the Speaker told them she did not want to send the letter ahhh, Councilor Wolfe, Councilor Metzger and himself asked her to send the letter that they worked on the previous night until 7:30 at night um, she said she did not want to do it until there was a vote of Council. Crampton said so when they asked her for the meeting that's what they thought would be on the agenda when they showed up she had snuck on the second agenda item to continue the resolution. Crampton said so that's why nobody showed up because it was a sneak....totally improper, unprofessional and just child like. Crampton said there is no other word for it. Crampton said um, but that was the letter that was ___ last week but it does have to be in place Council does so they don't have the Speaker doing what she did last week after Miss Burmeister's probably put all the Tribe in turmoil like she did last time and they work in tandem so. Crampton said they go to make sure that if she does that that the Speaker will do her duty and put out the letter like she's supposed to. Crampton said he....he...this is embarrassing that they have to operate like this but these two they have to. Crampton said so that is why they need this letter. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said well she would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE SPEAKER TO SEND OUT THE LETTER REGARDING PHYSICAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS; by Wolfe; supported by Metzger.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said yep.

Councilor Wolfe said they have their attorney with his hand raised Speaker.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she sees that and ah, okay. Johnson said go ahead ah, Keegan.

Keegan Bordeaux, Council Attorney, thanked the Speaker Johnson. Bordeaux said he was just going to offer Tribal Council before they vote an opportunity to amend the motion ah, to authorize or direct the Speaker to send the letter in the event that the resolution they just passed is not vetoed or overridden because it might be confusing to send the letter if the law they just passed stands on the books. Bordeaux said would....would Council entertain an amendment to the existing motion.

Councilor Wolfe said she accepts that amendment to the motion.

Keegan Bordeaux said he can't give an amendment he just proposing it if anyone is interested.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, so Councilor Wolfe ah, please give her new amen....please give her new motion.

Councilor Wolfe said so she would like to amend the motion on the floor to direct the Acting Speaker to distribute the letter for physical year 2024 Budget Negotiations if the Continuing Resolution that was just approved is vetoed.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE ACTING SPEAKER TO DISTRIBUTE THE LETTER FOR PHYSICAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS IF THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION THAT WAS JUST APPROVED IS VETOED; by Wolfe; supported by Metzger.

Acting Recorder Silvis said this is what she has, Julie, see if she had to write something different. Silvis read: Direct the Speaker to Draft the Letter in response to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Negotiations if Continuing Resolutions is vetoed.

Councilor Wolfe said um, she doesn't under....she doesn't know where she has the word draft in there she doesn't believe draft should be in there because the letter is already drafted and saved, she needs to send.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um-hum. Johnson said okay, so they have a motion by Councilor Wolfe and supported by Councilor Metzger. Johnson said um, any discussion or they can pick up where they left off. Johnson asked Councilor Metzger if he had a comment that he wanted to make.

Councilor Metzger said the only comment he has to make is he calls the question. Metzger said let's vote.

Acting Speaker Johnson said well at the time they did not have a motion when he wanted to call so. Johnson said nope that is just a motion. Johnson asked okay, is she ready. Johnson said all right go ahead and ah.....

Councilor Wolfe said she would like it read again before the vote.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked what was that Julie that was muffled.

Councilor Wolfe said if she can read it again before the vote.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay.

Acting Recorder Silvis said Direct Speaker to send letter in response to the fiscal year 2024 Budget Negotiations if the Continuing Resolution is vetoed.

Councilor Wolfe thanked her.

Acting Speaker Johnson yeah, if she is good with....with her motion.

Acting Recorder Silvis said okay.

Acting Speaker Johnson go ahead.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Acting Recorder Silvis said four in favor, four against and one absent it has failed.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, moving onto the next item.

D. Motion to assign an Attorney to the Case #24-008-GC

Acting Speaker Johnson said um...her paperwork here. Johnson said um, this is a new case that came forward um, and um, they need to assign a new attorney to it so. Johnson said it has come this week ah, to the Council...against the Council so they need to put a new attorney on it. Johnson said ah, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah he would like to make a motion:

**MOTION TO ASSIGN COUNCIL MEMBER DI PIAZZA,
ESQUIRE AS THEIR ATTORNEY TO CASE #24-008; by Metzger.**

Councilor Metzger thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Councilor Di Piazza is not an attorney.

Councilor Crampton said no he's not.

Councilor Di Piazza said he said esquire.

Councilor Metzger said he said esquire.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Di Piazza is not their attorney.

Councilor Metzger said oh, he apologizes for that. Metzger said he has been totally mistaken here. Metzger thanked them much.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked which attorney is he referring to.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is totally underpaid.

Acting Speaker Johnson said he means Councilor...Attorney Pitchlynn.

Councilor Di Piazza said support. Di Piazza asked why not. Di Piazza said that is a good pay increase.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton loudly said Speaker why is she allowing him to speak out of turn and all these other people and make them wait in the queue please.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Crampton go ahead.

Councilor Crampton shouted yeah, this is ridiculous. Crampton asked what is going on with this Council they just voted through...not to send somebody a notification if there's a shut-down. Crampton asked do they know how

unprofessional this is. Crampton asked now what is going on now they want to appoint.....what is going on.

Acting Speaker Johnson said that's what....

Councilor Crampton said Gary is.....what's in the water there.....he means this is serious business guys....they can't afford to keep messing around like this. Crampton said this is why he gets hostile he doesn't like....his life is professional until he comes here. *There was short hesitation before Councilor Crampton states the same thing.* Crampton repeated that his life is professional until he comes here. Crampton said he's not.....this has to move forward....they got to quick these games. Crampton said now they are appointing an attorney.

Acting Speaker Johnson said and ah, Councilor Metzger appointed somebody that is....

Councilor Metzger said he will withdraw his motion. Metzger thanked them.

Councilor Crampton shouted yeah, if they please stop it. Crampton said this is getting ridiculous he doesn't know what is going on at the end of that table but....

Acting Speaker Johnson said yes, he withdrawn.

Councilor Crampton shouted yes, so let's get on with hiring the attorney.

Acting Speaker Johnson said that's why she double asked him if he meant somebody else and....so. Johnson said um, okay. Johnson said so up for discussion Councilors. Johnson asked any conversation. Johnson said Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Di Piazza said that was good for him.

Councilor Wolfe said she doesn't have discussion she is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ASSIGN ATTORNEY PITCHLYNN TO CASE
#23-008-GC; by Wolfe; supported by Metzger.**

Acting Speaker Johnson asked Acting Recorder Silvis if she caught that. Johnson said okay, that's good because she didn't catch it all. Johnson said she didn't catch which attorney she said. Johnson asked who supported that. Johnson said okay. Johnson said okay, so they have a motion by Councilor Wolfe supported by Councilor Metzger um, any comments by Council any by the membership. Johnson said oh, let's go back to Council. Johnson said Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, just for the membership.....this is the membership....they are the representatives of the members they are not people.... elected to be Leaders of the Dictators. Crampton said they are supposed to be representatives of the people that Council is the people's representative that's why they don't have standing to sue the other branches they have to come through them for them to do their bidding for them. Crampton shouted they are hiring an attorney because the Tribal Council, the people, are being sued. Crampton said that's who the Tribal Council representatives are. Crampton said so this isn't about hiring an attorney or playing jokes this is about taking care of the business of the membership. Crampton said so he appreciated it if they treat this with the utmost importance.....*stutters here*.....he keeps hearing these people getting outraged about him saying things but the substance. Crampton said he doesn't care about vernacular or the little games they want to play on word games but what he cares about is productivity and what actually gets done. Crampton said if they want to call him names and say that he is outrageous and he says they _____ and all that. Crampton said fine he is still the most productive here. Crampton said he doesn't care about word games he wants productivity. Crampton said now they are here to hire an attorney because the members.....people are being sued. Crampton said the Tribal Council is the people they need an attorney not a Council member. Crampton said let's get this done. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said ah, any other Councilor before she moves on. Johnson said she....onto the membership. Johnson said Sara.

Sara Agosa said her question is who are the litigants in this case. Agosa said the title was missing from the agenda.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um, it is shhhh....it's the court case that's on therethe case number. Johnson said um, it is ah, Stone, Burmeister against Council.

Councilor Metzger said Madame Speaker can she please ah, clarify which Burmeister.

Acting Speaker Johnson said oh. Johnson said Michael Burmeister. Johnson said its not their er...ah, Acting Ogemakwe right now. Johnson said its not her. Johnson said um, okay anybody else from membership. Johnson said okay, back to Council. Johnson said okay, if no more questions....do they have ah....they do roll call please, Recorder Silvis.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson asked is it Pitchlynn before she voted.

Acting Recorder Silvis said yes. Silvis said seven in favor, one against and one absent it passed.

Acting Speaker Johnson thanked her.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 17, 2024

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Acting Speaker Johnson asked any concerns with anything. Johnson said Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she just wants to bring to attention um, there was that new movie that was put out um; Killers of Flower Moons. Wolfe said Lilly Gladstone was um, awarded ah, Golden Globe for that. Wolfe said she always likes to highlight that to their Tribal Youth that they can do the most powerful part when she accepted the Globe. Wolfe said she just wants to read her quote in *“This is a historical win that doesn’t belong to just me. I am holding it with all of her beautiful sisters and for every little Rez kid, every little urban kid, and every Native kid out there who has a dream who is seeing themselves represented in our stories told by themselves and our words with tremendous allies and tremendous trust.”* Wolfe said she just wanted to highlight that for membership. Wolfe said they can always bring forward these good motivating, positive things and that is something that is recognizable. Wolfe said the other thing part with that it was very phenomenal when Lilly Gladstone also accepted her award in the original language of this land was spoken and she used her Blackfoot Language in that acceptance so. Wolfe repeated she just wanted to highlight that for membership. Wolfe thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay, any other Councilors for Legislative Affairs. Johnson said okay um, Roy does he have a question for that or does he have a question for Public Comment.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Meeting Room but the time cannot be noted or when he originally left the Meeting Room.

Roy Vanas did not respond.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she is going to guess that he had a comm....ah, ah, a thing for Public Comment. Johnson said okay, moving down to....

Roy Vanas said yes, it is for Public Comment.

C. Public Comment Period

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said ah, moving down to Public Comment. Johnson said Roy he is first so go ahead.

Roy Vanas said yes, he just would like to point things to the membership about narcissistic tendencies on how all a person has to do is point something out about a narcissist that their doing and then they will start doing that to everybody. Vanas said then is they need their responsive action and he thinks they have witnessed that a little bit today was a person. Vanas said look out for it because narcissist are very tricky they will throw people under the bus every chance they get. Vanas said that's all.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ohhh.

Councilor Wever thanked her.

Acting Speaker Johnson said out of time. Johnson said moving onto Israel.

Israel Stone thanked Madame Recorder. Stone stated his name and Tribal #1735. Stone said he just wanted to take a moment and ah, comment because the way the events occurred today once again was disturbing. Stone said the name calling, the talking down to as if citizens are commoners with no knowledge of anything. Stone said they know the reality of the situation is what them guys did today was illegal. Stone said they have no options to not follow the law and they certainly don't have the authority to determine Constitutionality of the law only the Judicial Branch does. Stone said the Budget & Appropriations Act is the existing law that's in place and until the time it is repealed or ruled on by the courts to be unconstitutional they have to follow it. Stone said it prescribes a process for how the Budget & Appropriations ah, ah, takes place Continuing Funding Resolution was not an option that is available for Tribal Council, period. Stone said it is very clearly written in the law. Stone said now he gets talked down to by a certain Council Member that he won't name every time he gets on one of these meetings as if to discredit him or his knowledge or abilities and that's fine. Stone said but the reality of the situation is he argued three Constitutional questions before these courts and he has not lost a single one. Stone said he is a student of their Constitution. Stone said watching them guys, grown people, grown adults get bullied into a decision by one individual on this Council does not show that they are making the decisions in the best interests of the Tribe. Stone said they are making the decisions in the best interests of themselves. Stone said Mr.....a Council Member called out another Council Member for calling the question and got upset about it yet the following two questions were called and citizens were not allowed to speak and say what's on their minds. Stone said he was just going to read to them out of the Budget & Appropriations Act verbatim, word for word, what it says to warn them that they are leading themselves down the wrong path. Stone said he cannot believe that them guys pay legal counsel hundreds of

thousands of dollars and they have not advised them not to violate their laws. Stone said if fact if they have advised them to violate them that's a violation of their oath and their bar. Stone said they should not be using them. Stone said as always a citizen in this Tribe does not have a voice because if they voice their concerns or their opinions or they take it to court they cannot afford an attorney or they hire an attorney and all that happens Council hires a firm to match up with their attorney that cost the Tribe a quarter of a million dollars every time they hear a case. Stone said they are out-numbered, their out-gunned and they don't have a voice. Stone said because even when they try to voice their opinions they have narcissistic people trying to silence them. Stone said damning them for their concerns or voicing their thoughts and talking down to them. Stone said that is not acceptable that's not how good government works. Stone said what occurred today he promises them it is being contested and its going to be a violation of law. Stone said if this does get vetoed that's another issue, again, they cannot erase the fact that all of them, every branch required team members to be at work for the first 11 days of this month with unappropriated funds. Stone said that was set up by Council not following the laws of the Tribe. Stone said the laws passed by legislation. Stone said and furthermore to blame him for a law that was passed in 2013 any citizen in this Tribe can figure out pretty easily that he was off of Tribal Council in 2007. Stone asked do they know who was on Council, Mr. Crampton. Stone said them guys made a detrimental decision today and he hopes there is accountability for these actions. Stone said he truly hopes that. Stone thanked them. Stone said have a great day.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson thanked him. Johnson said ah, Sara she is next.

Sara Agosa said her first question is about Agenda Item V A and she is directing this question to her Speaker Johnson since she sponsored this item and voted yes. Agosa asked what is her rationale for voting yes on an item essentially writing a blank check to the Executive.

Acting Speaker Johnson asked hum. Johnson said she knows. Johnson said um, Sara she will get back to her on that and she will take on that. Johnson said oops.

Sara Agosa said okay will she be available later today in the office.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she is sure she will be.

Sara Agosa said okay so she will call to her Pam. Agosa said she has some other questions. Agosa said now that the Continuing Resolution for January has passed will work sessions resume.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, yes.

Sara Agosa asked so how quickly will they resume because she scheduled an Ethics Work Session this afternoon at 4 p.m. and she plans to log on. Agosa said she would like that session to be held.

Acting Speaker Johnson answered well they won't happen today um, probably.... ah, things will probably continue.....

Councilor Di Piazza left his seat in the Meeting Room.

Acting Recorder Silvis interrupted. Silvis said she....she signed for them Sara since she is the Recorder right now and everything will be resuming as of next week. Silvis thanked them.

Sara Agosa said okay so how is Tribal Council going to utilize their time for the remainder of the week.

Acting Recorder Silvis said she also believed they have court tomorrow. Silvis said they do utilize their time whether they are in work sessions or not. Silvis thanked them.

Sara Agosa said she has another question about video recordings. Agosa said three Tribal Council Video Recordings are missing in December but the Emergency Meeting Video Recordings on Friday are posted. Agosa said so she would like to know why the more recent video recordings are available to the public but these um, these older video recordings are not available.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Sara like she responded to her by email she does not know why. Johnson said those were sent to IT just like Dec...um, ah, this past week ones were. Johnson said why the helpdesk ticket picked up the....the recent ones and the December ones were not she has no idea. Johnson said they all had a helpdesk ticket though.

Sara Agosa said okay so Pam that was several weeks ago that she said this and it is just unacceptable. Agosa she does believe that these video recordings are being repressed for political reasons.

Acting Speaker Johnson said that is not the case Sara she can honestly tell her that. Johnson said she does not once they are done she sends a helpdesk ticket so she does not because she does not want to keep that type of stuff on her plate to have to worry about. Johnson said once it is done and it is ready to go she sends that helpdesk ticket because she has no desire to have to try to remember to do those things later. Johnson said so nothing about anything she does was political like some....some do because the sooner she gets it done and she can forget about it so.....

Sara Agosa interrupted. Agosa said but its not done Pam and its her responsibility when she is Recorder that those recordings are posted within a reasonable timeframe.

Acting Speaker Johnson said and she can't control what ___ does.

Sara Agosa said Tribal Members are not getting communications and that is one of their only forms to keep up to date on what's going on with the Tribe. Agosa said they are entitled to those video recordings its not optional for them to post those or anyone else. Agosa said so she is going to direct this concern to Recorder Silvis right now and she will call her Recorder Silvis um, to get a more current updates to why these video recordings in particular are being withheld from the public. Agosa said she has just one other comment that Pam she was repressing Councilor Crampton from speaking he was in the queue and she kept putting him on mute and that is absolutely unacceptable. Agosa said that did appear to be politically motivated that she was rushing through to vote on that agenda item. Agosa said and that is absolutely not okay. Agosa said she would like to know what she is doing as Outlying Representative to represent their interest. Agosa said she was voted in by outlying members and time and time again she has aligned herself and vote nine county and she doesn't give a rationale reason or even respond when they as outlying members ask for their accountability or insight as to why she is voting a certain way and Councilor Crampton is an outlying rep as well. Agosa said it is just not going to be permitted whatsoever. Agosa said she did additionally during that agenda item she did not let the public speak she glossed over members trying to make a comment on that item and that is in violation of their Meeting Procedures as well. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Acting Speaker Johnson said Councilor Crampton go ahead.

