



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
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 6, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome to the Tribal Council of January 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pete said they are being joined by a ZOOM Meeting. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza if he had someone to do the Opening Prayer or would he like to do it.

Recorder Di Piazza said unless someone in the audience would like to do one today.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Gary Di Piazza.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.
Look after our.....look after everybody because this is weighing heavy on
everybody's mind and their health.
Take your precautions where you need to.
Be safe.
Hold us all in your hands.....your healing hands.
Let us all be one with the earth.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he is just doing this in addition to what Gary Di Piazza did. Pete said is that he is sending special blessings and prayers to Tom Guenthardt and his family. Pete said may he, as Creator and God, bless them and hold his arms around them and that family. Pete said deliver them all from the sadness that they are overcome with now. Pete thanked Tom Guenthardt.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Absent	D. Corey - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said seven are present and two are absent they have a quorum.

Participants: Chelsea Densmore, Laura Echelbarger, Rebecca Liebing, Brandy Martin, Andrew Jeurink, Jessica Steinberg, Jamie Friedel, Robert Medacco, Jay Sam, Lyle Dorr, Susan Thull, Scott Wahr, Martha Howell, Allison Smart, Bill Willis, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Staci Cheney, Caitlin Carey, Kathleen Bowers, Frank Lewis, Valerie Chandler, Grace Hendler, Rebecca Groh, Martha Howell, Daryl Wever, Connie Waitner, Julie Wolfe, 231 398-6885, 231 398-6852, 231 398-6813, 231 564-8435, 231 215-2739

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete asked does he have someone to approve the agenda.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ONE CORRECTION; UNDER CONTINUING BUSINESS, BUDGET MODIFICATION SHOULD READ MB-2021; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Absent	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said the agenda for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Pete said there were none submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said there were none submitted.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Performance Partnership Grant and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021- in the amount of \$27,945**

The Tribe has received a modification.

Speaker Pete asked who is on there.

Recorder Di Piazza said Allison Smart.

Speaker Pete said Allison Smart is she on to represent this.

Allison Smart said yes, she can represent this. Smart asked can they hear her.

Speaker Pete said to Allison Smart that he can hear her just fine he just can't see her right now.

Allison Smart said okay sounds good. Smart said her video should be on. Smart said um, so this...this item is just an addition.....additional allocation from EPA that was given them at the very end of last year.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Allison Smart continued.....for the PPG Grant that runs through 2023.

Councilor Lonn asked what happened.

Speaker Pete said to Allison Smart that he can't hear her anymore.

Allison Smart asked can they hear her now.

Speaker Pete said he can hear her now.

Allison Smart said so this ah, this is a budget modification of an additional allocation from USEPA for their Performance Partnership Grant that funds.....that runs their Water Quality Brownfield and Gap Programs. Smart said this is just an additional allocation they expect to see several more in the next two years.

Speaker Pete thanked Allison Smart for representing this. Pete asked is there any further discussion with Allison Smart. Pete said not seeing any it is going to have a motion and support for this. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0106-001;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-01 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$27,945; by Lonn; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Absent	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #21-0106-001 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure for Public Safety to purchase five new vehicles from Watson's Manistee**
Public Safety is updating aging vehicles and improve maintenance cost and appearance of fleet.

Speaker Pete asked is Robert Medacco on.

Robert Medacco, Public Safety Director, represented this agenda item. Medacco said yes he is here, good morning Council.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Medacco for representing this.

Robert Medacco said yes, he is coming before Council today um, requesting funds for the purchase of five new vehicles for their department. Medacco said three of which will be dedicated to their road patrol and two will replace existing um, Admin Vehicles. Medacco said one for the Detective and one for the Director. Medacco said the amount is ah, for the vehicles \$151,048.

Speaker Pete said to Robert Medacco as he explained during Agenda Review um, he is just asking him this question just for clarification is most of this or all of it coming from grants.

Robert Medacco said um, yes, so in preparation for their 2021 Budget he did include \$191,000 for vehicles because they were in need of them. Medacco said through his Tribal Budget he was able to work with Steve Wheeler, Bill Willis and Tammy Burmeister and found out they have grant funds available to purchase the vehicles so that this will not include Tribal Budget Dollars.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Medacco. Pete asked is there any further questions of Robert Medacco. Pete said okay he needs a motion and support.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said Councilor Lonn has the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0106-002;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TO
PURCHASE FIVE VEHICLES FROM WATSON'S MANISTEE
OUT OF BUDGETED FUNDS; by Lonn; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Absent	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #21-0106-002 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Medacco.

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report

October 2020

This item was removed from the 12/16/20 agenda due to the Work

Session being rescheduled to December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker Pete said Financial Report was submitted for October 2020.

V. New Business

A. Request for Re-appointment of EDC Board Candidate, Scott Wahr

This EDC Board term expires 1/15/2021 and re-appointment is necessary.

Speaker Pete asked Scott Wahr if he was on the phone.

Scott Wahr replied yes, he is.

Speaker Pete thanked Scott Wahr. Pete said he, he, he did this during Agenda Review um, there was some questions about what was his expertise and things like that so he is so glad that he is here. Pete said to Scott Wahr to go right ahead.

Scott Wahr said um, he guessed any questions they have he can answer or try to answer. Wahr said ah, been in the management of healthcare and um, industry for ah, 15 plus years. Wahr said ah, been an electrician by trade for over 20 years. Wahr said ah, and part.....partners in the ah, business land care....landscape business um, and have done several ah, projects with them. Wahr said done several projects with ah, as an electrician um, on his own um, currently wiring a ¾ million dollar house ah, in Fremont um, on his own. Wahr said ah, and pretty familiar with how business and budgeting and all that seems to work.

Speaker Pete thanked Scott Wahr. Pete asked is there any further questions for Scott Wahr. Pete said by the way just to make sure Scott Wahr is a Tribal member.

Scott Wahr said to Ron Pete that he might add he did start on the EDC Advisory Board he was the first member of that. Wahr said he was on that for approximately a year um, until becat.....ah, becoming ah, eligible to go on the ah, Board itself. Wahr said he thinks that was about eight months ago something like that.

Speaker Pete said to Scott Wahr that he remembered when he started on the Board as he knows that he was the first member of the EDC Advisory Board and he knew he drove up here approximately about a year and it was at his own expense to be on the Tribe....on that Board so that um, he is quite aware of what he has done. Pete thanked Scott Wahr. Pete repeated is there any further questions of Scott Wahr. Pete said he needs a motion.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton identified himself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Mr. Wahr can he tell them what some of his accomplishments on behalf of the Tribe in his tenure of the Board and um, ah, ah, the ah, ah, under body.

Scott Wahr said um, his accomplishments um, he guessed are to ah....in the Advisory Board um, trying to ah, draw people into that um, he can't really say he did that alone. Wahr said there were people that were interested and people that came on board um, and some people that left during his time on the Advisory Board. Wahr said on the Board um, as they know it is not a single hand ah, operation um, he supports a lot of stuff....questions a lot of stuff that comes forward and ah, looking forward to help the....the ah, Little River Holdings and the Board grow.

Speaker Pete thanked Scott Wahr again. Pete asked is there anyone else that has a question of Scott Wahr. Pete said he doesn't see any. Pete asked can he have a motion and support.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0106-003; RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDC BOARD MEMBER, CANDIDATE, SCOTT WAHR; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Absent	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent that appointment to the EDC is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Scott Wahr very much for attending.

Scott Wahr thanked them all.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 13, 2021**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Pete asked Ogema Romanelli if he was on he is not sure. Pete said the Ogema's Weekly Status & Business Update. Pete said he is on.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said yes he is on. Romanelli said he just wanted to say.....

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

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say they got through the Holidays okay. Romanelli said he is hoping for a better 2021 he thinks things ah, should be in much better shape. Romanelli said they hope this Pandemic cuts them a little break early on in the year and they get their ah....their Tribe moving forward again. Romanelli said he thinks that is it. Romanelli said they have been ah....has a lot of busines going on obviously they just finished a ah, work session regarding the Muskegon Project but he thinks they are doing okay. Romanelli said other than that he doesn't have any real updates. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay he had his hand up and he just wanted to not forget. Pete said he did get his letter when he attended the two meetings in Fruitport that their property in Fruitport has been signed off by the Secretary of State and is now open for gaming for them. Pete said that is some fabulous news.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, it sure is.

Both Ogema Romanelli and Speaker Pete were talking at the same time.

Ogema Romanelli said they are going.....

Speaker Pete said is there anything else.....go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said no, just to add onto that yes, Ron Pete, they are now going to look at State. Romanelli said they are going to have to work on the State level ah, to get the approvals but that was the big hurdle that they have been trying to get passed for years so. Romanelli thanked Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked is there anything else for Larry Romanelli.

Susan Thull identified herself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said um, Larry Romanelli, she was just wondering if he could tell her what date the um, Currents went out. Thull said she ah, had several ah, people call her and ask her about it. Thull said um, they don't

have internet so their ah, couple of their Elderly um, members um, so she knows it is online but when was it actually mailed.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks they are in the process right now. Romanelli said it is actually....he has the printer outside of his office here and he knows it is being printed. Romanelli said he thinks some have been mailed and its.....their on their way.

Susan Thull said okay um, is that sent ah, bulk rate.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Susan Thull thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said she was welcome.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete said he don't see hands....he can't see hands. Pete asked is there anything further.

Susan Thull said Martha Howell has her hand up.

Speaker Pete said Martha Howell go ahead.

Martha Howell said good morning. Howell said she would just like a COVID Update. Howell said um, they know, she keeps hearing that HIPPA prevents them from giving a COVID Update and letting out numbers but other Tribes are doing it so if it is that illegal other Tribes wouldn't do it too. Howell said she would appreciate knowing how many people they have sick in their Tribe. Howell said how many positive cases they've had, how many negative cases, and how many vaccines they've administered. Howell said it is basic public information. Howell thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said sure. Romanelli said yes, he thinks actually Jay Sam has been doing a pretty good job lately of updating them. Romanelli said new positive test results 0, follow-up positive test results 0, um, it goes right on down, non-triggered events 0, ah, let him see what else he can find here.

A Participant in the background shouted "Come in" on the ZOOM recording.

Ogema Romanelli asked is there somebody else that could give some other information. Romanelli said here they go.

Andrew Jeurink asked does he need him to help him get that up ____ here.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said "yeah."

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, if he could.

Andrew Jeurink said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he s trying to find um..... Romanelli asked is Jay Sam on or somebody that could give those updates.

Brandy Martin identified herself to Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, Brandy Martin.

Brandy Martin said um, the information that they are passing out now is just for the Tribal Government Employment um, that does not include Tribal members. Martin said as far as she knows the Clinic is not keeping track of those numbers they don't have enough staff um, to keep track of how many people are tested and how many people are positive within the Tribe.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Brandy Martin said they are not the only ones testing um, Tribal members they are testing Casino Employees along with Government Employees as long as needed.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Daryl Wever identified himself. Wever stated real quick that they are doing a log but they don't.....they do ah, test eah, the employees at the Resort, their spouses so. Wever said they have been testing ah, a good number and they do have a log system but it does not ah, ah, for specifics. Wever said um, then for releasing any information from the Health Center ah, ah, he, he will be sending out a newsletter here ah, shortly and ah, had contacted several individuals because there has been a great deal of discussion in regards to the paperwork and __ is required. Wever said unfortunately he has heard other Tribes are doing testing, vaccinations, and they are doing very minimal paperwork ah, which makes him a little anxious and nervous for their ah, department and their ah, organization in general because ah, this is a medical service and they do need proper documentation. Wever said it is HIPPA and they have to watch ah, HIPPA compliancy and so this is a very sensitive ah, situation so for other ah, departments and for other Tribal Organizations to do minimal paperwork ah, and to release this information ah, make him nervous for them but he goes right by the book and they are following medical proper guidelines ah, to the "T." Wever said so ah, they do log everything they do present it to IHS ah, but they separate it out ah, the.....they have tremendous amount of testing and there is a tremendous amount of COVID Vaccinations distribution. Wever said they are still seeing patients in-house ah, the men and women here are doing very, very well. Wever said he is very proud of them. Wever said they are ah, very organized and very patient. Wever said

that is another thing too he wished ah, patients and a little bit of respect from ah, members and patients but overall everybody has been very, very, very kind and very, very, very appreciative so he thanks everybody. Wever said um, the vaccination distribution they have December 15th it flew into the Grand Rapids Airport and he ah, picked it up at the Grand Rapids Airport and it was transported back up here to Little River ah, and those vials were housed under ah, video surveillance to make sure that the temperature was maintained ah, then they were actually fortunate to dispense 73 ah, dosing to their ah, members ah, and to their ah, men and women at Little River. Wever said um, it did include a few handful of Local and State Police Officers which was recommended and advised by IHS and CDC at the time. Wever said when he picked up these um, vials and dosing in Grand Rapids um, Detroit was there, Grand Rapids was there, and other neighboring Tribes ah, and ah, went through each Tribe and asked. Wever said they received 25, 30 and 35 ah, and Little River he actually requested 120-150 knowing that probably in the end they would probably not really receive that but in the end they did receive 73 so they did very, very, very well. Wever said there is a Priority List they did have a meeting they had two work sessions on this, twice. Wever said then they were going to speak of this on the last Tribal Council Meeting before the Holiday but unfortunately he was not granted access to speak. Wever said so they did get those out ah, ah, they did get a Priority List people were a little upset as to why certain people were.....received it ah, they have a short, short window for the Pfizer Vaccine. Wever said one day for travelling, four days to dispense it so with them having 73 they went through the Priority List that was presented by CDC and IHS and through the Emergency Management System ah, and they had a list they ran it through the individuals from Section 1A, 1B....they reached 1B ah, because they needed to get those vaccinations out without having them spoil. Wever said so some declined to have the vaccine and are going to wait another later date ah, and he understands that ah, so they went down the list relatively quick. Wever said because Little River received 73 dosing compared to other Tribes, 25, 30 and 35 in the neighboring area they were fortunate to actually reach into ah the 1B Department. Wever said ah, some individuals he went through this um, Government Building, and reached people ah, face to face and asked if they were interested because he needed to make sure he had at least 73 people that were willing to take this Pfizer Vaccine when it flew in on December ah, 15th ah, and that is what those 73 how they were formulated and came about. Wever said there was a few ah, a handful of Local and State Police Officers that did receive the vaccine ah, and they were extremely grateful and ah, he thinks that is a good way for them to kind of interact and kind of branch out within the community. Wever said he knows they may have had an image in the past but he would prefer to have a, a, a, much more positive image of Little River Heath Service Center and Little River. Wever said ah, he thinks it is a good thing um, so they did very well and they do have 73 that went out. Wever said unfortunately wha....the....they know on the news they will hear that only two to three million individuals were vaccinated ah, and why is it so slow. Wever said they know there is a lot of different reasons but they know it came out at the worse time of the year....the end of the year people had to use their PTO.

Wever said a lot of the healthcare individuals are fatigued, their tired, they have been here since March of 2020 ah, exposure to possible COVID-19 and this building has been ah, fumigated and chemicals.....bombed with chemicals a few times and they know what he will be honest with them he is more concerned about chemicals verses COVID. Wever said they know they still have to do the proper protocols that chemicals too are a risk and so the men and women are very fatigued and tired. Wever said they have been here from the beginning so unfortunately when these came about at the end of ah, December it was Holiday time and so they received ah, ah, another allotment of 100 dosing on December 21st then they received another 100 on December 28th and ah, unfortunately they were short staffed and it was bad, bad timing so they do have over 200 in-house and that is what they are doing actually today. Wever said actually the Doctor Gudimella, Deb Najdowski and Joan Schmidt are actually ah, administering and dispensing about 45 today, tomorrow will be 45 ah, additional and then Friday will be 45. Wever said he is actually picking up the Pfizer Vaccine, it was delayed yesterday due to ice crystals in the air, and it is to be flown in by ah, the Coast Guard by helicopter so obviously safety is first. Wever said they were concerned that the ice crystals would form and make the helicopter too heavy so it is actually going to be ah, ah, delivered today. Wever said he will be picking it up at 2:30 in the Traverse City Airport. Wever said um, these 73 ah, dosing that was dispensed on December 16th so those individuals that received it on December 16th will receive their second dose ah, tomorrow and on Friday to get them out. Wever said they are contacting Elders 75 and older. Wever said they are sending out a newsletter ah, with the two forms that is what is needed so they will receive it right to their doorstep that they can fill out drop off, fax, and send it to the Clinic. Wever said so they are going to get these out fast and he would appreciate a little bit of patience and understanding ah, it does take time and it does take manpower. Wever said they are human over there and they are going to get it out and do fine. Wever said what the plan is to get these 200 out within the next three to five days ah, the Pfizer the 73 will be going out here within 24-48 hours as well. Wever said they are going to continue to get 100 dosing each week from Moderna, they have the facilities.....the two freezer systems purchased and delivered and are fully implemented in the Pharmacy. Wever said they also have two refrigeration systems that were purchased and the Pharmacy as well so they are able to house them for six months, the Moderna. Wever said Pfizer unfortunately comes in 982 allotments so they have to be at -70 so there is no Tribe or facility in Michigan as of right now. Wever said what they are going to do is send a freezer to Traverse City because that is more of a central location and that 982 allotment of Pfizer that has to be -70 degrees will be housed there and all the neighboring Tribes will come and they will take part and take portions of that little by little from that chunk and bring it back to their facilities. Wever said so they will be receiving the Pfizer here shortly but they need the refrigeration freezer system because that is -70 and Moderna is -30 and they house them currently. Wever said each week they will get 100 and each week they will dispense them. Wever said he thinks Brandy Martin, the TERT Emergency Management Leader, will go through more details. Wever said he apologizes

because he covered a lot of probably what she is going to include but he just wanted to make sure he got the hot topics out there when he had an opportunity to speak but they are doing very well. Wever said they do have information but they have to be very careful what is released and unfortunately they do have to ask certain documentation because that is the proper medical protocol and he goes right by the book. Wever said so he appreciates everybody being so kind and so courteous during this process they just need a few more weeks. Wever said he really does feel 2021 will plateau and they will have hopefully a nice healthy, happy new year. Wever said so hang in there they will be fine. Wever thanked everyone.

Councilor Champagne asked Speaker Pete if she could ask Doctor Wever a question. Champagne said she is sorry Ron Pete he.....

Daryl Wever said he is fine with it if he is fine with it.

Councilor Champagne said he is muted....he can't hear her.

Speaker Pete asked is he still muted.

Councilor Champagne said no, he is okay now.

Speaker Pete said to Cindy Champagne that he is sorry.....

Councilor Champagne asked is it okay to ask her question.

Speaker Pete said okay, Cindy Champagne go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said Dr. Wever she has to ask him um, when he picked up the first supplies of these vaccine they gave them.....her understanding was and she got calls from membership was that some of the vaccine was given to non-Tribal members. Champagne asked is this correct.

Daryl Wever said the, the first 73 that flew in through the Grand Rapids were dispensed to all healthcare providers, first.....Public Safety Officials ah, and local State Officials it also went into some of the Next Generation Teachers that are dealing one on one children. Wever said ah, this was the list that was presented....the Priority List from the Emergency Management Team, TERT. Wever said he has a Priority List of 1A, 1B and 1C. Wever said these were employees, these were already formulated prior to the arrival ah, and so those first 73 went to all healthcare providers, Public Safety, Next Gen indivi.....personnel, and ah a few, handful of the State and Local Police Force.

Councilor Champagne said she guessed her concern is this was.....was this purchased with IHS dollars.

