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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 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 July 21, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said Madame Speaker the recorder is on. Di Piazza asked Grace Hendler to hit that button. Di Piazza said whup, no, no ,no.

Grace Hendler asked is that it.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yup, that. Di Piazza thanked Grace Hendler. Di Piazza said sorry about that, all right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said \_\_ good morning everyone they are here on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for their regular scheduled Tribal Council Meeting at 10 a.m. Wolfe said um, Mr. Speaker Champagne and Councilor Johnson are attending the Tribal State Consultation on the Tax Agreements so they are not going to be present for the meeting so she will be presiding Speaker and Mr.....Councilor Di Piazza will be the Recorder for this meeting. Wolfe said um, so if they can start with Opening Prayer.

**I. Opening Prayer**

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

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.  
Wrap your loving hands around us and help heal the ones in need.  
Look after everybody.  
Look after their front line people that are out there serving us and taking care of us.  
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked if they can do a roll call.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said can they....

Acting Speaker Wolfe said oh.

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

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Mr. Recorder if they can get a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said seven are present they have a quorum.

Others present: Chelsea Densmore, Laura Echelbarger, Robert Mc Caslin, Sandy Mezeske, Corey Wells, Rebecca Groh, Kim Hinmon, Ashley Simpson, Martha Howell, Susan Thull, Israel Stone, Steve Parsons, Kathy Sam, Sandra Deverney, Robert Medacco, Officer Umlauf, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Alexander J.C, Gary Lewis, Brad Pringle, Tammy Bogue, George Le Vasseur, Kevin Tyler, Jamie Friedel, Andrew Jeurink, Alicia Knapp, Holly Karlson, Antonio Romanelli, Grace Hendler, 231 730-2010.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 21, 2021;** by  
Guenthardt; supported by Champagne.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any discussions. Wolfe asked any abstentions.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said there was a.....his apologies ah, under ah,  
Enrollment there is a change.

Councilor Lewis said V B?

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said pardon.

Councilor Lewis repeated V B.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked does he want to amend the agenda for that change, Tom.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 21, 2021  
WITH THE CHANGE OF V B; by Guenthardt; supported by  
Champagne.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Champagne if she still supports. Wolfe asked any other discussion. Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe said roll call please.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two are absent the agenda for Wednesday, July 21, 2021, has been approved.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes    ☐ 6/9/21**

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR 6/9/21 FOR TRIBAL  
COUNCIL; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is there any discussion. Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe asked may she have a roll call please.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Tribal Council Minutes for 6/9/21 has been accepted.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they don't have any.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-BIA G2G IRR Roads and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-\_\_ in the amount of \$642,553.46**

Acceptance of funds.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this has been put on by the Tribal Ogema for acceptance of funds. Wolfe asked Ogema Romanelli if he had a representative here today.

Ogema Romanelli said they do, Steve Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons asked all set.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

*The microphone at the podium was not working properly and most of the comments came out distorted and hard to hear in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Steven Parsons said okay, ah, good morning. Parsons said ah, basically what this is....these are FY2021 from the BIA Roads Program. Parsons said it is somewhat late this year they typically they have these funds before now. Parsons said ah, there were some issues that they were dealing with and that is why they are late this year. Parsons said they still have funds Budget wise for projects that are on-going. Parsons said um, he just wanted to explain why it is now when they probably should have had it back in October of last year. Parsons said basically what this is accepting the funds from the BIA into the Tribal Budget. Parsons said um, and he guessed he will see if they have any questions for him.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will open for discussions at this time from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked do they have any questions for Mr. Parsons. Wolfe said okay, Miss Champagne.

Councilor Champagne asked Steve will they be getting another one of these grants um, for this year since that was for last year.

Steve Parsons said absolutely, they get this funding every year um, and it should....he hasn't gotten any information in terms of it but the budget numbers \_\_\_\_ depends on how much of it is put into the Federal Highway Bill. Parsons said they are giving the Tribes some of it but he isn't sure how much that is. Parsons said typically they should be getting it sometime in September. Parsons said he can't see if they get it in time this year and they will probably approve it in October because they are really never on time but really not this late, yes, they will be getting additional monies after this he is sure.

Councilor Champagne asked right now they have enough money in there to do the projects.

Steve Parsons said yes, they do, yup.

Councilor Champagne said okay. Champagne thanked Steve Parsons.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg asked Steve if he has any plans that he is working on um, for these funds.

Steve Parsons said um....

Councilor Wittenberg said he is....was just curious.