Councilor Crampton thanked her. Crampton said and he is going to support everything that Miss Agosa said because Council's had problems with Miss Johnson too and they had employees that have filed complaints against Mrs. Johnson and her behavior. Crampton said um, it seems to extend from over at the casino they have had complaints from her from front line workers too. Crampton said it seems to be a very bossy "her way or the highway," no matter what the laws are attitude. Crampton said um, so yes she is absolutely correct and Friday she is absolutely correct too because there was no meeting Friday because there was no quorum called so there shouldn't be no video up. Crampton said the only reason there would be a video up with no quorum called is for political reasons so she is absolutely correct. Crampton said now to go back and to talk about somebody keeps trying to steer them guys into trying to teach them what the word narcissist means when they can look it up in the dictionary. Crampton said um, in their current day and age right now if they....if the FBI or any other investigative agency wants to see what kind of person they are they go right to their Face Book page. Crampton said a narcissist wouldn't have encouraging messages to other

people they would have pictures of themselves with guns and jeeps and that is what a narcissist webpage would look like. Crampton said um, a non-narcissist would have encouraging messages to other people very rarely things about themselves on the other hand a real narcissist would have nothing but pictures of themselves. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Staci go ahead.

Staci Cheney thanked her. Cheney said hers is a two-part question so she doesn't want them to take her out of the queue when she asks one part. Cheney said um, she would like an update on the audit which she knows they have.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um, Ogemakwe would she like to give an update. Johnson said okay she will be up shortly to give an update.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said they have the latest email from her and Montana. Crampton said he asked for her rationale and she wasn't..... she's not....Mrs. Burmeister hasn't been giving him any rationale.

Acting Speaker Johnson said _____. *One word spoken wasn't clear on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogemakwe Burmeister said that is correct he was in the queue Mr. Crampton and she was asked a question. Burmeister said um, she did send an email out she wants to make sure when she is moving forward as the Acting Ogemakwe that all the questions are totally answered. Burmeister said she is not going to commit the Tribe to such a large amount of money until she is comfortable with all the questions being asked. Burmeister said she does know that Council has some things that they have to work out also um, its been flip floppy ah, space is a big issue because there has to be a secure area with video so that has been a big concern and that has not been totally identified.

Staci Cheney said Ogema the vendor has told her that he will work with whatever she can provide. Cheney said so he asking that she complete the contract and stop wasting his time. Cheney said so her question to her is why won't she move forward on the contract. Cheney said those are things that she negotiate and ratify after the contract's signed. Cheney said she is wasting his time which is why he billed her. Cheney repeated so her question is is it moving forward or not. Cheney said he gave her a time date on how much time he has before he has to move on. Cheney repeated again so her question is and she doesn't want to be lied to is she going to sign the contract or is she not going to sign the contract.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said Staci she is not going to answer that because the first thing she has to ask her is how does she know that um.....

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney said she spoke to Montana.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said excuse her she is interrupting her right now.

Staci Cheney interrupted again. Cheney said she said she spoke to Mr. Montana.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said she is in the queue. Burmeister said for one thing how does she know that they were billed for any amount. Burmeister asked how does she know that because that went to Council.

Staci Cheney said she spoke to him.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said why is she....and he told her that. Burmeister said she is not going to stand here and argue. Burmeister said she is not comfortable about moving forward. Burmeister said she didn't say she would or wouldn't sign that. Burmeister said she wants to make sure that everything is in place so they can move forward and that is the only comment she has on that. Burmeister thanked them.

Staci Cheney said so just so the membership knows he's walking and Tammy blew it for them. Cheney said and Council if they don't hold her and Larry accountable she is going to have a big problem with that.

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

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay um....

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney said don't mute her.

Acting Speaker Johnson said if she.....

Staci Cheney made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not picked up clearly to understand what she said.

Acting Speaker Johnson said if she doesn't have any questions then um, they need to move on.

Staci Cheney said Pam she wants to know what she is going to do to hold her accountable.

Acting Speaker Johnson said they are already passed the day already so they.....

Staci Cheney interrupted. Cheney thanked them. Cheney said that is all she wanted to hear was the truth.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said may she.

Acting Speaker Johnson said go ahead.