Daryl Wever said what is....what's fortunate about this situation is this whole Pandemic is affecting everybody worldwide so what is nice about this situation is it is a little unique in regards to the tremendous amount of funding that is occurring through the Federal Government and through the CARES Act Funding so with speaking with the CDC, speaking with IHS, weekly, daily and with the Pfizer and with Moderna personnel this, this service that they provide here at the Health Service Center is allow....they are actually allowed to open it up to other individuals because this is federally funded and it is through CARES Funds so they are actually ah, able to reach out to other people beyond their four walls of the Indian Health Services so that is why the Local and State Police Force were asked if they interested in receiving this vaccination.

Councilor Crampton interrupted Daryl Wever. Crampton said excuse him, Doctor Wever, excuse him Doctor....Speaker the question was this purchased with IHS —.

Councilor Lonn asked why is he.....

Speaker Pete said excuse him....at any rate Doctor Wever he can go ahead and answer how he wants to answer. Pete said go ahead.

Daryl Wever said the CDC and IHS requested that they administer this vaccine, those 73 that went out on December 16th to all their First Responders, first line defense because they stated if they are at the casino, if they are at Meijer or if they are at um, um, um, gas station and the Tribal Community were to have an illness or collapse or needed an emergency these men and women....the local State and ah, ah, Police Force First Responders would be there to assist their members in their community um, so this was allowed to open up to ah, individuals outside the four walls and outside of IHS.

Councilor Champagne said okay, excuse her doctor she understands all that she knows it is affected everybody she is not saying people should not get it but these individuals that he is talking about they have organizations that should have been getting this vaccine also should have been ordering it, should have been paying for it, so she asked if these funds or these vaccines were paid with IHS dollars and if they were did they charge these other individuals who were not Tribal, who were not working for the Tribe other than helping out um, certain cases did they charge them for this vaccine because if they are using Tribal dollars she thinks their membership has the right to know that they are using it for non-Tribal when they are not getting their vaccines yet. Champagne said that is a concern that she has been received.

Daryl Wever said what is fortunate about the situation is no Tribal dollars were ah, expended during this distribution. Wever said unfortunately this first round ah, they had to get this round out fast to get to the healthcare ah, individuals and the first line defense. Wever said ah, unfortunately when this first started they

gave the option that they could go through the State or they could go through IHS because obviously they are connected to IHS.....

Some Participants were heard speaking in the background when Doctor Wever was talking on the ZOOM recording.

Daryl Wever continued.....they were sending it out to all different agencies but unfortunately the State route is a little bit slower going that route so fortunately they went.....he had an option to choose.....does he receive it from the State or does he receive it from the IHS. Wever said both are expensed through Federal Dollars and CARES money so no Tribal money, no Tribal Organization was affected by this dispensing these vaccines. Wever said so fortunately they went with IHS because they have a strong relationship with them and they meet weekly, every Thursday at ___ o'clock.

Someone coughed real loud and blocked out some of Doctor Wever's comments on the ZOOM recording.

Daryl Wever said fortunately they went that route and got them extremely fast. Wever said the unfortunate part for those that are waiting for the State for their local State Government to get the vaccinations they have not received them or they are receiving them very, very, slow so that is why IHS, CDC, they have said this is for their first line defense anybody outside the four walls are welcome. Wever said this first round is to make sure they are safe because they are in constant contact with patients in the community these men and women are working every signal day in the clinics and hospitals. Wever said they need to make sure they are strong and healthy and safe in order to provide a service to their members and to their organization. Wever said so this is.....was allowed and no money was expensed. Wever said with this whole process because this is Federally Funded and CARES Funded they cannot charge for this vaccine. Wever said the government....the Federal Government paid for this and they expediated this at a very fast rate and so they cannot charge for the vaccine. Wever said what is nice about the situation is they can charge and they can bill for the service that the men and women do here in the clinic so not the vaccine can be charged but the administration of the vaccine or ah, in-house patient appointment they can bill for that. Wever said that is why part of the paperwork it does include they need their I.D. and they need their insurance and everything has to be up to date so when they put in the system they are active and they are a patient of record and when they do bill it they can get compensated for all the hard work that every person in this facility and the hospitals and around the world can get compensated for what they are doing.

Speaker Pete said he has a question. Pete said he has his hand raised and he has got a question.

Councilor Champagne said okay, Ron Pete when he is done she still has....she is not finished with her questions. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay that is good then he will get back to her. Pete said Dr. Wever as he well knows and the TERT Team they also well know is there were two meetings scheduled in regards to this vaccine. Wever said two....well.....

Daryl Wever said correct.

Speaker Pete said first there was one meeting and he didn't.....to his knowledge because there were two meetings at the same time and to his knowledge the only two Councilors that were on that first meeting were Councilor Corey and Councilor Di Piazza. Pete said they were the only two. Pete said he chose to attend the other meeting but shortly before that meeting.....five minutes before that meeting that ZOOM Meeting on the phone um, he called Councilor Corey and he said is it....he is going to be missing this meeting and he said to him *"look it give me a call afterwards and he will inform him about it"* so he did. Pete said then he said that at that meeting they were going to have another meeting after that to roll this out again to get more Councilors on the phone. Pete said he called into that second meeting and there were six Councilors.....there were only six Councilors on the phone unfortunately people were questioning him on this none of those Councilors were on the phone. Pete said then they all agreed to what them guys were rolling out and how they were rolling it out all six of them.....there was no vote because it was a work session but all six of them agreed with how he was rolling this out and how he and the TERT team were rolling this thing out so to his knowledge even though that was on just before Christmas that was on these six Councilors took the time it took to get on the phone and to come in.....or to either come in or be on the phone for the um.....

Martha Howell interrupted. Howell said can they stop being condescending towards one another, please.

Speaker Pete said no, he can't and don't interrupt him again. Pete said so at the end of the day the people.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Speaker control himself.

Speaker Pete said no, he can get control of himself. Pete said at the end of the day the people on here had every opportunity to weigh in on it. Pete said that is all he has got to say. Pete said Cindy Champagne can go right ahead.

Councilor Crampton identified himself. Crampton said he wanted in the queue.

Speaker Pete said he, he, Cindy Champagne is first and then him.

Councilor Lonn said no, Cindy Champagne then Laura Echelbarger.

Councilor Champagne said okay.....

Recorder Di Piazza said he has got these ones in the queue.

Speaker Pete said okay he has got Martha Howell in the queue.....

Councilor Lonn said Laura Echelbarger.

Speaker Pete said Laura Echelbarger and then him.

Recorder Di Piazza said Susan Thull.

Councilor Lonn said Susan Thull.

Recorder Di Piazza said sorry.....*the rest of his comment was drowned out by Councilor Champagne speaking on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Champagne said okay, Ron Pete, he is right he is referring to her asking the doctor questions. Champagne said she thinks as a Councilor she has a right to ask any question she wants in regards.....

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Champagne continued.....to the subject. Champagne said she was on vacation the whole month of December however, however, she is stressing that she did attend every Council Meeting on Wednesday also she was talking to membership the whole time and she was doing resolutions so yes, she was on vacation and she didn't come to all the work sessions so she did miss Doctor Wever's Work Session that he put on. Champagne said that doesn't mean she doesn't have a right to ask these questions. Champagne said now her other question is how did certain people who were not in um, the medical field or anything like that how did they....*clearing her throat*.....how did they get these vaccines ahead of other Tribal members first.

Daryl Wever said so he thinks ah, Brandy Martin will probably go through this in a little bit more detail so. Wever said the list that was formulated and the guidelines that they were following by the CDC and IHS Guidelines there is different categories. Wever said there is Category 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D. Wever said so all the employees in this building and throughout the organization were on that list. Wever said unfortunately they have to had.....have to have 73 individuals so when this vaccine flew in they had to make sure they had 73 people in ah, that were willing to take this vaccination. Wever said so on that first part the 1A for all healthcare providers so some obviously were not willing to take it ah, so they went through the healthcare providers, they went through Public Safety, they went through Behavioral Health, Family Services ah, and the Next

Generation he thinks there was a few Next Gen that deal with the children. Wever said a handful of the local State Police Officers. Wever said he had to make sure there was 73 people that were on that list because he did not want to waste any vaccination. Wever said so basically what happened was is they had over the amount they anticipated so they had to make sure. Wever so the same thing Brandy Martin will go through the Priority List that was discussed at the two work sessions ah, and a couple of other ah, discussions. Wever said it is basically they are going to go through and make sure that obviously Priority 1A is actually the High Risk, 75 and older. Wever said Priority 1B is going to be 65 and older, High Risk. Wever said then it is going to go down the line and Brandy Martin can explain this in further detail because she is the TERT Emergency Management Leader. Wever said so what happened was that some individuals denied this vaccine so they were able to go into the 1B which were maybe a few of Government Officials ah, and they also had an opportunity to reach out to the community. Wever said so those individuals that were present and were able to be reached were able to receive that 70....Pfizer Vaccine that came in on December 15th.

Councilor Champagne said okay doctor, she understands where he is coming from the thing is she has a concern because she knows that.....why she should say she heard on Face Book that certain Council members were bragging about getting their vaccine. Champagne said in her opinion they have had three deaths up at their Housing Department why did they not get those Elders up if he had extra vaccine. Champagne said get those and protect them. Champagne said she means they have a Housing Community up there that they all live close together they should've.....um, the Elders up there should have been contacted they already had three deaths up there so yes, this concerns her and she is not attacking him, doctor, she just wants to know who sets up the priorities on this. Champagne said she is on Council and she didn't get a call that she was eligible to get a shot. Champagne said she would've said no because she would have wanted it to go to the Elders up at the Housing. Champagne said she is looking at their members that are dying and she truthfully am very upset because she got a number of calls from Elders asking why they didn't get a call then they have people bragging about getting it, yes, so she is concerned and maybe Miss Lonn can tell them how she got onto the list so easily. Champagne said that is all she has.