Steve Parsons said specifically so these things no, because they have not been obligated yet but they do have projects they are working on this year. Parsons said ah, the biggest one which is sort of a surprise that they have been waiting for a long, long time \_\_\_\_ for the BIA is the Cemetery Project ah, down in....near Custer....the Tribal parcel that is down there. Parsons said they started working on that about a month ago right now they are doing....\_\_\_\_and it should be taking shape as the rest of summer moves on. Parsons said don't anticipate that it will be opening until sometime early next year probably in the spring or early summer. Parsons said um, that's one but the other ones there is a road they did right now which have been used by the new Distribution Center that is just to the base of the existing casino well house which is kind of a \_\_\_\_ project. Parsons said the other going on is there is a Construction Project that they are actually going to bid itself. Parsons said there is going to be a road that connects down to what they call the Service Drive that is the back road behind the casino. Parsons said it is primarily to service um, the food trucks that will be supplying the Commodities for the new Distribution Center. Parsons said um, it should go hand in hand because the existing building and they wanted to make sure that was available so they know exactly where the road needs to go. Parsons said they actually use that road to get to the building on the side so they will be able to drive in from Dontz and they can pull up and then straight out and go out that casino access drive back onto 22 so it should be pretty easy. *The following comments faded in and out and were hard to completely know what Steve Parsons was talking about clearly on the ZOOM recording.* Parsons said right now they have a project but he cannot speak to it because of it deemed and their shortage on suppliers because of the back up along with construction suppliers not being able to deliver. Parsons said they will get insurance for those projects.....*the rest of Parsons' comments were gone off of the recording and couldn't be heard to clearly complete sentences on the ZOOM recording.* Parsons said the cemetery is a real project.....recall commodities.... Parsons said that is it. Parsons said sure.

Councilor Wittenberg said he just has one more. Wittenberg asked did he lose one of his earrings.

Steve Parsons said no, it is something he shouldn't do but it is a habit he does that he has his mask on in case he needed it at a moments notice. Parsons said he apologizes. Parsons said before he would set it down then forget it. *The rest of his comments were not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so she has a question for him, Mr. Parsons, so it is going into three different program numbers. Wolfe asked can he tell them what each of those projects are.

Steve Parsons said actually he thinks it will be the funding which is the \$471,000 will go into what is called Road Construction they get from Federal Highways they get directly Road Construction Budget. Parsons said they have what is called the G2G Government to Government Agreement which is basically an agreement which allows the Tribe independence so they don't have to keep going back for permission every time they do something. Parsons said um, so being able to get that money budgeted.....*the rest of Steve Parsons comments faded out here and couldn't be understood on the ZOOM recording....*so they get the bulk of the money there. Parsons said \_\_\_\_*....all of his comments could not be understood because they were corrupted on the ZOOM recording and not clear.* Parsons said the third Budget that they see there is kind of unusual because there are two separate places to plan this Budget and are Structured Programs is what they are called. Parsons said essentially.....back in January....set aside so several modified programs.....*the rest of Steve Parsons faded out and were gone from the ZOOM recording. Parsons explanation on the Budgets derived from the BIA Roads funds were not able to be heard correctly and are lost on the ZOOM recording and not enough to make any sense.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Steve Parsons. Wolfe asked any other comments from the Councilors. *Wolfe's last comment faded out as well on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they have to open it up to the floor to see if there is any comments from.....after.

*Acting Recorder Di Piazza was making comments and they couldn't be heard at all on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Guenthardt said.....motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe repeated that she was going to open it up to the floor to see if there was any comments for Tribal and participating virtually or in the room. *Wolfe said somebody raised their hand.....oh, Chelsea Densmore.*

Chelsea Densmore said hi, she is not sure they can hear her. Densmore identified herself with Tribal #3225. Densmore said um, she was just trying to let them guys know that um, she thinks it was Steve Parsons they can't really understand anything he is saying across ZOOM and some of the Council seats they can understand but um, the podium Speaker is not coming through on ZOOM. Densmore said that is all she thought she would let them know.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Chelsea Densmore.

Steve Parson asked what is her question can he help.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "no."*

Steve Parsons said oh, he is sorry.

*Someone said in the background on the ZOOM recording that it was the microphone.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, seeing no other comments she will put it for a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-182;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT INDIAN RESERVATION  
ROADS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-51 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$642,553.46; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked they get a roll call please. Wolfe said oh, is there any abstentions. Wolfe asked is there any follow-up discussion or comments. Wolfe said okay, Mr. Recorder can they get a roll call please.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two are absent Resolution #21-0721-182 is passed.

Steve Parsons thanked them very much.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Mr. Parsons.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said Miigwech. Di Piazza said Chelsea he knows she is on the line can she hear them when they are speaking and is it just the podium.

Chelsea Densmore answered yes, it is just the microphone and she doesn't think it was um, Steve and them guys can all be heard fine she thinks it is just something about the microphone at the podium is not coming through the ZOOM it is sounding kind of garbled and a little statistically and it breaks up sometimes like it completely loses sound for a second then it will come back but everything else they can hear. Densmore said she doesn't know about minutes and stuff she just wanted to make them guys aware.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza thanked Chelsea Densmore. Di Piazza said there is a couple of bugs yet.

Steve Parsons said if they want to he thinks he can.....

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said sorry.

Steve Parsons said whoever comes after him so.....

*Tribal Council were making comments in the background but they were distorted and couldn't be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Steve Parsons said okay, Miigwech.

Councilor Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said ah-huh.

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Welfare Social Services (CWSS) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-\_\_ in the amount of \$1,139**  
Acceptance of funds.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, this is put on by the Tribal Ogema. Wolfe asked him if he had a representative to....for this item.



Ogema Romanelli said she is going to try and use this microphone over here and see if they can hear her.

Sandra Deverney, Family Services Interim Director, represented this agenda item. Deverney said good morning so she is here to represent the acceptance of the additional funding of \$1,139 used in Client Services for Tribal children only. Deverney said this is also considered direct services with no additional requirements. Deverney asked are there any questions.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Miss Deverney. Wolfe asked is there any um, open the item up for discussion for Tribal Council members. Wolfe said so just for clarification for membership and those participating um, the funding is going into Direct Client Services. Wolfe asked can she give some samples of things that may be purchased for those kids.

Sandra Deverney said sure. Deverney said so this is to assist with the individual needs of children so that can be school items, books, library services, it can also include gas cards, food, and also counseling/services for their kids.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

Sandra Deverney said she was welcome.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other discussion by Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, hearing none. Wolfe said she would like to open the matter to the floor for questions and discussions from Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing or hearing none she will again open it up discussion for Tribal Council. Wolfe asked do they have a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-183;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD  
WELFARE SOCIAL SERVICES AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-52 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$1,139; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other further discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe said Mr. Recorder can she get a roll call please.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #21-0721-183 is passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-Head Start & Early Head Start and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-\_\_ in the amount of \$3,030**  
Acceptance of funds.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Ogema does he have a representative for the item.

Mary Thomas said they have Holly Karlsen here to represent this.

Holly Karlsen, NGLC Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Karlsen said good morning. Karlsen said she is here today asking for the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$3,030 for a Cost of Living Adjustment for Inter-Tribal Council Head Start with no additional requirements for this....this branch.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked any comments by Tribal Council. Wolfe said Mrs. Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said um, anything she would have to say about the Head Start Program is the fact that um, with all the funding that comes through for Federal Fundings for Tribes plus the funding that um, the government gives for over there they have two Tribal children in that program and it kind of rotates between one or two Tribal children, right now she understands they have two. Champagne said they have two Tribal employees over there and this is a lot of money they are putting towards this program when they have Tribal children sitting on a Waiting List and they are basically subsidizing for Non-Tribal people. Champagne said she knows this is a grant fund but she just can't in her heart approve something where it is not really benefitting their people. Champagne thanked them.

Holly Karlsen said just so that they know they have been actively engaged with their enrollment of department as well as Human Resources Department in order to try to um, recruit and engage Tribal members as well as those on the Wait List unfortunately due to COVID they have been lacking where they can't really enroll

anyone right now so as soon as they have the capabilities to get those children enrolled they will do so ah, unfortunately they have come at a time where they are accepting children so that is why they are on the Wait List but they do get priority as soon as something opens up.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other comments by Council. Wolfe said Councilor Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said this is just a Cost of Living for the 1.5 employees that they have.

Holly Karlsen said that is correct.

*Councilor Guenthardt made a comment here but he said it so low that it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording.*

Holly Karlsen said look at the 1.2 person and it a one-time amount that will go directly to their base pay and wages for this year.

Councilor Guenthardt said just like last year.

Holly Karlsen said it is a Cost of Living from last year and they do typically get them every year so it always is a fluctuation in that amount.

Councilor Guenthardt said they did earn it.

Holly Karlsen said they did earn it, correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other comments from Councilors. Wolfe said all right, at this time she opens the floor to Tribal members for questions and discussions on the item. Wolfe said okay, she doesn't see any. Wolfe asked can they get a motion on the item or further discussion by Councilors.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-184;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-HEAD START & EARLY  
HEAD START AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-53 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,030;**  
by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any further discussion by Council. Wolfe said just one comment that the um, the Child Care Center is currently only operating Head Start and not really Head Start at this time.

Holly Karlsen said that is correct they do have a Head Start Program. Karlsen said they also have a State funded GSRP Pre-School Program and then they have tuition to other Pre-School Programs as well, school age. Karlsen said they currently not have Early Head Start but hope to apply for it within the next year when the Inter-Tribal Council is able to apply for more slots within their State.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked did they have a population on who would be utilizing Early Head Start because didn't she say they were in active recruit of that.

Holly Karlsen said for Head Start they are in active recruitment but for Early Head Start they definitely have a need so as soon as the Federal Application has opened up and the Inter-Tribal Council can apply for that they can show need that they have it in their community and hopefully they can receive some slots for that program.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked is there any other follow-up comments, discussions, any abstentions. Wolfe said Miss Champagne.

Councilor Guenthardt said if this doesn't difficult.....he is sorry. Guenthardt said go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said okay, she said that they have already started recruiting or that they can have um, she doesn't know she has something to prove what they have approved so how many of those individuals that they put on their report are actually Tribal members or was in Tribe or another Tribe.

Holly Karlsen said well currently she has been working with the Enrollment Department and she found out within their community they have approximately 33 children that are between the ages of 0 to 12. Karlsen said right now she is doing recruitment and enrollment for Pre-School only and so there are 13. Karlsen said she has made personal contact or tried to make personal contact with all three applications and so far she has received 0. Karlsen said so beyond the two she has so far they are looking for creative ways to reach out to these Tribal members to get them to enroll at the Center and that is why they have been working heavily with the Enrollment Department. Karlsen said at any time um, infants and toddlers right now on their Wait List she believes they have 3 in the Infant Room but that is because currently their Infant Room is closed as soon as that is open those three Tribal affiliate children will be enrolled in that classroom. Karlsen said they have one in the Toddler Room as soon as she has room in that room that child will be enrolled. Karlsen said so really it is not up to them to determine how many slots they can get for Early Head Start they can \_\_ Inter-Tribal Council that they would apply for that based on their need in the community but they can show the Tribe that they have a need for how many Infants and Toddlers basically children under the age of three. Karlsen said then they can send those numbers in and show them what they have and hopefully they can get that amount of slots

here and that would covered by Inter-Tribal Council Head Start & Early Head Start Grant.

