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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on July 27, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton said um, welcome everybody to the Wednesday, July 27, 2022 Meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said they will start this off with a prayer. Crampton said he has asked Ron Wittenberg if he would do it.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

We thank you for this day.

We ask that you guide us in a good way.

Help us from within.

Thank the Grandfathers that normally sit in those four directions.

Today with their help to look upon us to help us also on our way.

We thank you for everything we have and everything we don't have.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked him for the prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said eight present and one absent quorum is established.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said before they go any further and thanked her for reminding him. Crampton said um, ah, Cynthia has a um, ah, diabetes issue last night and she went.....they did call an ambulance but that is why she is not here today. Crampton said they will go on to Approval of the Agenda.

Recorder Wolfe said they have to do this one.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry. Crampton said she wants everybody to identify themselves right.

Recorder Wolfe said um-hum.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said okay, so 231 398-68.....that's Brad he does believe. Crampton asked if he can please identify himself.

Brad Pringle said Comptroller General. Pringle thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said 231 690-3488.

Recorder Wolfe said 98.

Speaker Crampton said 98, sorry.

Ogema Romanelli identified himself.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said Al Metzger....can he please identify himself ____.

Al Metzger said #0890, Tribal member.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Angela Rabb. Crampton said if she could just give a voice clarification.

Angela Rabb said un, CFO for the Tribe.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, okay can he also get let's see 231 794-0066.....it keeps shifting where did it go now.

Recorder Wolfe said 0066.

Speaker Crampton said 0066...794-0066 can they please identify themselves.

Michael Burmeister said #0945.

Speaker Crampton said then they have Angela Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt said she is a Mental Health Counselor for the Tribe.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said then they get down to Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore #3225.

Speaker Crampton said um, Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said Tribal member #0022.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said Tribal member #4839.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, Delia Ross.

Delia Ross said Tribal member #2446.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver said good morning, Director for the Natural Resources Department.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Grace Hendler.

Recorder Wolfe said Grace Hendler is the Legislative Assistant for Tribal Council. Wolfe said she doesn't have audio.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said iPhone guest. Crampton said that is all it says.

Recorder Wolfe said Dottie she is muted that would be her on iPhone.

Speaker Crampton asked she knows.

Dottie Batchelder said Be Da Bin Behavioral Health.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said let's start down to Karl is the IT they can see him. Crampton said Martha they know Martha. Crampton said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Speaker Crampton said okay, and thanked her. Crampton said then they can begin they are moving onto Approval of the Agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2022 WITH NO CHANGES; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Recorder Wolfe asked did she say 17 or 27.

Councilor Lewis said July 27, 2022.

Councilor Wittenberg said support again.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022 WITH NO CHANGES; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent agenda is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Crampton noted none submitted. Crampton asked what is up with that.

Recorder Wolfe said they have two for approval next week.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't think they were reviewed by Tribal Council to be placed on the agenda.

Speaker Crampton said well, there should be a timeframe if everybody doesn't look at them they just go.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of MOA with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network for treatment of Invasive Species on Tribal Properties

This MSA continues LRBOI's collaboration with the Invasive Species Network to treat Invasive Species on Tribal Properties and in the Ceded Territory near Tribal Properties to decrease the spread of Invasive Species and create habitat opportunities for Native Species. This item was moved from the 7/20/22 Tribal Council Agenda.

Speaker Crampton said that is Allison.

Allison Smart, Natural Resource Department Environmental Manager, represented this agenda item. Smart said good morning then stated her name and job position within the Tribe. Smart said today also with them Alexis De Gabriele, who is their Wetland Bio in the Natural Resources Department. Smart said this agenda item is to work with the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network to treat invasive species on Tribal properties within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Smart said ah, most of.....all the work is being conducted in Manistee County with the focus on two properties plus some of the adjacent properties that owned by not the Tribe um, that is why they want to work with Northwest Invasive Species Network. Smart said for the most part they are treating Japanese Barberry and Invasive Phragmites.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Miigwech for coming ah, she said the work will be done here in Manistee County exactly if she doesn't mind ah, where that would be at.

Allison Smart said yeah, the two parcels they are going to be working on are the Sugar Shack Parcel where they do a lot of cultural work around Sugarbush so hopefully they will help those wetlands do a little bit better as well as the Devove Parcel just south of the Government Center. Smart said um, that is the parcel whereby working with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network they are able to treat some of the airport, well, at the same time to prevent continuous spread of the same populate.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to reiterate what she had said in the work session about the cattails being there and the Phragmites if she can give just a little detail for members on that and why it is important at that property.

Allison Smart said yeah, so specifically on the Sugar Shack Property they have a really nice stand of cattails which have a lot of cultural use and the Phragmites works to out compete those cattails so by removing the Phragmites they are able to preserve the cattails stand on that parcel. Smart said which is fairly easy access for Tribal members if they wanted to harvest.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton asked any other questions. Crampton asked any other questions from the membership. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-130;
RATIFICATION OF MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
NORTHWEST MICHIGAN INVASIVE SPECIES NETWORK FOR
TREATMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES ON TRIBAL
PROPERTIES; by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said he will open it for further discussion from Council. Crampton said hearing none from the membership. Crampton said hearing or seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

2. Approval of contract to accept funds from USDA NRCS for the replacement of a culvert on the Custer Parcels

USDA NRCS has agreed to fund the replacement of a Culvert that has failed on the Custer Parcel for \$20,640. In order to accept the funds and move the project forward LRBOI has to enter into an agreement with USDA NRCS to complete the project.

Allison Smart, Natural Resource Department Environmental Manager, represented this agenda item. Smart said so this one is Natural Resources again and Zach Prause who is their Water Quality Specialist with her as well. Smart said this is a project that he will be heading up. Smart said um, this project is one that has been a few years in the making. Smart said they had a couple of work sessions with Tribal Council about it. Smart said ah, USDA and NRCS ah, which is the Natural Resources Conservation um, Service arm branch of the USDA has the ability to work with Tribes through different programs to fund this type of project as well as do all the engineering for it. Smart said ah, this project NRCS does contract funds with so it is a grant but it is not a grant because of the way it comes in through their contract funds and the reason why they enter into a contractual agreement. Smart said this project is for \$20,640 and will replace a collapsed plastic culvert that they currently cannot travel over with a metal culvert that will better align with the stream channel and will have less likelihood of washing out. Smart said it will be properly sized and will also allow for easier access to other parcels down at Custer for Tribal citizens as well as for Public Safety and Natural Resources to continue to work on improving those parcels ah, environmentally. Smart said so with that they will take any questions.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said just a note for membership this is 100% grant funded for this replacement and they are expecting the life expectancy past over a 100 years for the culvert to remain in place for the access to the property.

Allison Smart said yes, that is their expectation with this work.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay, um, is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion. Crampton said from the membership now, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is she believed it was stated that the prior culvert that is being replaced was the wrong size and she was not able to attend the most recent work session so she just wanted more information on that when this culvert was purchased and the company that sold them a culvert that was the wrong size and how much they paid for it. Agosa said thanks, those are her questions.

Allison Smart said so the culvert that was in place ah, is believed to been in place when the Tribe purchased the property and was not installed by the Tribe. Smart said ah, often times farmers as a quick solution ah, 20-30 years ago would have just popped in a plastic culvert and driven over the top of it. Smart said so that finally failed and now they are working with USDA NRCS to engineer it properly so they don't have the same issue happen again.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0727-131;
RATIFICATION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (USDA
NRCS) CONTRACT FOR EQUIP FUNDING (\$20,640) FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF A CULVERT ON THE CUSTER PARCELS;**
by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call. Crampton said oh, sorry.

Recorder Wolfe asked Allison when does she expect for the um, construction or the replacement to happen and when would it be complete.

Allison Smart said most likely at this point they are going to have to.....they can potentially try and get a contractor and get the RFP Process through this year and have it done this calendar year. Smart said her guess is by the end of 2023 they will have it all done and taken care of um, it just depends on how long their RFP Process takes and with how construction companies are very busy right now that could take a little longer to get on a schedule.

Recorder Wolfe said then they fall into winter so they want to avoid that.

Allison Smart said yeah....yeah, exactly.

Recorder Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her.

Councilor Wittenberg said if she doesn't mind, curious, what's the...the diameter of that culvert just in his mind being in....he used to do construction so he is just curious of what size they are looking at.

Allison Smart said they are still working on finalizing the Engineer Plans with the USDA NRCS they ran into an issue um, which potentially an archaeological site near the current location so they are working to finalize the engineering to make sure they do not disturb that archaeological site. Smart said so they will have that information once they are 100% certain that they are not going to disturb anything so sadly she doesn't have that piece of the puzzle right now but at some point they will have this out for an RFP and then they will have to come back to contract it out so they will have that information then.

Councilor Wittenberg asked what size is in there now then.

Zach Prause, Water Quality Specialist, said 18 inches.

Councilor Wittenberg said 18. Wittenberg thanked him.

Allison Smart and Zach Prause had a side bar conversation for a moment.

Zack Prause said in the draft that they had proposed um, so this could change obviously depending but ah, so the current one is 18 inches they proposed one that ah, was 47 inches tall and then 71 inches wide. Prause said it will be partially buried to have a more natural stream bottom. Prause thanked them.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked any other questions. Crampton said if not do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

- 3. Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$235,893 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) FY2023 Allocation Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant**

Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$235,893 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) FY2023 Allocation Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

Michol Ludwig said Miigwech for allowing her to share this space with them. Ludwig said on behalf of Council person Crampton being new she will introduce herself. Ludwig stated her name and that she was the Outreach Specialist with the Victim Services Program and she also does some direct advocacy services with clients. Ludwig said she has been with the program for 3 ½ years and in September she will have 17 years of service with the Tribe. Ludwig thanked them for the opportunity to be a part of the team. Ludwig said she here today because um, Shanaviah is not able to be so she was asked to speak on her behalf so she will try to um, answer any questions they have based on the work session. Ludwig said the VOCA Grant is a three-year grant it has to be allocated each year um, because there is possibility of budget modifications so that has to be updated. Ludwig said then come October when the funds would be awarded then Tribal Council would have the opportunity to um, accept those funds and make sure that any budgeting um, matches, they know, approximately what um, submitted to them for review. Ludwig said she can go to any questions that she can answer. Ludwig said again, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said um, Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to note that she does understand the short timeline of the grant and the documents that were submitted to Tribal Council were for the 2022 Award they have not been updated and during the work session they couldn't get an accurate count of numbers of Little River Band Tribal members being served. Wolfe asked does she have that number to provide today.

Michol Ludwig said they do not have the completed Budget because of the timeframe. Ludwig said Shanaviah has not been able to get with all of the persons that would be able to supply some of that missing information um, however its not going to stray much from what it currently. Ludwig thanked Bill. Ludwig said Bill on behalf of the program has asked Shanaviah to add in a possible Cost of Living amount so that they are working together to figure out what that would be. Ludwig said there would not be any surprise additions to what there is currently possibility having to just tweak what is in each of those areas. Ludwig said again, like she said come October when the awards would be awarded they will have another opportunity to look at that and compare the numbers and, they know, make that decision at that time whether they will actually accept the funds.

Recorder Wolfe said so because she doesn't have accurate information she is not ready to vote on the item she thinks it could be updated it sounded rather simple and they do have a whole application here from 2022 that she is saying needing

basic adjustments so she is not ready to support the item being that they don't have accurate information and they still have not been able to get from the department Victim Program Services how many Little River Band Tribal members are receiving services through the program.

Michol Ludwig said okay, she appreciates her concerns um, as far as the Budget goes um, the VOCA Grant has a deadline for when it has to be applied for so if um, they have to work together to get those numbers to them. Ludwig said certainly if they could get their approval before that deadline then, they know, she can't say on behalf of the program that that would be appropriate or okay maybe Lyle could address that but as far as the um, members that they have served um, she is prepared to address that today.

Recorder Wolfe said if she has them she is welcome to share.

Michol Ludwig said okay, all right.

Councilor Champagne identified herself. Champagne said she had her hand up also.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, they will get her.

Michol Ludwig said so if she can just be filled in on what time period they were looking for with that information.

Recorder Wolfe said well, previously she had noted in their application the numbers for she believed its 2016 to 2020. Wolfe said they asked for 2021.

Michol Ludwig said okay.

Recorder Wolfe said she wouldn't have current dated for 2022 or she can give them to date status for 2022.

Michol Ludwig said okay. Ludwig said they will show a trend um, she can show....she can share with them the numbers from 2019 on which is when she came on with the program and the reason she feels comfortable sharing this information with them is because um, the um, VAWA which is the Violence Against Women's Act confidentiality stipulations do say um, that they can share um, aggregated information regarding the program without details um, identifying anybody and that includes um, not being able to break it down by victimization type. Ludwig said the reason for that say for example um, one of their lessor victimizations that they see say trafficking so say there was a case of trac..... trafficking among....with a Tribal member and it was only one and she reported that that could potentially out that person even though she did not share their name or anything like that so that's the type of thing they have to be careful of...

with. Ludwig said so those things said um, keep in mind most of the cases that they assist with are domestic violence. Ludwig said in 2019 they served 26 clients, 11 of them were LRBOI, four of them were LRBOI descendants, three of them were um, other Tri....members of other Tribes and eight of them were other ethnicities outside of Tribal affiliation. Ludwig said that is the year she began to do the outreach education and trying to get their program known amongst all the counties that they serve. Ludwig said in 2020 they served 33 clients 11 of those were LRBOI, four of them were descendants, four were other Tribal members and 14 of them were other um, people. Ludwig said then the Pandemic hit they lost some Advocates and she went from doing the outreach to direct client services. Ludwig said in 2021 they only served 17 clients. Ludwig said she doesn't know if there is a direct correlation but there could be um, during that....for that 17 they served seven LRBOI members, 0 descendants, four other Tribal members and six other victims. Ludwig said now here is something very interesting um, in 2022 they served 16 to date now mind them they are just a little over halfway into the year so that's already um, almost half of what they served in 2020. Ludwig said of those 16 half of them, eight, are LRBOI members, 0 of them are descendants, three of them are other Tribal members and um, five of them are other. Ludwig said one thing to keep in mind when they work with their um, ah, survivors is that they are mindful of showing preference to their Tribal members as far as what services so if they can deal financial service such as um, transitional housing they may only do that for one or two for someone who is Non-Tribal verses the complete year for someone who is Tribal so that they are aware of that that they do show preference with finances of the grant money. Ludwig said then lastly on average she figured it out yesterday the length of time that they spend working with someone is 4.4 months um, but they have quite a few that they worked with from six to 11 months and um, a good number of ones that they helped 24 months or more. Ludwig said so it is not just a quick one and done type thing. Ludwig said she just appreciates their time. Ludwig said if there is any more questions she is happy to answer them.

Speaker Crampton asked Julie if she had anymore.

Recorder Wolfe said she said they were at 16 for 2022 and what was the number of the Tribal members.

Michol Ludwig said um, eight so half of them.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't have any additional comments.

Michol Ludwig said one of the points she should make if she can is that they provide many more resources and referrals beyond the clients that they have in so for example she had a Tribal member call from Alaska who needed um, some information um, and she was able to get online and get all kinds of um, resources to offer that person so that they had a starting point to be able to seek that so keep that in mind as well those types of interactions are not in these numbers.

Speaker Crampton said he thinks next is um, Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said no.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then they will move down to Councilor Champagne. Crampton repeated Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she is sorry she couldn't get her mute off. Champagne said um, she guess her question is she did say she was a contractor right.

Michol Ludwig said she didn't quite hear her question, Cindy.

Councilor Champagne said she said she did say she was a contractor, correct.

Michol Ludwig said no, she is not a contractor um, the VOCA Grant is what pays um, the majority of their Victim Service Programs Staff but she is a regular employee of the government.

Councilor Champagne said oh, okay. Champagne said so this is a grant that she... who wrote this grant, did she write or someone else.

Michol Ludwig said no, she did not Shanaviah did.

Councilor Champagne repeated Shanaviah did.

Michol Ludwig said yes.

Councilor Champagne said okay, um, she guess what she is looking at is um, they should have these grants ahead of time so they can look them over and understand what is there....with things missing....she is in favor of this grant but she wants to see a complete grant she doesn't want to see partial and have her tell them other things. Champagne repeated um, if they are getting a grant they should see the entire thing so they know what is going on. Champagne said um, so that is one of her issues with this but she is in support of it otherwise.

Michol Ludwig thanked her. Ludwig said they appreciate that um, one thing to keep in mind or actually two in regard to that um, comment is that this is an allocation so it is an existing grant that has been already written and that has been provided to Council in the past. Ludwig repeated this is just an allocation so meaning that its an opportunity for the grant funders to review um, the Budget for the coming year to make sure that that Budget is in line with the previously stated program goals and objectives. Ludwig said their hands are kind of tied with how much time they can provide them the information based on when the grant funder um, provides Shanaviah with the solicitation and information that is required for

her to submit which she believed she shared in the work session yesterday um, what that date was that she received the information.

Councilor Champagne said she would personally like to make a motion to postpone this until they have all the information. Champagne said she doesn't like voting on something that they don't have everything complete. Champagne said so that's all she really has. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked so she is making a motion.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, Shannon, she is to postpone this until they have all the information.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL COUNCIL HAS ALL THE INFORMATION; by Champagne; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton said he guessed they are going to pick that up in discussion. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on this. Crampton said okay, it is still open for discussion from Council. Crampton said Di Piazza.

Ogema Romanelli asked Speaker when ready could he put the Ogema in.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza asked when is this grant due.

Michol Ludwig said by Friday.

Councilor Di Piazza said Friday, okay.

Speaker Crampton asked anything else.

Councilor Di Piazza said so if they don't get it submitted they are going to lose ah, lose this program.

Michol Ludwig said she can't um, be certain that would happen. Ludwig said the significance of it.....

There was background interference going on the ZOOM recording coming from telephone number 231 690-3498 and it was breaking up the conversation from Michol Ludwig so most of her comments could not be heard clearly.

Michol Ludwig continued....Shanaviah so it would....to have the staff to run the program.

The background interference continued on the ZOOM recording that was coming from telephone number 231 690-3498.

Michol Ludwig continued to speak but her comments were not picked up on the ZOOM recording due to the interference in the background.

Recorder Wolfe asked Ogema Romanelli to mute his phone until he is ready to speak because it is providing a lot of background noise.

Michol Ludwig said so either staff has to be gone or um, dollars would have to come out of other grants that the program has which is going to significantly cut into client services.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set right now.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said ah, Sara....he thinks they had Sara Agosa next.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just has some questions. Agosa said she appreciates that Council wants to move this to a work session and something else she noted that um, it seems many work sessions are scheduled on Tuesday before Wednesday and that seems very rushed. Agosa said she just wanted to make Council aware of that. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said all right ah, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said ah, he would be opposed to postponing this he believed that the grant is something that they applied for before so 90% of the wording is the same. Romanelli said it basically changes the dates and ah, timing and numbers but other than that he thinks it is the same ah, grant that they applied for before. Romanelli said he thinks it is at risk because of the deadline to postpone it at this time. Romanelli said this only to apply for the grant and again, he thinks the risk is huge if they miss that deadline and he is not sure what Council is thinking about doing if they postpone it but they are looking at the numbers and they know there has been a huge uptick in assaults and, and, ah, violence that has been happening in Native Country as well. Romanelli said so he just thinks that he would like to see that it stay on the agenda and be approved today. Romanelli said again, looking at the numbers and the number of Tribal members, the descendants, and other Tribes. Romanelli said he just thinks it is huge and he thinks it would put it at risk. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Champagne said she wanted to jump back in at this time, Shannon.

Speaker Crampton said ah.....

Councilor Champagne asked is it okay.

Speaker Crampton said yes, Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, um she agrees that this is important, this grant, but then people need to do their job and get Council the information they need. Champagne said this isn't the first time that they had grants brought forward without all the information. Champagne said now she is sure they knew that this was coming up since they said this isn't the first time they applied for it so um, she doesn't know about the rest of Council but she really doesn't like voting on stuff where she doesn't have all the information and later on something comes up and they question it and then it is said, *"well you voted on it, you voted yes on it."* Champagne said well if they get the information she is okay with voting yes but right now she questions it.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked Cindy if she was done.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, she guessed she is just saying people need to do their job when they bring these forward if this is Larry's project then Larry knew it was coming up he should have did his job. Champagne thanked them. Champagne said she is done.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, can they add him back in please.

Speaker Crampton said yes....yes. Crampton said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, he wanted to say Miigwech and he is all for this but when they submit something and not all the paperwork is all filled out and so now he is putting his name on them, voting on now whether yes or no on it and so he is giving them a blank check because he doesn't what all.....they say all he has got to do is change the figures well, change the figures can be a big, big thing. Wittenberg said that is what even though there is a timeframe on this and how important it truly is but if he was going to do that and he knows there is a timeframe and just say, *"Okay I will submit it and then they will vote yes and all I got to do is change the figure,"* well personally himself he has a problem with this and he does understand that he himself was going to submit something he would try to avoid ah, anything from it happening and that is one of them and it was even brought up in the work session that the well they weren't on the last ah, submission and on and all they have to do is change the figure.....changing figures is a big thing. Wittenberg said they know it is like going off and buying a car and they turnaround and they are giving one figure and oh, now just sign here and they will turnaround and tell them actually because....and sometimes that does happen because, *"oh we forgot to add this,"* well that is where he is at on it and so myself if he was going to do something he would certainly

want...especially being a close deadline to have all the paperwork on there so it could turnaround and ah, he would be satisfied to either yay or nay but at least he did his part and that's what he is concerned with. Wittenberg thanked them. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Michol Ludwig said Miigwech for their concerns um, she certainly wouldn't want to put her name to something where she possibly could be liable either. Ludwig said she just wants to remind them this is just to allow them to approve....to apply and then again once the money is granted then they have the opportunity to look at it and go, *"oh yeah, this is close to what they said,"* and accept the funds or say, *"whoa what happen here they know."* Michol Ludwig made another comment but it faded out here. Ludwig said she wanted to stress that point that they have that opportunity to look at it. Ludwig said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said okay, seeing no one else. Crampton said Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said with all due respect this isn't Larry's Project they have a department that is working very hard and works very hard to get these going forward ah, again he thinks it was noted that they sometimes have short deadlines where the information has been given to them which causes the short deadlines. Romanelli said they know that Federal Governments, State Governments and other governments ah, sometimes give them a very short timeframe and anybody that deals with grants know that's the case so again, this is only to apply for the grant and as Michol just said they know, once they apply.....they don't want to miss the deadline he thinks it is very risky and its to apply for it. Romanelli said once the application comes in the Tribal Council has the right to ah, approve or deny it at that time. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, do they have any more questions. Crampton said um, Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said she would like to say at the beginning of her presentation of the item she is postponing it until they have the complete information because when she did note yesterday in the work session and today is this is not an accurate application presented to them. Wolfe said it stated that they are applying for 2023 also she just wanted to note in the grant notice there is a clause that says if they are unable to submit their application in this time period please contact their program manager in the Grants Division Team Member. Wolfe said so they still have time to ask for an extension to apply for the grant deadline because as they say 90% of the information is going to remain the same she can't believe it is going to take so long for them to modify and adjust the 10% so Tribal Council has accurate information and a basis they are going on. Wolfe said so she is in favor of postponing it for accurate information.

Speaker Crampton said oh, since he seen no more conversation he just wanted to add some things. Crampton said ah, he tends to agree with Council he knows this is important and he does support it but um, he hopes they understand ah, it wouldn't be fiscally responsible to write a blank check at this time. Crampton said um, so he really doesn't support this until they have the correct information and like the Recorder just said that clause in there does say if they are not able to submit their application within this time period please contact their Program Manager and Grants Division Team Member. Crampton said um, if there is any information they give them today he means they still can reconsider it but at this time he guessed they are going to entertain that motion so. Crampton said if there is no more discussion oh, oh. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said out of speculation over all this program stuff ah, years of service and all the clients that they serviced whether they are LRB or other Natives, their spouses or just others, how many in their speculation have they saved their lives as far as.....if he can save one life he doesn't care if it is a citizen or if it is another Native.

Michol Ludwig said that is something that will make her very emotional because it took her a long time to get to this part and that is something and she worked with a client who um, at the point that they ended services handed her a rope and she asked what is this and she said she didn't need this anymore. Ludwig said she asked what is this, why does she have a rope in her purse. Ludwig said she took it back from her and she unfolded it and it was tied in a noose that was her lifeline. Ludwig said she couldn't get out of that abusive relationship. Ludwig said she feels that if they can change just one.....if they serviced through the whole year just one person and that change helps them get out of that abusive relationship and receive healing that is possibly enough to change that history of violence in that family for generations possibly. Ludwig said so um, one other thing to remind them when they said blank check um, the grant is um, two hundred and some odd thousand.....she doesn't have that number right in front of her.....\$235,893 so it can't vary from that its just that the items within it maybe salaries over last year again because they did ask for that number to be updated, um, their cell phones service and some of the other things that are in there they don't have the data on what the new pricing might be. Ludwig said so again, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said Lyle.

Lyle Dorr, Grants Department, announced his name to Grace when she has to write this up. Dorr said um, just to give them the framework and membership with this grant. Dorr said it is kind of an odd grant compared to many in that there is a plan that was done they do it every three years and then they approve the Budget for the first year. Dorr said then each year they have to go back with the Budget for the revisions such as Michol is stating there. Dorr said um, but it has to still be within the plan um, so that is what they are doing. Dorr said this is the last year of this cycle and then next year they will have to redo a new plan for service to the

families and to the Tribe. Dorr said then again it will be on a three year cycle and they will have to bring the Budget back each year. Dorr said not all grants or most grants are not run that way. Dorr said so that is kind of what is happening here. Dorr said this is the last year Budget of that plan. Dorr said that is it. Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she they know, she doesn't disagree with the services and she sorry she got emotional but this is about approving the grant. Champagne said all she is saying if they are going to bring a grant forward and if its that important that they are saying it is then she would have thought they would have all the information for Council to look at. Champagne said she is just not wanting to do her job without having everything that they need. Champagne said um, she still wants to have the motion carried forward to postpone this until they get the information and if it is as little information as they say they need they should be able to get that to them in a day or two. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Lyle.

Lyle Dorr said sorry the information when they received it.....this is.....this is just information for the Council as they are making a decision. Dorr said they received it um, probably like the Friday before that the grant here....go forward with the grant so they had to get it on the agenda so they started doing the work session request and everything and it ___ for this week and it's on a Tuesday.....the review on Monday and then Tuesday is because that is when they got the information and the only way to get them something that was relevant was to give them last year's Budget in this case. Dorr said so that's the kind of timeline they only had a couple of weeks to put this together and they know they have their, they know, they have their process here and the Federal Government doesn't look at that. Dorr said just that information for them. Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said oh, okay well he does agree with the.....he does agree with the expenditure and the accepting of funds but....but he is still going to stay with that he doesn't think Tribal Council will be breaking their protocol to make this um, ah, kind of exception. Crampton said he tends to agree with Councilor Champagne if this was that important and there were lives to save then why wasn't this followed up and why wasn't the information given. Crampton said the ownness is not on the Council the ownness is on the department.

Michol Ludwig said she understands that and she doesn't have an answer for that because she is not directly responsible for writing the grant....the information that they received.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked Lyle did he want to say something else.

Lyle Dorr said just that he does know that Shanaviah is still writing the Narratives for the updated plan so he knows it is in the process. Dorr said she is writing those things and again, he doesn't....he is not writing the Narrative its not his program so but he does know she said she should have it done today, tomorrow he believed. Dorr said that is all he knows. Dorr thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Michol Ludwig said to her knowledge there was just a few things on the um, Budget that she needed to get as far as updated billing for their cell phone service, the um, fringe benefits, difference, they know, for allowing for possible Cost of Increase so not major things.

Speaker Crampton asked so it is still possible she could get it done today.

Michol Ludwig said she doesn't know what is on her plate today so she can't answer that question.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her.

Michol Ludwig said she supposed it could be brought to her.

Speaker Crampton thanked her again. Crampton said he thinks they have exhausted the queue. Crampton asked does anyone else want to say something.

Councilor Guenthardt said isn't this just to apply for the grant...just to apply for it. Guenthardt asked why can't they just apply for it and they can discuss this stuff when they get the grant. *Councilor Guenthardt's microphone wasn't working properly and it was hard to make out his comments because they were so low and difficult to hear correctly.*

Speaker Crampton said that makes sense. Crampton asked anybody else. Crampton said if not please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said five in favor and four against the item has been postponed.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Michol Ludwig said thanks for their time.

4. Ratification of Tele-Psychiatric Consultation Services Agreement

Be Da Bin received the contract from Pine Rest for continued psychiatric services for the LRBOI Tribal members.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mrs. Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt, Mental Health Counselor, represented this agenda item. Schwandt said hello. Schwandt said this is a renewal of a contract with Pine Rest to provide them with a Psychiatrist to provide psychiatric services to their Tribal citizens. Schwandt said this would include medication, medication management, psychiatric evaluations, um, psychiatric consultations. Schwandt said also this..... the money for these services would come out of their Tribal Behavioral Health Implementation Grant that they have until September 30th of this year. Schwandt said um, they have applied for the next cycle of the grant they have not heard from the State yet on whether or not they will get that grant. Schwandt said they are hoping sometime in August they will find out. Schwandt said um, in the event that they do not get the grant they could bill out of their um, their Be Da Bin Budget for Client Services or Professional Fees and um, yes that is all she has today.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked do they have any questions from the Council. Crampton said seeing none he will open it up to the membership. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she has two questions. Agosa said first how often is this contract renewed and second were other vendors given an opportunity to bid. Agosa thanked them.

Angela Schwandt said so this grant.....not grant excuse her.....this contract is for three years and they did not seek out any other contractors um, they have worked with Pine Rest since the very beginning of um.....of providing psychiatric services to their Tribal citizens so that would be back in 2016 she believed. Schwandt said they have a very good working relationship with Pine Rest um, also their clients are very um, they like the Psychiatrist that they have also too Psychiatrist are very, very hard to find not only here in Manistee but in Michigan and the whole Nation. Schwandt said so um, they did not look for any others.

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she thought that the Tribe has a policy where any contracts have to go out to bid. Agosa asked um, can they please clarify that for her.

Speaker Crampton said yes, there can be a Sole Source also. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she doesn't really understand. Agosa said she thought....what is Sole Source.

Speaker Crampton said that is where the Tribe finds a somebody.....they identify somebody that could be more expedient or advantageous to the Tribe that they can actually use them without going.....

Sara Agosa sneezed in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton continued....to the referral process.

Sara Agosa apologized. Agosa said she didn't mean to interrupt but Sole Source is not being used in this instance is it.

Speaker Crampton said ah, yes it is.

Sara Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked any other questions. Crampton said if there are none he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-132;
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE
TELEPSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH PINE REST; by Guenthardt; supported by
Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on this issue. Crampton said he will open it up again for discussion with the Council. Crampton said seeing none.....oop, sorry.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to thank the Be Da Bin Staff for bringing this forward and then thank Angela for adding the piece in the resolution to make it revised that um, notes in there that if um, the funding for the services is going to be paid out of the Inter-Tribal Council but in the event that the Inter-Tribal Council Grant is not awarded the funding would be Indian Health Service Self-Governance Compact. Wolfe said she just wanted to thank them for that.

Angela Schwandt said she was welcome.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said um, okay, he is going to open it for discussion from the membership. Crampton asked any other questions from the membership. Crampton said hearing none, seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one against resolution has been approved.

Speaker Crampton and Recorder Wolfe were conversing in the background on the ZOOM recording but their comments could not be made out clearly.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton said that moves them down to Budget Modifications and Budgeted Expenditures and they have none.

IV. Old Business

A. Operations Report

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Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion on accepting the Operations Report.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JUNE 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said okay he will open it for discussion. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ June 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to read the totals for membership. Wolfe said she had been asked to do that at different points and times. Wolfe said so with the June 2022 Report Team Member Count for Preference for the total employees at LRCR is 615, 22 are Native, 468 are Non-Preference, 83 are Tribal Members, 16 are Spouses and 26 are Descendants.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said if there is no further discussion um, please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

V. New Business

A. Add Shannon Crampton as Designated Signer on Bank Accounts
Add Speaker Crampton to list of authorized bank account signers.

Speaker Crampton said that is brought forth by Mrs. Rabb.

Angela Rabb, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Rabb asked can they hear her.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Angela Rabb said okay. Rabb said ah, the Tribe has several bank accounts and they need authorized signers for those accounts. Rabb said currently the

authorized signers are members of the Tribal Council and the Ogema and Speaker Crampton is a newly elected Tribal Council Member. Rabb said he needs to be added to the list of authorized signers for the Tribal bank accounts.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ADD SHANNON CRAMPTON AS DESIGNATED
SIGNER ON BANK ACCOUNTS; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.**

Recorder Wolfe asked can she have the resolution number please.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-133;
AMENDING DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR ACCOUNTS AT PNC
BANK, WELLS FARGO, AND HUNTINGTON BANK; by
Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.**

Councilor Wittenberg said sorry about that.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any discussion on the item. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 3, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he just has a few items. Romanelli said ah, the first one is regarding childcare in the Child Care Center. Romanelli said he hears that the Tribal Council is looking at options. Romanelli said he knows that it is of interest in the community ah, because childcare is important in retaining workers and employees with them being the largest employer. Romanelli said um, it has affected them and it does affect them getting ah, employees to stay with them both in the Government and the Resort. Romanelli said there is an idea out there in the community to possibly look at ah, starting up childcare its been in the paper. Romanelli said he just wondered if the Tribal Council could update the members or himself as to what they are looking at

for childcare. Romanelli said the second thing is he just sent to Tribal Council a letter that he received from the Department of Interior regarding the Fruitport Property where they were going to put their casino and putting that Land in Trust. Romanelli said ah, that letter came last night to him and he did forward it on, again, they talked about the possibility of putting the Land in Trust for a number of reasons. Romanelli said ah, because they can do so and then they would have some Trust Land in Muskegon and furthermore they would save some taxes. Romanelli said what also has occurred yesterday is that there was body found in the old Jockey Quarters um, on the property. Romanelli said its been.....they did send officers there but Fruitport usually takes care of it because it is their jurisdiction but they've had an ongoing problem with people being in the Jockey Quarters.....homeless people and it has been a continual issue. Romanelli said so it would be his suggestion that they put the Land in Trust and they also knock down that building and um, so he is in full support. Romanelli said as the letter states there is a timeframe for ah, getting this done much of the work has already been done when they were trying to get the casino on there. Romanelli said the work has already been done. Romanelli said the Department of Interior basically already gave their approval ah, to move forward and put the Land into Trust so um, the suggestion is that they just go forward and put the Land in Trust so. Romanelli said he thinks that is it for now.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he has Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo, good morning. Metzger said ah, how much land is he planning on putting into Trust. Metzger asked was it the original 60 acres or are they going for the whole 120.

Ogema Romanelli said it would be the original 60-80 acres that they put forward to the Department of Interior. Romanelli said at this time because again, much of the work has been done, all the studies have been done, they did get tentative approval from the Department of Interior and this can be done without the Governor signoff. Romanelli said at a later date they would look at whether they wanted to put other land in Trust of the 233 acres but not at this time.

Al Metzger said because it seems like to him if they put the whole 233 acres like he said in Trust right now then they have control over land, they know, where they could use it as Industrial Park and *the rest of his comment faded off here.*

Ogema Romanelli said and that they could do that simultaneously. Romanelli said he doesn't think it would ah, be in their best interests to combine the two at this time because they've done so much work on the first one if they could get that in Trust and then at a later date or simultaneously be looking to starting the work for Land in Trust for the other approximately 160 acres.

Al Metzger said all right, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked Al.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said sorry she is having problems with her voice. Agosa said her question is regarding the vacant building removal. Agosa asked how many buildings are still standing on the property it seems to her that \$40 million um, expenditure on this property would cover removals of vacant buildings. Agosa asked can she just get more information on that. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, there are some ah, old horse barns which are basically a roof with open sides and he thinks they have two or three of those buildings. Romanelli said they are significantly large ah, again they can sell those there are people who are interested in them or they can keep them for whatever purpose they may want in the future. Romanelli said the only building that is standing that is not ah, basically the horse stalls is this building and it is reminiscent of an old hotel of sorts but basically it has been stripped of everything and it's a cement block building so it would be easy to tear down. Romanelli said that is the only building standing that needs attention at this time.

Speaker Crampton asked Sara if she was good.

Sara Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore, Tribal #3225, said Miigwech. Densmore said she has a question for the Ogema regarding the casino. Densmore said she was just wondering if he was aware she knows he was talking about retaining employment. Densmore said she is sorry, can they hear her.

Recorder Wolfe said she has background noises from the phone of the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he is parked and not sure what.....let's try that. Romanelli asked does that help.

Speaker Crampton asked can she repeat her question, Chelsea.

Chelsea Densmore said yes, she is sorry, she had a question about the casino. Densmore said she knows the Ogema was talking about retaining employment are they currently fully staffed for the hotel at this time.

Ogema Romanelli said no, he believed they are ah, in need of hotel staff and restaurant staff there are many departments that are lacking employees. Romanelli said it continues to be an issue on both....with the Government and the Resort. Romanelli said he hoped that answered her question if that was what she was talking about.

Chelsea Densmore said yeah, so the reason she was asking just because the Membership Meeting is only ten weeks out um, but it still like 2 ½ months right, and she has already called the casino and they are already fully booked so she didn't know if there was any plans to try and open more rooms or if there is anything that is going to be done to try and increase capacity so that more members can come to the Fall Membership Meeting.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he is not sure. Romanelli said there was a question as to the meeting being in November/October it is still in October ah, he believed the eighth he doesn't have the paper in front of him. Romanelli said he believed it is October 8th is their Membership Meeting and he knows people were trying to book their hotel for November. Romanelli said they usually have a set aside for rooms so he would assume there still are rooms available or would be able to accommodate most members. Romanelli said now they have a limited number of rooms because of staffing but he wasn't aware that the amount of rooms for their members has been filled already.

Chelsea Densmore said yeah, so unfortunately she had called for um, for the Friday and Saturday, October 7th and 8th, um, and they are already booked out so she didn't know if there was anything that the Ogema is considering or anything that the casino....Resort can do to try and increase room capacity for their members.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he knows that they have staff from the Resort on but he can also do a check um, later this week and find out if they can either increase capacity or find out what the situation is.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said he knows they have been waiting to speak and he thinks that Connie has something to add to the current conversation. Crampton said Mrs. Waitner.

Connie Waitner, Tribal #0022 and Assistant GM of the Resort, thanked the Speaker. Waitner said um, what usually happens um, is the October Membership Meeting they don't normally set aside any rooms and on weekends they are at full capacity all of their rooms are booked. Waitner said they have managed to open up all of their rooms to the guests Friday and Saturday nights or Sunday. Waitner said the rest of the week they focus on making sure those are cleaned again before their full capacity during the week. Waitner said they do struggle with um, guest

attendance during the week as they do EVS and F & B. Waitner said ____ they are getting closer but they are not 100%. Waitner said um, the rooms that they are talking about being reserved are blocked rooms that are held for the Elders Conference that is held in November so she thinks that is what she is referencing, Chelsea, she is not sure. Waitner said normally in October there are no ah, blocks of rooms set aside for the Membership Meetings unless it is by request. Waitner said but she will reach out to the Hotel Director to see if there is any possibility of moving any around um, she will get back to um, membership or ah, Tribal Council....and the Ogema once she knows. Waitner said she hopes that helps.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Chelsea Densmore said it did and thanked her. Densmore said she just wanted to add she did hear about November, she wasn't talking about that, but um, with this being a potential issue because she, she knows that the Resort once it stays full absolutely 100% is there anything that Council might consider for the future with reserving a block of rooms um, she doesn't know, like a month or two or a couple of months ahead just to hold them for Membership Meetings and then releasing them at a certain amount of time beforehand so they can get filled if they are not otherwise.

Speaker Crampton said he can check into it Constitutionally but he thinks that um, that's the ah, Ogema's organizing that meeting per the Constitution.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, if he could jump back in Speaker.

Speaker Crampton said please.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he was right and it does per the Constitution call for two Membership Meetings per year ah, so that's why he thinks Connie ah, gave the right answer but he also thinks that they need because ah, it is required by the Constitution and because their Tribal members at certain times needs should come first he thinks they do need to have some set aside for the Membership Meeting. Romanelli said he will talk with Connie he already had discussions in the past but he thinks they can have another discussion on how they ah, approach that again, considering staffing problems too. Romanelli thanked them.

Connie Waitner said absolutely, Larry, she would be happy to group with him. Waitner thanked them.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech. Densmore thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton thanked Cindy Champagne for her patience. Crampton said um, go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said well, she is going to be jumping backwards a little bit um, she agrees with Al Metzger that um, all of their land should be put in Trust and she understands why Larry is saying only a small portion of it is because they had already started that but she thinks they should start the rest of the 100 um, acres they should start that right away. Champagne said there is no reason that their land shouldn't be in Trust that protects the Tribe. Champagne said so that is all she really had to say. Champagne thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, and he would agree with that as well. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said um, the letter....he does have a copy of the letter here and it seems like it ah, Mr. Garrett has stated that the transfer to Trust is for approximately 60 acres of land. Crampton said he doesn't know if they need a new application or amend the application to incorporate the 140 that they are talking about but this one only looks like it is good for 60 acres.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, and that's why he wouldn't recommend combining the two. Romanelli said he would do the 60 acres which is ah, very much ready and already been given tentative support from the Department of Interior and they can do simultaneously the rest of the acreage if ah, he started working on that simultaneously so, yeah. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he thinks that is it. Crampton asked are there any more questions for the Ogema if not they will move down to Legislative Affairs Update.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said so she just has two announcements. Wolfe said first of all she wanted to congratulate all the Olympians that went to the Michigan Indian Family Olympics that was held in Mt. Pleasant on July 22nd. Wolfe said they came in 7th Place in the Nation with 19 Medals that was broken down into um, 12 Little River Members receiving Gold, two receiving Silver and five receiving Bronze. Wolfe said so she just wanted to note that and congratulate all those that went and participated and represented the Tribe at that event. Wolfe said um, secondly just an announcement from the Education Department um, they have a program for Monarch Caterpillars and they have done that for several years. Wolfe said the caterpillars have arrived at the Tribe and they will be available in the Government Center um, cafeteria today and tomorrow of this week. Wolfe said there are different information and things in there that would be available when they pick up their caterpillars so um, and they do have tags from the

Education Department for those butterflies before they release them after they are raised. Wolfe said um, so if they are interested in those stop by the Government Center and pick some up. Wolfe said um, questions can be directed to Yvonne Parsons in Education her phone number is 231 398-6735. Wolfe said then just lastly to note that um, the Monarch Butterflies have recently um, been put on the Endangered Species List. Wolfe said so she just wanted to make those two notes for membership. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked anything else for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said he just wanted to touch back on something else when people were talking on the part of the discussion that came up that um, employee retention or positions over at the hotel that's unique to their Tribe in fact he was made aware last week that Grand Traverse is building a Housing Unit and they are offering it to employees. Crampton said that is how bad they are hurting there they are building Housing Unit just for employees so if they are looking for a job go to the Resort and they will also give them a house. Crampton said okay, that moves them on.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she has two questions about IT. Agosa said one is about work sessions being recorded. Agosa asked what is the purpose in that they are being recorded why can't they be posted for Tribal members to view um, because it would be really helpful for members to have access if they are being recorded um, since some of the issues are complex. Agosa said so that is her first question. Agosa asked do they want her to proceed with her second one.

Speaker Crampton said they will address them as she asks them. Crampton said ah, he is not aware of Tribal Council actually recording work sessions until Mr. Di Piazza started doing that when he was Recorder before that he doesn't think they were and if she looks at the um, Meeting Procedures Ordinance he believed that it states that work sessions are not official meetings of Tribal Council so he has no idea why they are being recorded. Crampton said okay, what is her second question.

Sara Agosa said her second question is about the LRBOI User Agreement when they log in to these meetings through ZOOM and suddenly this agreement was on ZOOM and she would like an explanation as to why um, and clarification on the language. Agosa said this particular section unauthorized or improper use of this system may result in Administrative Disciplinary Action and Civil and Criminal Penalties. Agosa said she just wondered since this is a public meeting and especially a meeting of Tribal Council what this means and examples of unauthorized or improper use for member's education. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody from IT here. *Crampton laughing here.* Crampton said he doesn't believe.....he doesn't believe the Agreement applies to the members individually he thinks it is just for anybody that gets the program going. Crampton said he doesn't think it falls on the members he doesn't think they have any protocols in place of what would be a penalty if they did. Crampton asked does that answer her question.....Sara.

Sara Agosa said she just wanted to say in closing that she feels really uncomfortable with this disclaimer. Agosa said she doesn't understand why they have to agree to it just to access a public meeting. Agosa said that her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said all right he will look in it to see where that applies to Tribal members or if it is just a Standard Agreement they put up. Crampton said um, Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger, Tribal #2276, thanked them. Echelbarger said um, she just wanted to let the membership and Council and Ogema all know that the Election Board has placed their red-lined regulation changes out on the LRBOI website. Echelbarger said they will be out there until August 17th membership can make their comments, there is an email address, make sure they make the comments by August 17th by 8:00 so they can take a look at those. Echelbarger said and that's it. Echelbarger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said first of all she wants to apologize they did have ah, a block of rooms available. Waitner said from her understanding at this point and time they are full but she is getting clarification on how many are blocked and ____ are cancellations. Waitner said her apologies she got a little confused with the blocking because they also block for um, special events and so on and so forth by request so. Waitner said her apologies. Waitner said she will get back to Tribal Council and the Ogema with the exact number of what was blocked and if they could possibly release any more. Waitner said so she will keep them guys posted on this. Waitner said her apologies again.

Speaker Crampton thanked her very much. Crampton said um, Al Metz....*did he put his hand down.....*Al Metzger.

Al Metzger, Tribal #0890, said ah, yes. Metzger said he just has one question and maybe one statement. Metzger said ah, the question basically concerns the Elders Meeting. Metzger said he doesn't know if any ah, Elder Officers are there but will they be electing new officials for the Elders Committee. Metzger said his statement is basically going back to land down in Fruitport. Metzger said to him ah, he feels personally that all that land should be put in Trust to begin with ah, one of their economic benefits is land that they hold and how they deem on how

they use it. Metzger said as to put....as to ah, oppose to paying outside taxes and following other ah, city ordinances and zoning laws if they had more control over land and then they can have control over what they need to do with it and that is just a statement. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Metzger said he is not sure about the Elder's Meeting do they have a Liaison for.....*the rest of his comment was gone here.*

Recorder Wolfe said Gary, Ron and Sandy.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "Mr. Speaker," but it cannot be determined who said it or where it came from.

Speaker Crampton said they have Julie and Shirley are the Lia.....

Councilor Lewis said no, it's, its Gary Di Piazza, herself and Councilor Wittenberg. Lewis said she believed Councilor Di Piazza may have a little more information on that. Lewis said she knows that there is a meeting August 6th, yeah, there is a meeting August 6th and that is going to be in the Pavilion, is it... at the Pow Wow Grounds. Lewis said Marcella Leusby she believed is the Lead Person that if they wanted more information they probably want to contact her.

Recorder Wolfe said Chuck Fisher is the Chair.

Councilor Lewis repeated Chuck Fisher.

Recorder Wolfe said she thinks Marcella is just an Officer and believed the Secretary is Detra Kelsey. Wolfe said having communicated to Council other than their meeting not their agenda....what happens at their meetings.

Both Speaker Crampton and Al Metzger started to speak at the same time on the ZOOM recording and cancelled each other out so their comments were not heard clearly.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said um, at this time he will entertain a close.....a motion to close the meeting. Crampton read the following statement:

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

Speaker Crampton said now he will entertain a motion to close the meeting.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton said they are concluded at 11:22.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wolfe said the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to go back into Open Session at 3:02.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent they are in Second Open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton asked anything on. Crampton said they need a motion to move some items.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he would like to make a motion,

MOTION TO MOVE TO OPEN RESOLUTION #22-0727-134 AND RESOLUTION #22-0727-135, RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent items have been moved.

The following resolutions, motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session. The roll call numbers are not included because that is the way they appear on the Roll Call Sheets.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-134;
RATIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER-ANGELA RABB;** by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0727-135;
APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH RSM US, LLP
TO PERFORM AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022,
2023 AND 2024;** by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said he thanks then and he will entertain a motion to end the Second Open.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said five in favor, two against and two absent they are adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Councilor Lewis thanked everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder