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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 22, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Wolfe said good morning everyone they are here for their regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 22nd at 10 a.m. Wolfe said they are hosting in the Lodge and via ZOOM. Wolfe said she will go shortly over the Participants online to make sure they are eligible and able to be here to participate. Wolfe said when she calls their name please identify for the record with their Tribal I.D. and/or if they are participating as staff. Wolfe said first in the queue they have phone number 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said 2739 that would be her, good morning.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said #0890, Tribal citizen, member.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225.

Speaker Wolfe said Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said here.

Speaker Wolfe said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said #0022.

Speaker Wolfe said G. Hendler that is Grace Hendler, Legislative Assistant for Tribal Council. Wolfe said Joanne Green.

Joanne Green said #3580.

Speaker Wolfe said Karl, IT.

Karl said IT staff.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Little River Holdings. Wolfe said second call for Little River Holdings.

Eugene Magnuson said yeah. Magnuson asked can they hear him.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said yes they did.

Eugene Magnuson thanked her.

Speaker Wolfe said LG L322DL. Wolfe said they don't have their audio on. Wolfe said second call for LG L322DL.

Kathy Sam stated her name.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Speaker Wolfe said Michelle Lucas.

Michelle Lucas said Purchasing Manager.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Valerie Mc Donnell.

Valerie Mc Donnell said #4340.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

Venus Wilson-Torres said staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said then in the room they have three staff members....four staff members, three have agenda items; Shanaviah Canales, Michol, Lyle and then they have their Comptroller, Brad Pringle. Wolfe said they just need to make one pause for one second.

Councilor Lewis can be heard talking in the background to Councilor Wittenberg but it wasn't clear what they were saying,

Speaker Wolfe said she missed one in roll call if they can have user handler Susan Thull identify for the record.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said she does believe that exhausts the list of Participants online.

I. Opening Prayer

Julie Wolfe offered the Opening Prayer.

Kitchi Manidoo, Great Spirit, Miigwech today I give thanks so that I may see once more a new day.

Miigwech for all the things you put on Earth so that the original beings could serve themselves.

Miigwech for the 4 directions that go by.

Miigwech for the animals so that we can eat.

Miigwech for the birds that we can hear them sing.

Thank you for the water to cleanse our bodies.

Thank you for the work that you gave us.

Give us peace in our hearts so that we can work together.

Help us to walk our culture well.

Help us to live in a healthy way.

Miigwech Kitchi Manidoo.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight present they have a quorum.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III A.1. REVISED AND IV A. ADDED INFORMATION; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions on the motion. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said it is open for discussion with Tribal Council or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor it has been accepted.

Speaker Wolfe said that moves them onto III. Continuing Business, Item A. Grants & Contracts, Ratification of PayPal Contract. Wolfe said PayPal will be used as a secure means....

Councilor Lewis said Tribal Council Minutes.

Speaker Wolfe said oops, she is sorry she missed Item D. Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 6/15/22

Speaker Wolfe said they have one set of minutes for approval that would be Meeting Minutes for 6/15/2022. Wolfe said she would entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/15/22; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask for any abstention on the item. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open it for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one wishing to be in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor.....

Valerie Mc Donnell sneezed loudly in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said she would ask again those Participants online please mute their phone.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of PayPal Contract

PayPal will used s a secure means to make payments for Online Orders.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with Michelle Lucas as designee. Wolfe said she will open it up to her for explanation on the item.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Manager, represented this agenda item. Lucas said the request is to approve the user agreement between PayPal and the Little River Band. Lucas said in cases where there is not an established account PayPal would be used by the Purchasing Office as a secure method of making payments for approved purchases. Lucas said with that, does anyone have any questions.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for the introduction of the item. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions with Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any abstentions.....no abstentions. Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said questions or comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will put herself in the queue just to note the revision that um, is noticed on the agenda. Wolfe said in the original resolution it didn't have um, some suggested language where it now includes *WHEREAS all paid purchases will be consistent with the LRBOI Purchasing Regulations um, R100001AC01*. Wolfe said that is the revision to the resolution. Wolfe said she just wanted to note that for clarification. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council or members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0622-106;
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH PAYPAL;** by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again it is open for discussion. Wolfe asked any comments or questions on the item. Wolfe said seeing no one wishing to be in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording was coughing loudly.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one against it has been accepted.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Wolfe noted none were submitted.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Wolfe said again, none were submitted.

IV. Old Business

A. Approval to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) FY2022 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant for \$663,204 from the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)

Approval to apply for FY 2022 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant for \$663,204 from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This item was postponed from the 6/15/22 Agenda pending a work session.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with Shanaviah Canales as designee. Wolfe said she sees she has approached the podium she will turn it over to her for introduction of the item.

Shanaviah Canales, Domestic Violence Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Canales said good morning. Canales said this is a grant application that Victim Services has um, this is the first time applying for it. Canales said it is a set-aside formula that is currently \$663,204 that is allocated to Little River Band to use the funds to enhance the program and will also bring in MMIP Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Services as well as providing doing awareness and events which currently the Victim Services Program does not have funding for. Canales said this also allows for um, ah, events.....when they have events for food which is something they have never been able to do with previous grants um, so they are allowed to buy food for those cultural events. Canales said um, so the proposal that she has made is to by enhancing the program is to improving their confidentiality um, services and also which mean would to re....move Victim Services out of Family Services and moving them to the Justice Center and this funding would provide um, funds to um, either put up a new building or um, do renovations on the Justice Center to extend it to create a space for Victim Services. Canales said this would also allow Victim Services Staff work closer

with their department, Tribal Police, the Tribal Prosecutor and the Tribal Courts which is an area of advocacy services that they have been providing to bridge the gaps um, with the victims and the um, judicial professionals. Canales said also this funding um, is ____ MMIP is to....the Advocates would be able to work with um, families that have a missing and to ____.....if it were to have happen on Tribal Land or anywhere they can.....this funding would allow the travel funds for it that would include air fare or gas cards um, lodging, meals, and also they can help um, with advocacy work with um the police and if attorneys are involved and all that. Canales said then they also need um, improve their awareness and education that um, within their nine counties they serve but one of the areas they looked at was providing funds to able to bring in a TA Provider.....Technical Assistance Provider to do training with their Tribal Staff, casino and community members with building um, MMIP um, processes on how the community is going to work together with um, locating their missing loved ones. Canales said they can also um.....another area they wanted to do was also bring in more cultural um, healing um, events....not events but um, like Talking Circles and some sort of like ah, ah, ceremonies. Canales said so they are working on when they....where they would....currently the Victim Services doesn't have any private space because they are grouped in with Family Services um, so which has many different programs within that and is definitely an issue when it comes to victims coming in seeking out services and um, not having that private space to be able to um, meet with them.

Speaker Wolfe was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but her comments were not picked up clearly to understand.

Shanaviah Canales said yes.....

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said first in the queue.....

They were some loud knocking noises in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear where they were coming from. Also someone was coughing along with the loud pounding.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Champagne she is still on mute but go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said Julie she had her hand raised and she can't hear what she is saying so she is not sure if she called her or not. Champagne identified herself.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Champagne she has the floor.

Councilor Champagne thanked her. Champagne said she has a couple of questions for her. Champagne asked will the majority of this money be spent to get her her own private space um, with a building um, or extension of the Justice Center.

Champagne said that is number one. Champagne asked her if she wanted to answer that one first.

Shanaviah Canales said she is not sure of the percentage of the funds that will.... what they have allocated this is just an estimate for 900 square feet to do renovations which is \$247,500 so um, out of the \$663,204 she would say that its um, not over it's less than 50% then when.....they are also um, able to charge occupancy rent um, so that way the Tribe....once they get in there they can charge occupancy rent to the grant and it is estimated in the two years because this is a three year grant so the first year is the hope of renovations. Canales said the next two years they are housed....the program is housed in that area um, and the estimate to the Tribe would receive for 24 months is \$36,000 which the Tribe is able to do with what they discussed for that funding. Canales said also charged to it is um, propane and electric, utilities which the estimate of it is based on the square footage of the 900 square feet.

Councilor Champagne said wouldn't it make more sense to keep it with all the other um, services so people is not running all over the Reservation to find out where to go um, to her it would make more sense to keep it with the other Family Services but that is just her opinion on that.

Shanaviah Canales said when it comes to the victimization it is a very private um, victimization....a lot of victims have.....they know, they don't want to come where there is a lot of people coming for other services they want it.....and its really hard for them to come out and talk about what is happening and that they need help. Canales said its.....there is a lot of self-blaming what could they have done to not have gotten themselves, they know, victimized. Canales said there is shame in what they feel....what happened to them, there is trauma and then the fact that this is a very close nit Tribe. Canales said there is a lot of family members, a lot of people know each other they are in a small town um, so walking into a space where potentially running into ah, family members or friends or the abusers family members and friends is very....it prohibits a lot of people from coming to see them so a lot of the time um, they are out in the fields meeting people or wherever to do that. Canales said the other issue is they also want to be able to hold accountable um, the abuse and that is something in an area that doesn't happen as much as they like and the Prosecutor doesn't.....is not able to work with the victim because they will ah, like they don't want....the victim will say they don't want to prosecute they just want help. Canales said they don't want because they are scared of being victim blamed on the stand or they had that police officer at their home on several times and they don't do nothing so this will also help them working with them and doing training with them and learning about why this is so important in that it takes an average of seven times before a victim leaves their abuser.

Councilor Champagne said the last question she has.....does she have this grant all ready to submit. Champagne asked is it all prepared with all the details.

Shanaviah Canales said its...its got a lot of fine tuning to do but um, its getting pretty close.

Councilor Champagne said well her suggestion would be that they postpone this until it is completed so that Council has an opportunity to look at the grant to see really what they are getting out of it so that's her suggestion. Champagne thanked them.

Shanaviah Canales said this is just a request to apply for it just the money that has been set-aside, allocated, they would still have to come here and um, probably in she thinks at the end of September when they get the Official Award and then ask the Tribe to accept it into the Budget.....

A voice can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "at this time."

Shanaviah Canales continued...then they would have the application completed but the application is due tomorrow at 8:59 p.m.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Champagne if she had additional comments.

Councilor Champagne said no, she is fine.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, it is still open for discussion. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Wever said no, Gary was first.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Wever if she wanted in the queue.

Councilor Wever said yeah, please.

Speaker Wolfe said so then it would be Councilor Di Piazza then Councilor Wever.

Councilor Di Piazza said so this is a three-year award, right.

Shanaviah Canales said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is going to be renewable.

Shanaviah Canales said it is renewable.

Councilor Di Piazza said this is the first time they are getting this.

Shanaviah Canales said the first time Little River Band is applying, yes, well if them guys said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set right now.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever said well, she doesn't know if she is going to get anyone of them up here to change their mind but she will say it again she walked with the State a couple of weeks ago, the people from Lansing, and ah, the Director....the Director said she's got billions of dollars in grants and she wants to give it to them. Wever said they can even be very creative and she is saying they can start right here if they want this building she would love to see their old um, casino made into a Mental ah, clinic or whatever but they can start with her. Wever said if this um, if the State wants to give them billions....not millions....she's got billions to give away. Wever said can they please start here. Wever said that is all she can say because she will get....whispered....*out of control*. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for her comment. Wolfe asked any other Tribal Council wish to be in the queue. Wolfe repeated any Tribal Council wish to be in the queue. Wolfe reiterated it is open for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council.

Councilor Wever said whoop, Tom.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Guenthardt go ahead.

Councilor Guenthardt said this pays for them guys salaries.

Shanaviah Canales said it will pay....it will pay two of the staff's salary just 30% the rest is coming out of other grants and um, 10% of her salary comes out of the Tribes if this goes through otherwise currently it is 20%.

Councilor Guenthardt thanked her.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Johnson.

Acting Recorder Johnson said um, so currently um, so one of the issues for requesting besides to have a little bit more privacy for the different victims to move is um, is it getting crowded downstairs in that area. Johnson said they seen the postings and stuff so how is that going to affect as far as that area staffing wise and offices.

Shanaviah Canales said prior to the Pandemic the Family Services was definitely um, becoming very crowded um, currently, they know, with remote work um, being allowed and um, some positions not filled currently it is....there is a couple of spaces available but once those get filled again it is going to become crowded again and so yes it is Family Services is running out of space.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional discussions. Wolfe said she would entertain a motion. Wolfe said oh, they have one citizen in the queue. Wolfe said Susan Thull she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked her. Thull said um, could she tell them how many staff they have currently and um, how many it would be if all of the positions were filled.

Shanaviah Canales said she can....for Family....for Family Services she is not quite sure how many positions are open but for Victim Services it's four full time staff um, one is full time for Muskegon which is currently vacant then there is a full time....two full time staff here and she goes in between both Muskegon and Manistee Offices so um, they need to fill that other vacant position which they have not yet.

Susan Thull thanked her.

Shanaviah Canales said welcome.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments or discussion.

There was discussion in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Wolfe asked the Presenters want to add more items. Wolfe said sure go ahead.

Michol Ludwig, Outreach Specialist from the Victim Services Program, thanked them. Ludwig said Miigwech. Ludwig said she just wanted to clarify in this is for Council person Lewis um, yesterday when she was sharing the statistics she had come in after she had shared a bit and the comment that she had made about um, the survey she referred to from the CDC which um, had interviewed Native American Women across the United States and found that 39% of them had reported intimate partner domestic violence victimization. Ludwig said the survey that she had did in the Fall Membership Meeting in 2019 of the respondents from that 63% reported intimate partner domestic violence so she just wanted them to be aware that it is much more than what many Tribal members do think is happening. Ludwig said um, one other thing she thought to share she didn't think about it yesterday but um, she had a couple of people that she had worked with coming to them specifically from other Tribes because of the same reason they are trying to eliminate here is that they um, don't want to be outed for their situation. Ludwig said they don't want people within their own

Tribe um, to know that they are seeking services. Ludwig said um, one of them was um, employed in their Government Center and so they sought services with them. Ludwig said Miigwech. Ludwig thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, he was just looking over some of the funding that is going to be utilized like the transportation for the victims is like \$9,000, Victim Lodging which he didn't believe they had before is over \$40,000, Emergency Food for them victims, er, it is \$21,000, Emergency Clothing which they usually don't see that too often they know, that is a little over \$3,000 and then Anxiety Kits which he understands that portion is like \$4,500 so he believed a lot of the funding is going to where it going to help victims and help get out of what their in and hopefully not end up there again.

Shanaviah Canales asked can she add something else.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Shanaviah go ahead.

Shanaviah Canales said she also wanted to add that um, court related fees has never been allowed with um, their current grants they have and this will allow for them to help with paying for divorces or custody or child support any type of those hearings um, and so they are able to use these funds for that that they have never been able to do in the past. Canales said so again, this is....she has been doing this for seven years um, going to the trainings and this is something that they know is an issue with a lot of the people they've helped and to move them out of Family Services into an area that is a little more its going to be out of the way um, from the general traffic um, and to be able to provide these services will be a much better solution. Canales said so she understands um, some of the um, views of Tribal Council that they don't agree but she is just....this is what they do....this is what they been doing....this is what they do day in and day out um, and so she can't stress it enough that this is very important. Canales thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she has a question. Champagne said she wants to move it away from Family Services and move it out to the Justice area. Champagne asked has she put in her plans on how they are going to get the Tribal members who have no transportation out there for care um....

Shanaviah Canales said yep, it will be the same way they have been doing ah, thus far because they have gas cards and two work program cars that they are able to utilize to um, provide transportation and um, they also have two

different....they have a satellite office in Muskegon and they have one here. Canales said now with the Pandemic has allowed them to provide technology so to do ZOOM um, or um, and when any forms that needed to be signed they have DocuSign Contracts so that they are able to provide those forms by email to get those signed so, yes.

Speaker Wolfe asked if she was all set Councilor Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she has got one other thing. Champagne said like she is saying ZOOM etc. then why do they have to be so far away if they can do it on ZOOM if people are concerned who is going to see them. Champagne said that is number one....number two is um, she says they can provide gas cards well, that's all well and good but there is a lot of Tribal members they have that does not have a car and don't have anyone to bring them. Champagne said those are the people she is concerned with they have no bus service here in Manistee that would take them out there...well there is but she doesn't know how reliable it is. Champagne said so that is really her concern about the membership having access to the services.

Shanaviah Canales said yes, they do provide um, bus passes um, and they cover nine county so they provided them in Kent County, Muskegon County, um, and Ludington. Canales said um, she did Cadillac before um, so they've been able to find ways of providing transportation. Canales said if they are participating in the program they are able to also assist with fixing their vehicle through ah, other grants that they have. Canales said so they have been able to do that as well and then again, they do have two um, program vehicles that are dedicated to help with transportation of the clients that they are assisting. Canales said those vehicles have been paid for by other funders, the maintenance on those vehicles is paid for by other funders and the fuel that they put into those vehicles is paid for by other funders.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council....or Tribal members. Wolfe said so they did have two....she is going to put herself into the queue.....they did have two work sessions on this item. Wolfe said the first one um, they did make some changes and they did ask for additional changes in yesterday's work session. Wolfe said none of those have been submitted. Wolfe said she knows they had asked about making some subcontracts with um, Elders, Traditional Healers to provide that more cultural realm. Wolfe said they did ask about um, Art through Therapy Healing which was not documented in there. Wolfe said she did ask the ____ to show ah, allocation between General Services and MMIP those were not provided. Wolfe said um, they do have \$240,000 for relocation construction fees to move the program. Wolfe said that is something that she is not in support of because she does not believe that is a benefit when all of those funding dollars could go to direct client services. Wolfe said they do have the ability to charge their selves their own rent, utilities and all that but then again, there they are missing the point of providing additional more beneficial services

to Tribal members. Wolfe said so for those reasons she is not in support of applying for the grant at this time because additional information was not presented to Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open the discussion.... Wolfe said that is her final comment is anyone else wishing to be in the discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one else wishing to be....in....the....queue. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, this being a new grant they are applying for and it's the first time they are getting it um, they do have to take that step and he does believe that sometimes people don't want to come here because everybody knows as soon as they walk in the door. Di Piazza said the Justice Center is what a mile or a half mile away....ish....um, he sees it doing a lot of good for the people that are going to be in need of it and they could be scared of coming here. Di Piazza said he guarantees if they can't walk in this building without somebody knowing or yeah, knowing what they are up to or where they are going or....that is just the way it is around here.

Councilor Wever thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he was all set.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Wittenberg if he wished to be in the queue. Wolfe said all right go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he can understand and he will state what he stated before the other day and he hasn't changed his mind on that. Wittenberg said where they can use \$240,000 is it ah, towards the members and those that don't have a car that \$240,000 they could ah....they could give them out that \$240,000 he doesn't know how many clients or people that they have to turn around and pick them up a used car so they could turn around because a lot of people that are in that circle don't have nothing. Wittenberg said they are here to help the people so turn around and look at what they have vacant in their building where they don't even have to put it up and so those are things she shared about turn around and from another Tribe that they don't want to go into their office well, what makes them think ones in their Tribe don't want to come here regardless of where its at. Wittenberg said so those are the things that he looks at ah, and so until that changes ah, he is not for it because he can understand things in all ways but that's just his view on it each one is their own captain. Wittenberg said each one is their only one vote and he isn't taking nobody else's vote he is just sharing what and how he feels and so he will let it go at that but ah, he is sure it could be they talk about this free money but what they're doing with free money *"well I got free money so I'm going to do this and do this"* that goes with anything and everything get right now. Wittenberg asked has she looked in to see throughout their ah, through Little River through all the offices if there was

something that was suitable for what she is looking for or she just wants their own building out there and he's not saying ah, the best way to get away from something is right under their nose so just because she is right next to the police station or Tribal Officers doesn't mean things can't happen, she knows.....

Wittenberg was laughing at this point..... Wittenberg said so that is his view on it and he wants to say Miigwech for her ah, bringing these forward but ah, personally himself he stands where he is at and he stands firmly. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Councilor Champagne she sees her with her hand raised. Wolfe said she has the floor. Wolfe said it went off mute and then back to mute.

Councilor Champagne said her computer keeps doing that so, sorry. Champagne said yes, she did raise her hand. Champagne said she has a concern because um, they don't have the details and she can't vote on something that she can't see the details on. Champagne said the other thing is that by doing this and by moving it the next thing she sees being brought forward is having a change with the Org Chart and stuff. Champagne repeated this could have a lot of repercussions and things falling up so yeah, it starts out okay and they apply for this grant and they get and they move over there and they get to spend the money the way they want and the next thing they are going to do is be asking for Org Chart change. Champagne reiterated she can't vote for something that she doesn't have all the details on. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comments. Wolfe asked anyone else wishing to be in the queue. Wolfe repeated anyone else wishing to be in the queue. Wolfe said Councilor Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt asked isn't this just to apply for the grant. Guenthardt asked can't they critique this after they get this grant.

Shanaviah Canales said yes. Canales said she is sure there is going to be budget modifications that are going to be required by OVC after and as for the construction this is an estimate this is not set in stone they have time but this is just of the direction that their looking at.

Councilor Guenthardt said something to apply for.

Shanaviah Canales said and they were not.....the funds....when they give them the award and at the end of September they are not going to be able to actually access the funds until January 1st so she definitely wants to have a sit down um, um, conversations with everyone involved to make sure they are doing this the right way but.....

Councilor Guenthardt said they need to apply for this grant.....it is just applying for it.

Shanaviah Canales said they want to do a Needs Assessment to show....justify the need.

Councilor Guenthardt said critique it later they just need to apply for it so they get it.

Shanaviah Canales asked can Michol speak.

Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Guenthardt if he was all set.

Councilor Guenthardt said he is done.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Councilor Guenthardt. Wolfe said she will let Michol more time to speak.

Michol Ludwig thanked them. Ludwig said she just wanted to say again, reiterate, that this is the time to just um, approve applying for the funds and then there is time to take a look at how that is going to be spent. Ludwig said one of the things that a couple of people have mentioned is that there are various services that like Ron said purchasing a vehicle and she thinks yesterday it was mentioned with um, some ah, educa....providing college education. Ludwig said the grants come with stipulations on what they can do so certainly there are many things they have identified that would be nice to do um, that still don't fall within the parameters of this grant. Ludwig said now the monies that they would pay for rent for example, um, the Tribe certainly could put that back into the program and allocate that in any way they wanted to. Ludwig said so based on Needs Assessment but part of that is getting the community, getting the ah, um, their Program Task Force which disbanded because of the Pandemic back together so that it's not just a couple of people um, they know trying to put into how this program could be better. Ludwig said they want it to involve um, because they can have the best laid plans and then her time with the Tribe, almost 17 years, they know, she seen things that have been done thinking that it was going to be good, they know, then it wasn't used so not saying that was a poor decision but they don't do the due diligence of finding out if that is a need before they do it it could flop so they definitely understand that. Ludwig said Miigwech.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, anyone else wishing to be in the queue. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Champagne said Julie she is sorry she couldn't get her hand up. Champagne said um, yeah, the only thing she would say is if they are going to do a Needs Assessment, she doesn't know, but she would be suspicious if the Needs Assessment said they had to put that here in Manistee since their biggest

population is down in Muskegon so she would be interested in that Needs Assessment.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks Councilor Champagne. Wolfe repeated that she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, go ahead Councilor Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0622-107;
APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE (DOJ) FY2022 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE
FORMULA GRANT FOR \$663,204 FROM THE OFFICE OF
VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC); by Guenthardt; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Wolfe said again they will open it up for discussion or comments. Wolfe said seeing anyone wishing to be in the queue. Wolfe said none are there Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said four in favor and four against motion has failed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

V. New Business

Speaker Wolfe noted they have no agenda items submitted for that.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 6, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Wolfe said she does not see him in attendance at today's meeting. Wolfe said so the Ogema is not available today he's at the 2020 Consent Decree Negotiations so that brings them onto C.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any Tribal Councilors with Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just a reminder if they are wanting a Vendor Space for the Pow Wow coming up please get that form filled out and sent to them. Di Piazza said that's it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said they do have two other added events with the Annual Jingtamok. Wolfe said they have opened the Princess Contest. Wolfe said those applications are available so if they know any young ladies, enrolled Tribal members, um, ages 13 to 18 please encourage them to apply. Wolfe said they can contact Venus Wilson for the application. Wolfe said they also do um, have their.....planning their Pre Pow Wow Annual Youth Dance that is happening the Friday night before the Pow Wow. Wolfe said that is going to be at the Pavilion at the Pow Wow Grounds. Wolfe said the dates and times on that is beginning at 7 a.m. Wolfe said she thinks some flyers are posted. Wolfe said they have.....7 p.m. sorry. Wolfe said the flyers are posted about that if they have additional questions they can talk....contact Councilor Lewis um, she is heading up that activity. Wolfe said um, also she wanted to put out an additional call for volunteers to be support at the Pow Wow. Wolfe said they have several needs. Wolfe said Pam is coordinating volunteers for the Pow Wow um, the weekend that is scheduled is July 16th and 17th so please make contact with Pam if they are interested in volunteering. Wolfe said um, and she has one other update which is kind of national and she wanted bring it up because she always supports um, encouraging their Tribal members and especially showing them young women that they are very powerful and they can do what they need to do. Wolfe said so the Legislative Update she wanted to share from national news um, they do have another Native Woman who is making history at the highest level of government under the Biden Administration. Wolfe said Lynn Malabear the lifetime Chief of the Mohengan Tribe has just been chosen to serve as Treasurer of the United States. Wolfe said this was announced yesterday, June 21st she is the first Native Person to serve in this Leadership role as Treasurer. Wolfe said Malabara will also serve as Key Advisor to the Secretary Janet Yelen. Wolfe said she will oversee a newly office that is created um, it is titled Office of Tribal and Native Affairs in her department um, since the position of....Treasurer of the United States does not require confirmation from the U.S. Senate she will be getting her work.....she will be getting her work....can begin her work um, immediately. Wolfe said so she just wanted to make note of that and um, she thinks it's a right move for Indian Country and a big step for Native Women in particular. Wolfe repeated so she wanted to share that. Wolfe said that is her Legislative Affair Update. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, he forgot to mention on the Vendor Spaces ah, Tribal citizens can get a 10 x 10 space to sell their um, crafts and goodies. Di Piazza said so they are no charge for Tribal citizens for a 10 x 10 Vendor Space. Di Piazza said that's it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said seeing no one else for Legislative Affair Update.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Wolfe said she will open it to D, Public Comment Period. Wolfe said they are on Public Comments if anyone wishes to make comments. Wolfe said okay, she doesn't see anyone raising their hand to be in the queue. Wolfe said so then that will move them onto Closed Session.

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 Wolfe said she would entertain a motion to End First Open.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions with Tribal Council.

Councilor Wittenberg can be heard coughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Wolfe said seeing no abstentions any discussion.

Councilor Wever asked what about Connie Waitner.

Speaker Wolfe said seeing no discussion on the item she will ask Pam to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one against they end at 10:49.

XI. Open Session

Speaker Wolfe said so good afternoon everyone they are here for their Second Open on June 22nd. Wolfe said they will call the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Wolfe said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

No Quorum (5-0-0-3)

Acting Recorder Lewis said no quorum.

Speaker Wolfe said so they will end Second Open at 2:09 due to lack of quorum.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Pam Johnson,
Acting Council Recorder



Sandra Lewis,
Acting Council Recorder