Ogemakwe Burmeister said um, well a resolution was passed today for approving continuation of Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget for the month of January 2024. Burmeister said and in that resolution it is further resolved that...it states right in there be no new employment positions, new contracts or new capital expenditures shall be authorized without approval from Tribal Council resolution. Burmeister said so um, she doesn't have to reiterate what that states ah, that is...that is to move forward since they passed that resolution. Burmeister thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said um, Al he is next.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah he wanted to make some clarification for ah, ah, Miss Agos. Metzger said the Continuation Budget is only contingent on the Ogema's approval. Metzger said she does have two options she is their Ogemakwe, she does have two options either to approve it or veto. Metzger said and they also ask ah, what would they be doing if it fails and does get vetoed. Metzger said last week he specifically asked the Ogemakwe if she would sit downif she would be willing to sit down and negotiate. Metzger said ah, she refused to....to negotiate on the Budget. Metzger said ah, she refused to ah, and apparently now they have to wait till January 15th when Ogema Romanelli returns to start any negotiation. Metzger said so ah, as far as he can tell they are at a stand still on the Budget but then again he would like to reiterate a Continuation Budget that was just passed today is contingent on the approval or veto of the Ogemakwe so if anything gets shutdown. Metzger said so figure that one out.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay ah, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked the Speaker. Crampton said um, well he just wants to go back to what the Ogema said because that's not absolutely true. Crampton repeated that is absolutely not true. Crampton said he has the email Mr. Montana asked her what was the problem and she said she had concerns with Council. Crampton said he jumped right on the email and said please state her concerns. Crampton said she's playing a game she's won't state her concerns.....

Councilor Wittenberg left the Meeting Room but the time cannot be noted.

Councilor Crampton continued...um, Council only gets to ratify that once its been negotiated. Crampton said so the holdup...she keeps trying to put it on Council they don't get it until she negotiates it. Crampton said this is why he gets upset guys. Crampton said them guys has sent him to work in a monkey cage. Crampton said so he is trying to explain quantum physics at the zoo. Crampton said they can't....they have to negotiate that contract before Council can ratify it. Crampton said so no they just lied to the membership. Crampton said ___ Montana asked she....she is holding off on answering him. Crampton said she is

absolutely stalling this off. Crampton said and because at the time of when the....it was first discovered the Enrollment fraud Mrs. Burmeister wasn't Mrs. Burmeister she was Tammy Carter and she was on the Enrollment Commission that was in question. Crampton said that's why she is not negotiating the contract. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said ah, Laura go ahead.

Laura Echelbarger thanked her. Echelbarger said she just wanted to....she wasn't sure what she heard um, Councilor Metzger correctly. Echelbarger asked did he say that he asked the Council and the Ogema, the sitting Ogema, to sit down and compromise on a Budget and it was rejected.

Acting Recorder Silvis left the Meeting Room.

Laura Echelbarger continued....is that what she heard.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said yes its true.

Laura Echelbarger said she guessed her next question um....and she has a comment after that. Echelbarger said her next question is to the sitting Speaker.

Acting Recorder Silvis re-entered the Meeting Room.

Laura Echelbarger asked can they clarify when the veto was slid under the door and everybody was gone. Echelbarger said um, it was stated that Mary Thomas contacted the Speaker, she is assuming it was the sitting Speaker, to alert them to the fact that the veto was there on the 22nd but Council didn't know about it until the 2nd. Echelbarger asked can they answer what happened there.

Acting Speaker Johnson said she doesn't believe she was notified.

Laura Echelbarger said okay. Echelbarger said because it was stated that the ah, Speaker was notified that the veto was there. Echelbarger said um, okay then um, that's interesting. Echelbarger said um, and then her she guessed her comment is not necessarily about the audit. Echelbarger said ah, but she does want to ah, make this statement it....that kind of astounded her a little bit. Echelbarger said the Council Members who are um, speaking out against the audit. Echelbarger said the fact that it costs a lot of money also voted in support of the Ogema's highly unbalanced Budget and she is just wondering....

Councilor Crampton can be heard laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Laura Echelbarger said continued....how they make that work in their head. Echelbarger said she doesn't expect an answer necessarily mostly she guessed her

comment was for the membership. Echelbarger said um, it doesn't make any sense to her so she will leave it there. Echelbarger thanked them.

Acting Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson said um, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said with that being said he would like to....*the rest of his comment could not be heard because his microphone was not on.*

Councilor Crampton said support.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton.

Acting Speaker Johnson read the purpose of Closed Session statement. Johnson said with that being said Recorder Silvis can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Wolfe asked what is the motion.

Acting Recorder Silvis said to end first open. Silvis repeated Julie Wolfe's name.

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

XI. Open Session

The roll call sheets and recording does not support that a Second Open Session was held.

Respectfully Submitted,



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