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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on July 7, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Councilor Lewis states Miss. Speaker the recorder is on.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Good Morning everyone welcome to our Tribal council meeting regular meeting for Wednesday July, 7, 2021 umm ask Mr. Councilor Wittenberg to give a opening prayer.

Councilor Wever asks do we stand?

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg states for those that can stand.

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

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03: a.m.

Acting speaker Wolfe states in absence speaker umm I'll be doing that duty so then the necessity is to do a Tribal Council vote for a pro temp recorder for this meeting so at this time we will do that can we get a motion for pro temp speaker for today?

Councilor Wittenberg states he umm would to make to make a motion to to for Sandy Lewis to be pro temp uhh recorder.

Councilor Champagne states she seconds that.

Acting speaker Wolfe said roll call on that.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting recorder Lewis states motion has been approved.

Acting speaker Wolfe asks so do we do this one? Acting recorder Lewis answered mmm hmm yup.

Acting speaker Wolfe stated miss. Recorder can you give ahh roll call establish quorum for this meeting?

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present	
S. Crampton - Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Present	S. Wever -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe -	Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Acting recorder Lewis states we have quorum.

Acting speaker Wolfe said so then that brings to approval of agenda

C. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE
FOLLOWING CORRECTION UNDER NEW BUSINESS A IS
REMOVED** by Di Piazza ; supported by .Wittenberg

Acting speaker Wolfe asks can I get a roll call on that?

Councilor Guenthardt asks is that under old business?

Councilor DiPiazza said what I say?

Councilor Guenthardt said the new

Councilor DiPiazza replied did I? My apologizes old Business A

Councilor Wittenberg stated I still support

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting recorder Lewis said ok the agenda has been approved for Wednesday for July, 7,2021

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 2/17/21

Acting recorder Lewis said I'll make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/17/21; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting speaker Wolfe said can we have a roll call on the acceptance of the minutes?

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said Tribal Council Minutes for 2/17/21 have been accepted for filing.

A Anishinaabe man named Turtle started speaking in Anishinaabemowin.

Turtle said that makes him feel all better now that he smudged and he is not so foreign to them guys, eh? Turtle said anyways but ah, today Chi Miigwech, then added more Anishinaabemowin. Turtle said he would like to say ah, his name is Turtle, he comes from the Snapping Turtle Clan from Lac Du Flambeau which is _____. Turtle said so if he was French he would say Laac Daau Flam....bow.....*everyone started laughing.* Turtle said that means licking the flame so ah, they know how their French relatives are. Turtle said so, um, they know its ah, its ah, a good thing to be able to come and do a Pipe Ceremony because he would like to think he cares for people because he does it for the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Turtle said some of them might know what that is and it's not about that ____ that white man's money. Turtle said even though he might need it right now because his brakes went out when he go here last night. *Everyone started laughing again.* Turtle said but ah, they know, ah, this Indian way of life, this Anishnaabe way of life, this ah, Odawa way of life its ah,

they know it's, it's hard. Turtle said it doesn't matter if they are a full blood or a half blood or mixed blood or whatever. Turtle said so ah, maybe he considers himself a little bit lucky here today because maybe the ah, little bit of the luck of the Irish is coming out of him today. *Everyone stated laughing.* Turtle said Irish on his mom's side so, they know ah, he was born in Chicago and ah, his grandma moved there when they were ah, when she was a little younger and ah, the Relocation Act he thinks that was in 1936 somewhere in there. Turtle said they know it is pretty hard to live a life, any kind of life just um, to be able to put a roof on their head, put poles on their back and to have a meal. Turtle said their family struggled as he is sure a lot of people that can relate here in some type of way. Turtle said in some type of way each and every one of them is a ah, path finder in their own families. Turtle said they know, he is sure they can relate to some level on that. Turtle said so ah, they know, he is trying to keep it plain and simple for everybody, for all of them because their ancestors knew that ah, they know, that ah, there was going to be a change around this time and there is a rapid change going on right now. Turtle said not just Tribally but environmentally, and financially and so on. Turtle said so ah, they know ah, they always strive for peace if peace is ah, having....

A female participant said a single word in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Turtle continued.....having love and compassion and ah, for their neighbor, for their friend even if they are not related, they know, he, he, he, he tried to do his best to ah, represent who he is. Turtle said everybody has their good days and their bad days and that is okay but don't feed into that because that is not what this is.....this way of life is supposed to be about because it will only make them sicker. Turtle repeated it will only make them sicker. Turtle said they can all relate to that too in some way. Turtle said so ah, they know ah, anyway ah, he loves this way of life and its beautiful and it's hard not....he's been ah, they know, he himself has been ah, picked on and bullied when he was a kid. Turtle said he means they can call it race....racial slurs over in Wisconsin during Treaty Rights and still fight for those Treaty Rights to this day. Turtle said he was just over in Minnesota fighting the Line 3...Line 5 before that Standing Rock before that ____, Wisconsin. Turtle said before that the Wolf River and ah, they know and always do it for their future their ah, their ah, youth which are some of them are here today. Turtle said so their Ancestors knew something a long time ago. That I mean somedays we get along somedays we won't but we always have to come together for the the principle not the purpose the principles before personalities you know, that's something I learned in recovery and that goes half and half with our ahh some of our teachings to. Umm some of you might of heard some of this stuff some of you might not have but uh if not that's ok and if you did I'm sorry I'm boring you but the spirit of the creator was called here through our our ah *native word* our a medicine and our pipe, our pipe is pretty sacred because it's made up of a man and a woman two beautiful creations that make future creation, so that's its its its a lot to ahh take care of a pipe because it's a lot of responsibility and umm I belong to umm medicine lodge and a big drum over

in Wisconsin and I'm no ahh no uh call of a big man of authority to try to follow my teachings and to teach others along the way what I know because once you get to full of yourself, creature has a way to knock you down so surely grateful to uh be able to say some prayers and some words for ahh this community because you guys are our relatives and it's a tough fight we all have to fight out there in our day to day life and uh especially in our government because there's a lot that that's on the government shoulders as for the people in our era that aren't born yet so my prayer is that uh you know that we all get rid of a little bit of our ahh ignorance's and uh you know learn some of our seven teachings humility, trust, honesty, love, ____ all that so and I ahh got a *Native word* Jay here he was sleeping.

Everyone laughs

Turtle continues saying but umm I'm glad to see umm that there was another uh pipe here for the community that's always good and uh I I I like that and welcome that stuff not to be like if any of you guys went to any ahh ceremonies some people like to be uh cultural police or gate keepers and so oh no no noo no only I was invited that's not our way our way of life is always shared and not forced upon anybody and if you wanna come sweat with me I know some sweats we can go to. Anyways yea you know there's I invite you to ahh Wisconsin for ceremonies or a Pow Wow or we have a casino to.

Laughing in the background.

And that's the new ahh thing in Minnesota there's a there's a new ya know there's a new wine coming out in Minnesota did ya hear about it? Says we want a casino to.

Laughing in the background.

But uhm I just like to share a little bit of that much and umm I hope everybody uhm everybody has a good life and let go of uh the past or whatever might be bothering you and that umm if any of your relatives are having a hard time with drugs or alcohol a prayer for them and uh if anyone is sick in the hospital a prayer for them and uh all of our kids in our youth that are in school a prayer for them that they stay in school and ah ah prayer for our water our ah *Anishinaabe word, Anishinaabe word*, so ah and our our prayer for our Mother Earth cuz she's always cleansing of our self because we take too much and we don't give back to her or take care of her. Even me. So *starts speaking Anishinaabe*.

Turtle said so um I said a whole prayer

Someone whispering in the background.

Turtle continues saying for each and every one of us and uh an um my uh my friend my *Anishinaabe* word Nitumigaabow Ryan Champagne that he uh you know he has a good heart and he sees things for the future of the youth and umm maybe he can do a little bit more and uh government because he also has seven teachings to um yea that's all we can do is try each and every one of us and uh I know I have some gifts here for everybody and a meal and that's the way we ah do things in this way of life and we always do things in this way of life with uh smudging and um like the way I did today smudge you guys down and um I just got a small pipe here cuz we want with good things for everybody and if we get a flat tire change it, if we fall get up all that you know it's we want a clear path we want a clear path here for all of you and all your friends and family that uh a healing comes through each and every one of us yep oh I think I'm getting some other vibes here on the side I think um I might have a warrant no I'm just kidding

Everyone laughs in the background!

Turtle then said the old me I don't know if you were sleeping or what so I but ah no I and hopefully I'm not my prayers and I stop getting racially profiled to no but I don't know I don't know there's a lot of things that happen to us in some type of way and its sometimes it's not even us its other people's thinking. So um you know never been here, ah no I been here once but uh Chi Miigwech for uh be able to do only only a little bit because you know again I don't know I don't know nothing I just come to share my word of prayer with the creator for all of us cuz I'm not perfect and uh hopefully accepts me for who I am and uh you know share our prayer and uh love every one of us and um I hope Jay has something say because I'm going to smoke this pipe.

People laugh!

Turtle said c'mon Jay!

Jay Sam said I don't have a whole lot to add.

People laugh!

Jay Sam states that people don't have time to absorb

Councilor Champagne laughs!

Acting Speaker Wolfe states Chi Miigwech AJ and Jay for that.

**E. Oaths of Office Administered
Office of Tribal Council – Outlying**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asks Angela Sherigan if she can come up now for the swearing of the new council members. We're going to do the office of Oath for the tribal council outline if you can come up Ryan.

- **Ryan Champagne**

I, Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne, swear to uphold and protect the constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal consideration in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

The following comments made by New Council Member Champagne were not heard clearly on the ZOOM recording because he was not on the microphone and only bits and pieces are typed in.

Ryan states Chi Miigwech for the opportunities and some good words as a Anishinaabe person is a great honor to represent our homelands and our communities all 18 Grand River Bands so I want to give offerings to my fellow council members and leaders of the Tribe. Each one of these bundles gives the honors and the harvest that represents us.

A child is speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording. Ryan was making comments but couldn't be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states to Ryan she has to have one of those. And then you come up here. So if you can come up here now Pam? Yup

- **Pam Johnson**

I, Pamela Johnson, swear to uphold and protect the constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal consideration in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will

perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states at this time we will take a recess so we can partake in the feast for the new council members. Then we will reconvene for our regular Tribal Council meeting after our feast.

F. Break - Feast

Acting Recorder Wolfe asks if she can get a roll call please.

G. Roll Call for Quorum

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

Acting recorder Lewis states we have quorum.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states ok so the next order for business is election of our speaker. If you have nominations for speaker?

Councilor Wittenberg said yes uhm I'd like to uh nominate Ryan Champagne as our speaker.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states any additional nominations? Gary?

Councilor DiPiazza states I'd like to nominate Pam Johnson as speaker.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said everyone has a piece of paper to vote on and I'll have Grace collect them and um tally votes so we have.

Acting recorder Lewis states that's for that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe continues to say so can get support for um Mr. Champagne as speaker?

Acting Recorder Lewis states she supports.

Acting Speaker Wolfe stated something in the background.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said and how about support for Pam Johnson as a speaker?

Councilor Guenthardt stated he supports.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said ok, she's got the table in front of her. Grace you will need to just stay in front and in with the camera for counting please.

Grace Hendler states four for Pam Johnson and five for Ryan.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asks do we do a roll call?

Acting recorder Lewis said its Ryan and then you guys can pretty much do that as a speaker starts right here.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states so we have a new speaker it was five to four Ryan got five votes.

Speaker Champagne said well thank you. So we are into New ahh Continuing Business.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so we are going to back up one time and do a roll call on the election of that Speaker umm it was Ryan with five to four votes with Pam so we'll vote on accepting Ryan as Speaker.

Acting Recorder Lewis said yep *Paper shuffling and people talking in background* okay

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Councilor Guenthardt states we already did this!

Councilor Wever said yea we voted

Councilor Guenthardt said secret ballot

Councilor Wever states yea

Acting Recorder Lewis states well you know it it

Acting Speaker Wolfe states its roll call for acceptance for Ryan as Speaker.

Acting Lewis said it says its right there that she's accepting the vote

Councilor Wever states well I guess.

Acting Recorder Lewis states Ryan Champagne is uhh Speaker motion passed

Councilor Wever said they didn't call you... oh *laughing* ahh I'm going home
Speaker Champagne states bear with us as we ahh work through ahh some of these housekeeping issues

Councilor Wever states bear with me.

Speaker Champagne states moving on.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Housing & Urban Development-2021 IHBG ARP and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-__ in the amount of \$201,721**
Acceptance of funds.

Acting Speaker Wolfe states shouldn't we do a roll call on Speaker?

Councilor Champagne said oh ok. Where back... *Council moved back to previous item for roll call.*

Speaker Champagne states do I have any support on this..

Someone in the background said discussion.

Councilor Lewis said any discussion

Speaker Champagne states again Larry you're here do you have any representative to represent the item?

Ogema Larry asked uh which one are we on?

Speaker Champagne states we are on the first one B 1

Ogema Romanelli said I don't believe we do. I think we discussed that in ah review.

Recorder Wolfe states is Tara online George?

Speaker Champagne said if not umm Mr. Romanelli would it ok to just say one side against for the for however long you would like for the citizens present online so they know what it is?

Ogema Romanelli states yes lets ah George do you have something online for this?

George states something but *cannot be heard clear in the ZOOM.*

Ogema Romanelli said ok.

Conversation is spoken but can't be heard clear and echo in the ZOOM.

Echoing in the background is heard that Tara is online.

Ogema Romanelli States Tara?

Tara states I'm sorry all I'm getting is vibrating sounds. So umm

George states we can't hear her.

Tara said I'll just um *echoing and vibration in the ZOOM.* Tara said if that's what you're asking for.

Background I can hear her now.

Tara ok alright um yes both of them where done um so earlier in the uh council approved the building of four houses and within that we had said that we was going to apply for money to potentially benefit the houses. This is the money of that pass. So we did get approved for the extra money so this is what that is. So now there will be five additional houses up there, I think that will come up to 86 once they are complete, because the houses are being motor in the delay in construction it probably won't start more towards the end of this year or beginning of next year. Ahh but that's what it is for.

Speaker Champagne thanked her and states can you go into depth a little bit more of this is a contract verses grant dollars?

Tara states if grant dollars coming in um there was a previous contract that was approved and as a apart of that approval it was the same company. Um we will order the same kind of house from that company again so there was a contract in place already that was approved by council early in the year and that was for building four houses um but because we anticipated we might get this money we built into that approved resolution and we contract the possibility to add the houses if we did get the funding and so this is just acceptance of the funds for that.

Speaker Champagne thanked Tara for sharing.

Tara said sure.

Recorder Wolfe states so these are additional um American Rescue Plant act funding dollars that are coming into the tribe as a whole \$201,000 dollars is going into capital outlay?

Tara states yes

Recorder Wolfe states and then it's going to after agenda review its going to be a two bedroom two bath house?

Tara said yes that's what she said. I don't specifically know the details but that is definitely what she said so yeah.

Speaker Champagne asked is there any discussion on that item?

Councilor Guenthardt states he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-000;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT-2021
IHBG ARP AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-44 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$201,721; by Guenthardt ; supported by Wittenberg**

Speaker Champagne states thank you we have Ron for support.

Councilor Lewis said any additional discussion?

Speaker Champagne states any additional discussion? So we are just asking if there any outlying with any discussion. I don't have a screen up in front of me today so. Ok. Roll call please.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution motion passes.

Speaker Champagne said ok thank you. Continuing on with continuing business ah B2.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-__ in the amount of \$5,000**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Champagne said representing from the Executive side who would like to represent this?

Linda Wissner states her name I work in the Members Assistance Department and I help facilitate these programs.

Speaker Champagne states thank you Linda. If you will discuss a little bit about for the new council members who just received their packets and of course our ah audience.

Linda Wissner states The LIHWAP as there calling it for short is a growing calm assistance for water it's for um past due and shut off for water and sewage only. It's a brand new program. I have a webinar tomorrow to give me more information as we accept these funds of which will there are two of them each 5,000 um one on top each other there's one that you will see and there used for um the purposes like I said for um past due and shut off, there income based um using the state mediums and the Federal poverty Guidelines.

Speaker Champagne states and the service area that it covers?

Linda Wissner states Nine County.

Speaker Champagne states ok and that's restricted to the contract funds?

Linda Wissner said that's correct.

Speaker Champagne states thank you. Any discussions? Ok with no further discussion's um is there support for...

Councilor Guenthardt states he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-171;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-LOW
INCOME WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2021-45 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000; by Guenthardt ; supported
by . Lewis**

Speaker Champagne said thank you Mr. Guenthardt for the support do we have support?

Councilor Lewis said support.

Speaker Champagne said ok I do have Ms. Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said support.

Speaker Champagne asks are there any more discussion? With no further discussion roll call please.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne said thank you.

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Low Income Home Water Assistance: Consolidation Appropriations Act and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-__ in the amount of \$5,000**

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Champagne continues with Mrs. Wissner I'm assuming your representing the item thank you.

Linda Wissner states this is the additional ahh funding that was granted to us in regard to helping with the past due and shut off for water and sewage in the Nine County area um to go along LIHWAP regulations that they have set for us, with the state medium and the Federal Poverty income guidelines.

Speaker Champagne said Thank you. Further discussion?

Recorder Wolfe said because there are additional um American Rescue Plan funding that are coming in.

Linda Wissner said yes, yes.

Recorder Wolfe states and the Grant dollars that's restricted to the Nine County only?

Linda Wissner said yes. There monies but it's it channels down to the LIHWAP.

Recorder Wolfe continues with saying is there going to be a variable amount assistance for members that apply or is there a cap that they're going to be eligible for or do you have any...

Linda Wissner answers with saying there will be, It will be based on household size and income that comes into the household and like I said I do have a webinar tomorrow at 2'clock which I'll be able to umm discuss a little more with that and as far as the application I'll just be able to um adjust the current heat application which helps with heat and cooling which uh will be an easy adjustment to.

Recorder Wolfe states thank you.

Speaker Champagne asks is there any other discussion? Or online, George if anyone has any.. okay Thank you. If you don't mind Ms. Wissner umm is the program is for the Nine County aspect will refunds uhm project or will we be looking for any funds for at large membership citizens in general.

Linda Wissner states in citizens in general we have um a Tribally Funded program that is based on um income also the size of the household. The housing department also has funding its Emergency Rescue Assistance...uh Emergency Rental Program that helps with renters and also with their utilities and then they also have the CARES program to.

Speaker Champagne states thank you. George?

George states there is a question.. um Leann asks what if we are out of the Nine County?

Speaker Champagne said ok uh..

Linda Wissner answer if you're outside the Nine County you would want call and ask for the Tribally Funded Low Income Energy Assistance application and we can see if we can assist you there and then umm I also refer them to the housing department like I said because of the rental and the utility assistance within that ERAP Program that one is based on 80% of the medium. That is by county.

Speaker Champagne said for the record for purposes I'm guessing Leann Becky? But can we clarify that's the citizen we are talking about.

George states yes it is I'm not very good at pronouncing it so.

Speaker Champagne states thank you, uh Ms. Wissner one last question for me and I'll have Ron_____. I was just going to ask what is the percentage of poverty guidelines its 150% of the effected.

Linda Wissner answers with 175.

Speaker Champagne states 175

Linda Wissner said oh no the with this one I'm sorry I was ah thinking the Income _____ I was referring to a minute ago its 150% but then its 60% of the state medium.

Speaker Champagne said wonderful thank you.

Linda Wissner said mmm hmm.

Councilor Wittenberg said yea and umm ahh thank you for coming up. My question is uhm you said housing ahh has some of the same uhm there helping out renters and what have you.

Linda Wissner answers with correct.

Councilor Wittenberg continues with and umm my question is on that is since housing has it I'm surprised my question is that there will is what they have that for all Nine County or _____.

Linda Wissner responds with that will be a question for the housing department.

Councilor Wittenberg said ahh ok thank you.

Linda Wissner said mm hmm.

Speaker Champagne states we have in queue Cynthia

Councilor Champagne states my question for this is one of these programs one that umm was based on if you lived in Tribal housing that you couldn't access those funds?

Linda Wissner states of the LIHWAP

Councilor Champagne states I'm not sure which one

Linda Wissner said the LIHWAP is no it's not based if you're in Tribal housing or not this is just Nine County.

Councilor Champagne said ok because I remember umm we had our meeting at one of the programs was based if you lived in Tribal housing.

Linda Wissner responds that would be housing department because they have some restrictions for not able to help individuals that live in housing. Speaker Champagne said ok to Tribal guidelines?

Linda Wissner responds with stating correct.

Speaker Champagne states ok thank you. Any other discussion? If not do we have anyone to support this?

Councilor Lewis states she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-172;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-LOW
INCOME HOME WATER ASSISTANCE: CONSOLIDATION
APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-46 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$5,000; by Lewis ; supported by Wittenberg .**

Speaker Champagne states we have support any further discussion? Mr. DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza states that guidelines is in the uhm Treasury guidelines for the American Rescue program and the CARES Act that we could not use it on funding to pay ourselves.

Linda Wissner said that is in regard to other program the housing department. You would have to talk to Ms. Tara Bailey about that. The LIHEAP is a Little bit different than that LIHWAP.

Councilor DiPiazza said Cindy brought up the one that is.

Linda Wissner said yup.

Councilor DiPiazza CARES ACT.

Speaker Champagne said Ms. Wissner can I ask a little question

Linda Wissner said yes

Speaker Champagne continues saying something I might point some of our citizens ah do have the ability now with ah uhm PC laptops things of that nature to access applications online is ah citizens assists are you planning make it more accessible for individuals to access and apply weather through an app or whether online or do they have to get it mailed to them?

Linda Wissner stated they can they always just call me so that we can do a little bit of screening to see what best fits their household and I do send the e-mail as an attachment uh e-mail with an attachment with the application directly to them if they wish otherwise, they're mailed. Um sometimes it doesn't fit sometimes I you know other programs that would fit them better um so that we want to service them the best that we can.

Speaker Champagne said I want to thank you for your services, and you been doing this uh an all-around nice job and for outlining citizens they always speak very highly of you.

Linda Wissner replied Thank you very much.

Speaker Champagne continues saying I know you are and I thank you for that. Any other discussion? If not can you do a roll call please.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne states thank you. Continuing business item B.4

4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Energy and Material Development Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-___ in the amount of \$94,954**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Champagne said again from the executive side Mr. Romanelli do you have somebody that you would like to represent the item for you?

Statements made in the background that can't be made out in the zoom and laughing.

Speaker Champagne states in no disrespect I will always show respect and ask ah our executive who he wants to have just for the record. Thank you sir. Mr. Lewis

Gary Lewis said so thank you um this is to accept the grant for renewal of energy in microgrid study which you know you have to study solar wind geothermal and biomass and that's pretty much it.

Speaker Champagne states do we have any other discussion on the item? Mr. DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza replied so we retain the information like this?

Gary Lewis responded with yes

Councilor DiPiazza continued saying so as our property or estate

Gary Lewis said yes from what I understand yes it's our property so.

Recorder Wolfe said different um verification in the title is um Energy and micro development program which is a typo so its energy and mineral development

Gary Lewis responded back yes thank you sorry about that

Speaker Champagne asks any discussion for councilors or citizens or anybody else. Ms. Mr. Lewis I have one question um when we able to get out of these accepting these funds what is our long term goal using that data?

Gary Lewis responds by saying well that's something that we have trying to test that out so this will get us to that point where we can take a look see what we need to do as a tribe to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce our energy cost whereas heating um so that we can get to that point to you know we can have public forum or how ever else needs to be done and say you know where's the tribe line go we want to compose our energy future look like.

Speaker Champagne states I know a lot of citizens are like very interested in how to be into environmentally friendly and reduce our carbon footprints this is pretty importance for many Anishinaabe for our communities thank you for representing this item. Any other discussions? Julie

Recorder Wolfe states she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-173;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-ENERGY AND MINERAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVING A
MODIFCATION TO THE OPERATION BUDGET MB-2021-47 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$94,954; by Wolfe; supported by C. Champagne**

Speaker Champagne stated we have support by Ms. Champagne, any discussions on the item. With that being heard can we do a roll call please.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion is passes.

Speaker Champagne states Thank you. Thank you Mr. Lewis. Continuing business under section 3 item number uh 5

5. Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-Mental Health Delivery System and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-__ in the amount of \$48,039

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Champagne continues saying Mr. Romanelli you have a representative for this item.

Ogema Romanelli states yes I have ____

Speaker Champagne states thank you, would you be able to please introduce yourself.

Dottie Batchelder stated I'm sorry I didn't hear that

Speaker Champagne responds with will you be able to please introduce yourself to represent yourself

Dottie Batchelder states talk about it.

Speaker Champagne introduce who you are please, I have to know who you are please, I don't know who you are I apologize.

Dottie Batchelder states I'm Dottie Batchelder from Behavioral Health

Speaker Champagne states your last name again please mam.

Dottie Batchelder states Batchelder

Speaker Champagne repeats Batchelder

Dottie Batchelder responds with mm hmm

Speaker Champagne states Thank you Ms. Batchelder

Dottie Batchelder said this is a um a grant funded program through the state of Michigan through Inter-Tribal Council for all different tribes of Mental Health ordinance um and for _____ we was awarded is for the light in billboards, speakers and you know like things for preventions at the health awareness and also to help with somethings like um the traditional healer and um like fireproof um cabinets for downstairs for our charts and stuff like that, that we don't have so that's the majority of it.

Speaker Champagne states discussion on the item? If I may ask a question please

Dottie Batchelder said mm hmm

Speaker Champagne continues by stating ahh you mentioned the fireproof cabinets are you not on electronic health records of some sort?

Dottie Batchelder answered with we also have to save charts 7-5 years right now and um now we are partially but we still have a ah chart, a physical chart

Speaker Champagne said physical charts as well, you mentioned Traditional Healing can you please speak more about that and how we could select um your Traditional healer to contracted to come in.

Dottie Batchelder responded with we have a contract with JP or James Gibson through um the tribe.

Speaker Champagne said mm kay, and can you speak to why Mr. Gibson was selected I know he has been here for a long time, can you explain the benefits he brings just for our citizens listening.

Dottie Batchelder replied with it happened quit a few years ago I am I have to brush up on that for I would say that but he's been working with the tribe for at least 8-9 years I think the cliental.

Speaker Champagne replies with can you give any testimonial to um how you patients ah ah appreciate the traditional healings services and how that affects the holistically when your treating mental health and substance abuse disorder please.

Dottie Batchelder said under the opinions that um she be coming back into finding their path and that I really um appreciative of being on top of him plus with the counseling and we have some people that just work with him directly

Speaker Champagne thanks her. One last question and see if anyone else is in queue please let me know anyone else wants to speak but uh you mentioned

billboards and flyers do you have a copy of that you will be utilizing for our purposes are you looking to utilize any tribal citizens to um be the models of those marketing materials?

Dottie Batchelder responds by saying depending on our time period with the thing

Speaker Champagne said I'm sorry I'll seek uh... with the billboards material you mentioned you have a marketing company or you're purposing a contract on and are you going to be utilizing the tribal citizens for being involved for our marketing program?

Dottie Batchelder states we do contracts with Lamar um for the billboards and stuff like that and then we do a contract that comes through Tribal Council um we have posters that we do with suicide prevention last year in September with the Suicide prevention line that we um sometimes use some of that art from the kids that um won the contest. We also have some other billboards um defines our staff has been working on to use in Muskegon last year.

Speaker Champagne states in the packet I see you have a deputy presenting it to the uh Council at later date?

Dottie Batchelder responds with yeah we bring that forward once we've figured that out with the contract

Speaker Champagne said my only follow up question on it is that I encourage that the Tribe utilizes our Tribal citizens for um that might be interested in getting into this for marketing materials, gives them opportunities to exposure to our community and I know that some of the statements are pretty powerful when it comes to the billboards and uh I recommend that it come back in front this lobby so we can purview it uh make sure its fit for our community so it don't cause additional trauma, some other Native communities that was pretty graphic uh billboards up that made a statement but also left people who have been victims um vulnerable as well so thank you for presenting this item. Any other discussion? Ms. Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe states if we can talk about the membership to what you can and review of the training opportunities that come along with this funding dollars that you are going to have?

Dottie Batchelder asked training is that what you asked?

Recorder Wolfe said yes

Dottie Batchelder responded with the Suicide Prevention Training it will be training for like um coach QPR with is Question Persuade Refer trainings that we have to different communities and there's also called Safe TALK and citizens

today train for people for Three dollars so those are trainings we can offer weather it's by department, community um that can we have a large in Muskegon that asked us to do something down there to so once we have those buildings open we have a place to uh be able to do that.

Recorder Wolfe said thank you

Speaker Champagne asks anymore discussion? If I can ask another question uh the liberty to ask another question. When mentioned training in the communities what communities are you specifically talking about? There's 19 of our counties of Little River Bands

Dottie Batchelder responds with our Tribal communities down in Muskegon where um the office is now kind of small for that kind of stuff but we have the other building for Health Services and Departments um and then around here we are also going to do a community as a whole because we don't usually get a lot of people wanting to do that but hopefully we will have more interested in that.

Speaker Champagne said so my follow up would be is that I highly encourage you to have a webinar aspect as well if its suitable so that citizens and all our communities can participate um it might get some of those other smaller communities such as Hart and Custer because each of our communities are very very different and I'm not sure how much you know about our communities but we have different ____ and different ____ throughout those so if we generalize and just say Tribal communities that's not really reaching all our communities and my goal is to try and our services and programs accessible to as many especially with low turnout with the community barrier are challenged being makes it wonderful we have done appropriately.

Dottie Batchelder said in computer we are we do have some of those other dept other places to within institute of Hart but we do have some trainers here that are trained that have done some and now that citizens are opening up that we will be able to do that more often.

Speaker Champagne thanks Dottie

Dottie Batchelder said umm hmm

Speaker Champagne asks anymore discussions? Any discussion from online?

Someone said something but it couldn't be heard clear on the video.

Speaker Champagne said thank you. Ok with that being said is there a motion to accept this?

Recorder Wolfe makes a motion

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-.000;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL
COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY
SYSTEM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-48 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$48,039; by ;Wolfe supported by .Wittenberg**

Speaker Champagne said thank you for that support Mr. Wolfe... I mean Mr. Wittenberg.

Laughing in the background

Speaker Champagne said I apologize.

Councilor Guenthardt states that resolution was 21-0707-174

Speaker Champagne said ok it may have messed up with people talking.

Recorder Wolfe said so let me redo my motion.

**RESOLUTION #21-0707-.174; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-
MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-48 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$48,039; by ;Wolfe supported by .Wittenberg**

Speaker Champagne said thank you Ms. Wolfe. Mr. Wittenberg for support. Any discussion? If not can we please do a roll call?

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne said thank you for your time and your work. Ok going onto section 4 Old Business it looks like it was removed...nope I apologize I missed one. Section 3 uh B 6

6. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2021-__ ; Authorizing a modification to the 2021 IHBG CARES Act Grant in the amount of \$20,821

Approval of Budget Modification.

Speaker Champagne continues with Mr. Romanelli do you have a representative for this item?

Ogema Romanelli said yes I do

Speaker Champagne said can you please state your name and your profession with the tribe?

Tara Bailey said sorry my name is Tara Bailey and I'm the Housing director.

Speaker Champagne said thank you Ms. Bailey

Tara Bailey states for reference I have been here for a while a year and a half now. Thank you.. um this modification is an actual receive some additional funding to AR or through the CARES act for our Indian houses grant uh I believe the total for that was 91,207 dollars uh this is just a modification some of the items that we listed funding for um when we .. didn't process as much as we thought so we wanted to move all direct main funds up to fight services um that's the land or the or which was earlier in regards to rental assistance, utility assistance comes from ah that will allow to additional funding area for them and I believe this grant has to be closed out by the end of September so

Speaker Champagne discussion on the item? Ms. Bailey can you please tell us um what citizens can access this program. What's the federal poverty guideline if poverty guidelines apply and restrictions and do you think you will meet your mark for send out by September? By switching this new category

Tara Bailey responds with um we are hoping so Linda ah previously Linda her old director Jason uh generally spelled it out I guess to her that's how it was working and what was evolved so I spoke with her she knows now, she's going to go back through her uh sheets running like log of people that like she's trying to or she talked to or maybe at the time the guy died or didn't think we had services she's going to go back through there and see who can help now that she better understand what's available uh I think she thought that was only available for rental assistance but also helps with the utility and uh mortgage assistance uh the poverty guideline is 80% which I believe her program was 150% um so generally a lot of her clients she might have to turn down because of the medium guidelines but our income guidelines are different so our hope is that we will have more people now that we can assist and now that she understands better um we will have less people that we have to or she has to say you know we don't have services available. So our hope is to have it closed out by then.

Speaker Champagne said Ms. Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe said is the program limited to service delivery area or access by all members?

Tara Bailey responds with by all members.

Recorder Wolfe said ok thanks

Speaker Champagne asks any other discussion? Ms. Bailey I want to do a follow up discussion. Is there a way that you and Ms. Wissner can get together to have a little bit of sounds like you might have a little gap in transitioning and would be able to get together just to ensure that this rolls off smoothly um as joint effort. It sounds like you guys are working on it together now

Tara Bailey responds with yea well definitely stay in contact more um

Speaker Champagne said thank you. Any other discussion? Council members? Citizens? Including outline. Ok with that being said is there a motion and support?

Councilor Guenthardt states he will make a motion

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-175;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2021-49 ;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE 2021 IHBG CARES
ACT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,821; by Guenthardt;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Champagne said support by Mr. Wittenberg. Any discussion on this item? No further discussion can I get a roll call please.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Tara Bailey said thank you.

Speaker Champagne replies thank you for your time Ms. Bailey. Ok section 4 old business we had one item that was removed so on to new business section 5 A

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Adopt Amendments to Housing Regulation, Chapter 3

The Housing Commission has drafted amendments to this Regulation and approve the amendments by HC Resolution #21-0401-02; Tribal Council posted the amendments for 30-Day Comment Period and completed a final work session. This item has been postponed from the agenda since 6/2/21.

This item was removed from the agenda.

V. New Business

A. Renewal of Existing Policies for General Insurance Coverage for the Tribal Government, Little River Holdings, LLC, Muskegon Gaming Development

Renewal of existing insurance policies for general property, casualty, theft, work compensation, etc. coverage for the Tribal Government, Little River Holdings, LLC, Muskegon Gaming Development. This coverage is administered by the Larkin Group of Traverse City.

Speaker Champagne said Mr. Romanelli you have a representative for this item?

Ogema Romanelli states I believe I do um

Speaker Champagne asks would you be able to represent this item sir

Ogema Romanelli said I can do it very briefly uh the person that was supposed to represent it is a called in sick this morning so uh basically it's a renewal of the existing policy that we have now and before our Little River Holding company our LLC ____ or the things that have been listed as general property that will be workers comp etc.. So that's it in brief.

Speaker Champagne said is there any further discussion on this item? Mr. Romanelli if I could ask a question on this being that carried over insured policy going to last the next 60 days or so. It's Imperative to get this approved, when does our insurance policy stop?

Ogema Romanelli states I'm sorry?

Speaker Champagne replies I'm sorry when does our insurance policy lapse for this?

Ogema Romanelli said not sure I believe September 1st but I may be wrong. Another councilor over there.

Speaker Champagne said Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza states it ends July 1st they extended it so technically kind of already expired.

Ogema Romanelli asks 90days?

Councilor DiPiazza replies we have an extension on it because uh the world in general. Ok so it expired July 1st but it has been extended

Speaker Champagne said thank you for that Mr. DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza replies so it is imperative to

Speaker Champagne states one last question from me Mr. Romanelli. um what are the Tribes practices on getting things out after so many years?

Ogema Romanelli responds with I believe that in most cases we try to um bring it out every other term but I'm not sure on that one either, again like we did with the election board now it hasn't been practiced in the past but we are trying to go towards where we are being on it more often bases.

Speaker Champagne replies very good thank you for that. Any other discussions? None from the councilors? Any discussion from our citizens? Alright with that do we have support?

Councilor Guenthardt said I'll make a motion

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0707-176;
APPROVAL TO RENEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, BUSINESS
AUTO, COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WORKERS
COMPENSATION WITH TRIBAL FIRST THROUGH AGENT
LARKIN GROUP TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, LITTLE RIVER
HOLDINGS, LLC, AND MUSKEGON GAMING DEVELOPMENT;**
by ;Guenthardt supported by Lewis

Speaker Champagne thanked him for that and asked is there any further discussion. Op George?

George Le Vasseur said Susan Thull posted said she would like to see this postponed.

Speaker Champagne replied to Ms. Thull can she join us through video to make a statement so we have a little bit more background to why.

Susan Thull said hello ok thank you.

Speaker Champagne asks George is there a way you can turn it up?

George Le Vasseur replies I'm trying

Speaker Champagne said we can't get access up here

Susan Thull said thank you I was just asking that this be postponed until next week's so that the new councilors will have a chance to look over um everything. Prior to voting. Thank you.

Speaker Champagne replies thank you Ms. Thull. Any further discussion or council members who would like to respond to Ms. Thull? Ms. Champagne

Councilor Champagne states yes Susan I understand what you're saying and I know when I came on council I had wished that I had some time to look over things before I had to vote on it um I guess my concern with this insurance contract it has. Is that It already expired and it's the gracious of extending our um date and that's very nice but um we can't as a Tribe or company be without insurance so I'm encouraging to vote on this, It's not that I'm overlooking I understand what you're asking it's just that I know how important this is to the business. Thank you

Speaker Champagne said any Ms. Wolfe

Recorder Wolfe responds with I feel It's imperative that we make a decision and not postpone because it does cover our commercial properties, general liability business, auto, commercial and crime and our workers compensation policy and like everyone has stated before it has already lapsed so it is imperative that we get moving on the item.

Speaker Champagne thanks Ms. Wolfe. Mr. DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza states yea I was going to refer to the auto insurance that covers all our vehicles um and liability we certainly don't want to go without liability now days and also I was just going to reference I believe there's only three companies that will actually deal with um or ensure Tribal nations so there's not a whole lot of places you can go to even get bids or pricing other than two or three companies.

Speaker Champagne thanks Mr. DiPiazza. Ms. Wolfe?

Recorder Wolfe responds with just one additional comment I did ask Mr. Wheeler at agenda review was this a budget item something that happens every year and it is approved in the 2021 budget for this expense so.

Speaker Champagne replies thank you. Further discussion? I'll also address citizen Ms. Thull being that both new and outline councilors we did not have packets up until beforehand, but we hear from Mr. Romanelli and we know that the practices generally always know there be infinite help. I feel that wasn't fitted out this time and it's that two year mark that you can figure it out next time you have a comparable bid so I also feel it's appropriate it remains on the agenda but thank you for bringing up your concern Ms. Thull. Any other discussion? If not do we have a motion?

Recorder Wolfe said I believe Tom said one.

Speaker Champagne replied oh I'm sorry can we do a roll call please?

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne states thank you, going on to concluding business section 6 A.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Speaker Champagne said moving from that we would like to go to Mr. Romanelli the executive side.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli responds yes just a few today I want to welcome the two new council members and uh I'm glad it went through today I know there's uh all the way up to five minutes before that was questions two minutes before yea so welcome and uh welcome to new speaker as well so I wish this council well hopefully we can work together and get somethings done, um are we going to be holding our meetings going forward in the lobby again do you know? I don't need an answer right now but.

Speaker Champagne said if its ok I'll like to give my personal opinion as a council member. I feel that having accessible multitude ways not only to the executive staff to present you know being that staff throughout our communities but also council members who represent their own communities that they can attend however they seek it whether its electronically or whether in person you

know to variance reasons whether its personal life represents your own communities and I also make a pledge that I will always stand strong behind our citizens that have a right to participate as you know Mr. Romanelli not only do I have kids who citizens who participate in tribal council meetings from the outline and larger populations and even in Muskegon and Hart and Custer where they can't make a journey especially a lot of our elders who no longer can make the journey um I look over to my friend here her mother is very close to ___ and he used to come every single week and our sister and those days lost many remember some a lot of new faces but if you remember back then it was state you never miss one now that there aged I. With Patricia I'd like to see our elders have that accessibility to attend so I definitely defer to each and own representative as you are elected representative but I think we have the technology to allow for meetings to occur not just here but where ever we choose to host them because it's imperative that our people feel connected in governance of this tribe, that's my personal opinion but thank you. I'm sure that answers your question or.

Ogema Romanelli states yea I think it does, I guess the reasoning being part is because you know the last few meetings have been held in Tribal Council Chambers that's very inaccessible in some ways for people who are representing to present in person might that they are staff here which I appreciate when they take the time to present in person they have the option to do by the way of ZOOM but in person I feel is respectable way to it if we can do it um If it's going to be in a building id hope it's here rather than in Council Chambers again its very limited area so just from my prospective.

Speaker Champagne said I would agree that it would make a lot of sense for have here. Council member Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yea uh I can understand where you're coming from Larry for sure uh personally my own problem looking at it when I'm looking at the screen up there uh when I'm in an office or anything like that be nice if we can have that on our screens here so can we? Ok Miigwech so that way we can.. uh my hearing aint all that good but..

Laughing in the background

Councilor Wittenberg continues with but uh I'm sitting here and I'm trying to see how many people are on there . We'll all vote and I'll see if we can have it or get it or bring our computers out here so that way I do understand we need to be in touch with our people, that we see each other sitting at the round table all the time it's the people that we miss and we are here for our people so but I certainly can understand that but as for myself I personally enjoy coming and personally enjoying seeing different people throughout the building here and uh to me is a plus uh within that today I get to do that. Miigwech.

Ogema Romanelli states he does thank our staff that's in there now and the staff that presents it helps us out greatly to understand again much of the questioning happens during agenda review on Mondays normally but there are sometimes lingering questions that can be answered by being here hopefully 90% the answers are giving at agenda review so that when you get here it doesn't have to be long but again there are questions that are being asked and rightfully so uh I also it would be helpful going forward uh for when we take a break for whatever reason it is like being today having a return time because we have our staff that have other jobs and if there held up for a hour and a half there usually don't come back and it would be helpful and not saying anything that's wrong, this is a little unusual, there are times we will take a break and it's like ok uh... for example we close this up and we are going into closed session when? Sometime this happen or 15minutes my staff wants to get in there to help say we are going to be going in closed session in 20 minutes or half an hour whatever the case maybe would be helpful and same thing when a rate like this because then they can be available um when needed so that's the other thing um obviously we will be doing the fall membership meeting we are going to go back into the resort to the meeting live and uh in person basically and uh so a little bit of work and it won't be exactly the same because there are limitations still but we feel the need to connect with the members as much as we can so we are going to try and do that no we are not going to try we are going to do it depends on how well we do it so. The other thing is when we talk about outline we understand the need to reach out to outline on a regular basis um and yet we understand the outline represents everything that is not our nine county that means California that means Texas that means New York that means those people that are even out of the country, serving our country or whatever they're doing so outline represents a whole spot we all understand that and work towards that when we are doing ourself a great service. I think that's it.

Speaker Champagne said thank you Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli responds thank you.

Speaker Champagne asks any discussions? Mr. Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg said oh ok thank you sorry about that uh I know and do understand trust me when I thought uh different time we go into closed session and we would think it's only 10 minutes we found out it's an hour or something like that so my looking at that um sometimes our when we do go into closed uh just like any meeting anybody goes to its hard to put a time though I know the people want to know they can stay tuned and but as long as there they have patience because sometimes say ok half hour we will be back on we will be in there for 10 minutes, a lot of times close the item and go back out and we are done, you know which we don't think about the other end I just wanted to put that out there because sometimes somethings are uh longer than we expected or shorter than we expected, know we understand.

Speaker Champagne states Mr. Romanelli thank you for taking the time to present on this section we know that constitutionally you're not required to do this so please don't ever think that as it gives you the opportunity to speak to your citizens and the future I hope we will be able to come together where we are able to reports and somethings come through because I know that your team is very passionate about what they do and they like highlight and I think that's great you're here today um to move forward in that direction so I feel like it shouldn't be you in the hot seat as if you want to say but it really great work that our government is doing and hearing from our citizens on how we can improve that some of the gaps because like all government there's gaps in the systems and we are here to try and fix those.

Ogema Romanelli responds with yup

Speaker Champagne thanks Ogema Romanelli and the Ogema thanks Speaker Champagne back.

Speaker Champagne asks any other discussion?

Something is stated in the background but not heard clear in the ZOOM

Speaker Champagne states ok thank you George. Moving on to:

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Champagne said Mr. Wittenburg.

Councilor Wittenberg states yes uh myself I'd like to ah congratulate the people that came in today uh now we have a full circler circle to speak and maybe we can turn around and uh kind a get the ball rolling and I would like to say chi Miigwech for those and not only for the dah-wag-gun and pa-wag-gun that were here and the different people also for that medium and the word stretch belt today. I wanna say Chi Miigwech!

Speaker Champagne said thank you sir. Any other councilors that would like... Mr. Di Piazza?

Councilor Di Piazza replies with groundbreaking tomorrow for the ah commodities building um...

Councilors in the background respond with 10am.

Councilor Di Piazza continues saying 10am there you go that's over there on Dontz Rd. Um, and I want to say its good to have a full council ready to go and ah worlds opening back up for now and looking forward to getting somethings done um we are trying lately but not everything has worked out the best.

Speaker Champagne said thank you Mr. Di Piazza for that update. Any other council members that would like to share any Legislative updates or this gives the opportunity for us to speak for you communities that you represent or citizens... Mr. Wittenberg?

Councilor Wittenberg responds with yea uh the groundbreaking for the commodities building for that over on Dontz I was wondering if we can talk about that a little bit later because the grounds already broken. *He laughs.* And in Anishinaabe way we had that before this, just my thought on it. Miigwech.

Speaker Champagne asks any other council members that would like to speak newly elected outline represented anything you would like to say?

Councilor Johnson responds with not yet.

Speaker Champagne said OK just wanted to give you the opportunity. Um I would like to say chi Miigwech to all citizens who put all of us here its no secret that our people struggle at times and our community struggles its been apparent since we have had a council splits many of those today you seen many of us voted in and I hope we will always be able to put aside our differences trying to move forward in a good way by thinking that brings us to first hearing in council to then executive and moving forward with all our communities and representatives and I promise you as long as I'm sitting here I'll continue to work and engage in our citizens and our team members to hear your needs and see how we can move forward because I know you want the best nobody takes a government job for the money they take it because they care about the communities. No council member sits here because they think there going to get rich, they do it because they care about there communities and we each have different strengths and different weaknesses and I'll never be the one to say I know everything because I don't and I hope I can learn from each and every one of you including the citizens that are at large so thank you very much for electing me here today. I look forward to moving forward. Miigwech. With that being said are there any other remarks? We can go to

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Champagne continues with saying hearing from our citizens and or our employees if you have any questions, concerns now is the time to bring it forward. With that George is anyone online with any questions?

George LeVasseur responds with no sir.

Speaker Champagne states this has to be one of the most quiet council meetings I have been at in a very long time.

Many council members speaking to each other and laughing in the background.

Speaker Champagne said OK no discussion on that we will move forward with a roll call please.

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 ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by;
Guenthardt supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe states nine in favor motion to close first open session.

Speaker Champagne said thank you why don't we take a 10-minute break. Can you please have numbers of anyone that's supposed to be scheduled to come in with Grace so she can call them 5-minutes before then. That way we are not pressing your team's time.

Ogema Romanelli responds with generally I haven't attended Closed session to often I have so many other things going. If you need me in there feel free to call me.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Champagne states ok we are on second open

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT; by; Guenthardt
supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe States 9 in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne said we don't have any items moved from Closed to Open Session I'll give opportunity for anything.

Recorder Wolfe responds with there are some.

Speaker Champagne states oh we do. Ok I stand corrected.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Recorder Wolfe makes a motion to:

Move resolution 21-0707-177 motion in roll call only to open session.

MOTION TO MOVE; by; Wolfe supported by Champagne.

Speaker Champagne asks any discussion on this? With no further discussion roll call please.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion passes.

Speaker Champagne thanks recorder Wolfe and said I also see public comment on here but there's no other people here so motion to adjourn.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; by; DiPiazza supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne any other discussion on it? No discussion roll call please.

Roll Call #15

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

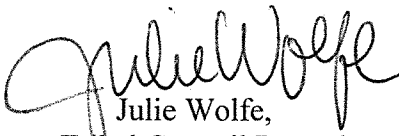
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor we are adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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