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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on July 24, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said they are going to start with their Opening Prayer and Gary Di Piazza is going to give it.

I. Opening Prayer

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

I pray to all Creation for all my relatives.
Show us a good trail.
Show us a good job.
Let us all work together.
Bring us all together and give us a good way of life.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	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 nine present they have a quorum at 10:02.

Others Present: Peggy & Jim Derouin, Kathy Sam, Sherman Moore, Israel Stone, Julia Nickelson, Tammy Bogue, Connie Waitner, Jodi Walter, Darleen Martin, Bobbie Jo Thomas, Alyce Giltz, Rosemary Smith, Nancy Morehead, Nikki Nelson, Jennifer Crampton, Frank Beaver, Boo Battice, Jessica Steinberg, Al Metzger, Bernadene Crampton, Joseph Riley, Bridget Cole, Michelle Lucas, Sandra Mc Caslin, Janine Sam, _____, J. Guenther.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Rodriquez, Officer Umlauf, Officer Gunderson, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Groh, Sandy Mezeske, Melissa Alexander.

C. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 24, 2019
WITH VII D. IS REVISED, E. IS REMOVED AND VIII B. IS
REMOVED; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor. Di Piazza said the agenda for Wednesday, July 24, 2019 has been approved.

Speaker Pete recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, said just a question. Stone said when a motion of Tribal Council is made is it not in accordance with the Robert's Rule of Order that there is discussion on that motion prior to a vote being taken and he didn't hear for.....any call for discussion on that item.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is so.....that would be his mistake for discussion on that item. Pete said so.....how do they proceed because they approved it.

Councilor Lewis said they don't always have to go by Robert's Rules they can go by their discussion and that.

Recorder Di Piazza said call for discussion.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would ask for maybe.....to meet with the lawyers because he brought the same point up a couple of times and he believed the Ogema has brought it up too. Crampton said sometimes they don't go by Robert's Rules of Order and Tribal Law overrides that and they just recently had the same conversation.

Speaker Pete said to Shannon Crampton, okay, at one point there was a discussion currently that was probably about three years ago when they were removing the Board of Directors. Pete said someone called on.....called an agenda call and there were about four people left in the thing and then.....the queue.....

Councilor Crampton said what, what, what.....

Speaker Pete said.....wait so he is just making a point. Pete said is that he would also like on the lawyers.....

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said.....to at least make some kind of a.....she is going to consult. Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he needed something.

Councilor Crampton said no he just wanted to say that he agreed with that assessment and he would like to do it too but to point out the record.....the actual case that happened prior to that was the Nomination of Sandy Mezeske to the Board of Directors where he asked for discussion and then Gary Di Piazza called the question and cut off everybody that was in the queue.

Speaker Pete said oh, oh, oh.

Councilor Crampton said that was the first one.

Speaker Pete said all right.

Recorder Di Piazza said he doesn't remember.....

Speaker Pete said one thing here he is assuming they are hearing from an attorney.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said assuming she is an attorney.

Speaker Pete said he knows that she is.....

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said they don't provide legal opinions during open session.

Recorder Di Piazza said nope.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said this is something that they would like to discuss during closed then they can do that. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said both of them are not in the room so they don't know what they are talking about either. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she just wanted to.....

Speaker Pete said just a moment.....so Israel Stone.

Israel Stone made a comment from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes.

Councilor Crampton said what he would suggest is a recess to maybe confer with the legal.

Speaker Pete recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said so he would agree with Shannon Crampton to the extent that they don't always defer to Robert's Rules while at the same time he believed it's through Tribal Courts in absence of Tribal Law they defer to the procedures so if there is not anything in the Meeting Procedures Ordinance, there is not anything written in the Tribal Law, then they defer to Robert's Rules of Order. Stone said the purpose for the discussion on a motion is so that the Elected Body can hear any information that might be pertinent to the agenda items on the agenda or concerns that folks may have to represent to them so that when they are approving that agenda they are making an informed decision. Stone said rights of the citizens to come here and speak to Tribal Council he thinks are important so that they can hear those views and opinions. Stone said the only reason why he brought up the point of order is because he thinks that members are here to obviously give and receive information and it is important to them to be able to give that feedback to them guys on items that are under consideration that impact them as citizens. Stone said so at this point he will withdraw his point of order because it sounds like they can't.....there is nothing they can do to remove it.....remove the motion that already happened or reverse, sorry, reverse the motion that already happened.....and so Shannon Crampton is there a way he doesn't know. Stone said he is deferring to them guys but he would.....

Councilor Crampton said he is just talking about the Freudian slip that he just heard.....that is why he is shaking his head at.

Israel Stone said so to reverse a motion he believed somebody in favor of that motion would have to bring it back to the floor for consideration.....to reconsider the motion and that is what he was saying is a motion for reconsideration he believed is the only way. Stone said he will defer to Council on how they want to

handle that but he believed it is important as citizens that they have the right to give their input and feedback on agenda items that are before Tribal Council. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just think that.....apologies to Mr. Stone, he thinks that a quick review of the minutes will show that each Speaker has held off conversation until they came to that issue. Crampton said when they pass that issue they cut off the discussion. Crampton said they are not at the issue he doesn't think they have adopted the agenda they are just establishing the issues. Crampton said so if they want to comment on something they have to wait until that issue is brought up.

Speaker Pete said okay so what they will do here is that he was the one that made the mistake on the agenda.....

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't think it was a mistake.

Speaker Pete said.....for even calling and so if it okay with everybody they will just move on. Pete asked is that okay. Pete said all right, okay, and thanked them.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 7/10/19 ☐ 7/17/19

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said to Speaker Pete that she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Pete said okay.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
7/10/19 AND 7/17/19; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor, Tribal Council Minutes for 7/10/19 and 7/17/19 have been accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said Grants & Contracts there is nothing.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2019-__-3rd QTR to fund Legislative Legal Services in the amount of \$50,000

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2019-009 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is just to fund.....they are bringing on a Law Firm there is no funding for that so this is just to fund Tribal Council's legal.

Speaker Pete said okay, does he have a.....pardon.

Audience members stated they could hear what is being said.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is sorry.

Speaker Pete asked does he speak up.

Recorder Di Piazza said no that was him.

Audience members answered Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he was trying to read it and apologized. Di Piazza said he needs different bi-focals. Di Piazza said anyways, this is to fund a legal service for Tribal Council, there is no money in the Budget for it, so they need to do.....move some money around for it.

Speaker Pete asked does he have any support.

Recorder Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't think anybody made a motion yet did they.

Recorder Di Piazza said no one made a motion.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry.

Councilor Lewis said okay she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0724-189;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-08-3rd
QTR TO FUND LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$50,000; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to.....okay.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to make a point in the minutes that the contract was made up to mirror the contract that.....as close as they could with the Ogema's Contract of his legal services.

Speaker Pete said okay, so that is it. 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 -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Abstain	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor, one abstention, Resolution #19-0724-189 has passed.

Israel Stone said he had his hand up.

Recorder Di Piazza said Israel Stone.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry go ahead. Pete said he did not see him.

Israel Stone asked is that.....for clarification.....abstentions according to procedures would be declared publically and voted on by Tribal Council as to whether or not there is a Conflict of Interest that exists. Stone said the only time a Council member is required to abstain from a vote is if there is a Conflict of Interest and that conflict has to be declared publically in front of all the citizens, Council is to vote on it and if they say no it is not, and he is not picking on anybody, if there is a valid reason or not a valid reason to abstain and then the vote goes on the item itself. Stone said so just for clarification on abstentions they are a no vote they defect to a no vote by registering those essentially but he just for point of clarification. Stone said may he ask what the reason for the abstention was.

Councilor Lonn said yes, the reason she abstained is because they agreed a while back to have Unified Legal that would take care of both sides and all of a sudden now, they are getting an outside attorney. Lonn said she knows the Ogema has one but he works part time, 20 hours, and he is in this building. Lonn said they have this attorney that is outside and is very expensive so she voted no.....abstained.

Israel Stone thanked Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well he would like to strike the word "*we*" because he doesn't have the same consideration as most of the people voted on that to bring it forward and like he said it mirrors the Contract that the Ogema has so he doesn't think there is an exuberant costs.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Israel Stone said he has a question on that. Stone asked is this to represent the Council in its daily capacities such as releasing the other attorneys do now or is this for specific litigation that is occurring within the Tribe and if so can they disclose at least what cases those are related to.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't think there is any specifics what it is the stuff that the United Legal can't touch.

Israel Stone said so the stuff they can't do....this.....

Councilor Crampton said right. Crampton said anything that arises that....they are running into a problem right now there are certain things that come forward that they need legal advice on but they cannot do it.

Israel Stone said okay and is that.....

Councilor Crampton said he thinks that was the same problem that the Ogema is running into too that is why he brought forward his contract.

Israel Stone asked is that because of the updated Unified Legal Act is that what is causing.....because they are representing essentially both branches of the government and so it would be issues that they couldn't give an opinion on because they would have a conflict based upon the fact that them guys are both their client.

Councilor Crampton said he believed so. Crampton said he would have to ask them.

Israel Stone said so....okay he guess just for clarification purposes on that as a citizen giving feedback he would be interested to know how often that instance arises because in certain circumstances he understands it is a necessity. Stone said it becomes costly for the Tribal citizens and maybe they need to look at changing the way the Unified Legal Act is written and provide in-house services separately to both bodies. Stone said that way they don't have to contract outside of the Tribe for legal services and incur additional costs. Stone said he appreciates the clarification. Stone thanked them.

Councilor Crampton said just to add onto that. Crampton said he thinks that is already being considered they are looking at it again. Crampton said just a brief history when they did create it he thinks there was a year....close to a two-year period where there was no money spent after they created them. Crampton said the first time in Tribal history that there was no money spent on in-fighting between the branches. Crampton said that was broken by the Ogema's Office.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked Ogema Romanelli did he want to respond.

Ogema Romanelli said actually that statement is incorrect.

Councilor Crampton said no its not.

Ogema Romanelli said the problem is....excuse him but he believed it is. Romanelli said the problem is this quite often what's happened is the Tribal Council had a Legislative Attorney and the Ogema had a General Counsel that represented them. Romanelli said they represented the Tribe, they worked for the Tribe, Tribal members are actually their client but they worked in that capacity. Romanelli said at some time a few years ago, they decided to stop them from going to court so much and to getting outside legal counsel and that they combine the two. Romanelli said he was absolutely against it because he believed just working for both branches creates a Conflict of Interest. Romanelli said since that time they found that many....often times that happens so they have to go for outside counsel anyway. Romanelli said now what did happen is the Ogema did take the Tribal Council to court and he was the one that took....started that court proceedings. Romanelli said that was the first one since the two combined therefore it really didn't stop them from going to court. Romanelli said he knew it wouldn't because that wasn't how it works and they have been in court for 2 ½ to 3 years. Romanelli said he really would like to see the end to that court proceedings. Romanelli said the fact of the matter is he thinks, and he knows that the Unified Legal is doing a good job, but in certain situations, they need their own counsel. Romanelli said he now has a General Counsel back at least 20 hours a week and believed Council.....Tribal Council is going after an attorney as well for the same purposes and he thinks that is the right way to go. Romanelli

said that doesn't mean they get rid of their Unified Legal but it doesn't.....he does believe that they have to look at that ordinance that created and see how it can best serve the people.

Speaker Pete asked okay?

Ogema Romanelli said that is it and thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes.

Councilor Crampton said he thought that he had said the same thing that Mr. Ogema Romanelli just said but he got up and said he was incorrect. Crampton said he is confused but that is okay.

Speaker Pete said okay so where are they at.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$20,270

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said good morning. Willis said this item represents Modification #6 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with the Indian Health Services. Willis said in 2019 in the Budget they projected they were going to receive \$2,791,909. Willis said year to date with this award they have received \$2,754,996 so they roughly \$37,000 give or take short of what they projected and they do anticipate getting additional funding.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any.....

Councilor Crampton said discussion on the matter.

Speaker Pete said discussion on the matter.

Recorder Di Piazza said is anybody going to abstain.

Speaker Pete said okay, so do they have a motion on the floor. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Crampton said is anybody going to abstain.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is going to ask that right now. Pete asked again do they have a motion on the floor.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he will make the motion.

Councilor Crampton said support.

Recorder Di Piazza said well, he isn't to that point.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0724-190;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-39 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$20,270; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor, Resolution #19-0724-190 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Diane Lonn to attend the 25th Annual Tribal Enrollment Conference on November 4-6, 2019

The Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to give a little update.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said she has been going to these conferences since she was Enrollment Director and every time she goes she learns more stuff that she shares with the people downstairs, the Enrollment personnel and the committee. Lonn said the committee votes on the files but as far as everyday stuff it is the Enrollment Officer or what her name is right now Enrollment.....she doesn't know, anyway. Lonn said they go and they split up the different meetings so some must go to some and some go to others and then they discuss what they

learned and they bring it back. Lonn said she has given reports to the Council when she goes. Lonn said she also does it in her Close Out. Lonn said they discuss the Constitution and things they could change and how to change it. Lonn said they bring up issues that.....they have Round Tables where they discuss issues that they all have with Enrollment even though they are closed they still have problems. Lonn said so that is why she goes.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked anyone else. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said that being said he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE
25th ANNUAL TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CONFERENCE ON
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2019; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion right now.

Susan Thull, Tribal #3727, said good morning. Thull said she looked at the flyer on this Enrollment Conference and saw that the registration fee was \$800 and some. Thull said rooms were \$200 apiece and looking at last year's conference that they had they had the Enrollment Department's, one of the employees there and they also had the Commissioners, and they attended. Thull said her concern is that this is a large amount of money when they come down to it for the registration, the plane fare, per diem and for everything involved. Thull said if they are sending quite a few members she doesn't know if they are planning on the commission this year or on Enrollment, people who work for Enrollment but she did hear just yesterday she posted this on social media. Thull said they have one of their own Tribal members that works in Enrollment she believed for the Gun Lake Tribe she said that they were having a conference at Little Traverse this fall and that there is no registration fee, it would pertain to Michigan, she thinks that would be a better use of their resources. Thull said she is all for education but to her it looks like they have attended this quite a few times and she just really doesn't think that this expense is necessary. Thull said she would.....that is all she has to say. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Susan Thull. Pete recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, said hearing the registration and fees and such doesn't concern him as much as the importance of going to these conferences that all of Council Members attend particularly this one because it appears to him and maybe he is wrong but it seems like their Tribal Roll has been declining rapidly this year for some reason. Stone said they as a Tribe need to start looking at ways that they are going to serve their people but also do that into perpetuity and figure out how that is going to happen when the rate of people walking on is much higher than the rate of people they are enrolling in the Tribe. Stone said when they start to look at it it becomes concerning. Stone said he thinks they did a

calculation back when he was on Council but it was like 26 or 27 years before that measured decline started occurring because the age of their population in the Tribe and he thinks they are on the inside edge of that right now. Stone said he thinks that is what they are starting to see occur he would ask and hope that Tribal Council is beginning to look at ways as to stabilize the future of their Tribe into perpetuity and how are they going to accomplish that with the rate of Tribal members walking on that they had this year. Stone said so please keep that in mind and prayers for those families obviously but just something to think about.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Israel Stone. Pete said he had his hand up.

Councilor Lonn said she is sorry she didn't see it.

Speaker Pete said then she will be in the queue. Pete said that was one thing he also was thinking about is that there is Tribal members that were walking on more than what they are doing and at some.....at some point if they don't.....if they don't open that back up, the enrollment; he means they are going to commit suicide. Pete said it is a bad word to say but at some point they have to talk to.....they have to consider it will be way beyond his point maybe but it will have to be considered to take care of their children. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said okay that is one of the things they discuss with the other Tribes because even though they are from different states they are facing the same problems they are. Lonn said they give suggestions on how to work with it and how they are changing their rolls and doing things. Lonn said they talk about DNA, there are issues still in DNA that come up, that they need to constantly look at because everything is changing.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza who does he have now he forgot. Pete said okay and thanked Diane Lonn. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't agree with that statement and he doesn't agree with that sediment whatsoever. Crampton said he just got back from a trip and he talked to a member of the Mikasuki Tribe. Crampton said most Tribes around the Nation are kept at 500, a good portion of them. Crampton said their members are always asking how do they get per cap up that high and how do they get per cap up that high. Crampton said he went to visit a Tribe in Wisconsin that he was told to go visit to find out how they got their per cap up to \$50,000 and they said very easily they kept it at 500 members.

Speaker Pete said okay but wait, wait, wait a minute.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't really think that there is this need right now that they are disappearing in fact all studies show actually it is the absolute opposite. Crampton said the Native American is probably one of the fastest growing minorities in the United States.

Speaker Pete recognized Darleen Martin.

Darleen Martin, Tribal #0575, said to Diane Lonn someone put online this morning she read that also besides going down there that she was going to get a \$3,000 stipend check.

Councilor Lonn said to Darleen Martin is she kidding her.

Darleen Martin said that was online this morning and that is why she has come to ask.....

Councilor Lonn said that is why she hates.....

Darleen Martin said.....because a lot of people is going to see that.

Councilor Lonn said.....Face Book because there are rumors flying that aren't true and instead of finding the truth and calling her, they're putting it out there.

Darleen Martin said that is why she is asking now so.....

Councilor Lonn said no and thanked Darleen Martin.

Darleen Martin said.....she can set people clear. Martin thanked them.

Councilor Lonn said no mam.

Speaker Pete thanked Darleen Martin. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she disagrees with Mr. Crampton. Lonn said she knows they have lost over 45 people so far this year. Lonn said Elders this is an old Tribe. Lonn said when they did statistics it showed that the Baby Boomers are hitting and they are losing them left and right. Lonn said they worried and did a five-year analysis and they are going to be going down. Lonn said if she can't justify and try and help get these 1/8 bloods in here or do something they got to keep this Tribe surviving. Lonn said that is what their Elders said, they know, it was to keep and look forward. Lonn asked does she care about Per Cap.....no, they wouldn't do this for Per Cap. Lonn said they did this because they love this Tribe at the beginning. Lonn said Per Cap is not a Tribal thing here.

Speaker Pete said okay so he has Israel Stone and then Joe Riley.

Israel Stone said Al Metzger and Bridgett Cole.

Speaker Pete asked Bridgett Cole, okay.

Israel Stone said Bridgett Cole then Al Metzger. Stone said okay so he guessed his whole point to that was not to stir up dissention. Stone said he can't tell them a time that he remembers when the flag hasn't come down and they have gotten two or three more e-mails saying please leave the flag down for another three days. Stone said he would disagree with the statement that their Tribe is growing rapidly. Stone said he knows his two minor Tribal Children.....

Councilor Crampton said he never made that statement.

Israel Stone said okay maybe he misheard him. Stone said he knows his two minor children were the youngest Tribal members in the Tribe for quite a long time before some other folks started having babies. Stone said they are not growing at the rate that they are leaving. Stone said he is sorry that is not the case. Stone said the other thing he will say is this and it is going to be very unpopular but like.....this seems like the justification for everything nowadays. Stone said Per Cap ways to drive up Per Cap. Stone said he is sorry to be the one to break the news to them guys even if they get a Muskegon Property they are never going to get Sag-Chipp Per Cap. Stone said it is never going to happen. Stone said they are too large of a Tribe right now and they have always been too large of a Tribe for that to occur. Stone said their focus needs to come away from driving Per Cap dollars and start driving it into programs. Stone said what they can do for citizens such as housing, such as other things, outside of the Manistee County area. Stone said not just here but in other areas. Stone said other large populations densities so on and so forth but it seems like every time there is a discussion nowadays it always goes back to Per Cap. Stone said he knows people are going to take shots at him, they know what, that is fine he is okay with that. Stone said the fact of the matter is they didn't have all the hate, discontent, and dissention that they have in this Tribe until those checks started being sent out.

Speaker Pete said okay so Joe Riley. Pete asked Joe Riley that he had his hand up. Pete said oh, he is sorry. Pete said okay so he is looking at he thinks it is Bridgett Cole.....

Israel Stone was commenting from the audience and they could not be made out on the tape recording.

Speaker Pete said and Nikki Nelson.

Bridgett Cole, Tribal #1110, said they know she always hears this about how they are dying, blah, blah, and blah. Cole said they know they should ask themselves why they are dying. Cole said then try to fix those things. Cole said in her family she has lost all her aunts. Cole said the expectancy of women in her family is like 62. Cole asked why are they dying. Cole said what problems do they have contributing to those and she thinks they will find it has to do with poverty, lack of nutrition, drug abuse, substance abuse and those problems. Cole said that is what they need to work on and maybe then they can get some strong

enough.....strong enough group of people they know physically and mentally. Cole said that is what she would like to see happen. Cole said right now they have a bunch of people in the Tribe and they can't take care of them. Cole said they are worried about adding more people that they can't take care of. Cole said just her thoughts.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bridgett Cole. Pete said they have Allen Metzger or oh, no, Nikki Nelson. Pete apologized.

Nikki Nelson said Al Metzger told her to go ahead.

Speaker Pete said okay then.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said she just thinks that right now they had a member that presented them with some information that maybe they didn't know when they wanted to go to this conference and she thinks that maybe it is worth a shot to just at least postpone this before they approve the travel. Nelson said to Diane Lonn to check out what the.....what the one Little Traverse is hosting because it is a lot closer and be more convenient for her. Nelson said she knows that she had been out on Medical Leave a lot so maybe that will be a lot better for her. Nelson said she doesn't see why they couldn't postpone it without being upset. Nelson said see maybe there is better information at the one Little Traverse is hosting. Nelson said she just thinks that there is a compromise there somewhere instead of an argument.

Speaker Pete thanked Nikki Nelson. Pete said he doesn't see any more members of the audience.....Al Metzger and then Shannon Crampton.

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said he knows this is open for the approval of Ms. Lonn attending a conference but then it got sidetracked from what he was hearing. Metzger said an enrollment issue effects them all. Metzger said through life they have to live some of their choices and the consequences that their choices brought them. Metzger said Ms. Lonn publically stated that she is all for dropping down to 1/8 bloods. Metzger said he on the other hand am down with the brown. Metzger said he on the other hand believe increasing their Anishinaabe blood. Metzger said they have to live with their consequences. Metzger said he has to live with very dark children that are discriminated more than he. Metzger said he is only half it was his choice. Metzger said those are his consequences but those are also his blessings. Metzger said then Bridgett Cole said they can't even take care of the ones they have now. Metzger said going back to this discussion being about Enrollment attendance at a conference and how it got drifted to Per Cap and blood quantum he is still trying to figure that part out. Metzger said since it was mentioned he feels now it is time that he shall say something about this. Metzger said allowing choices and consequences to take away benefits from members is really his point of view is kind of very disrespectful and he thought their ancestors that they claim under these Eagle Staffs. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete said okay, that was.....Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said while she can absolutely support Tribal Council travelling to conferences and other things there are two things that she always considers. Steinberg said that is is this a consultation and how does it benefit their people. Steinberg said she would like to redirect everyone to the date of August 24, 2016 where in Article 2, Membership, Section 7, Closing or Opening Enrollment. Steinberg said the closing or opening of enrollment shall occur by an initiative of the membership according to Article 7, Section 2 of this Constitution. Steinberg said she believed back in August 2016 the membership spoke and they closed enrollment. Steinberg said so at this juncture she thinks that it is up to the membership to determine whether or not enrollment is open and what those criteria might be. Steinberg said she is not sure that attending conferences suits or serves that purpose at this time.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked Jessica Steinberg and said that was one of his points. Crampton said they asked some of Al Metzger's questions how they got on the Per Cap was he was asked a question and well.....no he is sorry he was not asked a question he commented on a question. Crampton said he said he was asked by members to find out why other Tribes had such high Per Cap. Crampton said that is where that came from. Crampton said he thought they were kept at 500. Crampton said he will have to agree that when they are looking at bang for the buck on their travel he belongs to MAST. Crampton said MAST holds about four or five meetings a year. Crampton said the only one he travels to is the one that includes consultation. Crampton said he doesn't go to the other ones. Crampton said he doesn't go there to sit and watch other people talk and about discussions. Crampton said he goes to the one that matters. Crampton said that is how they get a bang for their buck and he is not.....he is so thankful Jessica Steinberg said that because their having a conversation where just recently in 2016 the membership voted overwhelmingly to close the enrollment. Crampton said now back when they talk about Native American growth Mrs. Lonn can disagree with him all she wants. Crampton said if they type in to their phone to their computer Native American Population Growth they will find this, "*The Native American population is growing. The Native American population rose by 1.1 million or 26.7% between 2000 and 2010 Census.*" Crampton said anybody can look that up.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said okay, yeah. Pete said to Shannon Crampton he is sorry and is he done.

Councilor Lonn said to Shannon Crampton that she disagrees with him because he is looking at Census or things that give every Tribe. Lonn said she is looking at their Tribe. Lonn said their Tribe is dwindling. Lonn said she doesn't care what the other Tribes are doing because she worries about this Tribe. Lonn said he is saying this isn't shrinking she disagrees with him.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes.

Councilor Crampton said well that is not what he said. Crampton said he is going to go back to the fact and he is going to listen to his constituents who overwhelmingly voted to close enrollment.

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

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- No	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said five in favor, four against, travel has been approved.

Speaker Pete asked discussion is over with right. Pete said she can go, okay.

Bridgett Cole said she is thinking she is just....everybody is wondering how Diane Lonn can vote.

Councilor Crampton said let her go.

Speaker Pete said he can.....he can vote.

Councilor Lonn said no, no, it's her.

Speaker Pete said Diane Lonn can vote because there is no personal gain from attending a conference so no, if there isn't a personal gain like she is serving on some kind of Board or something like that it is a personal gain then there isn't. Pete said that is the.....

Bridgett Cole said she doesn't think most of the people in this room is agreeing with that but okay.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Israel Stone said the Constitution speaks about that and it is a personal financial gain. Stone said there is no personal financial gain there. Stone said he would argue if they are going to make that argument. Stone said Council approves their own compensation every two years when the new Council comes on board. Stone said so if they are saying that somebody voting to go on travel is a personal violation, personal interest or personal gain then how could setting their own compensation violate that same clause. Stone said she doesn't personally benefit from it and she is travelling on behalf of the Tribe to benefit the Tribe so that's the bar according to ____.

2. Approval for Sandy Lewis to attend the 25th Annual Tribal Enrollment Conference on November 4-6, 2019

The Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lewis said she does normally go to MAST and then also she goes to Self-Governance during the year. Lewis said when this was presented to her she just thought she was doing her job and branching out and seeking more knowledge. Lewis said that is just part of her duty to fulfill and she is seeing it that way so she guess however this turns out in the vote will turn out. Lewis said she is okay with whichever way. Lewis said all right that is it.

Speaker Pete asked anybody else have a comment. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to listen to the constituents on this. Crampton said he thinks they should.....

Speaker Pete said he is sorry.

Councilor Crampton said.....postpone this. Crampton said he thought they should postpone both of them but.....couldn't they get the same thing from a webinar. Crampton said they have a Closed Enrollment Office.....a Closed Enrollment Office. Crampton said there is no enrollment. Crampton asked why are.....this is a heavy cost.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said it is an \$800 registration for both.

Speaker Pete asked is that.....he is sorry.

Councilor Crampton said that is his question can they get this.....this is information he believed.....they know he is going to sit down and watch the

webinar that is being suggested by their other members and write a report himself. Crampton said to see how much information is gained by that webinar and how much is actually gained from travel.

Councilor Guenthardt said good.

Speaker Pete said okay so it is Darleen Martin.

Darleen Martin asked was C.1 passed.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said yes, okay, the Ogema. Pete said sorry go ahead Sandy Lewis and apologized to her.

Councilor Lewis said okay just so Councilor Crampton knows they can make that motion. Lewis said he is allowed to do that if he would like to remove it that is fine. Lewis said she is good with the outcome but as a Tribal Councilor, she is just fulfilling her duties to seek more knowledge to share with the people and she is fine with whatever he wants to do.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to rebut since he was mentioned. Crampton said he didn't mention anybody in his comment but he was mentioned and he would like to rebut that. Crampton said he is not making this personal the suggestion was made by their membership....by their membership.....the suggestion was made by their membership. Crampton said that is what he would like to look at.

Councilor Lewis said that is fine.

Speaker Pete said okay so Larry Romanelli and then.....

Ogema Romanelli said he hoped they could keep this on target and on task on what this is really about. Romanelli said he supports these two people going to this conference. Romanelli said if they look last year Tribal Council overspent their Travel Budget by twofold 200% and then some he believed. Romanelli said the records can show that happened and now they are getting information about how they shouldn't be travelling from someone that went to a Retreat last week. Romanelli said a Retreat not a training a Retreat. Romanelli said he takes offense to some of these comments. Romanelli said they know the question on voting for themselves to go on travel is common practice here. Romanelli asked why now. Romanelli said he just doesn't understand why now they have issues.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said it is Jessica Steinberg and then it is them and then Nikki Nelson.

Recorder Di Piazza said Shannon Crampton had his hand up.

Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he was going to rebut that.....that lie.

Jessica Steinberg said just looking at Ordinance #06-100-02, 7.04 a, which talks about reconsidering. Steinberg said a motion to reconsider a motion that has been passed can be brought to the floor by a Council member during the meeting.

Speaker Pete said okay that is fine.

Israel Stone said from the audience that he just wanted clarification on the last ____ they did.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Israel Stone said on the Retreat what is that about.

Ogema Romanelli said ask Councilor Crampton.

Speaker Pete said just a moment so he is going to out of queue here go to there.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, yeah, since it is being focused on. Crampton said well he was going to give a briefing to the Council because of a lot of the information that was discussed. Crampton said he met with Mr. Chuck Schumer who is the Head of the Senate, Democratic Committee and Mr. Koontz.....Mr. Chris Koontz and he was instructed to meet with the top Strategist of the Democratic Party. Crampton said they sat down and had dinner with them and he discussed strategy that he was going to be briefing the Tribal Council on and it was accepted by them. Crampton said this isn't the first time that Little River has a major impact off of travel and it has been hidden because of the person who did it wasn't in favor with so many people. Crampton said there was a.....in 2008 there was a prospect of Little River actually sitting as the Head of the Native American Committee on Native American Affairs by President Obama. Crampton said this was before he was elected. Crampton said the person that went up to Washington, D.C. and set-up this can came back to their Tribe and told them about this opportunity which it was put aside and denied because the person

who brought it forward was him. Crampton said these are the things that are denied and put away.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton asked Ogema Romanelli so he thinks there was no value on that travel. Crampton said just like people who know their job and some people that don't.

Councilor Lonn said excuse her.

Speaker Pete said just a moment so he, he, he is there somebody here that he is missing.

Israel Stone said he did it first.

Speaker Pete asked Ogema Romanelli if he was deferring to.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is good.

Speaker Pete said he is good. Pete recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson said to answer their question. Nelson said she doesn't think that it is personal and the "*why now*" is because a member brought forth a valid more cost effective conference that perhaps they were unaware of when this happened. Nelson said this conference isn't until November that they want to attend so she guessed she doesn't understand why there is a big deal to postpone it and at least take the time to look at what this other member is suggesting. Nelson said it was her impression that is what a Councilor's job is is to listen to their membership and what they want. Nelson said their membership voiced a pretty clear opinion that was maybe there was a better way to do this and so she thinks that *is "why now."* Nelson said not that she doesn't think it has anything to do with personally she thinks that there has been another option put in front of them that doesn't happen very often. Nelson said they don't get to see everything they just get what they give them and they are just supposed to accept it but they were given another option so she thinks that is "*why now.*"

Ogema Romanelli thanked Nikki Nelson. Romanelli said he doesn't disagree with those options have been brought up before about webinars and there are times when those are useful so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes.

Michelle Lucas, Tribal #0129, said she is an employee of the Tribe and she is also on Personal Time so that she could attend this event today. Lucas said she does have to say as working for the Tribe she does work in the Travel Department and

when she started working from the Tribe as she was making these travel arrangements it kind of floored her she guessed on how much travel they did but over the years she has seen the results. Lucas said how it has changed people, how they are more likely to speak better than what she is doing, because she should do more travel than what she does. Lucas said rather than staying at her.....they don't make those connections as Mr. Council Member Crampton had stated when he went to the Retreat he was able to connect to people. Lucas said when they go on webinars they are not able to do that they don't have that opportunity so when they are out there and she can ____ she has seen a lot of Tribal members who have really risen.....

Someone had called Michelle Lucas' name and it wasn't clear who that person was.

Michelle Lucas said.....who have really risen to where they needed to be because they had those contacts that they didn't have before. Lucas said they had that extra education that they can't get in school that they need to be out in the field to get. Lucas said it is like Sandy Lewis said it is part of her job and she feels that as a Tribal member she wants her educa.....she wants her Tribal Council members to have those connections with D.C. with their local government with their enrollment heads whatever travel they are doing. Lucas thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Michelle Lucas. Pete said he is scanning to the best of his ability. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said well if he has exhausted the queue he will make a motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR SANDY LEWIS TO ATTEND
THE 25th ANNUAL TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CONFERENCE ON
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2019; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete said he is going to say one more time and asked is there any further discussion.

Julia Nickelson, Tribal #0384, said what she is thinking of is they should go to Traverse City that is more Michigan Indians there and they would get better ideas than going down to Louisiana. Nickelson said that is all different Tribes and each Tribe is run differently. Nickelson said they go out west she has been out west and all those Tribes. Nickelson said they are different and they don't run their Tribes like they do. Nickelson said so they would be getting more by going to Traverse City than they would going to Louisiana. Nickelson said that is all she has got to say and thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Julia Nickelson. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he knows it is getting tiresome. Crampton said it was brought up about making a motion to postpone or making a motion to reconsider and he doesn't believe that is other people's right to do. Crampton said he means it may be done in the past but personally, he doesn't think that is what he should be doing. Crampton said he will just vote yes or no if they are going to go on travel. Crampton said that is their responsibility.

Speaker Pete said okay anyone else. Pete said okay if there is no further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said Sandy Lewis will be travelling on November 4-6, 2019.

3. Approval for Gary Di Piazza to attend the 6th Annual National Joint Tribal Emergency Management Conference on August 19-20, 2019

The Conference will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is for the Emergency Readiness to.....they had some things in place when Glenn Zaring was here and Larry Gibson over at the Gaming Commission. Di Piazza said some of them things have went away. Di Piazza said he is going because if they need to put some things.....implemented into place they need to come from the Legislative side for implement.....to implement these things. Di Piazza said what this helps is if they have a disaster in the area on their Reservation or at Aki or anything like that the Ogema can call for Disaster Relief without going to the Governor or anybody else. Di Piazza said that would fall right on the Ogema's purvey to do that so.

Speaker Pete said so is there.....yes.

Councilor Crampton said he thought that they had already met with Bill Slinkas from FEMA that he had come here and they already signed the MOU and that they already had that in place. Crampton said he was pretty sure that they.....that's already been done.

Councilor Wittenberg said that is what he thought.

Councilor Guenthardt said he doesn't think so.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he was the one that brought Bill Slinkas here so he is pretty sure that has been done. Crampton said they are talking about the FEMA.

Councilor Guenthardt said correct.

Councilor Crampton said when Bill Slinkas came here.

Councilor Guenthardt said that was before he was here so.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Israel Stone started talking before he reached the podium and it could not be made out what he was saying.....one aspect of an Emergency Management however there are several other facets to it and requirements on their behalf. Stone said for instance at the Resort Melissa Alexander is in charge of their Emergency Management Command structure over there and they have to have things in place with Support Roles and Positions that they have to provide as the agency that is impacted and give that feedback to FEMA. Stone said there is actually several classes are 100-800 he believed that were all.....the people on the Emergency Management Team are trained on over there and he believed the government had a similar thing when Larry Gibson and those guys were here. Stone said he also believed they have also been working with Robert Medacco and other folks in the government to re-establish that. Stone said there are requirements and training is never a bad thing. Stone said he doesn't know if them guys notice it or not but they did have an emergency situation in Manistee County just a couple of days ago with flash flooding and a lot of damage that he thinks even occurred at the downtown bank building. Stone said they just caution they be careful as it relates to training....training that could impact grants potentially and dollars for disaster recovery and all those things. Stone said he thinks it is important and that it is an important travel. Stone said as he said often before he thinks the more educated them guys are the better equipped they are to lead their Tribe. Stone said so he thinks he can support it.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to check after the meeting but he is pretty sure that is in place. Crampton said he was out there with Aaron Payment and they went to the FEMA Building and met Bill Slinkas and had he come back here for like a three-hour tutorial on what they had to do and set-up. Crampton said he thought that was in place. Crampton said he is going to make sure and see if it is.

Speaker Pete said okay any other discussion. Pete said yes.

Councilor Champagne said excuse her she is just going to ask Gary Di Piazza to.....she had asked Gary Di Piazza on.....in regards to this training how he was going to be involved. Champagne said if she is not mistaken Mr. Recorder did he not tell her that who was in charge here before is no longer here for this program.

Recorder Di Piazza said well it's been taken over by some people yes from the casino but the main factor was.....not taken over.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, that's different. Crampton said this is different.

Recorder Di Piazza said Glenn Zaring was heading that up a lot of the Disaster Relief and the...that which he is no longer with them.

Councilor Guenthardt said Larry Gibson.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, Larry Gibson. Di Piazza said they said again.....

The audience asked Recorder Di Piazza to speak up because they couldn't hear him.

Recorder Di Piazza said again, he thinks it has value. Di Piazza said there again if his fellow Councilors believe he should stay here then vote it down.

Speaker Pete said okay Melissa Alexander.

Melissa Alexander, Tribal #2427, said good morning. Alexander said she almost said her Little River number over there. Alexander said so Brandy Martin has actually taken over as their Incident Commander for the Tribe over here. Alexander said they have been having meetings here every two months she believed with the Tribal ERT and she also has an ERT for the casino. Alexander said so they meet together and it's very good she believes that a Tribal member sit in on some of these things so they can see what is going on. Alexander said it is very.....people don't get very excited about Emergency Management.

Recorder Di Piazza said um-hum.

Melissa Alexander said so it is good to see people taking interest and she thinks it would be good for a Councilor to go to one of these meetings.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said seeing no further.....

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that he needs a motion.

Speaker Pete said.....hands up. Pete asked can he get a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR GARY DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND
THE 6th ANNUAL NATIONAL JOINT TRIBAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 19-20, 2019 IN
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said he will be travelling to this Emergency Management Conference.

Speaker Pete said okay second page. Pete said all right.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said the Operations Report and Financial Report is none submitted. Pete said he was sorry that was IV A.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2019 |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> No Meeting-June 2019 |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2019 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> No Meeting-June 2019 |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2019 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2019 |

Speaker Pete said the Binojeeuk Commission is June 2019, Enrollment Commission there was no meeting in June 2019, the Gaming Commission June 2019, the Health Commission there was no meeting in June 2019, Housing Commission was June 2019 and the Natural Resource Commission was June 2019. Pete asked is there any discussion on those reports. Pete said okay.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Elders Committee Minutes** ☐ **June 2019**
B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ **June 2019**

Speaker Pete said the Elders Committee Meeting Reports was accepted from June 2019 and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report is accepted for June 2019. Pete asked is there any discussion on those reports. Pete said yes.

Israel Stone said point of order, acceptance of reports there usually is a motion to accept those reports, are they not doing that anymore.

Recorder Di Piazza said no.

Speaker Pete said they do not.

Recorder Di Piazza said they are just accepting them unless there is an action in any of the committees or minutes.

Speaker Pete said yes. Pete said okay.

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due: May 2019

Reports received:

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| A. Financial Report | |
| March-May 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2019 |
| C. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Financial Reports none submitted, Enrollment Commission May 2019 accepted and the Health Commission is none submitted.

- D. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Indian Community Development Block Grant Food Distribution Center and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$700,000**

The Tribe has received a new grant award. This agenda item was postponed from the 7/10/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete recognized on Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said again as he mentioned in Agenda Review on Monday back in June they received an award notice from HUD for this Indian Community Block Grant to fund the Food Distribution Warehouse. Willis said the problem was the original document only stated that they were going to receive \$253,000 they knew

that was incorrect so they contacted HUD. Willis said this was originally on the agenda for July 10th he believed it was he requested that it be postponed. Willis said to make a long story short they sent them a revised award document. Willis said the problem was that the revised award document said instead of \$700,000 it said \$7 million and so they knew that was wrong so they sent it back to them. Willis said they finally got the corrected document and that is what is before Council. Willis said they need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked does he have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0724-191;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-
INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(ICDBG) FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-40 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$700,000; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0724-191 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

E. Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault, Molestations and Sexual Harassment

In my research I have found a number of policies and ordinances that we have in place. They do not have any consequences if someone violates them. This would put some teeth in what is already out there. This agenda item was postponed for a work session from the 7/10/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete noted this Item E. has been removed.

VIII. New Business

A. Adoption of Housing Commission Regulations Chapter 8-Hearings

Tribal Council held a final work session on June 24, 2019 on the adoption of the Housing Regulation Chapter 8-Hearings. The Housing Commission identified a need for a regulation that sets forth how Housing Commission Hearings are conducted.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney represented this agenda item. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said her greeting in Anishinaabemowin. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said so this is.....they had their final work session on June 24, 2019 on adoption of the Housing Regulation Chapter 8-Hearings. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said this is on behalf of the Housing Commission they would like to have a regulation in place to run their hearings. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said this for the commission's benefit and for their Tribal members so they know what to expect should they request to have a hearing.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said with that being said if there is no further discussion he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0724-192;
APPROVING THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE HOUSING
COMMISSION REGULATION CHAPTER 8-HEARINGS;** by Di
Piazza; supported by Corey.

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

Recorder Di Piazza said is anybody going to abstain.

Speaker Pete apologized. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0724-192 is passed.

B. Adoption of changes to Housing Commission Regulations Chapter 7- Maintenance and Modernization Regulations for Low Income Elder and Tribally Owned Rental Homes

Tribal Council held a final work session on June 24, 2019 on the following proposed amendments: changing the notice requirement for landscaping changes, added language regarding routine maintenance done the maintenance workers for qualifying residents, fixed formatting, grammatical errors and typos. This item was removed from the 7/17/19 Agenda during Agenda Review, Monday, 7/15/19 for a work session.

Speaker Pete said okay they are removing Item B.

C. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2019

Cancellation of the Saturday, August 3, 2019 and Wednesday, September 4, 2019 Meetings and adding Saturday, September 7, 2019 to the schedule.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is a housekeeping item. Di Piazza said their meetings need to be set or cancelled by resolution. Di Piazza said Saturday, June 3rd Meeting is cancelled because of the Budget Hearing, a little conflict with that. Di Piazza said the other dates are some conflicts other than that it just more of a housekeeping item.

Speaker Pete asked is there anyone with support.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he didn't make a motion.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry. Pete said okay is there anyone to.....prepared to make a motion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said if there is no questions, he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0724-193;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019 AND
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AND ADDING SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING; by Di Piazza;
supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-0724-193 has been approved, the meetings have been amended.

D. Resolution for Intent of Removal of Ron Pete Tribal Council Member 9-County

Tribal Council is authorized under Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance, Article X-Removal Meeting Procedures to start the process of removal of a Tribal Council Member for gross misconduct of malfeasance in Office.

Speaker Pete said with Item D. he has stated already in Agenda Review that he is going to let the Council decide. Pete said he can't decide or cannot vote. Pete said so in the meantime he is going to be in there until the Recorder comes to get him, okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will have Grace Hendler come get him.

Speaker Pete said he will tell Grace Hendler, okay, and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

With the absence of Speaker Pete, Recorder Di Piazza, will take over as Acting Speaker.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said hold on a second. Di Piazza said all right with that being said move onto Item D. Di Piazza said hold it. Di Piazza said please hand him that scratch pad please, he is going to need it. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just a point of order he has been through several of these and he is not sure they are proceeding following this correctly. Crampton said he doesn't know if the Speaker.....if they are following the Meeting Procedures Ordinance correctly. Crampton said he don't believe that was in accordance and he don't know if this would stymie anything moving forward on this being votes or anything else. Crampton said just putting it out there.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he guessed he will try to answer that one. Di Piazza said since it is pertaining to Mr. Pete and Mr. Pete's the Speaker....it's going to be.....pardon.

The audience said to Acting Speaker Di Piazza to speak up because they cannot hear him.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said oh, he needs to turn his up. Di Piazza said he tried that it still don't.....

Councilor Crampton said put it in his mouth ____.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Shannon Crampton for that.

Councilor Crampton said seriously put it right here.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, whatever. Di Piazza said anyways since this is pertaining to Mr. Pete and he is the Speaker he technically can't proceed over this. Di Piazza asked how is he going to perform his function when it is against him. Di Piazza said he don't believe there.....he don't believe there is anything in the Procedures Ordinance that states that he can't leave the room. Di Piazza said as far as he know they are going to proceed this way. Di Piazza said with that being said.....

Councilor Crampton said what he would ask is a personal opinion does he have some foundation on policy.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said nothing in front of him at this minute other than....

Councilor Lonn said Speaker Di Piazza they have a person that would like to speak.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said so this becomes problematic only from the standpoint that as Tribal Council members they need to understand what the rules are. Stone said there is a Quorum Requirement established by the Constitution. Stone said as long as that quorum requirement is met it doesn't matter who is sitting at that table. Stone said the item is on the agenda; those guys have met the quorum requirement, and is he correct in saying that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Israel Stone said so it would be no different if he step out on the item to use the restroom. Stone said it doesn't mean the business of the meeting stops it means that as long as they maintain the quorum in the room the items continue to move forward and that is not being condescending to them guys but he believed that is the way he understands it to be is that once there is a quorum established the meeting proceeds and until that quorum is broken they continue on with business. Stone said so if four people left, yeah, he would say they lost their quorum and can no longer conduct business. Stone said one person leaving he doesn't believe impacts that.

Acting Recorder Lonn said Mr. Riley.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said ah.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she was sorry.

Joe Riley said the only thing that he seeing may be potentially missing is the Pro Temp Procedures for the Recorder.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Israel Stone said yes, the Speaker falls to the Recorder, correct.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said correct.

Israel Stone said so he would agree with Joe Riley they didn't vote as to who the Temporary Recorder is. Stone said he is not a lawyer so he can't say.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Al Metzger.

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said per the Constitution Council's Officers Duty....Duties. Metzger said okay the Speaker at a Council shall preside at all meetings of the Tribal Council and that is Section 5 a.1. Metzger said Section 5 b.4 perform the duties of the Speaker, okay this goes to the Recorder, Section b, perform the duties of the Speaker if the Speaker is absent or unable to fulfill those duties. Metzger said it clearly falls on the Recorder's hands per the Constitution.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is absent. Di Piazza said if they would like....he knows the last.....he doesn't mean to butt in.....the last meeting when they didn't have a Recorder they did not perform a Pro Temp at that time other than whoever wanted to volunteer to do it so. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is willing to move forward he is just making.....voicing his opinion at this time and saying that he doesn't believe this is in accordance but let's keep going.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, he doesn't want to be brought up on some removal charge for mis.....mis.....ah, yeah.

Councilor Crampton said that is just him thinking stuff.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said anyway.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked so what do they do.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they moving on with the item. Di Piazza said if anybody else wanted to be Recorder he has asked numerous times and people are missing and nobody really wanted to step up.....other.....no, no, no, not him. Di Piazza said no, no. Di Piazza asked anyways, the item is open for discussion. Di Piazza recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said so he has been trying out this new thing where he would be nice to people so he is going to try and do this in a very polite way. Stone said first and foremost he comes before them guys with the upmost dignity and respect. Stone said he doesn't mean to disrespect them in any of the comments he is making. Stone said a lot of the stuff he is going to say is for illustrative purposes to prove a point and not to demean anybody but that being said. Stone asked how many of them sitting up there swore to uphold the Constitution of the Tribe when they took their Oath of Office, please raise their hand. Stone said six of them.....seven of them.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he didn't do it.

Israel Stone asked Shannon Crampton he didn't do an oath. Stone said he did an oath, right, everybody did an oath right.