Daryl Wever said okay he can respond to that too. Wever said he has the list here in front of him so they have the 1A and 1B and is what the Priority List according to the CDC Guidelines and HIS then the TERT Emergency Management Team formulated. Wever said for those individuals that are here in the building that are present around other people daily and come into the office daily so. Wever said those individuals that were present here in this building whether the 73 people that were present ah, that were exposed to other individuals so. Wever said this first one was sent out like he said for healthcare providers, Public Safety Officers, front line defense and Local State Officials. Wever said so when they went through that list the 1B within this building ah, does reach into Tribal Council,

Next Generation ah, and other Government Officials. Wever said so these individuals come into work and are exposed ah, to other risks of COVID and chemicals so that is why this list here was formulated. Wever said he agrees that this now that is why they called those two work sessions ah, to discuss the Priority List from there.....from this point because the CDC and the IHS have already dictated that first 73 that is the first line defense individuals. Wever said from this point forward now it is the 75 and older, 65 and older, 55 and older ah, and then the all.....the remaining categories. Wever said so that is why those two work sessions were set up because that point now is out of his hands he needs to hear from them and he needs to hear from the Emergency Management Team and he needs to hear from the Elected Officials how they want to run this from this point. Wever said so that is why now with these 200-300 that they have in-house right now that is why it has been sent out on the website and then there is going to be a mass mailing everybody the 4,200 plus individuals are going to receive this paperwork here most likely Friday/Saturday here this week. Wever said those individuals that did read it off the website and have come in to pick up the packet are being....receiving the vaccination. Wever said so also there another discussion meeting yesterday and the day prior regarding their Elders Complex fortunately they know everybody is important and what is nice about the Elders is they need people to kind of um, maintain obviously their distance, stay healthy, stay home, eat well, rest ah, do what is right but those individuals that are exposed and are coming into the office daily ah, have a higher risk because they are of the flow of people so now this week and next week that is why they have those two meetings on the 17th and the 21st of December is to get a greater understanding is to now how do they want to administer because now it is open free range as to how they do this. Wever said so he needed to hear from them and he needed to hear from the other Elected Officials how they wanted to do it and that is how that list now has been formulated in regards to going forward from this point forward any dosing that comes in now that is how the categories are going to be dictated is the conclusion to that meeting was Category A is 75 and older, High Risk. Wever said Category B is 65 and older and High Risk. Wever said Category C is 55 and older and the Category D is the remaining individuals. Wever said if they have a ___ or other risk of COPD, diabetes, obesity, there is about five or six different ah, requirements. Wever said those individuals will then bump up to Category B. Wever said so those individuals would be then a little bit more of a faster pace getting through to get the vaccine. Wever said that is where they are right now and so those individuals that are 75 and older they actually had a meeting this morning for those ones that are 75 and older they went through a Patient of Record and they have their numbers and now they are going to do a manual outreach to those individuals as well. Wever said so they are going to get on the website, they are going to get the paperwork in the mail, and they are going to give them a call.....a phone call to get them in here as soon as possible, the 75 and older. Wever said Brandy Martin will go into more detail.....he apologizes for going into it a little prematurely but Brandy Martin will go into it. Wever said what they will do is once they receive these packets from this point forward that is how they are going to.....they are going to do it. Wever said they are going to

organize it into a spreadsheet if they get ten people that are Category A which are 75 and older they are first in line. Wever said then if they get 200 in Category B and they have all their paperwork in they are first in line. Wever said if they get two in Category C they are first in line. Wever said so then each day and each week they are going to go through that and then they will make sure those individuals that have already got that paperwork in and are registered they will receive the vaccine. Wever said so the best advice would be is to fill that paperwork out, communicate here with the office, drop it off, fax it, if they mail it will take a little bit longer obviously has to go through the um, the Postal Service then they have to get it here and then they have to get it to the right ah, department so it would be faster to fax it and it would be faster to drop it off but they cant sit and wait for the 300 and some members that may be in the 75 and older category. Wever said they have to get these vaccines out and they want to vaccinate everybody as quickly as possible. Wever said so those first 73 that came out were already dictated by IHS and the CDC. Wever said the reason that it went into some of the Tribal Council Members and some other Government Officials and the Next Generation is because those individuals were present and they needed.....they have a very short window with Pfizer. Wever said one day to travel, and four to dispense and unfortunately it flew in on a Tuesday evening ah, at ah, four or five in the evening so it even makes the week even shorter. Wever said so that is how those individuals that may have received it ah, on that first round but from this point forward that is why they had the two work sessions to discuss the Priority List and that was what was concluded. Wever said 75 and older, 65 and older, 55 and older and all the other remaining Tribal members and that is their Category A, B, C, and D. Wever said they will get those through so if they get their paperwork in and if they get it....the category fast they are going to get their vaccination so they have to get these out they can't sit on them. Wever said Brandy Martin may want to describe that in a little further detail as well so um, they will give her a chance to speak as well.

Speaker Pete said he has a queue list right now. Pete said he has got Martha Howell in the queue.

Martha Howell said okay she has a couple questions. Howell said um, there was discussion about how the vaccine got rolled out and it sounded like Dr. Wever was running around the Tribal Government Center trying to find 75 people willing to get the shot. Howell said um, no one contacted anybody in their Wastewater Treatment Plant and mind them, people poop out COVID. Howell said no one asked them to get a vaccine. Howell said so she wonders too why Diane Lonn was put in before people working directly with waste and she would also like to know why did Dr. Wever's mom go with him.....why were they taking photographs when they weren't wearing masks with their box of vaccines. Howell said that's all. Howell thanked them.

Daryl Wever said okay, so the list that actually formulated is actually has he thinks the.....Brandy Martin can actually go into further details ah, with ah, what

was spoken. Wever said he thinks there was a meeting even prior to he thinks he was involved in it so they had the list here 1A, 1B, 1C ah, and then they had the Elected Officials these are individuals that are here in the building they come in every day and they interact with.....

Martha Howell interrupted. Howell said so that is more important than treating the people who work directly with their waste water that is coming out of the jail and the hospital and the casino. Howell said she is sorry she just....she, she, she, she doesn't see the priority of vaccinating State, Tribe.....or State Police and non-Tribal people over their own people who are working with waste water. Howell said she is sorry that is ridiculous.

Daryl Wever said he believed that with the Waste Management as well he thinks they have other....both risks ah, as well. Wever said in this building here in the Government Center there is quite a few.....

Martha Howell interrupted again. Howell said they weren't prioritized at all. Howell said that is her point. Howell said no one even thought about.....and that is an all Tribal Department.

In the background on the ZOOM recording someone said, "yup boyfriend."

Daryl Wever said correct, he believed they are on.....he is looking at this list correctly and Brandy Martin can confirm this here in a little bit. Wever said it looks like they are at 1C so they have it here.....it looks a bulk of why they are 1A, 1B because these individuals are in this Government Building. Wever said there is quite a few people in this building ah, unfortunately this is a closed circulatory system ah, and they are connected to the Clinic so if there is any sneezing or any type of ah, should occur over here unfortunately he knows there is a filtration system and all this is ___ and Brandy Martin can go into more details. Wever said they do share the same circulatory system here so unfortunately the Elected Officials ah, officed above ah, the Clinic and other people could possibly be at risk because of that close proximity to the high flow of patients over here and just people in general coming into this main Government Center. Wever said everyone is doing very well with wearing the masks and social distancing and doing a very nice job of cleaning their service stuff but it is a high risk. Wever said so he can have Brandy Martin give her more details as to how this 1A, 1B and 1C and he thinks Utilities is at 1C. Wever said he thinks and he is just making assumptions because perhaps they may interact with waste which has a higher rate of ah, other infections, ah and concerns. Wever said he thinks it is more like one on one contact ah, and escalation of individuals within close proximity. Wever said same thing with the Local and State Police Officers, they know, they deal with a lot of prisoners and close contact, one on one with individuals so that is why with the whole social distancing of keeping six feet apart and staying away and staying home and watching proper hygiene is recommended is because of that distance. Wever said he believed that is why that

ah, they would be more considered 1C is because they can distance the physical aspect between two people but he thinks Utilities and Waste Management and even in the Maintenance they have a high risk in other categories as well. Wever said with his mother, his mother and he are very close, his mother is very dedicated ah, and she is a great person so he does a lot with his mother. Wever said she has the biggest heart and she probably has the bigger heart than himself and probably even more energy than himself. Wever said for not non-mask wearing ah, close proximity they are both outside and they are both in contact with each other daily so it considered almost like a loved one like their husband or wife their spouse ah, individuals that they are in close proximity to. Wever said when they go home at night most likely he is sure a lot of individuals do not have masks ah, on one on one with close proximity to their loved ones. Wever said ah, what is nice about the situation with the delivery of the Pfizer Vaccine and Moderna itself it comes in a nice self-contained refrigeration system ah, freezer system. Wever said each vial is actually self-contained inside another container. Wever said he actually has pictures. Wever said he took pictures with Keith Jacque when he arrived back here at 7:30-8:00 that evening so he will be posting that everyday now to keep everybody up to date and informed. Wever said the same thing with all the other ah, ah, vaccinations or ah, local anesthetic it comes already in a style.....a ah, sterile ah, container ah, and everything is done properly ah, when it is dispensed. Wever said ah, unfortunately it is outside. Wever said for Shirley Marie Wever she is really, truly a good person ah, and a great....a great ah, focus for the Tribe that is why she wanted to.....

Martha Howell interrupted again. Howell said he didn't need to campaign for his mom right now that is okay. Howell thanked him.

Daryl Wever said no, she asked.....she just asked so he wanted to tell her.....

Martha Howell interrupted again. Howell said yeah but he doesn't need to campaign for his mom during a.....

Daryl Wever was talking during the same time that Martha Howell was speaking loudly so his comments could not be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Pete finally intervened. Pete said okay....okay.