Councilor Champagne said she has another question, Julie.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yeah.

Councilor Champagne said she said um, Tribal Affiliate so she is assuming those are not Tribal children.

Holly Karlsen said the 33 between 0 and 12 are Tribal children. Karlsen said she doesn't have the breakdown of how many of those are under three yet that is what they are working on currently for her. Karlsen said she does have 13 Tribal children members that um, are within the community that are of Pre-School age that are in current need, recruiting and enrolling right now. Karlsen said so those 13 they have been seeking out almost on a daily basis to try to figure where they are because he addresses that they have on file they are not responding to and the phone numbers out of the 13 of them ten of them did not either answer or it was the wrong number. Karlsen said so they are actively trying to find these children trying to get them enrolled um, but she doesn't have a specific number today of how many are below three but she can get that number and send it to her.

Councilor Champagne thanked Holly Karlsen.

Holly Karlsen said she was welcome.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt asked if this doesn't get approved then the worker doesn't get the Cost of Living.

Holly Karlsen said that is correct it would be sent back to Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any further comments. Wolfe said she thinks she already asked are there any abstentions on this item. Wolfe asked can they get a roll call please.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor, three against and two absent Resolution #21-0721-184 is passed.

**4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2021-\_\_-3<sup>rd</sup> QTR to fund purchase of Utility Terrain Vehicle for Conservation Enforcement in the amount of \$49,298**  
Approval of Supplemental Appropriation.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees Mr. Medacco approaching the bench is that their representative today, Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said the floor is his Mr. Medacco.

Robert Medacco, Public Safety Director, represented this agenda item. Medacco said good morning Council. Medacco said today he is coming before Council for ah, purchase of two four wheel quads and one side by side with a trailer and other equipment in the purchase \$49,298. Medacco said this Budget is ah, Budget.....Supplemental Appropriation will be utilized from their PI Funds those funds are given to their....are shared by their Metro-resource Department and their Conservation Enforcement Programs um, so it is basically grant dollars that these will come from. Medacco said they have received these funds um, twice a year, annually, ah, so ah the quads and side by side will be utilized for different services to help the Tribe. Medacco said they have areas of patrol throughout the county, Mason County, these vehicles could be used on for search and rescue items, hunting-assisting hunters, and things of that nature along with the side by side they are bringing a different element of having Officers to help hunters while they are out on property transport um, their kills and things like that so um, so he is asking for this budget modification or supplemental appropriation from Council.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, the floor is open for Council discussion. Wolfe said Mr. Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the funding is....is something they get every year.

Robert Medacco said correct.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said for that.

Robert Medacco said yes. Medacco said it is coming outside of Tribal Funds, yes.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said all right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mrs. Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, how many officers do they currently have on staff.

Robert Medacco said 15 in total including himself. Medacco said five in Conservation and 10 doing road patrol.

Councilor Champagne said this grant funding was that typically used to fund the department's salaries.

Robert Medacco said yes.

Councilor Champagne said but they use it for purchasing of their employees or whatever.

Robert Medacco said correct.

Councilor Champagne asked where does he get his funding for salaries then. Champagne asked is that coming out of Tribal Funds.

Robert Medacco said 100% grant funded at this time.

Councilor Champagne repeated that their salaries are 100% grant funded.

Robert Medacco said yes.

Councilor Champagne thanked Robert Medacco.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other comments by Councilors or discussion.

Robert Medacco said Council if he may add some more to this. Medacco said um, this Budget is prepared to go along with their other Budgets they are submitting to Council for approval but he decided to use it now because it is the close that they got from the retailers um, in this climate price or cost of these items can go up and delay also taking on these items so he decided to submit it now instead of waiting until 2022 for these items. Medacco said they did also receive ah, trade-in values for the quads that they have, the existing quads, that are older models from 2005 so they are 16 years old. Medacco said they put some money into them trying to keep maintained up to this point but they feel like they are overspending what the actual value of these vehicles.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he brought that up in Agenda Review about um, commodities are getting hard to come by whether it is a car. Di Piazza said General Motors is down 20,000 vehicles, Ford is down, Chrysler is down, now they are having a problem coughing which is bad. Di Piazza said they have no shipping containers so he can see the spiral on this commodities are hard to come

by until next year and might not even be available no matter how much money they have. Di Piazza said he is all set.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Mr. Medacco if he can describe what is RPI Funds.

Robert Medacco said \_\_\_\_ Protection Funds they get this from the BIA to help fund their Natural Resources and their Conservation Enforcement. Medacco said it is a fund that they get twice a year that is shared by Natural Resources and their department.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said so for clarification she heard him say this is something potentially that they were going to Budget for in 2022 but they have excess dollars for this current year and that's why they are bring it forward and asking for the supplemental appropriation.

Robert Medacco said yes, they currently have funding now for this it was just a....when he was doing the Budgets for the other two programs he oversees he was just going to add this to um, those Budgets but then the decision was made that it might be better to get it on Council's Agenda at this time to kind of fast track the process in a way to at least get them ordered so they don't be a delay on these items.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any further comments by Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open the floor up to Tribal members. Wolfe said first in the queue they have Mr. Israel Stone, the floor is his.

Israel Stone said so he would just like to say ah, he is a Tribal citizen that out on their Tribal lands often hunting and gathering and he just wanted to say to Council that that team Robert....Mr. Medacco has out there they are always there. Stone said they deal with hunter harassment issues often, they deal with trespassing often, they deal with all kinds of issues as Tribal citizens gathering and he can tell them there has not been a single time where he had an issue and had to reach out to these guys that they have not had somebody there. Stone said they are highly trained, highly professional and a great asset to have out there for them hunters that out there hunt, fishing and gathering they are always there. Stone said he just wanted to pay that compliment to ah, Mr. Medacco and his staff but also to say these are needed resources. Stone said they get on some of these properties and some of these properties like ah, Rainbow Bend or other ones that....that are kind of treacherous to traverse across and get through ah, these guys ah, aren't asking for anything they don't need. Stone said they certainly need these things to help protect them citizens and their rights to be out there to hunt and gather. Stone said so he thinks this is a great thing himself. Stone thanked them.

Robert Medacco thanked Israel Stone.



Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Mr. Stone. Wolfe asked is there anybody else in the audience that would like a chance to comment. Wolfe asked is Martha still on the call she sees that she put her hand up but it doesn't.....she doesn't know if her phone hung up. Wolfe said Martha.

Martha Howell said Cletus wanted to ask a question but then he changed his mind.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said seeing no other public comment um, she will open it up again for follow-up discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Mr. Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said if there are no further questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-185;  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2021-05-3<sup>rd</sup>  
QTR TO FUND PURCHASE OF UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES  
FOR CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$49,298; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other comments or discussion. Wolfe asked any abstentions on the motion. Wolfe said okay, none, Mr. Recorder can he give them a roll call please.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Resolution #21-0721-185 is passed.

Robert Medacco thanked Council.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Mr. Medacco.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees none.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

**1. Operations Report**

☐ June 2021

**2. Financial Report**

☐ None Submitted

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Commissions and Committees have been meeting on a limited basis.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>A. Binojeeuk Commission</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2021            |
| <b>B. Enrollment Commission</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2021-No Meeting |
| <b>C. Gaming Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2021            |
| <b>D. Health Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted       |
| <b>E. Housing Commission</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2021            |
| <b>F. Natural Resource Commission</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted       |

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ June 2021

**VII. Old Business**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees none.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Amending the Shoreline Project Task Force Members**

One current Shoreline Task Force Member no longer serves on Tribal Council. This amendment to the Task Force fills that Vacancy.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this item was put on by Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said his apologies. Di Piazza said um, yeah, does everybody know that Mr. Pete is no longer on Council, he is retired, and is no longer on the Shoreline Project and this is to appoint Julie to that position at this time.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other comments by Councilors.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said it is just a motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any comments or discussions. Wolfe said Miss Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPOINT JULIE WOLFE TO THE SHORELINE PROJECT TASK FORCE;** by Lewis; supported by Champagne.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other discussion on the item. Wolfe said Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he did step out of the meeting for a brief minute so he missed any discussion. Romanelli said um, he supports this however he does want the Council to know that he is also looking at options for this Task Force. Romanelli said as they know that one person left and one person is representing that's fine ah, but they are looking at going forward on how this might be improved or changed. Romanelli said just for their information but otherwise, yes, he supports it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked the Ogema for that.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe.

*Both Acting Speaker and Acting Recorder were having a discussion in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so she will open the floor to the public for any comments or discussion on the item. Wolfe said seeing or hearing none she will open the issue again for follow-up discussion for members of Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none any abstentions. Wolfe said Mr. Recorder can they have a roll call please.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two absent Julie Wolfe is appointed to the Shoreline Task Force.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Ogema Romanelli if he is ready.

Ogema Romanelli said sure he is. Romanelli thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said he wants to say.....

Acting Recorder Di Piazza interrupted. Di Piazza asked can he....the camera is that way so....up there....he is sorry.

Ogema Romanelli asked do they want him to turn.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said no, just so he knows.

*Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he has got a side shot from everybody. Di Piazza said the podium is.....that is all he asks.

Ogema Romanelli said so be careful where he scratch is that what he is saying.

*Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said well, it is nice to see ah, the Elected Officials all back in their Lodge Room and in front of the cameras for their Tribal members and ah, hopefully they move forward in a better way. Romanelli said also he met with the Speaker and the Recorder, the two officers of the Tribal Council, this morning about the communication.....not only between the Executive and the Legislative Branches going back and forth but also what the Executive Branch is doing as far as communication goes. Romanelli said they know there has been several things that has been happening recently ah, that may change that. Romanelli said first off they just got through that big Pandemic. Romanelli said during the Pandemic ah, communication just kind of went all over the place. Romanelli said they jut got to a hold of them however they could. Romanelli said there was far more whatever so they had that. Romanelli said also a recent court ruling. Romanelli said the third thing they have a new Council face that changes every two years and this Council is looking to include communication from what he understand they are open they are trying to work through that but also they have some changes within the Executive Branch as well. Romanelli said what they are trying to do is have the communication model whereas the newest communication flows up and down on the Executive Branch as good as possible, the Ogema to the Leads, they have the Leads Group, they have the Directors to the employees and opposite effect as well where the employees can talk to their Directors or Lead or whatever. Romanelli said what they don't want is they don't want miscommunication going from Ogema to the employee directly unless there is something like an emergency or some real reason that needs to happen. Romanelli said there is sometimes some kind of action that needs to happen immediately and they allow that but otherwise it the communication fault. Romanelli said they want everyone whether it be Maintenance or Utilities or whatever department they want them to have the free flow of communication going forward. Romanelli said what they also don't want is they don't want this communication of an employee going directly to Council or Council to an employee they would rather it goes through the Chief of Staff and himself are familiar with whose being called into a work session or what questions are being asked so that they can assist the Council beginning with that information and then its not getting short circuited anywhere. Romanelli said he

appreciates their time they have allowed them this morning to speak with them and hopefully they can get a better thing going on going forward. Romanelli said other than that he thinks that is all they have.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe said just one note if he can comment on the Fall Membership Meeting she knows some Tribal members had questions about how that was going to work this year.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, the Fall Membership Meeting they are planning and they are ah.....it is going to be tricky because it is going to be different ah, they still have a staffing problem over at the Resort as all businesses are so if somebody is looking for a hotel room there may be as many available, they know, they may have to cut back on the number of hotel rooms they get. Romanelli said they will be over at the Resort they will be in the ah, yeah.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe finished Event Center.

Ogema Romanelli said Event Center, yes. Romanelli thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said so they will make it as much as it was before as much as they can. Romanelli said he thinks the face to face is needed just like here this is so much better than ZOOM so. Romanelli said so they want the face to face with the membership. Romanelli said his intention is also to do the ah, the Ogema...ah, Meet and Greet but that may not happen ah, because of logistics, etc. Romanelli said the membership should be able to go on.....it will be in the Event Center and it will be he thinks in October.....second Saturday in October which would be the ninth and ah, they are going to go through the same thing. Romanelli said what they are going to have is two presentations by chief departments that may be the membership are asking questions about and they will do it in the same format. Romanelli said at the end they will do the question and answer. Romanelli said the only thing is it may be restricted in certain ways um, and they don't know what those are. Romanelli said he has a meeting with the Resort again today and they are going to go over what.....what they can and can't do so. Romanelli said just keep watching the website and the Currents. Romanelli said as long as he is on the Currents has been behind schedule, there has been a number of reasons for that, ah, he was assured that those are getting caught up now, again, the Currents implies that its current and it is never going to be current information in the Currents, it just isn't doable. Romanelli said they have tried it and they have all experienced it because the time it takes to send the information to different departments, get it laid out, get it printed, get it out to the mail then the mail is snail-mail at times. Romanelli explained they have it going from ah, here to Grand Rapids back to the Aki so it is not current but what it is supposed to be ah, ah, basically a journal of what has been happening and they try to get as much information they can. Romanelli said so they are catching that up as well. Romanelli said if there are any questions he would be free to answer, he thinks... depends on what they are.

*Councilor Wever was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

*Ogema Romanelli started to laugh as well.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, they have Miss Thull with her hand up on the ZOOM and she has the floor.

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, said ah, she would just like to ask about the Budget um, Meeting that he will be having in August. Thull asked has he re-thought that as far as whether it will be by internet. Thull thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said she is welcome. Romanelli said at this time it will not be ZOOMed in they have the Budget Meeting over at the Aki Community Center um, it isn't that he won't re-think it in the future but ah, again, it depends.....there are so many things that tie into this. Romanelli said they had some issues with.... He has been pretty open about with the type of questioning they get....they have a right to.....they have the right to pre-send in e-mails of any questions they have on Budget or concerns or ideas on the Budget....they have the right to e-mail those in prior to and they will entertain questions from the people that can make it into the Community Center and go from there. Romanelli said again, this is not the Final Budget this is basically a laying out the draft of which the Council will go over which they usually do and make some recommendations and suggestions....some suggestions for changes so it is a lengthy process but at this time, no.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe asked any other comments. Wolfe asked any other questions for the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Ogema Romanelli, again.

Ogema Romanelli said she is welcome.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that brings them to C. Wolfe asked is there any Legislative Affairs Updates. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he would like to say Chi Miigwech to Pam and Judy Wolfe here on Council for being out there for this past Friday they had ah, Family Olympics and ah, it was a good showing. Wittenberg said he truly enjoyed himself being out there. Wittenberg said he did find out ah, he can still do a mile so that is a big plus on this little buck-a-roony. Wittenberg said he wants to say Miigwech to all who participated and ah, maybe next year they might have a few more out there. Wittenberg it would be nice to see....have some of their finest Tribal to be out.....see that is a thing for the count nobody knew

about....*Wittenberg laughing*....that is what he would have said about it too. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Miigwech to all that were out there and ah, it was an honor ah, to see everyone out there and the other Tribes that are participating on their turf so. Wittenberg said again, he says Chi Miigwech, Ahaaw.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe asked any other Councilor for Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said seeing none....ah, Mrs. Champagne go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said she doesn't know about the rest of Councilors but she has been getting phone calls and e-mails asking um, about the checks they have signing and sending out. Champagne said she has responded that they don't have any access to the names and stuff that they are signing the checks and they are going out but she doesn't know how many....who sent it in or received it or not. Champagne said she doesn't know if anybody else has received those questions but she is assuming that the checks are coming in okay she thought at the beginning there may have been trouble with the e-mail but she doesn't think there is now as far as her knowledge goes so.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Councilor Champagne for that comment. Wolfe asked anybody else. Wolfe said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said them checks were signed all right and he doesn't look to see who they are other than the document is proper. Di Piazza said he doesn't read names. Di Piazza said he is all set.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks. Wolfe asked anyone else.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, that brings them onto Section D, Public Comment Period. Wolfe said the floor is open to Tribal members in the room or virtually for public comment. Wolfe said she wanted to recognize Miss Hinmon if she wants to come up here.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked does she want to try the can.

Kim Hinmon said no.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said okay.

*Tribal Council were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Kim Hinmon said she wants people to hear her and understand because apparently getting information out is not something that is happening very well. Hinmon said um.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe asked of the Olympics. Wolfe said if she wants to identify herself for the membership that may not know who she is.

Kim Hinmon stated her name and that she is the Native Connections Coordinator. Hinmon said she was recently hired back in March um, and one of her job responsibilities is to provide Drug and Alcohol Prevention Services as well as Suicide Prevention Services. Hinmon said so under that umbrella they have been promoting some programs and one of the things they did was the Family Olympics last weekend. Hinmon said that is something that is normally held in Mt. Pleasant, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe um, umbrellas the tip of that and ah, this year with COVID they put it back to the Tribes to handle. Hinmon said they had a really great turnout and about 35 people that um, came they had two people who submitted results virtually. Hinmon said they did them on their time and submitted them to them....ah, to submit with their results. Hinmon said um, Ron congratulations on winning First Place for his age group for the mile.

*Councilor Wittenberg said cheering for himself in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Kim Hinmon continued um, they haven't given them official results yet but they are definitely in the running for third maybe fourth place of all the Tribes. Hinmon said um, so they had a good showing a lot of their youth placed in the top three so that was pretty good. Hinmon said um, then this weekend they are having a Family Movie Night um, they are going to show the movie *Inside Out* that falls under their umbrella because it deals with emotions and one of their topics is dealing with how this will regulate their emotions. Hinmon said um, so they just want to invite everybody to come out. Hinmon said they will be out here um, probably just east...um, no....north of the Pow Wow Grounds there. Hinmon said um, so they just want to invite everybody to come out at 7:30 they will have popcorn and water. Hinmon said families are invited and encouraged to bring their own snacks simply because their popcorn will be limited they don't have a popcorn machine on site so they will be popping it on Friday. Hinmon said um, but she just wanted to invite everybody to come out she did bring a couple of flyers if them guys wanted to pass them down she unfortunately doesn't have a great disbursement um, way to disburse information. Hinmon said she did send it to um....and she is hoping this is something they can all come together and help figure out a way to be able to promote information and programs to their Tribal membership because there isn't any one way that they can reach all of their membership um, in a timely manner. Hinmon said she means her Budget doesn't allow for her to be able to print and mail flyers like this. Hinmon said um, they just don't have the money for that um, to be able to put it out onto the website they have put their last two events on the website um, she has also pushed them



out in private Little River Face Book Groups. Hinmon said um, she doesn't know how to put this information out further and she did notice that one difference that they have here as opposed to her previous positions is she doesn't have a way that she can e-mail everybody in the Tribe like within the Tribal Government. Hinmon said she doesn't have access to that that is not something that is given to her. Hinmon said she doesn't know if there is a way to change that but she did put the Family Olympics through Public Relations and that went out as an all e-mail to everybody within the Tribe um, the Tribal Government, let her rephrase that. Hinmon asked is that something that can be changed to give her access to that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that would have to go through the Executive side because she is an employee of that so. Wolfe said she would say to follow her Chain of Command up and get direction from the Ogema on that.

Kim Hinmon thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Hinmon said anyway she just wanted to ask them all to please come out and support this. Hinmon said bring their children and it will be a good time this weekend. Hinmon thanked them.

Councilor Wever asked what movie is playing.

Kim Hinmon said *Inside Out*.

Councilor Wever said oh.

Kim Hinmon said yup, it is a little older but it is a good one.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mr. Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said ah, he would make a suggestion um, he has a hot dog machine so if she ever wanted to do hot dogs feel free its collecting dust at this point and time but it is a rotisserie and they put them in there and roast some hot dogs.

Kim Hinmon said perfect. Hinmon thanked Gary Di Piazza.

*Acting Recorder Di Piazza made additional comments but he was speaking too low for the ZOOM recording to pick them up clearly.*

Kim Hinmon asked does anybody have questions for her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said the only thing she thinks might be helpful is if she would um, put out her contact information so if someone heard this and didn't get all the details um, they can contact her for further questions about her event that is coming up.

Kim Hinmon said okay, her information is located on the website and is under the calendar so the event is listed on there and it does list her e-mail address but if somebody is looking it kimberlyhin, n as in nancy, m as in mother, [kimberlyhinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kimberlyhinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov).

Speaker Wolfe thanked Kim Hinmon.

Kim Hinmon said yup. Hinmon thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees um, Israel with his hand up again. Wolfe asked did he have a....the floor is his.

Israel Stone thanked Miss Speaker. Stone said um, so he just wanted to.....he received an e-mail communication this morning ah, from the Speaker in regard to a work session that happened last week and apparently he made a threat in the work session according to his e-mail. Stone said um, he just wanted to clarify um, he wasn't threatening anybody. Stone said ah, there are the three branches of government which are the Legislative, Execut.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe said.....*the first part of her comment didn't come through*....at this time because it is not coming across very well for them.

Israel Stone asked is that better Julie.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yeah.

Israel Stone said ah, ah, so ah, as he said that wasn't a threat towards anybody as them guys all know the Constitution says that there is the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branch there is also a fourth ah, Constitutional body and that's the membership....the citizens. Stone said its their obligation and their responsibility to be a part of the Checks and Balances System for the Tribe constitutionally to be involved actively participate ah, in those things, in those work session, in those discussions, and what he was simply trying to say, last week during the work session, and he wanted to clarify, that was not directed at Julie Wolfe.....at all. Stone said he has always had good repertoire with Julie and never had an issue with Julie so that was one of the things that was thrown into that.....into that discussion. Stone said um, his point was constitutionally how does this need to be handled. Stone said its great to hear the Ogema saying them guys had some conversations and great to hear his comment when the item was before them guys but understand as a citizen they all have the same obligation and right, responsibility under the Constitution to ask questions and to share perspective and insight. Stone said so it is never personal ah, at all it's simply to ask the question, to make sure they don't miss anything um, that needs to occur or should occur in these processes. Stone said um, it is great for him to see ah, the body in the room and it's great to hear the discussions, it's great not to have the ah, the fighting and all that other stuff going on um, it is great as a citizen to see those things. Stone

said but, he just wanted to clarify that....that ah, as a citizen guys um, he doesn't believe it is not only his right but his responsibility to ask tough questions sometimes and he thinks that's fair. Stone said he thinks they are all capable and competent of answering those questions. Stone said he believes they're an intelligent enough people to work their way through those discussions and...and come to an outcome or a result. Stone said so everything doesn't need to be taken personally just because they may not agree on some things doesn't mean it is personal. Stone said so he just wanted to clarify that and to let them know he intends fully to be a thorn in their side in a good way ah, they know, as often as possible because when they have those tough discussions sometimes they figure out that they missed something along the way or they see something that they didn't see and they hear it from other people's perspectives. Stone said that is a great thing to have and 30, 40, 50 people in the room discussion is different people have different perspectives and see things different ways. Stone reiterated that he just wanted to clarify that. Stone thanked them for their time.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said thanks, Mr. Stone. Wolfe asked any other ones for public comment. Wolfe said okay, she doesn't see any so at this point they are going to move into Closed Session. Wolfe read the statement below.

***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.***

*Acting Recorder Di Piazza was involved in a side bar conversation with Acting Speaker Wolfe in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so they need a motion to end First Open.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Mrs. Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO END THE FIRST OPEN;** by Champagne; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked circle.....

*Acting Recorder Di Piazza appeared that he was trying to tell something to Acting Speaker Wolfe in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said no, he is sorry it was something else. Di Piazza said he has one favor before they end can somebody stay on the ZOOM Call so

they can test the can microphone please. Di Piazza said his apologies. Di Piazza said anyways.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor and two absent they are adjourned First Open or First Open Session at 11:08 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recorder is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they are back into Open Session; it is 4:13 p.m. eastern standard time, they are here at the Tribal Government Center located at their Reservation in Manistee, Michigan. Champagne said um, they have Open Session A, Items moved from Closed to Open Session, can they make a motion to ah.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion.

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

Speaker Champagne said discussion on this motion. Champagne said seeing no discussion on the motion Madame Recorder Wolfe.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne asked Madame Recorder if she has to do a roll call, she knows.

Recorder Wolfe said no she.....

Speaker Champagne said so they don't.....

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Champagne said they are back in Open Session and asked are there any items they would like to be moved from Closed Session.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-186; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL TO OPEN SESSION;** by Wolfe;  
supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion on this motion. Champagne said no discussion Madame Recorder.

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

*The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0721-186;  
RATIFICATION OF GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING  
SCIENCES, INC;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**XII. Adjourn**

Speaker Champagne said that concludes their agenda items he would like to adjourn. Champagne asked is there a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne asked is there discussion on the motion. Champagne said seeing no discussion Madame Recorder.

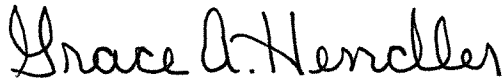
**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion to adjourn has been accepted at 4:15 p.m.

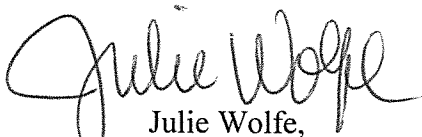
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Tribal Council Recorder