Councilor Crampton said that is on video.

Israel Stone said they swore to uphold the Constitution of the Tribe. Stone said where he is finding issue with this is in the fact that how do they uphold something that they are not aware of what it contains. Stone said he intentionally raised a point of order earlier on the approval of the agenda to prove a point. Stone said the point is right now he is holding.....he loves them guys.....but he holding them all in Malfeasance of Office for violating the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians because earlier when he asked them on that motion where his opportunity was to speak if he got an opportunity and how they were going to address it. Stone said if they go to their Tribal Constitution and they go to Rules of the Tribal Council; *E - Rules of Tribal Council, the Tribal Council shall determine its own rules of proceedings for meetings of the Tribal Council subject to any limitations imposed by this Constitution.* Stone said such rules and procedures shall provide.....shall provide an opportunity for the general membership to be heard on any question under consideration by the Tribal Council.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Israel Stone said it is written right here in the Constitution. Stone said the Constitution is the law of the land there is no motion, resolution or ordinance that them guys can pass that overrides the Constitution of the Tribe. Stone said further he has issues with this particular item because they also violated the Constitution

a second way under D – Open Meetings and Closed Sessions, all meetings of the Tribal Council shall be open to the General Membership however the Council may meet in Closed Session for the following purposes, personnel matters is the first one. Stone said he would argue that this very item because a Tribal citizen has to waive their right and allow personnel matters to be handled in an open meeting. Stone said he would argue that the item that was approved for the agenda that is being placed on the agenda the affidavit, the supporting documents that with that agenda item violate an employee's rights to confidentiality. Stone said the Tribe and the Casino have an obligation to protect not only the people in this government offices but also the team members that work across the road at Little River Casino Resort. Stone said the only way this information was derived for this agenda item was because of one person's alleged personal knowledge of circumstances that occurred while she held an Officer's Position under their Directors and Officers Insurance at Little River Casino Resort. Stone said he would argue this is an even more troubling road if they continue to go down this path because this team member that has left the room who is the Speaker now cannot legally defend himself in a public setting against the allegations that were made against him. Stone said if he does he is violating somebody's rights to confidentiality be it his own or another team member. Stone said the other issue that he has with this item is this all politics aside, Constitution aside, but just being human beings vengeance doesn't belong to them.....vengeance doesn't belong to them.

A member from the audience said what about protection.

Israel Stone said she will have her turn respectfully.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has the floor right now.

Israel Stone said he has the floor. Stone said none of the issues that are alleged in this compliant.....

Councilor Crampton asked Acting Speaker Di Piazza what is the time.

Israel Stone said he says alleged because there has been no adjudication on this matter. Stone asked where is his right to due process, where is his right to be heard in front of his peers, in front of a court with jurisprudence and the court processes taking place derived under their Constitution. Stone said where is his rights. Stone said he can come into this very meeting today and say....sorry he is going to use Dave Corey.....sorry his five minutes is up.

Sandy Mezeske said he can have hers.

Someone in the audience said she can't do that.

Councilor Crampton said they can't give them to somebody else.

Sandy Mezeske said according to whose rules.

Councilor Crampton asked Acting Speaker Di Piazza if he was going to enforce the rules.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it states.....the rules state the.....

Councilor Crampton said that they can't give their time to anybody else.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it doesn't state that anyplace other than in a removal.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Israel Stone said he would argue that the Constitution says he has a right to be heard about all matters before Tribal Council and it doesn't say as long as he can fit them in five minutes. Stone said he doesn't see that line anywhere in there and if somebody could point, it out he would be glad to see it because it doesn't matter what their Meeting Procedures Ordinance says they can't write an ordinance that supersedes and violates the Constitution of the Tribe. Stone said this is his Constitution.

Councilor Crampton said he is past his five minutes in the queue.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said under their Procedures follow-up discussion but that is after.....it is stated that they have five minutes but it doesn't state it can be.....people can't give their five minutes up. Di Piazza said the only place that is in the actual Removal Hearing itself.

Councilor Crampton said then he would ask who is in the queue to give him the five minutes.

Israel Stone asked the audience who is going to give him five minutes, please.

Councilor Crampton said he was in the queue next.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal #0018, said Israel Stone has her five minutes.

Councilor Crampton said she can have that queue after his.....he is done.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said well.....

Councilor Crampton said what.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well he is sorry.....

Councilor Crampton said to Acting Speaker Di Piazza after him.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said.....he did have his hand up before she gave up the minutes so.....

Israel Stone said he had the floor before he had his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said his five minutes.....

Israel Stone said is it the chicken or the egg....the Constitution says he has the right to be heard on all matters before Tribal Council it doesn't say within five minutes. Stone said he is invoking his right as a Tribal citizen, his Constitutional right, to be heard on all matters and if Tribal Council is denying his right to do so then he will take the actions necessary with Tribal Courts to say they are violating his rights as a citizen of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Councilor Crampton said to Acting Speaker Di Piazza that he is leading the meeting.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup, that's right. Di Piazza said he will allow it. Di Piazza said he has all kinds of hands.

Israel Stone said so.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said continue.

Israel Stone said so okay and thanked them. Stone said they know he will defer to.....he will let her say what she has to say.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said oh.

A Tribal member said she is not giving him her five minutes.

Israel Stone said so going back to where he was.....he won't use any names but going down this road that they are going down, it is very dangerous, anybody can throw an accusation out there against somebody. Stone reiterated anybody can throw an accusation out there. Stone said an allegation that is unfounded or unapproved. Stone said at any time that could be grounds for any of them guys to go through the same process. Stone said he has an issue with any citizen of this Tribe being denied due process. Stone said he has an issue denied their ability to defend themselves. Stone said now he knows two individuals that are on that side of the table that signed Confidentiality Agreements in the Employee Manual for the Resort. Stone said one has left the room and one is sitting at this end of the table. Stone said that individual that has left the room cannot by that Confidentiality Agreement that he signed violate it without being personally liable

for disclosing information about employment matters. Stone said he would argue the person at this end of the table cannot do that also. Stone said to Cindy Champagne they cannot be an Officer of an organization and after they leave that organization disclose any closed session information or confidential information they want to disclose and he is not taking shots at her. Stone said he is just saying maybe there is a better way to handle this and maybe that is for them guys to go through their internal process. Stone said he has never seen allegations presented in a Removal Hearing when the agenda item was presented to the Council's agenda. Stone said that has never been the practice or the case. Stone said they always would have a separate meeting aside to discuss the allegations and the motion to have the hearing itself would be brought out and resolution to move forward with the proceedings. Stone said here is where this becomes problematic if they are on social media this man's name has been smeared and run through the mud. Stone said the damage has already been done. Stone said he cannot defend himself on those allegations, he didn't have the opportunity to defend himself, because a) he signed about his confidentiality, b) he just had a significant health issue which he won't disclose because that is up to him to disclose. Stone said vengeance is not theirs. Stone said it is not their responsibility to sit in judgement and decide who they think did something and who they think didn't do something. Stone said if somebody has done something wrong there is a process for that to happen, reports can be made, and those can be filed with the Tribal Court. Stone said he would also say this if what is being alleged in this meeting and in this affidavit are factual where was the HR Department when this supposedly happened. Stone said if it was so egregious where was the responsible parties at that time to bring him forward at that time. Stone said they wait until ten years later.

Someone from the audience said it wasn't ten years.

Israel Stone said whatever it is it is not a year, it is not a day, it is multiple years. Stone said he will end by saying this to him when he sees his Elders attacking their Elders that tells him what the health of their Tribe is. Stone said that tells him where they stand and as a young person in this Tribe he is sorry like it or not to him that doesn't encourage him that they are going in the right direction. Stone said he is sorry so he will stop there for now and he promises them he will be back because he still has like 25 more minutes so he will let the record show.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said first of all he needs to give a point of order he wants to put on the record that he believe that the Speaker is violating the Meeting Procedures Ordinance. Crampton said he doesn't think that there is very much respect being shown to an Elder quite here today. Crampton said he is ashamed that nobody has voiced that opinion. Crampton said he is going to do it right now. Crampton thanked them.

Israel Stone asked from the audience if he could have his next five minutes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, he can put him back on the list.

Councilor Crampton said he might as let him go now because damage is done.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, no. Di Piazza said Lee Ivinson.

Lee Ivinson, Tribal #0099, said she defers and gives her five minutes to Israel Stone.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Israel Stone.

Councilor Crampton asked Acting Speaker Di Piazza that he is going to allow it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Israel Stone said he would like Tribal Council to.....

Someone from the audience was talking and it wasn't clear what they were saying.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon. Di Piazza said Call to Order. Di Piazza said no side.....if they would.....no side bar in the audience. Di Piazza said if they have.....please raise their hand and they will be identified to come to the podium. Di Piazza said he knows this is going to be.....this isn't going to be a fun one. Di Piazza said he is going to call for.....if it gets out of hand he will ask them to sit down or he will ask them to leave or they will have them actually removed. Di Piazza said so just letting them know ahead of time because anyways.....Israel Stone has the floor. Di Piazza asked did they want to speak.

Israel Stone said he would like to.....did somebody want to speak.

Someone said yes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said that is fine he has them in the queue.

Israel Stone said they have them in the queue.

Someone from the audience was still talking.

Israel Stone said he would say.....they know what the sup.....the allegedly, disrespect towards Ms. Champagne was pointed out. Stone asked what about the disrespect towards Ron Pete. Stone said that has been ongoing and continuous, who is an Elder. Stone said they know it is easy to play politics up there and point the finger at citizens. Stone said he didn't bring this action forward and he is only doing his obligation and his responsibilities as a citizen to respond to what

is going on in the Tribe. Stone said he wants Council to answer to the malfeasance while in office for violating the Constitution, every one of them. Stone said he wants that response at some point because it is there.

Councilor Crampton said he knows...he knows.

Israel Stone now that being said.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said wait a minute.....he has him.

Israel Stone said they all have an obligation whether they are elected to sit where they are sitting or not to take a stand on the issues they believe are important, significant, to the Tribe. Stone said he once sat where they sat. Stone said he went through these procedures. Stone said there is a proper way to go through them and there is an improper way and he would argue that that process wasn't followed properly. Stone said regardless of where this item goes now whether it gets voted up or whether it gets voted down the damage has already been done to somebody's character and credibility because they don't have the right to defend themselves. Stone said they don't have the ability to defend themselves without putting themselves at risk of being in jeopardy of personal suit, putting the Resort at risk of being sued furthermore he would say this Tribal Council Members posting that stuff on social media and belating that this stays within those pages and within their community he can promise them it does not. Stone said what does that say about their Nation, what does that say to the people outside of their Nation looking in and looking on at the Muskegon Project. Stone said at other things they have going on in the Tribe. Stone asked what does that say about them. Stone said that they don't have the confidentiality within them to talk about private issues privately in the proper way that it should have happened. Stone said that they go out and spread this stuff in the community. Stone said they know there is a lot of people here that are part of the lynch mob, they got their clubs out, their pitchforks and their torches. Stone said he gets that but what he can tell them is this it is not fair to Ron Pete who is an Elder of this Tribe who has served this Tribe for a number of years to have something like this brought forward and not even have the ability to say what the truth is or defend himself without putting himself at risk of violating confidentiality. Stone said there are a lot of things in this Affidavit that are lies. Stone said he won't tell them which ones they are because he is not going to violate confidentiality himself being an Officer of the Resort but there are some mistruths and flat out lies in there. Stone said it angers him that he can't stand up there at the podium before them and tell them what they are. Stone said them guys should do the due diligence to find out what they are on their own. Stone said what happens with stuff like this is people run with it. Stone said they give them a little bit and they take it and by the time, that story gets out the front door of this building it is ten times bigger. Stone said by the time it gets to the road it is 100 times bigger. Stone said before the know it this man who has served the Tribe for a number of years and, and, and suffered a health consequence at the hands of the Tribe. Stone said they don't even care

enough to give him breathing room to recover from the last circumstances he went through without piling on and try to drive him to the grave. Stone said Shannon Crampton may say he is disrespectful but he is sorry that is disrespectful. Stone said he served with that man for a number of years and he will tell them this he is one of the most kind hearted, appreciative, and caring people that they will ever meet in their life. Stone said he seen him give Tribal members money out of his own pocket to go renew their Gaming License when it expired. Stone said he seen him put food on the tables of Tribal citizens when they didn't have any. Stone said this is a witch-hunt and it is ridiculous and it is sad. Stone said they can stare at him all they want he doesn't care, it's sad. Stone reiterated its sad. Stone said they know this is the way it works they bring something like this forward and they get their 15 people in the room who supports their initiative and that is who they rely on to drive it forward. Stone said but when people come here speaking common sense and truth, they don't like to hear it.

The audience applauded Israel Stone.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Jessica Steinberg. Di Piazza said the ones he has in the queue are Jessica Steinberg, Janine Sam, he put himself in the queue, Joe Riley, Miss Reeds, Susan Thull, Judy....

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, thanked Acting Speaker Di Piazza. Steinberg thanked Israel Stone for the filibuster. Steinberg said she came here today because of this item frankly. Steinberg said she knows she could fill a five from time to time and she has broad shoulders and large body so she can handle it. Steinberg said there are a couple of considerations that she presents as a citizen but also as a person that served in their seats, a person that served as a member of the employment staff here and across the road. Steinberg said the first thing is she has yet to hear what this item pertains to other than the title on the agenda. Steinberg said she does believe that there is due process and she will refer back to the Constitution. Steinberg said there is due process for the Removal of an Elected Official and this initiates that process in other words that Elected Official gets due process. Steinberg said they have an opportunity to refute the charges but it has to begin with the initiation of the process and that all has to be voted on by them all. Steinberg said she was very disappointed that the Speaker left the room and the reason she was disappointed that the Speaker left the room is because she believe that innocence presents itself when they stand before their charge. Steinberg said she thinks that that is important, integrity in office is important. Steinberg said she would rather he were in here because there are people that support Mr. Pete and there are people that support the opposing view but mostly folks like her support the rights of the Constitution that governs her and the process. Steinberg said what she would like to say is she would like to know what the resolutions, allegations state, and she would like the Councilor that brought it forward to read that for the record. Steinberg said she would like the Council to take an action based on their own Meeting Procedures as to whether or not they should move forward and she would like for the individual that is

actually being.....she guessed for lack of a better word identified in this process to sit in front of everyone and hear those concerns and understand what they are being for lack of a better word charged with or considered or put up for consideration of removal because she doesn't know. Steinberg said she made a comment on social media. Steinberg said her comment was Constitutionally based. Steinberg said everything she brings to this podium is Constitutionally based. Steinberg said it is either from there or from the Procedures so please Mr. Speaker would he ask the Councilor to read the resolution and their concerns.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said his apologies for missing that to begin with. Di Piazza said he knows most times when somebody is bringing something forward, they speak right up, his apologies, he will divert the floor to Cindy Champagne to explain who, what and where.

Councilor Champagne said she brought this resolution forward not like people are accusing her of doing it for political or personal reasons. Champagne said is not doing it for political or personal reasons. Champagne said the reason she brought it forward is she stood in front of the membership and swore an oath to uphold the Constitution. Champagne said and she brought the resolution forward for this Sexual Assault and in there she made the comment that if they have any gain by this that they should abstain and not vote. Champagne said it wasn't her doing that Mr. Pete did not abstain and that he voted on the resolution. Champagne said so she had no.....in her mind she had no choice but to bring the Removal Resolution forward under the Constitution it says that if the Tribal member or Tribal Councilor she is sorry votes on something that would benefit them that is grounds for removal. Champagne said that is why she brought it forward. Champagne said she has been accused of violating her Confidentiality Statement. Champagne asked how long does a Confidentiality Statement hold. Champagne said her legal adviser does not believe that it is forever and what outweighs.....outweighs this does in enterprises Confidentiality outweigh the Tribal Constitution. Champagne said she asked herself this question many times and her opinion was the Constitution is the Law of the Land so it would outweigh any of the enterprises ordinance or she is sorry Confidentiality Statement. Champagne said she did not step into this blindly and this was not an easy thing for her to do but she felt as an Elected Official she did have to serve her membership and do what the Constitution said. Champagne said she will read what she put in there. Champagne read:

1. *In accordance with Tribal Council Procedure Ordinance, Article X, Section 10.03(a) Content of Resolution and Article X Section 3 of the Constitution, this resolution shall serve as official resolution seeking removal of Tribal Council Member Ron Pete for gross misconduct and/or malfeasance in office and serve as written notice of Tribal Council's intent to vote to remove;*
2. *Upon approval of this resolution, a Special Meeting for Public Hearing which shall be an open Tribal Council Meeting shall be held at Tribal Council Room located at 2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI*

49660 and shall occur on the tenth (10) day post approval of this resolution at nine a.m. eastern standard time (9 a.m. EST);

3. *In accordance with Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance Article X, Section 10.03(b) the "separate document" herein referred to as Removal Supporting Documents, is attached listing the date and place of the conduct, incident, action, relevant documents, names of witnesses, and action requesting subpoena of witnesses and relevant documents;*
4. *In accordance with Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance Article X, Section 10.03(c) Content Notice shall be the cover letter for the resolution, and shall identify the time and date of presentation to the Elected Official;*
5. *Tribal Council approves legislative subpoenas for all documents and witnesses in "Removal Supporting Documents" attachment.*

Champagne said she would like to just close by saying this was not easy for her to bring forward but she didn't feel she had a choice. Champagne thanked them.

The audience applauded Cindy Champagne. A Tribal member started talking from the audience and what she was saying was not made out clearly on the tape recording.

Nancy Morehead, Tribal #3907, said she would like to request a bump into the queue because she has direct knowledge of importance to this resolution and she is willing to give up her anonymity to help this body move forward in their decisions today. Morehead said before she starts she wants them all to know that she believes this Tribe and its representatives, them all, should be taking care of their women. Morehead said they should be taking care of the four times the general population of women that are attacked sexually and abusively by men and others. Morehead said that is well known and that is documented four times. Morehead asked how are they protecting their women. Morehead said she has seen little evidence of change from the Ogema or from this Tribal Council to combat this problem, its endemic. Morehead said okay she knows they will make their arguments later but please don't interrupt. Morehead said she is trying to make a case. Morehead said she had direct knowledge about the allegations because she filed a Police Complaint against this person that left the room. Morehead said she also talked to the Ogema and she talked to a sworn Officer of this Tribe.....Police who told her that others had filed complaints against this person so there they have the basic facts and they can protect themselves as they will but remember that their job is the Tribe and its Tribal members.

The audience was applauding this person.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has Janine Sam next in the queue. Di Piazza said he doesn't know if Larry Romanelli wanted to respond to that.

Ogema Romanelli said he would like to respond but he'll.....

A member in the audience was calling out comments to the Ogema.

Councilor Crampton said wait he would like to be given the same opportunity. Crampton said he is sitting here in the queue and things have been said and he has not been given the opportunity.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said but he had already spoken.

Councilor Crampton said just keep going, keep going.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said he is sure he will have him up for removal too so.

Someone from the audience was still yelling out comments.

Janine Sam said Mr. Speaker.....Mr. Speaker.....Mr. Speaker. Sam said just a point of clarification they know the Ogema should speak first, members of Council should speak and he can recognize her after they all are done. Sam said she is fine with that. Sam thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said she is still next in the queue. Di Piazza recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he just wanted to defend those comments by the Tribal member Nancy Morehead. Romanelli said he doesn't know if she wants to bring what she filed out in the open.

Nancy Morehead said no, it is not necessary, from the audience.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he can tell her and assure her that the Ogema did not do nothing. Romanelli said the Ogema did respond, the Ogema did file or follow-up with the report, the Ogema did involve the appropriate people. Romanelli said to Nancy Morehead if she wants to they can bring that out if she would like. Romanelli said he is willing to do so if she is but let's leave it at that. Romanelli said he has already been accused.....go ahead.

Nancy Morehead asked Ogema Romanelli how are they changing because.....

Ogema Romanelli said they are changing.....

Nancy Morehead interrupted and asked how are they preventing this are they doing something different.

Ogema Romanelli said because part of the issue is that are incorrect statements being made and have been made, continually. Romanelli said when this Councilor brought this forward about Sexual Assaults, etc. she made two very incorrect statements that nothing was done by the Executive Office and nothing was done to the employee, the offending employees on an issue that she has.

Romanelli said she said that was a family member, again, they talk about Conflict of Interest if she is bringing it before them and saying she has family members that were victims is that not a Conflict of Interest. Romanelli said he says it is, very much so. Romanelli said he also says that those incorrect statements he doesn't know how long they were out there but the incident that she talked about were years ago and for her to be stating on the record that the Ogema or the Executive Branch did nothing is incorrect. Romanelli said it is also incorrect that nothing happened to the employees with that referenced issue. Romanelli said to Nancy Morehead with her issue he takes offense to saying that nothing has changed. Romanelli said a lot has changed. Romanelli said he also takes offense that it appears that the Ogema did nothing. Romanelli said the Ogema did everything that he should do. Romanelli said there was follow-through, follow-up and an end to it. Romanelli said now whether she liked the results or not his apologies.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Janine Sam. Di Piazza said to Cindy Champagne that he will put her back in the queue.

Councilor Champagne said she just wanted to respond to Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Crampton said yes she was addressed.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right, go ahead. Di Piazza said oh.....

Janine Sam, Tribal #0150, said one of the points she wants to make is that in the past the Elected Officials always spoke first and debated first on the floor. Sam said Public Comment was then opened.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Janine Sam said after the Public Officials made their discretionary comments so she would like to for this purpose and everybody is getting out of control this is not her five minutes but a point of order. Sam said she wants them to go back to that process, the Elected Officials have to have their say and they have to be able to respond to each other without people jumping in from....from the floor. Sam thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said her response to Mr. Romanelli would be that he asked her to rescind her statements that she made during Council Meeting. Champagne said he also stated that he was going to show her a copy that proved that her statements were incorrect. Champagne said that never came forward but she did in the next Council Member Meeting say that she rescinded her statements if they were incorrect she apologized for that so him bringing this up again is just going on and on about the same thing. Champagne said she is sorry and thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, they are probably going to have to take a recess. Di Piazza asked are they all set.

Ogema Romanelli said he is set.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well again he would like to go back to what member Jessica Burger has stated. Crampton said this is just to start the process to hear what the allegations are and to get it moving towards the hearing. Crampton said it might surprise them but some of them also do know that since Mr. Pete just come on they have been helping him a lot with these procedures. Crampton said he has come to his office and he has sat in his office. Crampton said he came in today not.....he had members calling him telling him to vote one way and he told them he was going to keep an open mind. Crampton said what he heard here today is a need for a hearing just to move forward. Crampton said this not his removal today and this is just to make a hearing. Crampton said he heard a member state her issue so it seems to be that there is an issue to be heard. Crampton said so if they wanted to cover that up that is.....he thinks that is more of a violation than anything else but again that is his opinion. Crampton said he would like to remind members before they start going and spotting off that this is unconstitutional. Crampton said there is one body that determines that that is the Judicial. Crampton said if they feel that way file something with Judicial. Crampton said they do not make the determination what is constitutional and what is not.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza was heard in the background saying they need a motion someone needs to make the motion.....

Councilor Crampton said he is good.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Janine Sam then Judy Nickelsen, Joe Riley is next then Judy Nickelsen and Susan Thull. Di Piazza said then Diane Lonn.

Janine Sam thanked Acting Speaker Di Piazza. Sam said one of the things that she want to bring forward is that this isn't about Mr. Pete even though he is the subject of the action. Sam said the issue is whether or not there was a violation of the Constitution under a Conflict of Interest provision. Sam said it could be the travel they all just voted on, it could be somebody purchasing a car for a department then using as their personal business, they are making it emotionally charged because of who is involved and what the subject matter is. Sam said she is going to ask the Council to step back from that because the Legislation that was presented she hasn't seen a copy of she doesn't know what it says and she doesn't know how far back they were going to go to release allegations or what was involved there. Sam said so getting back to the issue at hand was there a Conflict of Interest. Sam said back when she was on Council they had to declare it. Sam

said the Constitution is clear that individual Council members is responsible for declaring their own conflict and then the Council has to vote whether the conflict exists. Sam said she was in a Removal Hearing when Lee Sprague was being removed and she declared a conflict and the Council voted that she didn't have one which really made her mad but she abstained anyhow because she knew the conflict was real. Sam said people were trying to force her to vote. Sam said the bottom line is is there an issue that they have to have a hearing from and what is the issue about. Sam asked is it about what he has allegedly done or is it about that he had knowledge and should not have voted. Sam said don't confuse those issues. Sam said that is what she sees is going on here. Sam said the issues are pretty black and white if they get down to a Conflict of Interest, it exists or it doesn't. Sam said that is the truth of it. Sam said so what she is going to ask is that they be respectful because she does agree with what Israel Stone is saying about ruining people's reputations. Sam said she has been victimized there herself but she also knows as a public official they have no recourse. Sam said as a public official they have very little grounds for slander and liable. Sam said ask Shannon Crampton how she found that out.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Janine Sam said so just keep that in mind. Sam reiterated as a public official people can say almost any dang thing they want to about them and it don't have to be true. Sam said that is what they signed up for. Sam said she is not saying it is right she wished it wasn't that way but it is. Sam said legislative privilege is another issue. Sam said Legislators can go up there, Diane Lonn could open up whatever she wanted to about her right now and say all the horrible things she wanted to and she would have no recourse because it is a legislative privilege that is happening in an open debate.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she wouldn't do that.

Janine Sam said she knows she is just using.....it is an example though. Sam said understanding these points of law and how they apply here in the government is important. Sam said she hopes they are all reading. Sam said she encourage every single one of them to research the Conflicts of Interest that had been already disclosed, how the Council handled them, what conditions they were under so that they have a foundation to even address this issue if it goes to a hearing. Sam said it is not about people it is about process. Sam thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Joe Riley. Di Piazza said Joe Riley is next in the queue. Di Piazza said they are running on noon, lunch.....

Someone from the audience made a comment to Acting Speaker Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she is on there.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, she is on the list.

Councilor Wittenberg said she said that she was ahead of Joe Riley.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked what was that.

Councilor Wittenberg said she said that she was ahead of Joe Riley.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will put them down.

Joe Riley said all right from his knowledge the resolution that is being voted on has it's specifically to do with a Conflict of Interest. Riley asked is that not correct.....

Councilor Champagne said yes.

Joe Riley said.....voting on the Conflict of Interest. Riley said just to make sure everybody is on the same page here the Constitution what it says on a Conflict of Interest is carrying out the duties of Tribal Office no Tribal Office no Tribal Official elected or appointed shall make or participate in making decisions which involved balancing a personal financial interest. Riley said other than interest held in common by all Tribal members against the interest of the Tribe. Riley said he guessed he is just unclear on where the financial interest is here. Riley said this man is retired and has said multiple times he has no intent to ever run for office again so where is the financial interest.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said um.....

Joe Riley made a comment from the audience and it was clear on what he was saying regarding the time he had left to speak.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Cindy Champagne. Di Piazza said he recognizes Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said Mr. Pete has not retired he is still sitting up here at the Council.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he thinks he was referring to employment. Di Piazza recognized Judy Nickelsen. Di Piazza said then after Judy Nickelsen, they will take a.....

Councilor Wittenberg said lunch.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they will take a recess it is 12. Di Piazza reiterated that after Judy Nickelson they will be taking a recess for lunch until well, they will see what time they get done here.

Julia Nickelsen, Tribal #0384, said what she is thinking of is they shouldn't be at their meeting like this, they shouldn't be getting their five minutes to somebody else, if they can't talk then don't put their hand up. Nickelsen said it is for that they are saying somebody been molested, yes, it has happened at their casino. Nickelsen said her son was wearing a Little River t-shirt in Ludington and this girl came up and she says they know ____; she named they know who. Nickelsen said she said.....he said why didn't she press charges she said no she quit but he gave her severance pay if she shut her mouth. Nickelsen said now is that any way for their Tribe.....to run their Tribe, no. Nickelsen said so she thinks they should start seeing where the severance pay is going out to people that is not working there anymore but they got it. Nickelsen said these are young girls and they have to live with that. Nickelsen said she knows she was one of those girls.....somebody tried to molest.....and it is hard to live with. Nickelsen said they see these young girls and somebody like that get away with it, no, it shouldn't be the way. Nickelsen said they are up there holding this up, no, it should never happen to a young girl. Nickelsen said she knows other men that are doing that too and they try to get away and they still.....because they know.....she turned around and told somebody and she is glad that somebody turned around and hit that guy because it's not right.....the girl has to live with it for the rest of her life. Nickelsen said they always worry about their daughter, their granddaughter, who always has to live with this and if they let this keep going on and then he sits up there then they are wrong. Nickelsen said he has no place there. Nickelsen said she is sorry but that is the way it is.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well they are going to break for lunch.

Israel Stone said point of order they can't leave it.....the rest of his comments could not be made out clearly on the tape recording.

Acting Recorder Lonn said no.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay, well then.....

Israel Stone was still making comments from the audience that could not be made out clearly on the tape recording.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Susan Thull in the queue.

Councilor Corey said they have to vote on it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well.....well.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said let's just go through it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right, well.....

Israel Stone was still speaking from the audience and that they could not be made out clearly on the tape recording.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he would like to make a motion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said there they go.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0724-194;
RESOLUTION FOR INTENT OF REMOVAL OF RON PETE
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 9-COUNTY;** by Guenthardt.

Councilor Crampton asked what was the motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said the Resolution for Intent for Removal of Ron Pete Tribal Council Member 9-County.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Acting Recorder Lonn said just a minute.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well it would be to move for.....whatever she has got on there is what he read.

Councilor Crampton said he has to say approve or postpone or deny.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, he is making.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said he is making a motion.

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RESOLUTION FOR INTENT OF REMOVAL OF RON PETE
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by Crampton.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she is calling for a question.

Councilor Lewis said resolution number.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Crampton said there has been a motion and there has been support.

The audience were making comments during this time and they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Acting Recorder Lonn said Ron Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said hold on.

Councilor Wittenberg said he doesn't know what he is supposed to be doing.
Wittenberg said he is not going to answer.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said anyways.....

Councilor Guenthardt said to Ron Wittenberg that he is not going to vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the item has had a motion and a support....

Councilor Guenthardt said to Ron Wittenberg abstain.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain off this.

Councilor Lewis said abstain.

Councilor Wittenberg asked what are they voting on.....if they don't mind him asking what are they voting on. Wittenberg said he didn't hear nothing clear.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to move forward with the Removal Hearing.....

Councilor Crampton said that was not the motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said approve.....to approve the Removal Hearing.
Guenthardt said that was the motion.

Someone from the audience said resolution.

Councilor Guenthardt said the resolution.

Councilor Corey said yes would be he approves it or a no would mean he doesn't approve it.

Councilor Crampton said that is not the motion. Crampton reiterated that was not the motion.

Israel Stone shouted from the audience point of clarification. Stone said on the abstention discussed earlier how the abstention process happens. Stone made more comments but they were not picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be made out clearly.

Acting Recorder Lonn said Sandy Lewis why did she abstain.

Councilor Lewis said um, yesterday in Agenda Review she was called to a Mandatory Meeting so she wasn't in on the discussion. Lewis said there is some discussion here right now but there is not enough information so she is at that where she haven't been informed exactly on the intent.

Israel Stone shouted from the audience.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will allow.

Israel Stone said he understands her point that she doesn't have enough information but the lack of information suggests that she doesn't have enough information to support the issue. Stone said the Conflict of Interest is clear Council has to vote as to whether or not it is a personal conflict of Interest to her, financial gain as Joe Riley just read for her to vote on this issue. Stone said so if it is lack of information.....he is just trying to clarify.....he is just trying to get clarification.

Councilor Lewis said yup.

Israel Stone said if it is a lack of information issue for her to vote on it.....

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Israel Stone said that doesn't.....is he wrong.....qualify as a abstainable vote Council has to vote on it. Stone said he doesn't know.

Councilor Crampton said to Israel Stone the only thing he is wrong on is the fact that when he said what Joe Riley read. Crampton said what Joe Riley read was a little bit different, it just knocked it down to balancing a personal financial interest. Crampton said it is or personal interest.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Israel Stone made comments but they were not clearly heard on the tape recording.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, anyways.....

Councilor Lewis asked is he ready.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said not yet they are still open for discussion.

Acting Recorder Lonn said call the question.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to rescind his support.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to rescind his support because he don't believe that.....this is right and them guys are.....what is the motion. Crampton said repeat it back to him.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Tom Guenthardt would he repeat the.....

Councilor Guenthardt said motion and resolution to Approve the Intent of Removal of Ron Pete Tribal Council Member 9-County.

Councilor Crampton said that is changed from the original he doesn't support it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said that is the resolution.

Councilor Crampton said that was changed, the motion was changed the second time he just read that.

Councilor Guenthardt said that is the resolution right there in front of him.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't believe he understands what is being said.

Councilor Guenthardt said he doesn't understand.

Councilor Crampton said he is agreeing with Israel Stone he didn't make a clear motion and now he has changed it so he is not supporting it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza asked do they have support.

Acting Recorder Lonn said Ron Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no do they have support. Di Piazza said Shannon Crampton has withdrawn his support right now there is a resolution on the floor that was done by Tom Guenthardt for Resolution for Intent of Removal of Ron Pete Tribal Council Member 9-County. Di Piazza said that is how it reads on the resolution.

Israel Stone said if there is no support the motion fails for lack of support.

Councilor Crampton said it can be brought back, yeah.

Israel Stone asked Shannon Crampton if he ____ to that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there support.

Councilor Crampton said to Tom Guenthardt well.....repeat that one more time, please.

Councilor Guenthardt said geez, Resolution.....

Councilor Crampton said to Tom Guenthardt said he is making a motion to what.

Councilor Guenthardt said he is making a:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR INTENT OF
REMOVAL OF RON PETE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 9-
COUNTY;** by Guenthardt.

Councilor Crampton thanked Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said one more time.

Councilor Crampton said support.

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REMOVAL OF RON PETE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 9-
COUNTY;** by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, anyways, they can move on. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain which Sandy Lewis said she would. Di Piazza said it is open for discussion.

Israel Stone said nope they have to vote on it.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she calls the question let's vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Acting Recorder Lonn that she can't right now.

Councilor Crampton said to Acting Recorder Lonn that she can't call the question.

Councilor Lewis said Shannon Crampton is.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he agrees with Mr. Stone now they have to take a vote on whether Sandra Lewis has a Conflict of Interest.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Acting Recorder Lonn to do it on the bottom. Di Piazza said it hasn't been the practice but.....

Roll Call #11

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete -	Absent
R. Wittenberg- No	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis -	Abstain

Motion carried (0-7-1-1)

Councilor Lewis said so she has to vote.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes.

Councilor Lewis said yup.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Councilor Lewis said okay.

Councilor Guenthardt said to Sandy Lewis that she has to vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said she doesn't have to there is nothing that compels her to.

Acting Recorder Lonn said seven no, one abstention and one absent.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yes, he just wanted to repeat this is to move forward on a hearing. Crampton said this is not to convict Mr. Pete, this vote today, this is not to deny him any justice, this is to start the process.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he still has in the queue Susan Thull, Diane Lonn, and Israel Stone. Di Piazza recognized Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said now she would just like to explain what they just did. Thull asked is this motion it passed they all voted no.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said nothing has happened.....nothing has happened yet.

Councilor Crampton said the vote was no on vote whether Sandra Lewis had a Conflict of Interest.

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Councilor Crampton said it was voted down.

Susan Thull said this was for the Conflict of Interest. Thull said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well she was still next in the queue.

Susan Thull said well so they are not voting now.

Councilor Lewis said no.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no he still has some people in the queue.

Susan Thull said all right. Thull said at the time because she watched the videos every week when they are posted and when she watched that. Thull said she knew that her cousin had filed a report with the police, this has nothing to do with Cindy Champagne in her previous position, they could find this out if they went and asked the police report. Thull said this was just something that she had filed so she knew at the time of watching the video when he started....when he voted and he was actually talking about that they shouldn't.....that they shouldn't support it. Thull said she knew right then that he had a Conflict of Interest and she knew that that was something that was in their Constitution. Thull said that was an immediately.....immediate grounds for removal so she supports Cindy Champagne. Thull said she thinks that it is very important for their Councilors to know that Constitution and abide by it. Thull said she is sorry to say she hears Councilors complaining that their not in the office enough and all sorts of different things but she wants a Councilor that knows that Constitution. Thull said that's what's one of the most important things to her and lives by it. Thull said she has to say that he should have known what he was doing when he started talking about that. Thull said he didn't have to he could have just remained quiet and he could have abstained so. Thull said she appreciates that they are abiding by the Constitution doing this. Thull said she knows that this is a very difficult thing for someone to do and when they stand alone and they have others that are attacking them for it and they are just trying to follow their conscience. Thull said she applauds them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn. Di Piazza said she is in the queue.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she calls the question.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the question has been called.

Julia Nickelsen was making comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Israel Stone said in Robert's Rules of Order, they can't call the question.... Stone made more comments but they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Al Metzger said excuse him but he can't hear a word that Israel Stone is saying.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, go ahead.

Acting Recorder Lonn said just a minute.

Israel Stone said so the Robert's Rules of Order which is essentially what Council defaults to in absence of any Tribal Law. Israel Stone reiterated Robert's Rules of Order says that when a Council member calls the question on debate in order for that debate to end on that item Council has to vote to end the debate or the body has to vote to end the debate. Stone said even though there are citizens in the queue that's why they make them vote to balance that. Stone asked is it worth going right to the vote or do they want to give members an opportunity to be heard.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked can she respond to all that.

A member asked if she could go up to the podium.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes go ahead. Di Piazza said he knows she has been patient, his apologies.

Rosemary Smith, Tribal #2553, said she hung up a red dress on her home and a lot of others over at Aki and then guys did here down at the government office downstairs. Smith said they were hanging and that is what she is trying to.....she can't figure out why now they don't make any difference. Smith said they shouldn't be hanging them up there if they are not going to even abide by all these people that are abusing them. Smith said it wasn't that long ago since she had been abused too. Smith said it is like that Me2 Movement or whatever they want to call it. Smith said it might have been years ago when then other guys might have been years ago on tv too saying what they did but it happened. Smith said so these red dresses.....her....they might as well not even hang them up. Smith said she is done.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Rosemary Smith. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

The audience applauded.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to say that he had both the accused and the Council member who has brought this forward in his office and talked. Crampton said he knows that both of them take this very seriously and he doesn't see any malicious intent on either side. Crampton said first he thought there was but he knows there is not now. Crampton said now he heard many times that they are the top of the food chain, there is the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial but he is constantly reminded by Ms. Champagne that they have bosses. Crampton said those are the membership. Crampton said the membership has come here today and asked to be heard on this issue and to have a hearing on this issue. Crampton said especially from the victim. Crampton said he would like to see that happen and that is what this vote would provide today. Crampton said to deny this vote would be to deny that process. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said he doesn't know when he said he wanted a hearing on this issue and he is one of the membership as well. Stone said to Shannon Crampton what he is saying is the folks that came here to support this issue in this corner want a hearing on the issue. Stone said there are other folks that.....

Councilor Crampton said he is pointing at it right now.

Israel Stone said there are other folks that have a different opinion because of the method and the tactic that was taken. Stone said he doesn't know if anybody else in the room missed it but it seemed like when the Ogema wanted to bring up what the issue was now all of a sudden they didn't want to talk about it anymore. Stone said he has a problem with people being able to fling accusations without being accountable to the membership. Stone said he has a problem with using people who feel like they have been victimized as a whipping.....as a whip to get what they want. Stone said he has a problem with the way this entire process has happened. Stone said Janine Sam came up here and said this is about the Conflict of Interest, no its not, he is sorry, that ended the minute they attached all that other crap to it and started slinging the mud on Face Book. Stone said Ms. Champagne posted a Face Book post as late as he believed yesterday evening in regard to the same issue or no the evening before, her son. Stone said there is a post earlier this week from Ms. Champagne so they can't tell him it is about this item, it's not, once she ran his name through the mud and ran him through the ringer it ends about being about the Conflict of Interest. Stone said the other thing he will say on it is this and he still has plenty of five minutes left. Stone said he will say this is something happened and Mr. Pete sexually assaulted somebody why didn't he get arrested. Stone asked why didn't he go to court. Stone asked why isn't he in jail. Stone said he doesn't know but he is just.....excuse him.....he didn't disrupt her and he would ask the same from her to him, please. Stone said he is asking questions of the Council to make sense of this for him. Stone asked Council to help him make this make sense. Stone said then he is okay with it. Stone said if they can help him make this make sense he is okay with that. Stone

said if they can tell him this isn't personal he is okay with that but he is sorry the minute they started attaching all that other stuff to it it became personal. Stone said they know what.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, he sees it....it's not like.....

Israel Stone said this happens on a regular basis. Stone said they elect somebody into office they don't go along with the flow and they don't get in on the right side of the queue or the right side of the Council. Stone said the next thing they know they become a target. Stone said the next thing they know their run out of office or attempted to be run out of office. Stone said this happens all the time, its politics. Stone said he will say this is this, if they allow this the way it is currently configured to go to a hearing, they are endorsing all the other stuff that was attached to that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Israel Stone said now if they are going to say.....either say this is about the issue, this is about the Conflict of Interest, did a same or vote of not happened in the same meeting about banishment and the affirmative vote by the same Council member that brought this forward when she has two children on that same list of banishment. Stone asked how is that not a Conflict of Interest. Stone said see it depends on how far they want to take it. Stone said he is sure if they dig hard enough he can find something that he already proved one thing them guys violated the rights of the membership and the Constitution to voice their opinion on the motion to approve the agenda. Stone said they say they didn't but there was no call for a public comment and it says every item under consideration. Stone said so he just, they know what, take it for what it is.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah.

Israel Stone said he will also say this women aren't the only ones that are victims of abuse. Stone said so let that sink in. Stone reiterated let that sink in because he believes every person, not just women, every person, has the right to be protected. Stone said so that being said he is done but they know what, this is in their hands. Stone said let he without sin.....cast the first stone.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has Diane Lonn, Shannon Crampton, Bridget Cole, and Larry Romanelli.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay first of all Mr. Pete did say in their meeting that he was voting for it because he was afraid of the stuff being given.....things that would come out from the casino he was protecting the casino. Lonn said secondly after their meeting yesterday she had a phone call as well as all the other ones from Mr. Champagne going to tell her about Ron Pete and the things they did wrong. Lonn said she didn't answer it and she did not call him back. Lonn

said that is none of his business. Lonn said he may be a Tribal member but she will vote the way she wants to vote not by him telling her what happened. Lonn thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton then Bridget Cole.

Councilor Crampton said well what he is hearing today he is hearing a passionate speech on one side and he is hearing a passionate speech on the other side. Crampton said he doesn't know what would be a more appropriate calling for a hearing because now he heard valid statements from Mr. Stone and he heard valid statements from people on the other side. Crampton said this is a call for a hearing and it is not an indictment of Mr. Pete.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Shannon Crampton if he was finished.

Julia Nickelsen said her name. Nickelsen said now.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Bridgett Cole. Di Piazza said Bridgett Cole was next. Di Piazza said to Julia Nickelsen that she is in the queue. Di Piazza said Bridgett Cole.....

Councilor Crampton said she can defer to an Elder.

Bridgett Cole was speaking from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he thought.....

Bridgett Cole continued speaking from the audience and none of it was picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton said if she is being called in the queue she can defer to the Elder.

Julia Nickelsen asked does she come first.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said go ahead. Di Piazza said he guessed at this point and time.....

Julia Nickelsen said from what she sees up here them guys are pretty well against the women. Nickelsen said they know. Nickelsen said yeah, men get molested, yeah. Nickelsen said they know if a woman says it "*oh my god, we are going to have a lawsuit against that person for saying it.*" Nickelsen said they are pretty good about it in this place and them guys are pretty good on lawsuits. Nickelsen said somebody speaks up "*oh, I'm going to throw a lawsuit on that person.*" Nickelsen said that's why them women don't come up. Nickelsen asked did they

ever think of that, no, they are good at it. Nickelsen said it is about time they start thinking of these women of this crime not themselves or their buddy or their friend just because they are a friend to this person they got to protect that friend. Nickelsen said well if they protect that friend maybe they are like that. Nickelsen asked did they ever think of that when they are starting to think about their men. Nickelsen said or what these women are thinking of them men and protecting a ___ like that they are probably just as bad maybe they don't know. Nickelsen said they are letting their children were.....well their children been.....well she is 80 years old but they let their girls come working here. Nickelsen said they don't know what is going to happen to them they are scared to talk and that shouldn't happen in the work place and it shouldn't happen on a Reservation.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he hates to butt in but he will remind her this is just on if he should abstain for a Conflict of Interest so everything has been kind of blended over into some other things which he is going to have to do a point of order on that.

Israel Stone asked a question from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Acting Recorder Lonn said no.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, not.....no. Di Piazza said no.

Israel Stone said they have a motion on the floor.....and the rest of his comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yup.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Acting Recorder Lonn said it does.

A Tribal member asked a question from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes she is.

Jessica Steinberg said she is going to assert her Elder privilege now that she is an Elder.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Bridgett Cole if she was in the queue.

Acting Recorder Lonn said this has got to stop.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Bridgett Cole, okay, no, no, she just wanted to be in the queue, correct. Di Piazza thanked Bridgett Cole.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said hi there. Steinberg said she guess she feels she needs to assert a little bit of her Executive Elder Privilege since she is an Elder. Steinberg said a female Elder that makes her a member of the Kwewok. Steinberg said she believes Councilor Lonn called the question but she did not hear a support for the Call of the Question.

Acting Recorder Lonn said it was supported.

Jessica Steinberg asked was it supported.

Tribal Council Members were talking amongst themselves.

Jessica Steinberg said Councilor Lonn Calls the Question according to Robert's Rules which of course she has in front of her someone must support her Call of the Question. Steinberg said she believed there was a court case not too long ago about this in which there was testimony about Calling the Question. Steinberg said so is someone supporting Ms. Lonn's Calling of the Question which was to vote on Mr. Guenthardt's agenda item, his resolution.

Tribal Council Members were talking amongst themselves.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he doesn't believe so.

Acting Recorder Lonn said it is out on the floor.

Jessica Steinberg said so as long as there is no support for Ms. Lonn's Calling of the Question then debate can continue on the resolution because the Speaker has opened the floor for debate.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Jessica Steinberg said so that is where they are. Steinberg said she just wants to keep everybody up to speed because it's getting to be that they have a scorecard to stay in the discussion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he knows. Di Piazza said it has been bleeding over into other.....

Jessica Steinberg said what she would like to suggest they have a motion to the floor. Steinberg said the motion is whether or not to proceed with a Notice of a Hearing. Steinberg said as to whether or not a Councilor violated their

Constitutional responsibilities. Steinberg said she would like to suggest that that is the issue at hand.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Jessica Steinberg said she is hearing a lot of things that quite frankly pretty surprising and startling to her today but if they have an issue with Sexual Harassment in the Work Place then as an Elder Kwe, she is going to suggest legislation needs to be passed to address it. Steinberg said the sooner the better because this cannot continue. Steinberg said they are in the days of Me2 and they are in the days when an individual Elected Official can be sued personally.....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Jessica Steinberg said.....for violations of law. Steinberg said she believed that was decided with the Little Traverse Bay Band's decision on the Mackinaw City Casino. Steinberg said so sitting in their chairs it makes great sense to assess whether or not there are issues that need legislation and pass it quickly. Steinberg said with that Mr. Speaker she thinks and she will defer to Bridgett Cole because she is one of her fellow respected Kwe in the community for further comment but this is not.....let's stop this emotional discussion and get to the matter at hand so they can determine whether or not a Council member who is sitting in that office right now has due process under their Constitution. Steinberg said his rights need to be protected as well.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

The audience applauded.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said as it has went sideways from what is on the resolution and what is being brought forward to....um, it is difficult when people want to bring things up with their past and things that actually some of it doesn't pertain to it other than in general as far as harassment and things on that order. Di Piazza said well, he still has Bridgett Cole and Larry Romanelli in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to get back in after Larry Romanelli.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked what was that.

Councilor Crampton repeated that he would like to get back in after Larry Romanelli.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Shannon Crampton that he still didn't hear him.

Councilor Crampton repeated again that he would like to get back in after Larry Romanelli.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay.

Bridgett Cole, Tribal #1110, said they know as she thinks things that is kind of like they have to get this hearing so that they can even.....clear this man's name. Cole said they know a lot of people has been sharing a lot of things that she didn't necessarily know but they know it is talked about how Cynthia Champagne sent out Face Book but she sending them to people that support her and her people that want to stay in the loop. Cole said she thinks that more of them should do that. Cole said she thinks it is a good.....a good thing. Cole said there wasn't no slanderous anything about it, they know, and if they don't vote to move this forward it's a vote against Ron Pete because if he can't.....won't get justice. Cole said he will be on Face Book forever. Cole said that is her two cents.

The audience applauded.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has Larry Romanelli then Shannon Crampton. Di Piazza asked does anybody else want to get into the queue.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said again, the statements of Janine Sam are correct in part he thinks it no longer became just a Conflict of Interest when they attached the supporting documents, 11 documents, that go well back before the June 6th Meeting. Romanelli said they have subpoenas and subpoenas for records it becomes emotional and becomes more than just a Conflict of Interest issue. Romanelli said the last thing he wants to say is with Councilor Champagne he did not provide those documents because he was advised not to do so because he would be doing the same thing that he believed she has done by breaking the confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement of their positions in regard to investigations, etc. Romanelli said so he was advised not to do so. Romanelli said she is the one that brought up the allegation without merit and as far as what he is doing. Romanelli said again, they have the issue that came up today, again, with another investigation or complaint and misinformation was brought up against him again. Romanelli said those are the things that keep this going and keep them frustrated.

An audience member shouted out a comment that wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Ogema Romanelli said her apologies are accepted but he.....please, please ask them not to place this stuff on Face Book. Romanelli said it doesn't make them look good and it is not true these are untrue statements. Romanelli said if they are really trying to look out for their women and their children and the men and boys and girls.....if they really, really trying to get to the bottom of this they would stop telling lies about it. Romanelli said they start acting in a professional manner and working together to address the issue. Romanelli said he can assure them there are more than those that are out there and the frustration comes because of personnel issues are confidential. Romanelli said there is a real hard time by people making accusation and they can't defend it because their tied in either in

court or because it is a personnel issue so he has identified two complaints that have been against the Ogema or against the Executive Branch regarding this that are untrue. Romanelli said please do not spread the incorrect information. Romanelli said if there is something that needs attention if there is a real allegation that they can work on please bring it forward. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well since this started he pretty much has been silent on Face Book because he saw this coming and he wanted to be impartial. Crampton said the only thing he really posted is a Happy Anniversary to his wife. Crampton said he didn't want to be seen as tainted one way or the other because like he said today he heard passionate arguments on both sides and he would stress the need for a hearing. Crampton said not just because of what was brought forward today but because of the other things that he has heard convinced him if this does not go forward it will be a cause of suspicion on Mr. Pete that will last probably longer than anybody's term in this.....sitting here today. Crampton said so if they want to keep that going vote the way they are going to vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Shannon Crampton if he was all set.

Councilor Crampton replied yeah. Crampton said then he supports Mrs. Lonn's motion to Call the Question.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well he has Ron Wittenberg and Dave Corey in the queue yet.

Councilor Crampton said he will allow that.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said he would like to state that he is not against women. Wittenberg said for him personally they talk about their Native ways, their way of life is what it is called and actually though man had a part of it, the woman sits right next to the Creator because she is the one that can create. Wittenberg said that is the way it goes and that is the way it is.

Wittenberg said he just wanted to let that out, yes, it is out here now there is a lot of here and there on it. Wittenberg said his blinders are off he took the cotton out of his ears so he can hear both sides which is his opinion. Wittenberg said he is not having nobody lead him, yes, he seen with Ron Pete, the person that this is about, give money to somebody else. Wittenberg said well hell, they know where he comes from he seen a lot of people do a whole lot of things and turn around and go out and did.....go out the back door. Wittenberg said he is not buttering the cake or the bread or the jelly or whatever they want. Wittenberg said to him there is both sides to it and to who now that it has gone this far he supports this and he wants to see where it goes. Wittenberg said who knows maybe some them

might say "*Wow I didn't know that.*" Wittenberg said that is just his opinion. Wittenberg said he is good, Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yeah, he would just like to say that a failed piece of legislation that came on the floor improperly to begin with fueled the fire and so the item should never had been in the vote because it never passed a legal.....it never went through proper channels. Corey said thus he has a problem with the way that unprofessionalism and slander and everything else went down in the whole process could have been as simple as black and white issue but nope they had to blow it up on the old Face Book so they know, these items are all open session work sessions if the.....the Red Dress Movement and all that stuff is is a passion of everybody sitting behind this counter and everybody in this room. Corey said whether or not.....whether or not it's worded perfectly how they..... how they think it shall be or shall not be is they open to come to those work sessions and participate in those. Corey said they encourage them and the Conflict of In Interest he doesn't see one honestly.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Dave Corey if he was all set. Di Piazza asked is there any other discussion. Di Piazza recognized Michael.....Burmeister.

Michael Burmeister, Tribal #0945, said good afternoon. Burmeister said Dave Corey brought up the subject of the failed legislation. Burmeister asked was that an add-on that day.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no.

Michael Burmeister said it wasn't an add-on. Burmeister asked if they had a work session on it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no.

Michael Burmeister said so if they didn't have a work session how would somebody know if there was conf.....a Conflict of Interest until they bring it up to the.....up to vote. Burmeister said he doesn't know about them but he forgets things, he is an Elder. Burmeister said he forgets things everyday. Burmeister said if he had a Conflict of Interest to something and he voted yes or no that is his bad but he does forget things. Burmeister said people forget things but if they didn't have an agenda review on that and they just brought it forward on the agenda that day while they are trying to do other things could that slip by them, absolutely. Burmeister said so if.....if they did or they didn't have a Conflict of Interest bam right away they put in something to remove them. Burmeister said he doesn't believe that is right either. Burmeister said people make mistakes as far as that goes he is not talking about anything else. Burmeister said he is talking about the Conflict of Interest that is where the rubber meets the road right here.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup.

Michael Burmeister said people forget things and if they didn't have a work session on it he doesn't see how they can say there is a Conflict of Interest. Burmeister said he doesn't get that part. Burmeister thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he wants to com.....he....right this minute he can't remember because it has been a little bit and yes, he is old. Di Piazza said if it was a late add.....he knows he was at a CORA Meeting if he is not mistaken, out of town, when that item wanted to be added and right away if he is not mistaken he said it should have a work session on it. Di Piazza said Ms. Champagne said it is his.....he has the e-mail some place but it is her right as a Council member to put whatever she wants on the agenda and she refused to have a work session because he did recommended who from what departments needed to be there.....Enforcement and things on that order. Di Piazza said there was actually when it went up for a vote there is really never even a work session, Agenda Review, she missed that day and he knew there was some personal issues about her.....something.....he sees them he can see quite well. Di Piazza said that was his recollection.....recollect.....recollection.....recollection on of how that went down.

Councilor Crampton said recollection.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, he will get there. Di Piazza said he doesn't need help. Di Piazza said anyways. Di Piazza recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she did put that on the Agenda Review it didn't go on any later than most of the items on the Agenda Review that week. Champagne said the fact is that it was represented. Champagne said she had to have surgery on Monday when they do their Agenda Review. Champagne said she thought she could be back but in case she wasn't she asked Mr. Crampton if he could present it for her which he did. Champagne said so it wasn't like it hadn't been on the Agenda Review it was there.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said at any rate is there any further discussion. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to go back to Ms. Champagne's statement it was not only brought up once, twice, but now it is a standing item on the agenda until a work session is put in place so it is not like it snuck up on anybody.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it has been removed off the agenda now.

Councilor Crampton said yes, for a work session for a vote two weeks ago.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, there is nobody here last week. Di Piazza said they didn't even have a Council Meeting so.

Acting Recorder Lonn said let's vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said anyways.....

Councilor Crampton said that was two weeks ago and is 14 days not seven.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza recognized Michelle Lucas.

Michelle Lucas, Tribal #0129, said she just has a question. Lucas asked when they have an Agenda Review is that the appropriate time if there is a question in regards to whether a Tribal Council member should have a Conflict of Interest. Lucas asked should that be brought to his or her attention. Lucas asked was that discussed or is that the time to discuss that. Lucas said they could have probably maybe gone through all of this. Lucas asked is that....can they discuss that at the time during Agenda Review.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said certainly if somebody.....

Michelle Lucas asked can she ask why that was not brought up then at Tribal Council review.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't think she is going to get a....a....there is probably nine different opinions why it didn't.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, he didn't have placed the item on the.....on the agenda other than approving the agenda. Di Piazza said as she stated Shannon Crampton was there to represent the item because she wasn't there. Di Piazza said shouldn't it have been something he guess but like he said he is almost 60 years old he can't remember what happened a lot of times....what happened last week.

Michelle Lucas said she is just wondering if they are talking about something that to protect the health and safety of their Tribe and Tribal members if there is a question there regarding a Conflict of Interest if it would be to the better interest of their Council members to bring that up at review during that time. Lucas said just a thought.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said again she has to go back.....thanked Acting Speaker Di Piazza.....she has to go back to the Constitution. Steinberg said a Tribal Councilor has an obligation under their sworn Oath of Office to bring up their own Conflicts of Interest. Steinberg said it is not up to her to point it out to

them as a citizen or a Councilor. Steinberg said if they recognize there is a conflict they should declare it and then allow them all to determine whether or not the conflict exists. Steinberg said that is personal responsibility pure and simple. Steinberg said if she could make one last suggestion and she does this very gently. Steinberg said she thinks it would be a very good idea for Council to have a retreat to go through the foundational documents of the Tribe from Public 103324 right straight through the Constitution and all the ordinances and regulations that have been adopted because she thinks they need a refresher course.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Jessica Steinberg. Di Piazza asked is there any other.....any other comments, questions. Di Piazza said he sees none which he sees none. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain, which they already know this, Sandy Lewis, was. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to call for a vote.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes.

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete -	Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis -	

Motion (3-4-1-0)

Councilor Lewis asked Acting Speaker Di Piazza like because of this vote she has to vote now, right.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said she is not.....she doesn't have to.

Councilor Lewis said she doesn't have to.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said even though.....

Councilor Lewis said nobody can tell her which way she can vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they voted if she has a conflict or not.

Councilor Crampton said Robert's Rule say she cannot be forced to vote.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yup, in their Procedures Ordinance, right there.

Councilor Lewis said because of the Mandatory Meeting she had to go to she was not in the Agenda Review and all the information that was presented so abstain.

Roll Call #12

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete -	Absent

R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	No	S. Lewis - Abstain
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Motion failed (3-4-1-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said that was four against, three in favor, Mr. Pete is absent and one abstained. Acting Recorder Lonn said the resolution did not go through.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the resolution failed.

Acting Recorder Lonn said the resolution failed.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said at this time he would like to call a recess.

Councilor Wittenberg said continue on they only have one more.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, they have public comment. Di Piazza asked do they want to continue.

Councilor Crampton said yes, yes, they are already here.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right. Di Piazza said they will continue on. Di Piazza said so if they want to hang out go ahead.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked do they call Mr. Pete back in.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said there is one more then public comment. Di Piazza said to be honest.....

The audience members were all talking.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said don't everybody leave....

Councilor Crampton said again, he excused himself from the meeting and they have the Speaker taking over he thinks the Speaker should conclude the meeting.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, that is fine. Di Piazza said okay give him his stuff back.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no he is fine. Di Piazza said now how are they going to be a womanizer when it comes to Face Book. Di Piazza said he will be a maninzer. Di Piazza said that sounds good.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked are they closing the meeting now, come on.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no he was just curious. Di Piazza said he is sure that was.....he knows what he is going to be.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked have they closed the meeting or what is going on.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, they went to go get Mr. Pete. Di Piazza said finish up the open session right now. Di Piazza said they have a long close session too.

Councilor Wittenberg said he thinks they should do that Friday.

Councilor Crampton asked is there is a reason they are waiting for their Council member who has excused themselves.

Councilor Wittenberg said no she went to go get.....

Councilor Crampton asked what Meeting Procedure is he going under.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is not that is why he wanted to continue.

Councilor Crampton said then he should have continued and conclude the meeting if these guys are getting up and leaving the room.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said two, oh, oh, one, two, three, four, five oh. Di Piazza said well anyways they will move on with E. Di Piazza asked is he coming or not.

Councilor Corey said let's finish it out, man.

Councilor Lewis said she didn't see him back there.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right let's finish it out. Di Piazza said that is what he intended but they said he should be here so. Di Piazza said anyways.

E. Approval for Request for 30-Day Posting of the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02

Tribal Council held a work session on July 16, 2019 prior to amendment of ordinance. Tribal Council presents a notice of request for public comment.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it is open for discussion. Di Piazza said to remind everybody this is for a 30-Day Comment. Di Piazza said oh, here take that back, sorry. Di Piazza said this is just a motion. Di Piazza asked can he get a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said motion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Acting Recorder Lonn said second.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they can't he's got to read the motion. Di Piazza said them guys all need lunch and evidently, they all need sugar.

**MOTION FOR APPROVED REQUEST FOR 30-DAY POSTING OF
THE INDIAN PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE
#15-600-02; by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion on this item. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn can he get a roll call please.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Lonn said seven in favor and two absent.

A Council member asked what is it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it is just approved for a 30-Day Comment Period. Di Piazza said here they can hand them back. Di Piazza said Ron Pete is good. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn what is she doing she messed up all his paperwork.

Speaker Pete walked back into the meeting.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 31, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said for this week's Ogema Update he is really is just going to postpone it until next week for the sake of everybody so they can go to lunch. Romanelli said he didn't think there was anything that important that it can't wait until next week.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he will be quick. Crampton said he just got....just returned from a Retreat in Utah with probably some of the most powerful Leaders in the Democratic side where they got one on one talks with them. Crampton said he has established relationships with Mr. Schumer, Mr. Warner, Mr. Koontz and Mr. Ray who is now the Democratic Strategist....main Strategist. Crampton said so Little River has some really good connections at this point. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked anything else on Legislative Updates.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he is good.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete recognized Janine Sam first.....Al Metzger first then Janine Sam.

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said Boozho. Metzger said he asked the Creator to forgive him. Metzger said what a very exciting morning. Metzger said ah, Jessica Steinberg made a statement about a Retreat and he understands to get to understand the Constitution and the workings of for the Council members. Metzger said he thinks that is an awesome idea not only for Council or Ogema but also for Tribal members to understand the Law of the Land as it has been stated numerous times here. Metzger said the Constitution is the written word that was thought out, that was taken a lot of it from the United States Constitution that was taken from the Iroquois Confederacy. Metzger said so they are now back full circle. Metzger said understanding the laws that they accepted when they sought Federal Recognition. Metzger said as Anishinaabe NaNa he is also bounded by the Constitution of the Little River Band and bounded by the Constitution of the United States but he is also bounded by ____ and ____ the Seven Grandfathers. Metzger said there was order that was lost and there was directions that were lost today. Metzger said he doesn't know if actually what happened to some of these parts were legal because motions were brought forward and there was no vote on these motions. Metzger said it kind of reminds him when they first had their first quorum was met legislation was brought forward, voted on, by the people and shot down turned over by courts because it was found to be illegal due to technicalities. Metzger said going back to Israel Stone's motion, Mr. Stone's motion, which he forgot right now and the other motions that were made. Metzger asked how much business today was conducted legally because there is still questions out there that need to be answered about the process and Robert's Rules of Order. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Al Metzger. Pete said this moment Janine Sam.

Janine Sam, Tribal #0150, said a couple of things she wants to make public comment on actually it is a public question. Sam said she believed she sent an

e-mail to all Council about the contracts they have in closed for legal representation. Sam said she just wanted to make sure they have all received that. Sam said she doesn't know the purpose of the contracts, the agenda items are not described with sufficient specificity for her to determine what those contracts are on the agenda for. Sam said she did communicate to all Council that there is at least one that she objects to based on what activities this person has been involved with against their own citizenry. Sam said the second thing she wanted to bring up is there is lack of Financial Reporting that is being filed with the Tribal Council. Sam said the Code of Federal Regulations which the Tribe does have to abide by requires that Financial Reports are made periodically to the funding agencies and they may be filing those Financial Reports out of Finance but unless those Financial Reports are based on the accepted Financial Reports to the Tribal Council there is no legitimacy to those reports. Sam said so she just wanted to point that out that the Financial Reports have been missing for quite some time not on the agenda. Sam said if there is a reason why like maybe the software is not working or the CFO is sick or something is going on. Sam said it might be worth-while for the Tribal Council to actually provide those explanations to the government in the form of a statement to the citizenry because as a citizen who is not as actively engaged as she used to be anymore. Sam said she is only watching their agendas and watching what is coming on or off and there hasn't been a Financial Report filed or accepted to this Tribal Council for months so she is not sure how they are making their grant obligations legally. Sam said again, check the Code of Federal Regulations. Sam said IHS requires it, BIA requires it, and so even if the Council is moving to accept reports any longer and they are just having them filed and shown. Sam said the evidence is still there that the Financial Report with the fiduciary responsibility body. Sam said the Tribal Council has, under the Constitution, fiscal responsibilities for the monies of the Tribe. Sam said whatever is going on with that she would just encourage Tribal Council to get to the bottom of that, clear it up, and get those Financial Reports caught up because it does play some risk and jeopardy with their funding at Federal levels. Sam said then the last thing that she wanted to bring up is that whatever is happening in the Tribe right now since she is not here as she used to be on a regular basis she would like their Leadership, all of their Leadership, to keep in mind that this kind of.....the public perception of how Little River Band is operating and all the internal conflicts it is not just within their Tribe. Sam said there are other Tribes.....she deals with other Tribes on a regular basis.....they all know that she works for a different Tribe she is in contact with Nottawaseppi and Pokhagen regularly because of the Pottawatomi Tribes and their close relationships. Sam said she deals with people at Grand Traverse Band and whether it is Face Book or whether its whatever else is going on it is almost embarrassing to be a member of the Little River Band at some times. Sam said so she is going to ask them all to kind of lift that up a little bit and try to conduct themselves in a way that brings respect back to their citizenry. Sam said they were, at one point, viewed as the Tribe that everybody wanted to be and that is not how it is anymore in Indian Country. Sam said so she is going to ask them to bring that back for them as a people. Sam said bring the pride back to them that

they can walk around with the Little River Band emblem on their jackets and on their t-shirts and that they are proud of it. Sam thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Janine Sam. Pete said just.....

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to respond to it.

Speaker Pete said he is good.

Councilor Crampton said all right. Crampton said just to ask Janine Sam it was kind of confusing he knows Council accepts the reports not saying they filed them right.

Janine Sam said no the reports should be filed by the Executive. *Sam made more comments but they were not picked up on the tape recording because she was speaking from the audience.*

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted.....

Speaker Pete said right.

Janine Sam continued speaking from the audience and the comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton said he understands that but he just wanted to clarify that so that the membership isn't getting the perception that is all inclusive of Council.

Speaker Pete said right.

Councilor Crampton said the second point he knows he used to think exactly like her until she spent about six hours in a van with most of the Tribe's Leaders.....Tribal Leaders from the State of Michigan. Crampton said he was riding around and all he had to hear was how are they doing this, how are they doing this, how are they going so quickly at their meetings, how are they getting their business done so quickly, how are they moving these things and it was questions from other Tribes asking it. Crampton said so he thinks they are on that path again to being that Leader.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said just a response to her one question. Di Piazza said that will be moved to open because it is an MOU.

Speaker Pete asked MOU.

Recorder Di Piazza said he knows to be able to see then otherwise he can't tell her.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Gary Di Piazza. Pete recognized Israel Stone.

Israel Stone said he just wanted to say a couple of things. Stone said one is under circumstances like today whether they are on the prevailing side of the vote or not on the prevailing side of the vote. Stone said there are no winners when it comes to situations like this where members become passionate and feel like they got to take a stand on their issue and on their side of the issue only. Stone said it particularly happens it creates discontent among citizens and people feel attacked or diminished. Stone said this isn't the only issue that has come before them like this and he agrees with the sentiment that a lot of this could be prevented just by some extra due diligence being done in work sessions behind closed doors with them guys before they bring it out to the public. Stone said he supports every person that spoke today just because they have a different view than his on the issue doesn't mean he is right and they are wrong or vice versa. Stone said it just means that they are on different sides of the coin. Stone said remember this there is a common thread that stitches them all together whether they like him or whether they hate him they share the same blood lines. Stone said those will always exist. Stone said they existed since the beginning of time and they are not going away or going anywhere anytime soon. Stone said so what that tells him is they are all family and sometimes families go through trials and tribulations. Stone said sometimes they will fight and sometimes they won't get along but at the end of the day he thinks they are going in the right direction. Stone said he doesn't want to speak doom and gloom over their Tribe or their people. Stone said they know he heard a Speaker the other day say "*show me who your friends are and I will show you what your future looks like.*" Stone said he spent a lot of time thinking about it and he is like that is pretty powerful. Stone reiterated that is pretty powerful. Stone said he would say this show him what their family looks like and he tell.....and he will tell them what their future looks like right. Stone said they are a family and so he would just hope that somewhere down the line they begin to understand that. Stone said he would also say that they know, they talk about retreats and they talk about all these other things sometimes it just takes getting in the room and taking the gloves off and having the tough discussions that nobody wants to have. Stone said leaving there and leaving everything on the table but yet giving everybody an opportunity to be heard. Stone said it is hard. Stone said they have an Ogema's Office that is an army of one. Stone said on the other side of that they have an Office of Legislative Branch that is nine people, all right, and so that conversation can tend to be dominated at times when they are dealing with the two bodies. Stone said he would say this find a traditional person....Al Metzger.....oh there he is. Stone said find a Pipe Carrier find somebody that is going to come in here, sit down with them, and help them through the process. Stone said um, his belief system is a little different than most he has the Christianity side and he also respects the Tribal Culture aspect as

well. Stone said that being said he knows, that he knows, that he knows according to his beliefs he has no choice but to love every single one of them guys and that is a task he takes seriously so.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Israel Stone. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said Boozho, Boozho. Wittenberg made his greeting in Anishinaabemowin. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Chi Miigwech for their thoughts and ways. Wittenberg said as far as a retreat they don't need no retreat. Wittenberg said it starts right in that room right here. Wittenberg said their retreat doesn't need and with an open mind and respect. Wittenberg said respect is the number one thing to him because regardless of whether he likes what somebody says or not he can't be shooting from the hip because if he shoots from the hip they are going to start shooting back. Wittenberg said that is where it starts at. Wittenberg said a traditional person they had a person who turned around and was willing to come in and talk with Council. Wittenberg said it never happened. Wittenberg said it takes nine. Wittenberg said his brother over here has a lot to say he doesn't call them Pipe Carriers that is too much of a thing to him as himself. Wittenberg said he is a caretaker of the pipe that's what gets people confused because it is for the people. Wittenberg said that is just his view on it. Wittenberg said so they as all in their, he doesn't know if he cares for the word Tribe, to be Shagnaash for him but he likes the Nation because they are. Wittenberg said that they need to grow together along those lines and having their own mind. Wittenberg said he knows and feels that they can do this but they know he doesn't even think Noah built the Ark by himself but that is for those that are into the black book. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said Ron Wittenberg is very eloquent in the language and he understands everything he says and others. Lonn said she doesn't speak it because as grandma used to say "*they go in the other room*" but she did sneak and understand it, she learned. Lonn said she thinks this group is trying real hard to make it work. Lonn said they have done some things that aren't based upon grants to help their people. Lonn said they also have Round Table sessions with the Ogema so far they are not too bad. Lonn said they hope they continue to work as a team. Lonn asked are they going to have fights, oh heck yeah. Lonn said she just apologized to him because she was mad at him but they get over it, life goes on, and she doesn't hate anybody she just.....is who she is and that is her. Lonn said her name in Anishinaabemowin. Lonn said Big Thunder Woman so be it.

Speaker Pete thanked Diane Lonn. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked Ron Wittenberg how did he get to be Eagle Clan.

Speaker Pete asked how did he what.

Councilor Crampton said no, he is talking to him.

Speaker Pete said oh.

Councilor Crampton said he thought he was Makwaa. Crampton said anyway, he doesn't think anybody prevails today and he doesn't think there was a winning side to any vote. Crampton said when they talk about getting down and hashing it out he thinks that is the purpose of a hearing. Crampton said he thinks both sides came here today and the only true resolution would have been a hearing to either exonerate or pronounce guilty. Crampton said his fear and he is going to charge the membership to watch what happens because he thinks what happens today was a terrible injustice. Crampton said there will be a cloud over Mr. Pete's head now for a long time. Crampton said when there was a chance for exoneration.

The audience applauded.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't think there were any winners today and thinks that was a very bad move. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay Mr. Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said well he was just going to say on like the retreat as they seen today even like travel some disagree with even supporting people to travel. Di Piazza said how are they going to pay for a retreat when everybody is worried about how much that is going to cost. Di Piazza said the other thing is where he has been taught and what he has been taught and where he is at in life. Di Piazza said he doesn't have luxury anymore to dislike people or have that hatred. Di Piazza said he sees it all the time and he is sorry but he is going to say this he has never been in a place where people are more happy when they fall and break their leg and they are rip-roaring mad if they won the lottery. Di Piazza said he doesn't get it. Di Piazza said if somebody could explain that to him he would be more than happy to hear it. Di Piazza said he has never been in that place, never that people are more happy and excited if they fell and broke their leg than they actually won the lottery. Di Piazza said it just amazes him but like he said he doesn't have that luxury in his life anymore to dislike or hate people no matter who they may be or what they may have said. Di Piazza said he is going to walk on and he is going to walk past it. Di Piazza said it doesn't mean he is going to invite them for tea and crumpets, like not. Di Piazza said maybe no, no, they will find out when that happens but he is moving on in life and he is going to enjoy it.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is done.

Councilor Lonn said all right just a couple of things. Lonn said on a lighter note she hopes that all of them that are here today will continue to show up it was a nice turnout and she appreciates it very much. Lonn said secondly just so they are aware August 3rd is their Elder Picnic. Lonn said it will be over at the Pow Wow Grounds.

Speaker Pete said August 3rd.

Councilor Lonn said August 3rd, it starts at 11, and it is bring a dish. Lonn said she thinks Tom Guenthardt is doing the cooking. Lonn said someone is grilling so there will be other things there. Lonn said she hopes that the Elders will show up. Lonn said they also have a, if she believe their Budget Meeting, that morning from 9-11. Lonn said 9-11 here so please attend so they know what is going on as well. Lonn thanked them.

Recorder Di Piazza asked will there be donuts.

Speaker Pete said just a minute. Pete recognized Bridgett Cole.

A member was talking from the audience and her comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Speaker Pete said there is a Budget Meeting that day, okay. Pete said okay who else is there. Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Councilor Crampton said he thought he was just trying to scare him.

Speaker Pete asked huh?

Councilor Crampton repeated he thought he was just trying to scare him.

Recorder Di Piazza said oh, whatever, that ____.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is getting hungry too so he is going to keep it short. Battice said they are talking about unity and different things. Battice said he has been here trying to fish since day one and they have had lots of problems but every time he asks for information from the same people that are saying unity he is denied even a signature on a piece of paper asking for that information. Battice said they want this unity this is his life and he was here, well, he was supposed to do this before he even came here. Battice said this is what he is doing and to prevent that is actually.....he is hoping they can come together and get along and actually build something because he believes that was a part of the negative that made their Tribe looked bad. Battice said he believed there is actually still potential. Battice said he stated two years ago that he knew the contract was up just this past month. Battice said he is the fisherman he should have been in any of those meet.....talking and stuff. Battice said the contract is

over and he heard it was already signed for another.....and that really offends him. Battice said that offends.....that's his livelihood. Battice reiterated that is his life. Battice said to keep preventing him just so he loses these permits so he can't even pursue happiness. Battice said he would just like to say he is still here and he is a fisherman and always had been one of the first of this Tribe and he will probably be the last of this Tribe. Battice said he is hoping to bring some more because he is not going to live forever when these younger kids, 16, learning this stuff. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, and thanked Boo Battice. Pete said okay anything.....

Recorder Di Piazza said he hopes that is it.

Speaker Pete said anything.

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a motion to close out.

Speaker Pete said okay he does. Pete said so that is the end of public comment. Pete he will need a motion to close.

Recorder Di Piazza said sorry.

Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

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

MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST SESSION; by Lonn; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete said okay any discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call. Pete said he is sorry any.....any.....

Councilor Crampton said abstentions.

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

Recorder Di Piazza asked no discussion.

Roll Call #14

T. Guenthardt - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

XI. Open Session

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN; by Lonnn; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked any discussion or any abstentions. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to take a roll call.

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are back in second open at 2:41.

Councilor Wittenberg said 2:42.

Speaker Pete said two....well yeah, two for....whatever.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza are....

Recorder Di Piazza asked does he have any items.

Speaker Pete said.....items to move into open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes he does.

Speaker Pete said yes he does.

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

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-0724-195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 210; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY ALSO RESOLUTION 19-0724-204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked do they have any other support than Ron Wittenberg. Pete said okay so any discussion. Pete asked is there going to be any abstentions. Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza, okay, do a roll call.

Roll Call #16

T. Guenthardt - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them items have been moved.

The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-195,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND GARY ALLAN FOR ENTERTAINMENT
SERVICES;** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-196,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND JGL TOURING, INC. FOR ENTERTAINMENT
SERVICES OF JONNY LANG;** by Guenthardt; supported by
Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-197,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY FOR
ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES;** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-198,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND REVENUE OPTIMIZATION, LLP FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-199,
APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE
OF A MULTI-JECT AERATOR FOR USE AT BEAR LAKE
HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE; by Guenthardt; supported by DiPiazza.**

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-200,
APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE
OF A 2015 CLUB CAB CARRYALL FOR USE AT BEAR LAKE
HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-8

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-201,
APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR
REPLACEMENT OF THE RESORT'S RTU 36; by Guenthardt;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-9

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-202,
APPROVING 2019 BUDGETED GM CONTINGENCY FOR C-
STORE VEEDER-ROOT UPGRADE;** by Guenthardt; supported by
Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-10

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-203,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LRRCR AND NITTY
GRITTY DIRT BAND, INC. FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES;**
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-205,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH
MARY WITKOP FOR MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE;** by Lonn;
supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call #C-13

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-210,
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH BIG FIRE LAW &**

**POLICY GROUP LLP FOR LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES; by
Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-18

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-204,
RATIFICATION OF NO COST CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE WILD RICE
GENETICS PROJECT; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-12

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-206,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN; by Lonn; supported by
Guenthardt.**

Roll Call #C-14

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-207,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
WILLIAM HUGHES, PLLC; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-15

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Absent	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Absent

T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes
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Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-208,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
PATRICK DOUGHERTY, PLC; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-16

R. Wittenberg – No	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-209,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
DAVID B. KORTER LAW OFFICE; by Guenthardt; supported by
Lonn.**

Roll Call #C-17

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-211,
RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO MASTER SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH MACHIN ENGINEERING FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESIGN WORK AND REPAIRS TO
THE GAMING COMMISSION ENTRYWAY; by Lonn; supported by
Wittenberg.**

Roll Call #C-19

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – No	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete said they are looking for a motion to....

Councilor Guenthardt said close.

Speaker Pete said.....to close Second Open Session.

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion or is there any abstentions. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #17

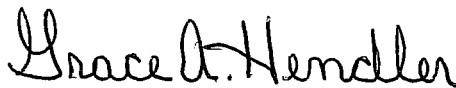
T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor. Di Piazza said they have adjourned second open at 2:43.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder



Diane Lonn,
Acting Council Recorder