Councilor Crampton interrupted as well. Crampton said Speaker see that this campaign stops.

Speaker Pete said he is going to stop this right now.

Daryl Wever said he is very close to his ____.

Speaker Pete said the next person involved right now is Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger started to speak but was interrupted by Councilor Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said to Ron Pete when Laura Echelbarger is done whenever they are at the end she would like to get back in too.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Cindy Champagne but right now it is Laura Echelbarger that is in the queue.

Laura Echelbarger thanked Ron Pete. Echelbarger said she doesn't know how she is going to follow that up.....*Laura Echelbarger was laughing*.....um, first she just wanted to ask....remember the day um, that the work sessions were doubled up and she is assuming that was a special circumstance and she just wanted to um, ask that if that was a special circumstance she doesn't see that very often and she is sure that is avoided but um, just maybe Gary Di Piazza can say yeah, that was a special circumstance they can put that one to bed.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't know what she is talking about. Pete said he is sorry he doesn't understand.

Laura Echelbarger said the double ___ meeting where there was a work session and the other um, work session for the COVID. Echelbarger said.....it was at the same time.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is true it was double but that happens. Di Piazza said whoops!

Councilor Crampton tried to make a comment but suddenly stopped speaking.....

Councilor Lonn said she happened to be at Binojeeuk because she is on Binojeeuk.

Councilor Crampton said the point is the other Council members were at the other meeting.

Laura Echelbarger said right.

Speaker Pete said that is correct and that is why they scheduled a second meeting so that they could all come together and be on that meeting then. Pete repeated that is the second meeting that he was talking about. Pete said to Laura Echelbarger that she is still in the queue. Pete thanked them.

Laura Echelbarger said okay, thanks. Echelbarger said her second point um, was that it is super frustrating and very highly concerning that they're so focused on what was done before that they haven't had any access to right, like this Priority List was already set and now they are coming back and they are so frustrated with it but really there is nothing that can be done with it. Echelbarger said the

important thing going forward is to make sure that when these things are important and this was very important.....when these things are important that everybody shows up to those meetings regardless and that they don't go back and they are so focused on why did this happen instead of how can they address this and make sure that their concerns are voiced. Echelbarger said to Cindy Champagne that she understands that she were on vacation for a month she gets that but for the month of December she was also on vacation and she attended most of the work sessions that she could and all of the other stuff. Echelbarger said um, she understands her frustration about this Priority List and understands everybody else's frustration but it was already set and they all.....all nine of them had access to get their interest on this Priority List and it wasn't done. Echelbarger said now Dr. Wever is having to be held his feet to the fire as to why it was set like this when they were all invited to set that Priority List. Echelbarger said so she just wanted to put that out there. Echelbarger said she feels like um, they are going over a lot of stuff that really has already happened and they are taking up a lot of time, yes, it is important time but these shots have already been administered, the Priority List has already been set, and um, she thinks they should try to go forward a little bit then maybe learn from this. Echelbarger said try to attend the important work sessions, those are important. Echelbarger said that is it. Echelbarger thanked Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Laura Echelbarger. Pete said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said she believed Shannon Crampton was ahead of her.

Speaker Pete said no she was ahead of him but if she wants to release to Shannon Crampton that is fine by him.

Susan Thull said she will.

Speaker Pete said okay, go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked Susan Thull. Crampton said well, he wanted to point out a couple of things here. Crampton said thankfully the Ogema is on the phone because um, having a person in their car when they are travelling on Tribal Business is against policy and that was just admitted to. Crampton said now secondly in that second meeting there was a question of who would make up the Priority List it was said to the Council that was in attendance at that time that HR would be developing that so let's just dispense with all the um, all the lies, let's get down to the truth. Crampton said now wh...wha...da....the doctor said now he needs guidance from Council so the meeting tomorrow is perfect then. Crampton said there is nothing ____.....

Ogema Romanelli identified himself to Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete said okay just a minute. Pete said go ahead Shannon Crampton is in the queue. Pete repeated go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said ah, he just wanted to say that there is a lot of things going on here that just.....going forward they need to prioritize....they need to know exactly what is going on.....at that last meeting like he said no, Council didn't say they were making a Priority List it was said it was left up to the TERT team and that it was going to go through HR. Crampton said so he doesn't know why they keep bringing up this fact of who was there and who was not because he had to cancel many work sessions because they haven't had people there. Crampton said they are not supposed to cancel them if they got two people there....one people there it doesn't matter everybody has the opportunity to be there and it is not an official work sess.....or meeting of the Council but they should follow what those people said at that meeting. Crampton said what was said was that HR would develop the list not Council so it has been spun off to the membership that Council developed this, no, that was not what was said at the last meeting. Crampton said so just stay on track and let's be real about this, its no big deal, let's just set the list, get it in stone, get every answered question answered, done. Crampton said but he wanted to go back to his other thing why is the Speaker admonishing members and jumping in and yelling at them. Crampton said he should control himself a little bit and not supposed to be commenting on these issues actually he should not even be officiating ah, some of these things that he is commenting on he is supposed to be officiating the meeting not comment on. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said ah, she just, um she had asked a long time ago who was on this COVID Team and she would have appreciated knowing um, since they do make these types of decisions so that she could've ah, maybe spoke to someone about her concerns before ah, they rolled out the vaccinations. Thull said she feels that those Elders that are in that Elder's Complex should have been treated like a Nursing Home ah, they have the Common Area ah, one entrance um, a common entrance she should say. Thull said she cannot believe that they prioritized others over them when they had three deaths up there in Aki and two of them from that Elders Center um, she just.....she is horrified with the decisions that they have made. Thull said um, she feels that ah, when they prioritized a Councilor and she doesn't care about their 73 doses and having to get a hold of people she thinks he.....that is a downfall of planning then but she thinks that when they prioritized a Councilor over those people that are living up there and this Councilor does not have to be in the building, this Councilor can participate as many of them are um, virtually so saying that all of these people even, even, in the medical field. Thull said if they are giving injections.....vaccinations to those people that could be

re....um...participate remotely then its wrong. Thull said that is her final say. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said since she been named a couple of times and Susan Thull brought it up. Lonn said um, yes she was here as well as other Councilors that have the ability to give the shot she doesn't know if they did or not because she is considered 1B, a high risk, and when they have a short time period like Dr. Wever had, God Bless his soul he needs to go out and get as many people to get that shot.....

Speaker Pete said okay... ..made a further comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Lonn continued.....as far as the last meeting he was wrong, Mr. Crampton, it was never said at that HR would do this it has always been the TERT Committee. Lonn said HR has nothing to do with that and um, as far as that meeting only two were there.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he wants to respond after Mr. Speaker.

Councilor Lonn continued.....it wasn't a double up of committees. Lonn said she was on vacation as well for two weeks and she came every day and was asked why she was there because she feels like that is her job is to be here to attend every meeting. Lonn said that is sad that this has been brought up and Dr. Wever and the TERT has tried their best, the TERT Group to do the best they can. Lonn said that is really....its sad. Lonn thanked them. Lonn whispered that Dave Corey has his hand raised.

Speaker Pete said he has got Cindy Champagne right now then he has got Gary Di Piazza, then he has got Shannon Crampton, and then he has got Dave Corey.

Both Ogema Romanelli and Councilor Champagne were speaking at the same time.

Councilor Champagne said she would like to.....

Ogema Romanelli asked Ron Pete if he could put him in.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry he forgot, okay, he has got the Ogema too, okay.

Someone in the background said "sorry" but it wasn't clear who said it on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Champagne said she would just like to respond to Laura Echelbarger. Champagne said to Laura Echelbarger she is right she was on vacation and she didn't attend all the work sessions. Champagne said she did attend all the Tribal Council Meetings however that doesn't mean she wasn't involved. Champagne said she has e-mails showing that she contacted Doctor Wever directly and asked him about the Priority List and put some of her concerns in there so she was working on it so she know she is not aware of all those things she just wanted to bring it to light that just because she was on vacation and didn't attend every meeting like Mrs. Lonn she was working from home and doing things in regards to the Tribe. Champagne said so she wanted to clarify that for her. Champagne thanked them. Champagne said oh, and she is sorry one more thing. Champagne said Doctor Wever did say in one of her e-mails with him that HR was the one who was setting that Priority List. Champagne said to Diane Lonn she doesn't know if it happened at a meeting but he did tell her that and she can show her the e-mail. Champagne thanked them again. Champagne said Ron Pete and Gary Di Piazza they are on mute so if they are calling anyone no one hears them.

Recorder Di Piazza said oops. Di Piazza said it sucks to be him. Di Piazza said um, like he said he doesn't know how they got double booked on that day he took some vacation time too because he has been in here since March-ish but anyways. Di Piazza said it got rescheduled because there is only a couple of them there. Di Piazza said as far as the Elder Complex that is really not a Retirement or.....

Councilor Lonn made a comment but it wasn't clear what she said on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Di Piazza continued.....and he knows somebody personally that lives there and he doesn't believe they're in that situation. Di Piazza asked is she.....

Grace Hendler was seen shaking her head no on the ZOOM video recording and did not comment.

Recorder Di Piazza continued.....but um, they know they just need to kind of.....they got all these vaccines in and they got the freezers to do it and the refrigerators to do it. Di Piazza said they just need to move forward and they know, get people inoculated the best as possible. Di Piazza said he was offered that vaccine also he turned it down because he is still somewhat healthy he guessed. Di Piazza said he has the concern of him getting the vacc.....getting vaccinated and then think he is indestructible because now he can't.....he can't contract it so he might drop his guard. Di Piazza said he might not wear a mask, he might forget to wash his hands, he might take that home.....what happens....yes, his wife is part Native whether them guys like it or not. Di Piazza asked but so how does that work. Di Piazza said he believes a lot of them things that everybody is running, they know, and some of it is disturbing because they are all human beings. Di Piazza said he doesn't care if they are Hindu they are all

human beings. Di Piazza said he doesn't think the Creator wanted them to segregate he could be wrong. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Pete said okay Shannon Crampton. Pete repeated Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said sorry he was trying to get off mute. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said um, well yeah, he just wanted to point out the fact that yeah, there was a double booking so the things that gets spun on Face Book and somebody forgot to mention that the other Councilors were at another meeting that was double booked. Crampton said but thanks for clarifying that up ah, now what has happened here and ah, he wants to go back to Susan Thull's point. Crampton said she made a very valid point. Crampton said as most of them know the spin that has been put on Little River is totally unique when they contact the other Tribes their Legislators come in maybe once or twice a month to do their job. Crampton said their judges who are paid more than Council come even less. Crampton said but their job and their contribution to the Tribe is no.....nothing less than anybody else. Crampton said it is their role its what they do. Crampton said now if a Councilor take their personal initiative to go in when they are not supposed to be there or its when they don't need to be there and they get the shot that is the problem. Crampton said that is what is happening. Crampton thanked them.

It was heard in the background on the ZOOM recording someone said "What a mess" and someone else was laughing.

Councilor Lonn said okay who is next.

Speaker Pete said okay, just a moment, get them off of mute.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is off mute.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he was finished.

Councilor Crampton said yes sir and thanked him.

Speaker Pete said Dave Corey. Pete repeated Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yeah, he just wanted to add to um, the meetings being double booked um, Brandy Martin scheduled a meeting in Outlook and he keeps an Outlook Calendar and try to do all of his appointments off from it. Corey said they were double booked so he chose to switch out of....out of the work session and go over there and listen. Corey said all they did was talk about what to do for

the next meeting when everybody is able to attend and they wished everybody on Council would have been there. Corey said they sent out the e-mails and everything else and, and, there it may be. Corey said so say what they will there was no direction given in that first meeting actually so. Corey said that's ah, that's his two cents.

Speaker Pete thanked David Corey. Pete called on Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said well he wants to hit on a few things. Romanelli said yes, there were two meetings and he kind of wished they could go forward and not backwards. Romanelli said they have gone over this he thinks it has been explained but they can continue on a little bit. Romanelli said he does take exception to some of the comments being referred to as lies or a spin that always happens but ah, the fact of the matter is there were two meetings that were set-up specifically for Tribal Council to give their input. Romanelli said it was on the 17th he believed and on the 21st. Romanelli said Dave Corey is correct and whoever else said it there are a couple of Councilors on the first meeting but they really wanted more input so they scheduled a second meeting which everybody got notice of. Romanelli said again, they had six of the nine. Romanelli said the people that are now giving their concerns are not....are the ones that were missing. Romanelli said he thinks that, for him, this COVID thing has been around since last March he can assure them that there has been at least 200 meetings and he doesn't believe he is exaggerating a bit since that time regarding COVID. Romanelli said then starting in about October there was talk about the vaccines. Romanelli said Council has also been invited to some of those meetings regarding the vaccines other than the two that were there. Romanelli said he is looking at one now from 10/30 where Tribal Council was invited ah, to a meeting regarding ah, vaccine distribution that didn't come from internally that was from the State. Romanelli said so he thinks they can move on he really wished they would ah, he thinks that the um, TERT Group and the ah, Clinic have done a great job. Romanelli said he means everybody is having problems with this it isn't only within the Tribe it is within the State and Federal Governments in getting the vaccines. Romanelli said he thinks they have done a great job he thinks they need to move on and if they want to give input please do so by.....they can write their e-mails or they can have another work session or whatever but they have done a good job and he just.....he gets frustrated with some of this. Romanelli said he is talking about the Council he thinks it was rude to admonish somebody for coming to work.....for doing their job. Romanelli said they can say it is not necessary and they can do their job from phone and from home but to admonish somebody for really coming in to work. Romanelli said he thinks it is crazy. Romanelli said they talk about the pay and the criteria of other Councils and what they have to do to come to work and comparing it against the judges show them the work, show that information because he has not seen the comparisons yet. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete said hopefully they beaten this..... to death by now for this meeting.

Councilor Crampton interrupted Speaker Pete. Crampton said no, Mr. Speaker..... Crampton identified himself. Crampton said he wants to respond to that.

Speaker Pete said go right ahead Shannon Crampton.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, who is in the queue.

Councilor Lonn asked Speaker Pete who is in the queue.

Speaker Pete said just a minute who is in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said hey, ey, ey, ey.....it doesn't matter the doctor responded several times without being in the queue. Crampton said he wants to respond to it.

Speaker Pete shouted go ahead and respond.

Councilor Crampton was laughing. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said well they know he, he, he don't.....he can give his opinion Mr. Romanelli but he doesn't think it is very valuable when he is the Elected Official with the lowest work session attendance of everybody.

Councilor Lonn asked what did he say.

Councilor Crampton said so let's put this out there.....he said he is the.....out of ten Elected Officials he has the lowest work session attendance of anybody so please don't admonish.....that Miss Lonn did not.....did not have to be there. Crampton thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli asked Ron Pete if he can respond to that.

Speaker Pete shouted please do.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not required to be at work session he is represented by people that are Directors etc. Romanelli said that is how it is set-up to be. Romanelli said to make that kind of a statement again is just totally incorrect and these people.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked is Council members required to be at work sessions.

Speaker Pete said to Shannon Crampton, okay, he is responding and he is interrupting.

Ogema Romanelli said that wasn't his statement.

Councilor Crampton said he was in the queue and he jumped in. Crampton said his statement was that he has the lowest work session attendance of all ten Elected Officials.....

Ogema Romanelli said that is incorrect.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't have.....no it is not. Crampton reiterated no it is not. Crampton said he has the lowest work session.....is he making the statement in front of the membership because that is a lie and he knows it.

Ogema Romanelli said excuse him.

Both Ogema Romanelli and Councilor Crampton were speaking at the same time as the argument ensued. Order was not established.

Ogema Romanelli said his pay is based on work sessions his is not and he is not required.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted again. Crampton asked is there, is there, is there.....

Ogema Romanelli continued..... to be at these work sessions they have more representation more often than he does.

Councilor Crampton started shouting.....is there a requirement.....is there a requirement for Council to be there. Crampton said he has been in office for 12 years.....

Ogema Romanelli said well the original pay in his salary was based on the number of work sessions that.....

Councilor Crampton was still interrupting and no order to the meeting had been established per the Speaker. The meeting continued to be an argument between the Ogema and Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked is there.....its an easy question Larry Romanelli. Crampton asked are Council members required to be at work.

Ogema Romanelli replied yes, he believed they are based on the, the....when they go back to how they are paid, yes, they are.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said no they are not. Crampton said ah, it is in the work session....it is in the Constitution it is also in the Meetings Procedures Ordinance work sessions are not.....

Ogema Romanelli asked where is it in the Constitution that they get a stipend.

Councilor Crampton made a sound of ACHHHHH!

Councilor Lonn said it doesn't.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't say stipend. Crampton said the topic that he is talking about is work sessions, Larry Romanelli, he knows he wants to spin it out and get away from it.

Councilor Lonn said he needs to.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is not spinning it his compensation.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted then started talking louder and louder. Crampton said he has.....he has the lowest work sessions..... Crampton shouted Larry Romanelli he is supposed to be the Manager of the Tribe he shows up three days out of the week...he has the lowest work session attendance of anybody.

Ogema Romanelli said that is a load of crap.

Councilor Crampton said no he does. Crampton said he said that.....

Speaker Pete interrupted and tried to gain control of the meeting. Pete said he doesn't want.....

Councilor Lonn said that he doesn't know what he is talking about.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is done with this.

Councilor Crampton said he is in the queue. Crampton said he is sorry.....

Speaker Pete said he doesn't care if he is in the queue. Pete said he is done with this.

Councilor Crampton thanked them. Crampton said get it on record.

Speaker Pete said they are not going to entertain him anymore. Pete said it is done.

Councilor Crampton continued on. Crampton said Larry Romanelli has the lowest work session attendance of all.....

Both Speaker Pete and Councilor Lonn were speaking at the same time and no one conversation could be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Pete said he is such a bad Ogema and he has only beat everybody three times.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said 67%.

Councilor Crampton said let's....let's just....let's degenerate into that

Councilor Lonn said let's just stop it.

Councilor Crampton was still speaking in the background. Crampton reiterated that let's just degenerate into it.

Speaker Pete said let's just stop like that. Pete said Larry Romanelli.....

Jessica Steinberg identified herself to Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete shouted they are moving onto Legislative Affairs Update right now. Pete repeated Legislative Affairs Update.

Councilor Crampton interrupted one more time. Crampton said he believed Jessica Steinberg wanted to speak, Mr. Speaker.

Councilor Lonn said he is not the Speaker.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't care Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete said they are in Legislative Affairs. Pete said he is sick of this.

Councilor Crampton said a member asked to speak.

Susan Thull didn't identify herself. Thull said she is in the queue also.

Councilor Crampton said a member asked to speak, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete shouted he knows that they did. Pete said he doesn't need to hear it from him.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, maybe he does.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg said Speaker Pete she thinks maybe Susan Thull might have been ahead of her in the queue.

Speaker Pete shouted go ahead Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked them and Jessica Steinberg. Thull said ah, yes Larry Romanelli just said that um, he said that over 200 meetings and she knows that Larry Romanelli is introducing um, for work sessions, the Sunshine Law um, and she would like to ask if ah, he could start posting a calendar with his meetings because she certainly would be interested in attending them. Thull said um, so if he could get his calendar posted and maybe ah, give them the ZOOM information so that they can start attending those meetings she would really appreciate it. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said Ron Pete he will respond when he gets.....whenever he wants him to.

Speaker Pete said yeah, okay, he is going to get to Chelsea Densmore then he is going to get to Jessica Steinberg then he is going to get to him then he is ending this.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said hi, she was just trying to get the decorum back there was like five or six people speaking at one point and everybody was yelling, it was crazy. Densmore said she is just trying to get into the Public Comment portion.

Speaker Pete said they will be there in just a minute.

Chelsea Densmore thanked them.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Speaker Pete. Steinberg said she knows that this vaccine situation has been a hot button and she just want to bring to the fore the information that she knows. Steinberg said Indian Healthcare Improvement Act which was ratified under the Affordable Cares Act in Title X set forth a permanent appropriation of monies. Steinberg said the ceiling authorization....authorizing law in the government in the U.S. that puts forth money regardless of CDC and everyone else. Steinberg said that is the law that authorizes money for the um, concern of Indian Healthcare. Steinberg said in that

law it is pretty clear....it is pretty clear that any funding regardless of the circumstance, regardless of the situation, regardless of the source, once it is detailed for Indians it is supposed to be used for Indians. Steinberg said she thinks some times that they get so far ahead of themselves by listening to other agencies that they forget to go back to the foundations that would clearly tell them who is in line to be served first if they would just review it. Steinberg said for that um, for her um, respectfully to the Councilors she would refer them to the Preamble of the Constitution that clearly defines any actions that are taken by their Tribe should maintain and foster their culture, provide for the general welfare and prosperity of their people and protect their homeland. Steinberg said she would really like them all to take a pause when they think about these things and they are getting information from all over the place. Steinberg said go back and review those foundational pieces because that will get....give them their best answer as to how to proceed. Steinberg said the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act again, the foundation for all Indian Funding whether it comes from CDC, NIH it doesn't matter once it is earmarked for Indians it is to be served to Indians. Steinberg said so she just wants to throw that out there because um, frankly she is a little disturbed that she knows three deaths occurred up at the Housing or up there at Aki. Steinberg said she knows that two other individuals were infected. Steinberg said if they don't take it seriously they are going to lose a whole volume of their history when they lose an Elder they lose everything about their family, their family history, the dynamic and relationship to their people, the contributions that they make she really wants to caution that they can't afford to lose them. Steinberg said she knows Diane Lonn got her vaccine um, she would consider Diane Lonn to be an at risk Elder so probably she should be vaccinated. Steinberg said she would count that of the 73 vaccines that were detailed out that their Health Director has reported on that those vaccines probably could have been a standing room only line had they just known that they were coming, had they made a plan ahead, to vaccinate their people. Steinberg said that is what everyone else seems to be doing so she just, they know, think it over she prays on a lot of things um, and she thinks about these things a lot but when they don't put their own people first who else will. Steinberg said the State doesn't, the local municipality sure isn't and they have a responsibility to their people first. Steinberg thanked Speaker Pete. Steinberg said she just wanted to say that as respectfully as she can, go back to those foundational laws, and review them.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said Mr. Speaker he needs in the queue.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg. Pete said the next one he thinks does he have Larry Romanelli in the queue or not.

Ogema Romanelli replied that he believed he does.

Speaker Pete said all right. *Pete made a further comment but it was not heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he just wanted to say those were two untrue statements that were said by Councilor Crampton again. Romanelli said he works five days a week and does not work three days a week. Romanelli said his attendance is not mandatory so that he has the worst attendance is not true. Romanelli said in fact the ah, stipend or whatever compensation Council gets was based originally on their number of attendance at work sessions and meetings. Romanelli said ah, he wanted to respond to he thinks it was Susan Thull about the meetings. Romanelli said his calendar includes meetings and when he referenced earlier is not for every member of the Tribe. Romanelli said they are specific meetings with...on the National Level on the State Level and sometimes with other Tribes. Romanelli said the one he referenced earlier was a follow-up and it had to do with United Tribes of Michigan. Romanelli said all Tribal members aren't able to access that or should not be able to but they are for ah, the different Tribes. Romanelli said in the case that he referenced ah, the Little River Band of Tribal Ottawa Indians Council was notified of this meeting and it was ah, a remainder of upcoming Tribal deadline for vaccine distribution. Romanelli said this was back in October and within the body of the e-mail that also states that there were ah, other meetings that were held prior to that so he can't give her the list of every meeting that he has. Romanelli said he can assure her that there were a minimum of 200 meetings that were held between mid-March and today. Romanelli said there are....if there are meeting that, they know, Councilors feel that they should be a part of they are welcome to share those meetings with them or the meeting list. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said Gary Di Piazza. Pete said God!

Recorder Di Piazza asked Brandy Martin if she was on the line.

Brandy Martin said yes, she is.

Recorder Di Piazza said she can have the floor.

Brandy Martin said sure.

Recorder Di Piazza said Miigwech.

Brandy Martin said um, she would like to kind of give an update of how the vaccine is going to be rolled out. Martin said um, since there is enough questions about it.

Someone was speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was too low to be picked up clearly.

Brandy Martin said um, when they did those first doses of vaccine they ah, referenced the CDC Guidelines and of course they did their healthcare first and their Public Safety Department. Martin said um, the next group in line ah, following that were the USDA Food Program, NGLC, and Utilities is in that C Section um, but they were most definitely on the list ah, to be included. Martin said now that they have um, those first doses done they are moving into the more of the general population after they made it through their essential workers. Martine said um, they are going to be prioritizing to have four categories so when they get the paperwork in the mail um, will describe this as well. Martin said during the Holidays the ah, CDC did move 65 and older up to the top of the list so those will be in the Category A. Martin said Category B will be 65 to 74. Martin said Category C will be 55 to 64 and Category D will be um, everybody from ages to 16 to 6-54. Martin said um, if they have any of the following health risks conditions such as COPD, hypertension, kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes or obesity that will move them up to Category B. Martin said there will be a check box on the mailing that they get. Martin said as these come in um, the Clinic will be keeping a spreadsheet with the different categories and it is basically first come first serve as they get their paperwork in if they fall into the Category A they will be put on that list which will enable the Clinic to start at the top of that and move its way down. Martin said if they have spots available and vaccine available um, to get them vaccinated ah, they will start in Category A and they will work their way through that list then go into Category B so that they are not wasting any of their available appointment slots or any of available vaccination that they have in-house. Martin said this is very similar to the way that the local Health Department is administering their vaccine as well. Martin said um, the goal is to get as many of their citizens vaccinated as quickly and as soon as possible. Martin said not everybody is interested in getting the vaccine but that doesn't mean that if they change their mind later, they know, if they fall into that higher category list they will be on that next week's dosage to get in line to get their dose. Martin said um, with the vaccine the first dose is were originally supposed to come in she thinks the beginning of December and that got pushed back and pushed back um, with things that were just out of everybody's control. Martin said um, and as production ramps up and people or doses become more available things will start regulating out a little bit more and will become more predictable and should allow for ah, more vaccines to come in. Martin said ah, they also have ah, more companies coming online too with their vaccine as well which will um, ramp up production and get that in-house. Martin said um, now she did want to share kind of what their local Health Department is doing they were not even eligible to receive the first doses of Pfizer like the Tribe was because in their District 10 Health Department ah, region they did not have the -30 storage so the Tribe was a little bit ahead of what their own um, jurisdiction is really. Martin said ah, they did get their first doses um, last week and they started administering those to ah, their healthcare professionals. Martin said this week they got and last week they've got 1,000 doses for District 10 so when they divided that up into counties. Martin said each county got about 100 doses. Martin said um, this week they got 3,000 doses.....

Councilor Lonn made a comment in the background when Brandy Martin was speaking but it wasn't clear on the ZOOM recording what she said.

Brandy Martin continued.....and they are dividing that up by the ten county region and distributing those appropriately and they are still.....

Councilor Lonn made another comment in the background when Brandy Martin was speaking but it wasn't clear on the ZOOM recording what she said.

Brandy Martin continued.....targeting their healthcare workers and their long-term care facilities. Martin said um, next week they are hoping to have even more and they are going to.....they plan on administering as mu.....their entire allotment of vaccines for that um, that they received for that week within that seven day period going forward. Martin said um, they are in the same boat as they are everybody is....they know, getting the vaccine in and they are working on one group and moving to the next group. Martin said they were fortunate to vaccinate all of their essential ah, healthcare and essential employees and they are able to move onto the general public because the county is nowhere near that um, at that level yet. Martin said so when they get these ah, letters in the mail the sooner they get them back in the sooner they can get them on that Priority List.....

A mail voice can be heard speaking in the background but it wasn't clear what they said or where it came from on the ZOOM recording.

Brandy Martin continued.....and then the Health Department or then the Clinic will be able to give them the call and get them in the schedule to get them in and get vaccinated.

Councilor Lonn was making muffled comments in the background when Brandy Martin was speaking but it wasn't clear on the ZOOM recording what she said.

Brandy Martin continued.....asked do they have any more questions ah, she would be happy to answer them to the best of her ability.

Speaker Pete said so they are going to continue on here or does he see anything up or not.

Councilor Crampton identified himself.

Susan Thull identified herself.

Speaker Pete said Susan Thull go ahead.

Councilor Crampton identified himself again. Crampton said he wants in after Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said um, Brandy Martin ah, she gave a list of the um, ah, diseases that would qualify a person to um, receive it a little earlier um, and she didn't hear her mention the immune.....immunodeficiency um, disorders. Thull said anyone that has receiving biologics or immune suppressant drugs should probably.....should be up there because um, their immune system is already weakened.

Brandy Martin said well that was not listed particularly on the CDC's list and that would probably um, be some further discussion from the doctors.

Susan Thull said she is sure that that should qualify so if she could check into that um.....

Brandy Martin said okay.

Susan Thull continued....please. Thull thanked Brandy Martin.

Speaker Pete thanked Susan Thull. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton. Pete repeated Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he's sor..... Crampton thanked them. Crampton said sorry he was trying to get off of mute. Crampton asked did anybody.....did she get the questions answered Susan Thull.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Susan Thull said yes. Thull thanked Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said okay, because he wanted to move onto um.....and address Mr. Romanelli one more time because what he just said is totally wrong. Crampton said he just spun what he stated. Crampton said what he stated was Mr. Romanelli.....he didn't state that he has not come to work.....

Participants were whispering in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what they were saying.

Councilor Crampton continued.....he stated.....he stated that he ca.....he just said something about him that was incorrect and he is going to correct it. Crampton said what he said was that he only shows up here in Manistee for three days out of the week and yes, he does have the lowest work session attendance of all ten Elected Officials. Crampton said he did not say his attendance at work. Crampton said these little spins he doesn't appreciate them and he thinks the

members should catch them pretty easy. Crampton said let's just avoid them and do away with them. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay so now they are moving on. Pete said they are done with that. Pete repeated they are moving onto Legislative Affairs Updates.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked does anybody got anything for Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton identified himself. Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said it looks like um, the two Democrats in Georgia are going to pull off the upset and with that that will give the Democratic control and _____ to the Democrats.

Councilor Lonn said yeah, it is.

Councilor Crampton said the Tribes cannot be in a.....with Deb Haaland at the head of the Secretary of Interior and Joe Biden ah, they are going to get ____ so this next four years is going to make the last four years look like nothing. Crampton said now what he wants to warn members about is they are all getting these letters about the BIA. Crampton said the BIA has done their part there was really no choice they were one of the first people in the batch he thinks around 2008-2009 to go for the two um, two part determination. Crampton said then after they changed the rules and make Congress ahead of it they got grandfathered in under that so. Crampton said everything that has happened so far was expected. Crampton said the hurdle that is really going to happen with this is when they get to the House voting on it. Crampton said right now the climate at the House in Michigan is the Republicans control the House he thinks 58 to 52 but it is a very hostile climate due to the Election. Crampton said so the timing for their push for this he thinks the members should be aware that this push could outlast the Governors term in office. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked anything else for Legislative Affairs so now they are moving onto Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said they are starting Public Comment now.

Councilor Lonn said Chelsea Densmore has her hand up.

Speaker Pete said he has no.....

Councilor Crampton identified himself. Crampton said yeah, this is him again.

Councilor Lonn said Chelsea Densmore is up first.

Speaker Pete said just a moment, first of all he has Chelsea Densmore hand raised first. Pete said go ahead Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said hi. Densmore thanked them. Densmore said um, she was just wondering if she could get an update on the um, Cultural Committee and see if they had any information on how many applicants there were or any sort of a timeframe on um, ah, they will be looking to formerly create that committee. Densmore thanked them.

Speaker Pete said Chelsea Densmore um, he will give her an update right now.

Recorder Di Piazza made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Pete continued.....he believed there were six now Gary Di Piazza said tells him there are seven applicants for Tribal Council. Pete said he talked to the Ogema this morning he is bringing those forward. Pete said they got them in Tribal Council to and he is bringing all seven of them forward and they are voting on them next week Wednesday.

Ogema Romanelli said Ron Pete.

A Participant in the background said "sorry" but it wasn't clear who it was, they did not identify themselves, and the ZOOM recording only picked up the comment.

Speaker Pete said Larry Romanelli go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, they.....they know, he is looking at he is going to have to find out where the names are unfortunately it was put out there to send any names for the Cultural Committee to the Legislative side normally with committees etc. the names are sent directly to Mary Thomas. Romanelli said um, so they are trying to find out where those names are. Romanelli said he doesn't.....in talking with Mary Thomas he is not sure they have as many names as they have a record of so they are going to have to find out if the Legislative could send them every name that they received would be helpful. Romanelli said whatever names they have they can put forward on the next week's agenda.

Speaker Pete said okay, Larry Romanelli, he has got the names in his hand all printed he will hand deliver them right after the Council Meeting to him, okay.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, that will be good. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete said there are all the names that have applied for the Cultural Committee, all right.

Ogema Romanelli said it wouldn't....yes....it wouldn't hurt for in the future to list them to contact Mary Thomas would be the better way to go but....but they can do it that way. Romanelli thanked Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked anything else for Public Comment.

Councilor Crampton identified himself. Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said oh, yes, go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked them. Crampton said he just wanted to say yesterday they had a work session on the Sunshine Law and um, Tribal Council pretty much covered what was needed in the um, Meeting Procedures Ordinance and there has been no denial from ah, the Legislative side to any member for information. Crampton said the only denial of information happened in a court case titled Champagne v. Romanelli 08087GC. Crampton said that was the only time that anybody denied a membership information. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay is that it for Public Comment.

Chelsea Densmore said no, she raised her hand again. Densmore stated her name.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore thanked them. Densmore said this is the first week them guys had um, started enforcing ah, Tribal citizens to register. Densmore said she was....she is not sure who gets the e-mails for the ___ Open Session e-mail that goes to who is answering and responding to them. Densmore said she was wondering if someone could comment as to um, how many Tribal citizens registered verses how many actually attended and she was also hoping um, to ask and see if it was standard practice to respond and let people know um, that they received he e-mail or if they should be asking for that in an e-mail.

Speaker Pete said Gary Di Piazza, is going to answer her. Pete said go ahead he is waving his hand so go ahead.

Recorder Di Piazza said he has 11 people preregistered um, a couple of them were already um, slated to be on the agenda to represent an item which were employees. Di Piazza said um, the e-mail went to the tccopentribal.....anyways he responded to everybody that said they.....and told them they were preregistered. Di Piazza said there is a work session on the 12th like he said, they

know, he has asked.....he has asked.....he had this and put it up.....that resolution and how that is played out.....so there is another work session on it. Di Piazza said if they want to get rid of it then get rid of it, right now, that is the way the resolution reads. Di Piazza said he doesn't know what to say other than he is going to adhere to it coming this year unless it is ____.

Susan Thull identified herself. Thull asked may she get in the queue.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza if he was finished.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he is done.

Speaker Pete said okay, Chelsea Densmore is first.

Chelsea Densmore said oh, no she is sorry she was previously in the queue but she just wanted to follow-up with ah, Gary Di Piazza. Densmore said he said 11 people preregistered um, she tried to do a different count but she may have miscounted. Densmore said it looks like there is maybe 28 people so 11, 9, that's 20 so her question is when he is asking people to preregister she assumes Council is not included in that um, are they asking um, the employees to preregister as well if they are already expected to be on or um, like she doesn't know the attorneys or um, are, are they automatically sleeted or how does that work.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, their....they're an employee and there are already slated to be here. Di Piazza said the resolution says, they know, Tribal members um.....

Chelsea Densmore interrupted. Densmore said um, okay, um.....um.....

Recorder Di Piazza continued.....a lot of them were employees.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, so then um, all she was wondering is of the 11 people that preregistered.....all 11 of them attend to his knowledge. Densmore asked has he seen their names on.....she is not asking him to confirm or deny or anybody specifically she was just wondering if all 11 of them.....*the rest of Chelsea Densmore's comment faded out into nothing on the ZOOM recording so it wasn't understood what she said at the end of her question or comment.*

Recorder Di Piazza said only one did not.

Chelsea Densmore said okay. Densmore thanked them so much.

Speaker Pete said okay, Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked them. Thull said as long as they are on this subject um, Gary Di Piazza, do they have to register for every meeting, every work session, every

Council Meeting, or since he sent him wha....ah, some.....an e-mail to register her and he replied that she was. Thull asked is she good now for a certain amount of time.

Recorder Di Piazza said the way that it reads is when the agenda comes out so that would be every....every week for that Tribal Council Meeting.

Susan Thull asked what about the work sessions.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is not included in there even though it is not defined what an Open Session Council Meeting is.....it's mainly.....

Susan Thull interrupted. Thull said well she is talking....she is talking the work sessions.

Recorder Di Piazza said well it doesn't specify that in there about work sessions.

Susan Thull said so will she be allowed in.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Susan Thull said okay. Thull thanked them.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is sorry its.....

Speaker Pete said okay. *Pete sighed heavily.*

Recorder Di Piazza said its...its just reads mainly Tribal Council Meetings.

Susan Thull repeated okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is probably when they do the livestreaming in the Lodge which is totally a little different than what they are doing now but since this is actually, they know, a resolution in place he has got to try to adhere to it. Di Piazza said he doesn't know....he is uncomfortable just totally neglecting that law that is in place.....tho....

Susan Thull interrupted. Thull said and he is putting....excuse her....he is putting that on the.....as a work session then next week he said.

Recorder Di Piazza said he thinks the 12th like at 9:00.

Susan Thull said okay. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Pete said Chelsea Densmore she still has her hand up or is that still up from the time before.

Chelsea Densmore said she is so sorry for that she will put it down.....she will put it down now.

Recorder Di Piazza was making comments in the background but it wasn't picked up clearly what he was saying on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Pete thanked Chelsea Densmore.

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

Speaker Pete said okay.....so can he get....can he get um.....geez he forgot what he wanted to get.....oh, can he get a motion and support for going into their.....ending their First Open Session.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Diane Lonn.

MOTION TO CLOSE OUT OF FIRST OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete said take a vote Gary Di Piazza.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned First Open Session at 11:47 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he needs a motion to move them into their Second Open.

Councilor Lonn said she makes that motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain.

Councilor Champagne said oh.....

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza said somebody was saying something.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't know.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they are in Second Open at 12:06.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete said Mr. Speaker if there anything that they have to move out of Closed into Open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, there is. Di Piazza said uh-oh....ah sheeze..... Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE ITEM OR RESOLUTION #21-0106-004;
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent that item has been moved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

The following motion and roll call only was moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 21-0106-004, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM MID-AMERICA; by Lonni; supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonni - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Absent	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete said he needs a motion now and support to move them out of their Second Open.

Councilor Lonni said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN; by Lonni; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

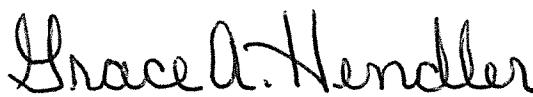
Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt - Absent	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonni - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned Second Open at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder