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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting via Teleconference on July 1, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call #1

Speaker Pete asked Gary to do a roll call of Tribal Council please and then do a roll call of the, of anyone that is on the line for this meeting and I'm going to ask you please, please mute your phone. Go ahead Gary.

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

Quorum established.

Pete said thank you Gary. Can you please do a roll call of people that have joined.

Recorder DiPiazza answered certainly. Can you please identify yourself and then mute your phone afterwards please.

Others Present: Ogema Larry Romanelli, George LeVasseur – IT, Rebecca Liebing, Dr. Daryl Wever, Steve Parsons – Planning, Gary Lewis – Utilities, Caitlin Carey, Tara Bailey – Housing, Yvonne Parsons – Education, Jason Cross – Family Services, Steve Wheeler, Andrew Gentile, Connie Waitner, Elise

McGowan-Cuellar, Tammy Burmeister – Lead, Jessica Wissner – Enrollment, Brad Pringle – Comptroller, Chelsea Densmore, Kathleen Bowers

DiPiazza asked if there was anybody else. Hearing none, move on please.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain. Gary, do a roll call.

Councilor Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton. Hey this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said yeah Shannon, go . . .

Crampton said well as discussed at Agenda Review this has items again that violate the Meeting Procedures Ordinance and if Council should be upholding their laws instead of violating them. They have submissions on here that are, being introduced again by it looks like the Ogema and in violation of the Meeting Procedures Ordinance. So I will be voting no.

Speaker Pete said okay, that's okay. Thank you Shannon. I mean, I'm not going to discuss this here right now okay. So Shannon will be opposing. Anyone else?

Crampton said yeah this is Shannon Crampton. I want clarification. Because I'm not asking for discussion. I'm telling you and the members, you can look it up right online. The Tribal Council is willfully violating the law right now. The Ogema is aware of the law. There are submissions on here that are being re-submitted again in violation of the Meeting Procedures Ordinance.

Ogema Romanelli said and Ron this is the Ogema I would like to have that clarification as well what those violations are.

Crampton said they bring nothing that has been voted on prior can be brought back for a re-vote unless it has been brought back by the prevailing party. You can make a hell of an argument that the prevailing party was not the no. You can't make any argument that the prevailing party was the yes.

Romanelli asked which item are you talking about that the Ogema brought forward?

Crampton said yeah, are you bringing back a contract in closed again?

Romanelli said okay.

Crampton said that was a question. Are you bringing back items in closed again?

Romanelli answered yes, I believe I am and I believe it is not a violation. I believe that we had, I sent something to Tribal Council. It is called reviewing, it is just reviewing an item. Robert's Rules is wide open about bringing back a defeated motion at a future meeting. This is called reviewing the motion. I sent that on to the Tribal Council. It is fine for a member at the proper time in the meeting to re-introduce a defeated motion to review it. I sent that information on to Tribal Council. There was no violation whatsoever.

Crampton said I think, I think that was Robert's Rules of Order that you sent. The problem is here is that we have a Tribal Council Ordinance that supersedes the Tribal, the Robert's Rules of Order. I'm sorry that's the way it works.

Romanelli said okay. Please identify the ordinance. I never got a response on my, on what I sent.

Crampton said it is the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance.

Romanelli said what part of that. Please read. You have asked me to read from the . . .

Crampton said hold on, hold on, hold it, let, hey watch your mouth. I don't care what you think you are Little River is what LR stands for not Larry Romanelli so watch your mouth.

Pete said he never said anything Shannon and he didn't and I'm, you can, I'm sick of you telling people to watch their mouth. He never said a thing.

Crampton said he just said, he just said smartass in front of everybody. Are you an idiot?

Someone said and so are you.

Pete said I'm, I'm not, you're an idiot.

Crampton said he just said smartass.

Romanelli said Ron, thank you.

Someone said something was inaudible.

Crampton said he said smartass.

Someone said hang up, you are good at that. Hang up.

Crampton said and look now you have the hillbilly truck pullers in the background yelling. What is going on . . .

(A lot of talking and nothing was clearly able to be heard on the tape)

Crampton said yeah, here we go . . . (inaudible) . . . there is a law being violated. I don't care what the hillbilly crew says that's, that's your position, not the law.

Someone said and you pick and chose which laws you want to follow.

Crampton asked who is this?

Crampton said since Ron is not doing his job holding the cue, who is speaking?

Speaker Pete said first of all, it was Larry before you said something. Okay, go ahead and finish all your tirade of what you're doing.

Crampton said my tirade . . . okay, look it before you spin this out I was talking about laws until the Ogema said smartass. That is where it went awry. So play your games later. There is people that can actually hear you. You can't spin it this time. Now there is a law being violated.

Pete said are you finished?

Crampton said I pointed that out, not yet. You got someplace to be?

Someone said hurry up.

Crampton said what's with . . . hey listen, would the hillbilly clan, please identify yourself while you are doing your cat calls back there. This isn't a truck pull, this is a Council meeting. Identify yourself.

DiPiazza said well you need to be respectful on that also.

Crampton said okay, what is smartass. Look it, you guys, you guys don't realize other people are watching us this time. They are listening to it. You can't just do what you used to do.

Someone said I hope so.

Crampton said God, I hope so too because I was playing along until the Ogema said smartass. Until the Ogema said smartass I was quoting a law. Now I'm going back to what I was going to continue to say, which is if you want me to look it up on the computer, which you can do yourself, I will do that for you. Do you need me to do that for you?

Romanelli said thank you Shannon, please do.

Crampton said hold on. Let me get on the website.

Romanelli said okay.

Someone said he is never on the website.

Crampton said oh my God, please identify yourself. I mean quit being so gutless, please, I'm asking.

DiPiazza said I can say the Procedures Ordinance has been violated quite a few times.

Crampton said so that means that we just keep . . .

DiPiazza said how far do you want to go with this?

Crampton said I am just saying the law has been violated. I'm just saying I'm not participating that and that is what I said and everybody started to have a hairy.

DiPiazza said then don't participate.

Crampton noted I just said I am voting no. What is your problem? Can't you hear?

DiPiazza said then continue on Ron.

Speaker Pete said okay, I'm going to continue right now. There is a motion on the floor and there, there is a motion on the floor and it has been supported by Diane. Shannon just said that he was going to abstain. Is there any other abstentions? Gary go ahead and do a roll call. Do a roll call Gary.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

DiPiazza said the agenda for Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes

Speaker Pete said there are no Tribal Council minutes that are to be approved for today.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Approval of a grant allocation in the amount of \$235,893 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) FY2021 Allocation Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant**

Speaker Pete said I believe that is Shanaviah and is it Jason that might be on here for, to represent this?

Shanaviah Canales said I'm here Ron.

Pete said Shanaviah go ahead.

Canales said yes, we have been allotted \$235,893. This grant employs three full-time staff as well as covers their benefits for a year.

Pete responded yes. I'm, I'm quite familiar with this grant. Is there anyone that has any questions from Shanaviah on this grant? Hearing no questions.

Tom Guenthardt said I will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0708-197, APPROVAL OF A GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235,893 FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS) FY2021 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES (TRBVS) VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion?

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg, I have a couple of questions.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Jessica.

Steinberg responded thank you. I understand this is going to salaries from what was just shared. How does this assist tribal citizens and what areas will be eligible for service.

Shanaviah Canales responded that it covers _____ so domestic violence, _____, dating violence, human trafficking and child sexual abuse. So anybody who is, has been victimized _____ victim service program and asked for advocacy services and it benefits anyone who resides within the nine-county service area.

Jessica Steinberg said okay, thank you. I guess I have a follow-up then. This is going to be coordinating with existing victim services, we are not necessarily going to be providing those services on the ground ourselves?

Canales asked Steinberg to repeat the question.

Steinberg asked did I understand that this will be having, assisting our individual victims of domestic abuse and other types of sexual and domestic violence and coordinate advocates from other agencies or will the band be providing those services on the ground?

Canales said I'm gonna kind of say yes to both because per the guidelines of any federal grants, those are the guidelines we have to follow. And yes, it is for tribal citizens as well. But advisors reach out to us for services and ask us for services.

Steinberg said okay, thank you, that was my question. I wanted to assure that our citizens can access first for services rather than be um referred out to another agency that was my question so thank you for answering it.

Canales responded you're welcome.

Pete said thank you Shanaviah. Is there any further questions of Shanaviah?

Laura Eichelberger asked can I ask a quick question?

Pete said certainly you can.

Eichelberger said I just wanted to clarify that its just for nine-county, correct?

Canales responded yes.

Eichelberger responded okay, I thought so. Thank you.

Pete asked if there is any further questions of Shanaviah? Gary . . . not hearing anyone, there was a motion made on the floor by Tom, support from Diane. Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Government to Government (G2G) IRR Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$63,132.32**

Speaker Pete said we just need to accept the funds. Is Bill here to represent this?

Steve Parsons said this is Steve I can certainly do that. I don't know if Bill is on the call but I can get started and if he has anything to add he can certainly do that. So if it is okay, I'll go ahead and start.

Pete said go ahead Steve.

Parsons said basically what . . . okay thank you. Basically what this is, first I guess I'll call it an installment of our fiscal year 2020 tribal share funds from the BIA Roads Program. We anticipate this year getting about \$530,000 as our total allocation but as has been happening in previous years, it sort of comes in amounts that are less than that. It is basically whatever money is appropriated they

get it out to you as quickly as they can. So this is the first installment. We should be getting some later this year, hopefully in the next few months or so. The COVID-19 situation at the federal level, delayed a lot of this stuff getting out so they are behind in getting the money out to us. But this is the first installment of our 2020 allocation. So that is basically why we need to accept it into the budget so that we can utilize these funds. So if there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Pete said I'm sorry I had it on mute. I'm sorry, I got a question here. The first one I heard was from Diane Lonn so Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said Steve, when you get this money don't you already have a listing of the different um projects that you have to use, that you are going to work on.

Parsons said that is correct. There is what is called a Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan, which is submitted to the BIA each year and we have our projects listed for FY 2020 and we will try to get those as much as we possibly can. Again, we were slow getting out of the gate because of the COVID-19 situation but we are in the process of getting those taken care of. Just for information, last week we sent the bid package out for the Public Safety parking lot. They are building a new garage up there and we are redoing the parking lot there. The Government Center um road maintenance project where we are going to fix the porous concrete problem should be going out either later this week or first part of next week. Those are the first two sort of out of the gate. We have a couple more or two or three that are probably going to be tying up. It is the list that we sent to the BIA every year and that is what they will be operating under. If we want to modify that we certainly can but I don't anticipate there being any changes this year.

Lonn responded okay, thank you.

Pete said thank you Steve. Is there any further questions of Steve? I'm not hearing any questions. Um, do I have a motion.

Guenthardt said I will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0708-198,
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – GOVERNMENT TO
GOVERNMENT (G2G) IRR PROGRAM AND APPROVING**

**A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB2020-048 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,132.32;** by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further questions? Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call please.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Steve Parsons said thank you Ron, thank you Council.

Pete said you're welcome.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020 - _____ in the amount of \$120,000

Speaker Pete said is either Steve Wheeler or Bill on to represent this?

Bill Willis said this is Bill Willis, I'm on the call to represent this Mr. Speaker.

Pete said okay, thank you so much Bill, go ahead.

Willis said this particular item represents modification #7 to the Self Governance Compact for 2020 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These funds are earmarked for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Resource Management. It is a one-time award. Year to date our total funding from the Bureau is \$4,156,948. Keep in mind that part of that total award includes some CARES Act funding with \$1,253,019. This is just adding to the pool of money we are receiving so just need to accept the money and amend the operating budget.

Pete said okay, thank you Bill. I have one question for you and just one. Based on 2020 budget from the U.S. Department of Bureau of Indian Affairs are we either ahead or a little behind of last year of what we got. And I do know it was CARES Act

funding in here too but are we doing, are we doing fine this year so far?

Bill Willis responded that I believe I looked at that yesterday and even if you subtract the \$1,253,019, we are basically right at where we estimated we would be in terms of funding from the Bureau.

Pete said okay, thank you so much Bill I just had the one question. Is there any further questions for Bill? Can I either get a motion and support, Diane.

Councilor Lonn said I will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0708-199,
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB2020-049 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$120,000; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion.

Jessica Steinberg said Mr. Speaker this is Jessica Steinberg.

Pete said okay Jessica, go ahead.

Steinberg responded thank you. I am glad that Bill is on the line. Given the situation with the impact from the government from COVID-19 shutdown etc. has there been any discussion about re-programming some of the funds we receive from some of the earmarked categories into other categories to support direct services such as family services, social work, some of the other line items that are allowed ICWA support, some of those types of services?

Willis said I guess that would be more of a question for either Tammy or the CFO. Typically we dedicate, as you are aware, federal funds to allowable expenses so year to date I guess any allowable expenses that we have incurred under the Self Governance Compact would definitely be, be ah, be covered.

Steinberg said just a follow-up. Thanks Bill. The reason I ask that is because obviously we have had Public Safety on-line 24/7 right through the shutdown. We haven't necessarily had research in the Great Lakes 24/7 since the shutdown. That was my question. If there might be an opportunity to re-program some of these funds to

be sent over to those focus areas that the government needs to support itself during the shutdown. Because I do know that is it allowable but it does take an act of congress, you know, submission to the Council and package and approval by the Council to do that and then we send a re-programming request and support essentially, back up to the Bureau. I was just wondering if there was discussion about that. Thanks for answering my question.

Speaker Pete said I'm sorry, I keep putting it on mute again and I just keep forgetting so I'm sorry. Is there any other questions of Bill on this item? Okay, can I get, can I get a motion or support for this.

Lonn said you already did.

Pete said oh, I got a motion and support, thank you very much. I forgot. Is there any further questions on this? Is anyone going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Pete noted there is nothing under approval of budgeted expenditure.

IV. Old Business

1. Financial Report – April 2020

Speaker Pete said the financial report for April 2020 has been submitted.

V. New Business

A. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2019 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as Developed by the Housing Department

Speaker Pete said excuse me, Tara are you on to represent this?

Tara Bailey responded yes sir.

Pete said okay, Tara go ahead.

Bailey said this is just our annual performance report we are required um per our Indian Housing Block Grant to send to HUD. It basically tells them that, at the beginning of the year we sent in an Indian Housing Plan that says how we are going to spend the money, this report tells them exactly how we spent the money and in the line items that we said and any goals that we said we were going to do with the funds weren't met, we explain why they weren't meant, why they were not met and that they continue. It is an annual requirement for us to send to HUD.

Pete said okay, thank you Tara. Are there any um questions for Tara? Not hearing any questions, could I get a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said I will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-708-200, APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE FY2019 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

Someone was talking in the background.

Pete said pardon. Ron do you have a question on this?

Councilor Wittenberg responded no I don't. I didn't ask.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry, I didn't, I thought someone had asked a question and then I said Gary, will you do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 15, 2020**
- B. Ojema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Pete said Larry.

Ogema Romanelli said thanks Ron. Just a couple things. Bike Time, in case people aren't aware, Bike Time is cancelled for this year in Muskegon. Basically everything in Muskegon, because of the COVID-19 issues, has been cancelled, any kind of event or any venue, etc. So that was cancelled this last week so obviously we won't be participating in that. We have been working on budgeting for 2021. We are starting that process and, as you know, we will have a hearing meeting, as we usually do, for, regarding the budget. It is going to be a little different this year but that is going to happen next month. We are also looking at the phone system because we have had some issues with our main phone line and people being able to get through and access the different departments. Part of it is the phone system; part of it is the way it is way it is set up, and part of it is that there was a main department that is listed after the, after you go through the list and you have the operator, I believe it was the clinic was listed after that so we have changed it around a little bit. At least by the end of the week we should have it in pretty good working order so. That is all we are working on right now. Thank you.

Pete said okay Larry, thank you. I'm sorry are there any questions for the Ogema? Hearing none . . .

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked if anyone for Legislative Affairs Update?

Councilor Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said it was the this morning I think it was reported over 3, I think it was 3 dozen or close to that, I think it was 32 states that have been _____ to the government funding, the COVID-19. And a couple of them are actually going back to the status of closing down. Texas and Florida are starting to follow with the restaurants and the bars. And more are looking at going back to a policy of maybe staying in place which is something we need to contemplate here very quickly because if that happens here we have already had very atrocious, with our funding that we had. So what I would like to move forward and urge the members to get involved with and I will be bringing it forward hopefully this Wednesday, this Friday, if we have enough space to look at the Budget and Appropriations Act that allows the Council to set its succession, speaking back to earlier what Jessica was talking about. A success of how things will go if there is another COVID incident. If there is another COVID incident then we can actually schedule how we shut down. My

suggestion would be entities and the government and absolutely last the services. Thank you.

Speaker Pete said also what was on there too, also I saw Arizona has added to that list but I also saw this morning that there was zero COVID deaths yesterday in the state of Michigan. So at any rate I do think right now um I guess, I guess we are fortunate or whatever so we are holding our own right now. So is there any other thing for legislative affairs update.

Recorder DiPiazza said I have a couple of things Ron.

Councilor Crampton said before we get to that I just wanted to continue. I want to add on that um up here in northern Michigan we have a lake that was made famous by Kid Rock called Torch Lake. Every year it has a million people. This year it was no different. In fact it made national news that they were all out there doing the same thing like they did every year. I went by there because it is 5 minutes from my house and all the places that you could see parked on the beach I would say there was about, a good percentage of them were New Jersey plates. I happened to stop by a store and started talking to one of the people that were there who was obviously from Jersey by the accent. And I asked them what was going on and they said well all of our beaches are shut down. So all of the people that had that in New York just came to northern Michigan and that is why I am reporting what I am. Thanks.

Pete said okay, thank you. Gary, go ahead.

DiPiazza said I was going to say on the COVID, you know, if you pull into the Meijer parking lot and its full and you are uncomfortable going in there, don't go, you know. A lot of it is common sense, you know. Don't sit next to somebody if you don't know them. There is a lot of common sense that needs to be implemented. Yeah, if you are at the beach and there is a 1,000 people there don't muster your way to the front line. But besides that there is a little bit going on with Line 5. As you know the Governor and them tried to um, they shut it down because of the new strike, anchor strike, cable strike, whatever that may be. The, there was a court hearing last week which I sat through that um which was extremely interesting. They were going to keep the east line shut down because of the big dent that is in it along with that support but the report that was given out on 2018 that was in the news, and you can google it and you can watch the video, that's not the anchor strike that they are saying it was. From some things they acknowledged in that court case, like the measuring device and, but anyways, they opened the west line so they could run, there is a machine they run through there that checks the wall density and any damage to the pipe so they had to open that line up to run

that apparatus through there. Then they are having another court date in 7 days which should be shortly here. So just kind of keep an eye on that. That great big dent that's in the east line, that is not good. And, you know, Enbridge unfortunately has not been forthcoming with any information other than when the Governor and the Attorney General put a halt to them and then all of a sudden they came up with just a little bit of information. But they said they are going to share all their videos and everything with the state and EAGLE and waiting to see what happens. Enbridge is fixed for the oil lines being struck by anchors was to park a boat out there and watch the boats coming through 24/7. That was their solution for anchor strikes on that line. Like I said there is a lot of incriminating things in them photos they showed so keep an eye on that. Other than that, that's it.

Pete said okay, thank you Gary. Anything else for legislative affairs update?

Councilor Crampton said yeah, I just wanted to add to that.

Pete said I'm sorry, go ahead Shannon.

Crampton was going to say that um yeah it was um issues like Enbridge, tribes really need to start focusing on this cause what the perceived notion is that we have an administration heading out the door so all of those judgments that they had, that were going their direction when it perceived that they were going to be in power for a while, are now failing. The Dakota access pipeline was just ordered to shut down pending an environmental review. That looked like it was never going to happen under the administration but now that it looks like the administration is heading out the door, all the judges are siding in the opposite direction. So right now would be the prime time to pound down on Enbridge. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Shannon. Anything else in legislative affairs update? Okay, that moves us, excuse me, that moves us on to D. Public Comment Period.

D. Public Comment Period

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

Speaker Pete asked if there is anything for public comment.

Laura Eichelberger said Laura Eichelberger if that is okay.

Pete said ah yes Laura, go ahead.

Eichelberger said actually I have three, three comments, so I hope I can have a little bit of patience. First, I have a quick question and maybe nobody knows for sure but there was a little bit of comment about a gentleman that was homeless and I'm wondering if we have anything in place for homeless tribal members for like a short term sort of a thing or do we not have anything in place currently?

Pete said is Jason on the line.

(lots of background noise which was inaudible)

Pete said okay, I'm hearing a lot of background noise. I am trying to find if Jason or Shanaviah are on the line.

Jason Cross said I'm here Ron, this is Jason.

Pete said Jason, did you hear Laura's question.

Cross said yeah I did. The tribe itself and really the City of Manistee doesn't have a lot of options for homeless folks. A few years ago the homeless organization that was centered in Manistee was swallowed by Grand Traverse County and ever since then the Manistee folks haven't gotten a whole lot of attention on the subject of homelessness. You know we help as much as we can. We work with as many people as we can who are homeless to get them into public housing. I mean obviously there is lots of rules and regulations that go along with that. Some folks we helped before and we will be more than willing to help again but there is no specific program or place. There is no shelter, tribal or public in this whole area.

Eichelberger said that was just my question. I was just wondering about that. Thank you. And the second thing that I have is that I just have a question, I'm not sure if the Ogema is still on the line, this would be for the Ogema and Council as well. During the last _____ what was that two or three weeks, there was a comment made that the televisions and all of the artwork were put aside by someone in a _____ post from Council that had said things were going to be put aside for a membership meeting put away. I was just wondered if any of you knew of that, if that was going to be something from the _____ Council member, if it was possibly the Ogema since he manages the um membership meeting or if it was just maybe a rumor or somebody had misspoke possibly from the resort.

Pete said Larry are you still on the line?

Ogema Romanelli answered I am, yes. I was waiting for someone else to respond, somebody from the resort or from the Tribal Council. I did not make that determination, yeah, okay, go ahead.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry but, I listened but I really didn't hear all the question. There was some background in the, in the question so I wasn't going to comment because I didn't hear it all.

Eichelberger said I can say it again. Go ahead.

Andrew Gentile said Speaker this is Andrew from the resort. I was not on the call when that decision was made. I was on vacation so I can't speak to answer her question directly as to who made the comment so I apologize for that but I was not there. Originally the TV's were going to be refurbished and then just put out there for everybody and while I was gone a decision was made and I can't speak to who made that decision so I apologize.

Pete said okay, thank you Andrew.

Eichelberger responded okay, so I guess that's the answer nobody really knows for sure if . . . so is it, were they put aside for membership meeting?

Councilor Crampton said Chelsea this is Shannon Crampton.

Eichelberger said this is Laura. This is Laura.

Crampton said I'm sorry. Laura, I'm sorry, Laura, this is Shannon Crampton. Since nobody is giving you an answer I would like to give you a correct answer from Council and that is there was no action by Council so it was not a Council action.

Eichelberger responded okay.

Crampton said Council can only act by motion, resolution and ordinance. It as none of those. It was not a Tribal Council action.

Eichelberger answered okay, thank you.

Pete said okay, Laura, are you finished Laura?

Eichelberger answered nope, I got one more thing and actually I don't even need an answer just more of a comment than anything. Um, the under the breath comment, the snide comments, the rude things that are said when you either don't think you are muted, or you really don't care if you are or not muted, everybody is listening to this and it is shameful and I

just want to put that out there. I doubt that I am the only tribal member that feels that way. Um, I just wish that you could all support ourselves a little bit more professionally and sensitively towards each other. So that is just really a comment but I doubt that I'm the only person that feels that way. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Laura. Is there any other comments in public comment period?

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker, Chelsea Densmore, I just wanted to make a comment.

Pete said okay, I'm sorry, is this Chelsea?

Densmore responded yes.

Pete said Chelsea go ahead.

Densmore said I couldn't agree more. This morning was wild. You guys were . . . I totally get, like I feel like I've made this comment a bunch of times, like I totally get that sometimes they get heated and whatever but like some professionalism would be amazing. Um, that was crazy. People just throwing out comments and you couldn't even tell who was saying what a couple different times. So that was super unfortunate. The one thing that I did follow-up on with what was just said, I understand that the Council did not have anything to _____ back but the Ogema was starting to say something and then he paused. Can he respond because the membership meeting falls under him.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, Chelsea you are breaking up a little bit but I think you asked what I was going to say regarding the TV's and artwork and I did not make that call. I believe it was from within the resort someplace. You heard the General Manager say that he was out of town and did not make the call and I know there was some discussion about it at a meeting. And you also heard Council say that they did not make it. So I am assuming that there was a call from within the resort, which, from the management.

Densmore said it was a call from the management of the resort that they chose to keep it for a membership meeting or that it was kept for something else?

Romanelli responded whatever was decided. It did not come from me as the membership meeting or to postpone it, however, it has been discussed in the past about holding some of that for membership meetings. The other problem we have is that we don't know when the next membership

meeting is that they can dispense them, the inventory. Sometimes I know they get jammed up in the warehouse so, but other than that I don't know.

Densmore answered, okay, thank you.

Andrew Gentile said Speaker this is Andrew again if I could get back in the cue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Andrew.

Gentile said I just got confirmation from the warehouse manager that apparently there was a discussion on June 24th between Connie and some members of Council and that Connie made the decision to hold the TV's and the artwork for a possible giveaway at a future membership meeting and all the TV's are currently being held in the event center.

Pete said okay, thank you, Andrew. Okay, is there any, is there any further comments in public comment period?

Susan Thull said this is Susan Thull.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker this is Jessica Steinberg.

Pete said okay, just a moment, I think I got Susan first, Susan go ahead.

Susan Thull said okay, thank you so much. Yes, I have a couple of comments. The first one is for work session that Shannon is talking about for possibly Friday. Is there any way that we would know if that is going to be scheduled now. I fully . . . okay, go ahead.

Recorder DiPiazza said I can answer that Susan. It is scheduled for Thursday. I already scheduled one. I want to do away with the work sessions and make them a legislative work session and also do something about call the question and have some protocols in there for that.

Thull said so what time is that scheduled on Thursday then?

DiPiazza said let me quick look.

Shannon Crampton said I, I, I don't want to be rude but I want to interject here because you are talking about the Meeting Procedures Ordinance. I was talking about the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance.

DiPiazza replied okay. Well you said Meeting Procedure Ordinance.

Thull said oh okay, that's on Thursday.

DiPiazza said anyways, the Meeting Procedure Ordinance is at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9th.

Thull answered okay.

DiPiazza said and if you would like, if you would like a work session I sent everybody the form to fill out so that way we know exactly what the purpose of the work session is and what exactly information needs to be gathered and who needs to be at these work sessions. I'm all set.

Thull said okay, so,

Speaker Pete said okay Susan, are you finished.

Thull answered no I'm not. So,

Pete said okay.

Thull said so, so, Gary, if we get that scheduled on Friday could you just put a new um an amended calendar on our website so that we will know about it.

DiPiazza said certainly. That's what we have been trying to do.

Thull said okay, thank you and I would like to thank Kathleen for posting the agendas. Um, my next question was about the budget. I know that you are going to be having a meeting in August and I am wondering if more of that, could the Council meet with the different departments and go, and go over the individual departments budgets.

Pete said Susan, I'm sorry, unfortunately there was back, I didn't hear the end of your question.

Thull said okay, thank you. Ah, yes, someone, I think maybe someone needs to put their phone on mute because we are getting a lot of feedback.

Pete responded yes.

Thull said my question is if before the budget hearing if, that we have, does Council go over the individual department budgets at all with the department heads or anything. Do you have a work session?

Pete said we do have sessions with the individual departments and see what they need and I, but I believe those are all private sessions. Pete said am I on mute?

Thull said no you're not.

Crampton said if I could answer Susan's question, this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said I guess what I think what you, if I'm hearing you right, what you are talking about is, is the budget hearing that is coming up which would be the Ogema's introduction. That's just the beginning of the process. Okay, once we have that then, then the Council gets together with the departments and we discuss them whether more is needed, whether less is needed, whether they are comfortable with it. I think that is what you are asking.

Thull replied yes, yes. I wanted to know if you had them before that first initial meeting.

Crampton said well we wouldn't, how would, what sense would it make if we don't have the numbers to go over yet. But yeah, I think that is introduced by the Ogema.

Thull said okay, alright. That is what I wanted to know if there is any work on the budget before that. So that is just the first, the first round right there, you know . . .

Someone said the first step.

Thull answered okay, alright. That is what I wanted to know. Thank you very much.

Speaker Pete said Susan, can I um, Jessica, can I jump in for just a quick second, Susan.

Thull said yes.

Pete said Susan, Susan on July 10th you had mentioned to myself about providing fish for the elders.

Thull said yes.

Pete added in Muskegon. Is that correct?

Thull said yes.

Pete asked if that is still on and do we have a time?

Thull said yes.

Pete said and I don't . . .

Thull said I don't have a time because I have been calling Natural Resources; I just called them this morning again. I've called them everyday and I'm not getting a call back to find out how much fish is available. I saw Frank Beaver and Archie Sanders but I do have, so you have been there probably Ron to maybe pick it up, I don't know if you have any idea if its, you know, a large quantity but I do have like about um 15 people that said they wanted it.

Pete said okay, Susan . . . I'm sorry go ahead.

Thull said I was going to say I didn't, I keep asking because I didn't know how much we had.

Pete said okay, Susan, can I interrupt for just a second, this is Ron.

Thull said yes, yes.

Pete said when I go over there or I'll call and they will, they will have it up, all packed. What I do need is a time. Usually I can get at least one cooler and maybe two, I don't know. I've never picked up two and usually there is about 16 bags of fish, roughly, in the cooler. And so, we don't have a lot of space in trunks and stuff to, to do this so I only pick up one cooler and maybe sometimes Tommy can. I'm not going to be in Manistee Friday so Tommy going to bring it down and I'm going to meet him there at the elders. So what I just really need to know is Tommy asked me to ask you and I did, but he reminded me of the 10th today that if you have a number of people that want fish we will do whatever we can to accommodate that number Susan and then we will bring the fish down on, on, Tommy will run the fish down on Friday and I will meet him at the elders. Is that okay?

Thull said yes, that would be perfect. Thank you very much. And I think that we probably could get that done with one cooler then.

Pete responded yes, and what time would that be. I still need the time.

Thull said I don't, I didn't know, I never have gotten a call from Natural Resources. Um, what, do you plan on doing your phone calls from there or . . .

Pete said I will call the Natural Resources from here, Tommy will call them and we will get, we will make sure we get a hold of somebody. I just need to know the time that people are expecting the fish in Muskegon. That is all I need to know right now and we will have it there.

Thull said okay, what I'm asking you is are you going to be in the Muskegon office yourself making the phone call because there is a Friday work session at 9:00 on Friday.

Pete responded yes.

Thull said I just wanted . . .

Pete said yes.

Thull said I just wanted to know if you were going to be at the Muskegon office calling into that.

Pete said Susan, plans right now are for me to be in the Muskegon office down there. Unless that changes, and I'm going through some changes right now in my life, unless that changes, then I will let Tommy know or somebody know for him to make, well he is going to be there anyway. So I, I, we would just like to know what time to expect the elders to pick up their fish. That's all I need to know.

Thull said that is fine. I will try to make it a morning, in the morning . . .

Pete said that would be perfect.

Thull said I will let know for sure on that. Okay?

Pete said okay, thank you very much Susan.

Thull said yep, thank you.

Pete said Jessica.

Jessica Steinberg said thank you Mr. Speaker. I just had a couple of, I see that there are some items in closed session regarding lobbyists. So I was looking up the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians client profile for lobbying efforts in Washington DC this morning.

Pete said okay.

Steinberg said the contract that is on the agenda is with Scofes and Associates. I see that they reported \$21,000 in spending as part of their

required federal report activity but they have not made a written report of activities, which they are, they are basically saying no activity. I know the House of Representatives requires that after \$10,000 of paid lobbying activity that there be some report of activity but the first quarter report says no activity. Um, on the other hand, Sonosky Chambers, which also submitted a first quarter report with no expenditures has reported on a couple of different bills that they are working on, on behalf of the tribe. So I was curious, one, what Scofes and Associates' activity might be as far as lobbying the hill in the interest of the tribe and whether or not anyone else has reviewed these reports.

Pete said okay, Jessica, I'm just going to answer you from a personal thing. I'm not going to discuss anything in closed session right now. Are there any further comments in public comment period?

Chelsea Densmore said hi Mr. Speaker, I have a question thank you very much.

Pete said go ahead.

Densmore said I just wanted to check and see what time you guys might be expecting to come back from closed?

Pete said we have about 7 or 8, we have about 10 things on closed session so I'm hoping we can get done by noon and then we come back into open session so if everything works out right we would back into open probably about noon if that's, and I don't know I think I might have your number on here because you have called me a few times but I'm not sure. Sometimes I'm just not sure yet. Let me look. If I could give you a call when we are going back but otherwise I'm hoping to think that by noon we would be back, okay?

Densmore responded sure. So have you guys thought about with the Coronavirus stuff that is continuing and still working from home and you know, with that craziness, have you thought of about what I had said a couple of weeks ago about trying to figure out something to notify the membership via the second closed or are you guys still planning to go into the office at the end of the month and go back to normal.

Pete said well I think that is going to be an individual Tribal Councilor call on what is going to happen at the end of the month. Me personally, no I really don't want to talk personally because then that might come back to bite me. In any event, I go into the office. Then there is about 3 or 4 that do go into the office and that is a personal choice and it is not judged one way or the other but I haven't really discussed it since then from a personal point of view okay?

Densmore responded okay.

Pete said okay, is there any other comments in public comment period?

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker this is Jessica Steinberg.

Someone said yeah.

Steinberg said I'm sorry, I didn't hear the answer to my question because I had a little technical glitch on my end related to Scofes and Associates and their report of activities. I'm not asking for specific or proprietary but what I'm asking for I guess, it is listed that they are only issue is gambling and casinos. I was wondering if because they seem to be the only lobbying firm in Washington DC that, that has us as their Indian client or if we are their only Indian client. They might be working on other matters of legislative nature such as enhanced funding to the tribe for our services or other things. So, thank you.

Pete said I'm sorry, Shannon did you want to get in the cue?

Shannon Crampton said yeah. Well, to answer . . .

Pete said Shannon.

Crampton said probably to answer Jessica's question I raised this question the other day at Agenda Review and that is why we are going to be meeting with them.

Pete said okay.

Crampton said I would like to go back, I would like to get back and state a few other things. The Ogema asked what I was looking at before and it was 7.04, it is reconsideration under the Meeting Procedures Ordinance, under 7.04 and it is under reconsideration. Motion to reconsider must be brought back by the prevailing party. The issue that I am speaking about had already been voted on. This is clearly a violation of the Meeting Procedures Ordinance and it should have been stopped at the Recorder level and at the Speaker level. Now, going back there was a statement made by, a question asked by a member, and ah the Ogema said he didn't do it, Council said they didn't do it and then the General Manager said that it was ah, the Assistant General Manager talked to some Council members. I would like to know what Council members those are because Council cannot exercise the Council outside the body. So it doesn't matter who you were talking to from Council they have absolutely no power or weight outside the body. I would like to know who those Council

members were. Thank you. Since Mr. Gentile identified that it was Connie that talked to us she must know who she talked to. And I know everybody likes to spin this out of control but this is why I record these meetings and write down what is being said. Everything was cordial at the meeting until the Ogema said smartass. I was reporting that I was not going to vote on this issue and he actually asked where the meeting procedures were. I was asking whether he wanted me to look them up and whether he wanted me to look them up for him or he would look them up himself and he said you are being such a, quit being such a smartass. Hold on wait, yep. That is where it starts. So before this spin gets out there and everybody starts talking about this thing it was the Ogema that started it. And every time this happens that you will notice that the Speaker did not do his job and allows his family members to do cat calls from the side and he will make noises now, listen to it. This is why I want members on these phone calls. Diane will say something and then Tommy will jump in with his . . . we are having truck pulls, yeah whatever. This is how this gets out of control. This isn't professional conduct and I just want the members to attest to it. It is all there.

DiPiazza said it is a two-sided street.

Crampton said see there you go again. See this is exactly what I mean. Here comes the cat calls.

DiPiazza said cat calls, this is Gary. I'm saying, that works both ways my friend. You should be the bigger person to step aside but you can't. When you have racial slurs, which hillbilly is a racial slur, so now we are talking racist. I don't know what to tell you anymore. And as far as the Meeting Procedures Ordinance, let me fill you in on a couple things. There has been a lot of violations of that and the Constitution. I can reference one . .

Crampton said I was, I was in the cue, I was in the cue and recognized by the Speaker, you are not.

DiPiazza said okay. You kind of identified me as saying here comes the cackle so here it is. Here is the cackle.

Crampton said something that was inaudible.

Pete said I'm going to end this, right now.

Crampton said I'm, I'm in the cue. I'm in the cue.

Pete said go ahead and speak your cue.

Crampton said that is what I'm trying to do. Now control your buddies and the cat calls.

Pete said you know what, just do what you gotta do.

Someone said just hang up.

Crampton said what I'm . . . listen, I'm not answering, I'm not looking for your, for your validation Ron. You are supposed to do your job as the Speaker. I just want members to see what goes on.

Pete said Diane.

Crampton said keep doing it.

Someone said you are supposed to do your job as a Council.

Crampton said yeah okay, look, who is that? Here is another family member hiding behind the phone and you are going to allow it. The reasonable members take note this is what they do. The Speaker is not going to control them. He is not going to make them identify _____. This is for the real members. For the members who actually know what they are doing.

Andrew Gentile said Speaker this is Andrew if I can get back in the cue to answer Councilor Crampton's question.

Pete said Andrew, go ahead.

Gentile said Councilor Crampton all I have right now because Connie is not on the call is I was forwarded an email from Wednesday, June 24th stating today's Tribal Council Meeting discussion occurred regarding the furniture giveaway. Some of the recommendations made are listed below and the third bullet point was would like to save the artwork and TV's for membership meeting. So the warehouse manager acted upon that email and saved the artwork and the TV's. So whoever was out at the Tribal Council Meeting on June 24th I'm guessing is who she discussed it with.

Crampton said who is the email that you are looking at from?

Gentile said the email was from Connie Waitner sent to the directors, the warehouse manager, the project manager, copying the Ogema, the Speaker and myself.

Crampton said okay, thank you.

Gentile said thank you sir.

Pete said okay, we have, I'm sorry we have enough public comment period here. I'm going to call for a motion to please end, end the first closed session. Do I have a motion?

Someone said I'll make one.

Pete said Tom makes a motion to end the first closed session. Do I have support?

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete said any further discussion? No further discussion is heard.

Someone said that would be the first open session.

Pete said this would be the first open session. Then we are going to go into closed in about five minutes right after this. Gary, do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

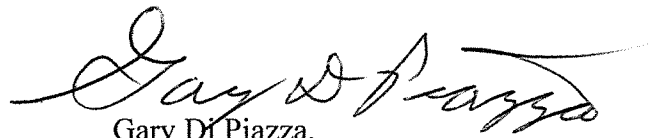
The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The second open session did not occur as quorum was lost during Closed Session at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gary DiPiazza,
Tribal Council Recorder