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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 3, 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 by Speaker Pete at 10:01 a.m. Pete asked Gary to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call #1

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

Quorum established.

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder DiPiazza said I will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 3, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS, IN CLOSED, VII
D. APPROVAL OF LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVERIEGN
IMMUNITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RETAIL LICENSE
AND PERMIT APPLICATION BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER
CASINO RESORT AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE BEAR
LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE; by DiPiazza; supported by
Lonn.**

Ron Pete asked is there any further discussion? Is anyone going to abstain? Take a roll call, Gary.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Pete asked to mute your phone if you are not speaking. Thank you very much.

Recorder DiPiazza said I'm sorry Ron can we get people to identify themselves one more time for the record.

Pete said yes, please identify yourself so that Gary can put it on the record and Kathleen, okay.

Others Present: Larry Romanelli, Shanaviah Canales, Jessica Steinberg - #0148, Sandy Mezeske - #0018, Gary Lewis – Utility Director, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Carey, Chelsea Densmore - #7225, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Jason Cross, Ken LeHaye – Food Distribution Supervisor, Bill Willis, Andrew Gentile, Dawn McGrady, Connie Waitner, Matthew Chandler, Brad Pringle – Comptroller, Jessica Wissner – Enrollment Department,

DiPiazza said I believe that's it Ron.

Pete said okay, thank you.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 4/15/20, 4/16/20 and 4/22/20

Pete said can I have a motion.

DiPiazza said I will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/15/20, 4/16/20 EMERGENCY AND 4/22/20; by DiPiazza; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #3

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

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Pete said there is nothing showing.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Appropriation Funds for Expenditures during the 3rd Quarter of FY 2020 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Pete said is it Bill that is representing this or who is representing this.

Brad Pringle said this is Brad. I can represent it. This is for a . .

Pete said okay, Brad, thank you. Thank you Brad.

Pringle said yep, no problem. This is for 3rd quarter appropriation for June, July and August. We got, they are asking for, the appropriation is \$2,197,159.

Pete said is that it Brad?

Pringle responded yes it is.

Pete said okay, thank you Brad. Does anybody else want to be in the cue?

Councilor Crampton said yeah, this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said okay, Shannon, go ahead.

Crampton said Brad since you are representing this, this is, can you give us a breakdown of what this all entails. Is this everything because I mean, is this based off of last year's budget or are we basing this off the forecast that we know, we know last year's numbers are skewed. So is this based on 2020?

Pringle said this was based on the new projections coming from the Casino. Bill, please confirm the _____ since I know you can hear me. Thank you. Yeah, this is based on the three months

that are going to be coming over from the casino on the new forecast.

Crampton said the forecast from the casino?

Pringle said that is correct.

Crampton said alright thank you.

Speaker Pete said Shannon, are you finished? Shannon?

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay, I thought I might have cut you off okay. Thank you Shannon Is there any other, is there any further comment?

Councilor Corey said yeah, I got some Ron.

Pete said go, go, go ahead, go ahead Dave.

Corey said was this, were directors involved in the, in all of this process of the new projections?

Pringle said Bill, you probably have to answer that because I just received this number from Steve. I'm not sure how, you know, how you guys came to the number. I mean I have a general idea but I don't know who was there or . . .

Bill Willis said well, I guess I am a little confused. I mean the Tribal Government had to reforecast based on the Casino's reforecast so um, the numbers are what they are plus we have to comply with the Revenue Allocation Plan which, you know, mandates or depicts where certain amounts of money go so . . .

Councilor Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton. Can I get back in the cue?

Pete said ah, just a moment. Bill, are you finished?

Willis responded ah, yes.

Pete said okay, Shannon, you got the cue.

Crampton said Bill just mentioned a reforecast from the Tribal Government. Um, can I have a copy? I just have an analysis.

Pete said Bill.

Willis said well we haven't done an exact reforecast. I mean the analysis is basically the reforecast.

Crampton said but Council doesn't _____ from an analysis, adopt a reforecast.

Willis said I agree with that. I will be in conversations with the Ogema on that. We will get you something.

Ogema Romanelli said this is the Ogema. Can I get into the cue?

Pete said Shannon, are you finished?

Crampton responded certainly.

Pete said okay, Larry, you got the cue.

Romanelli said okay, we have these conversations about the reforecast and that the analysis being the reforecast so I am not sure what kind of conversations we have to have now. My understanding is that the, on December, or excuse me, on May 18th or thereabouts, the Judicial Branch sent their numbers in and we were still waiting for some numbers from the Legislative Branch as to their figures to add to the reforecast. But I believe ours is done.

Corey said can we wait to approve until next Wednesday and then we get further review for Shannon and myself? Just look them over in the office Monday?

Romanelli said there is nothing more to contribute.

Crampton said can we get back in the cue, can I get back in the cue?

Pete said okay, just a minute, Dave, are you done?

Corey responded yeah.

Pete said okay, thank you.

Susan Thull said this is Susan Thull. I want to get in the cue.

Pete said okay, thank you, but Shannon you're first.

Crampton said well you know I'm going to try to go with Dave and I'm going to stick to the rules. I don't care what anybody's lack of understanding is but I am going to roll with the rules and I have no adoption of an analysis or anything so I will be going by the rules, thank you.

Pete said okay, Shannon, thank you. Susan.

Susan Thull said yes, I have a question for Bill. That number was \$2,197,150, is that correct?

Willis said \$2,1 . .

Brad Pringle said \$2,197,159.

Thull said 159, okay, thank you very much. What I would like to know is, is this gonna completely cover EHAP and the Elders Insurance?

Pringle said I am not aware of any membership services that are currently being, you know, postponed or delayed, or not going to happen. Somebody can correct me on that if they know something else.

Pete said this is Ron by the way, I was not informed of anything like that also of any membership services being cut away.

Thull said could you tell me if those are supported, Brad.

Pringle said I'm sorry, can you repeat that please.

Thull said can you tell me if those individual amounts for the Elders Insurance and the EHAP supported.

Pringle said no, I'm sorry, I do not have that information in front of me. Unfortunately, I can't go to the office today because I have to have my paperwork, my COVID return to work paperwork signed and until then I can't return to the office so I won't have that today.

Thull said okay, thank you very much.

Pringle said yep, sorry I couldn't be more . . .

Speaker Pete said Brad, I just wanted to cut in if you would for a minute, I'm going up to the office on Monday and I am

permanently going up and I will do everything I can to sign your stuff that you have to have for Monday. I will be there Monday morning by 8:00.

Pringle said sounds good, thank you, I will see you then.

Pete said yep.

Thull said thank you. That's all I wanted.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg, could I get in the cue.

Pete said okay, okay, yes. Just a moment. Susan, are you finished?

Thull answered yes, thank you very much.

Pete said okay, Jessica, go ahead.

Steinberg said yes Mr. Speaker, I am just looking at the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and again, we are in a little bit of a quandary here and the quandary is that if there is a change in the revenue stream there needs to be an actual budget reforecast, if you will, a new budget, presented to Council for adoption because of the manner of the Tribe's treasury being public funds, there has to be an action to adopt an amended budget. I am not seeing an analysis as part of that. You can present an analysis. If the Council doesn't take an action to adopt the analysis as a true impact on the funds of the Tribe, it doesn't mean much. Sorry, my apologies to Mr. Willis, I know he works very hard on these things but it has to be an official action of the Tribal Council. So given the third quarter appropriation is somehow predicated on a reforecast that has not been adopted by Tribal Council, I'm not sure you can take an action on this particular item today. And looking at the budget, there has to be an impact to the third quarter if we are only appropriating \$2,000,000 unless you adopted a reduced budget for the government operation, there needs to be a statement of the impact on services because services Ms. Thull has raised, Elders Insurance, EHAP, certain ____ of Members Assistance, those are all going to be impacted at some form because they cannot be and historically never been funded by federal revenue. So I think you need to go back and look at that analysis and adopt a new budget. Thank you.

Speaker Pete said are you finished Jessica?

Steinberg responded, yes Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Pete said thank you. Is there anyone else that wants to get in this current discussion?

Susan Thull responded yes; this is Susan Thull again.

Pete said okay Susan.

Thull said yeah, I thought that we just had the work session and, on the budget, and I . . . my understanding that you were going to be having more work sessions as soon as possible and I don't see any changes on the calendar. I assumed that you would be meeting _____ reforecast is completed so ah, I think that is all I wanted to say, thank you.

Pete said okay, Susan. Is there anyone else that wants to speak to this, to item #1 or can I get a motion or whatever you want.

Recorder DiPiazza said this is Gary, can I get in the cue?

Pete said yes you can.

DiPiazza said that one that was held on June 1st, Legislative Budget Reforecast, there was a work session on that on June 9th at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday. So. What do you want to do with this item?

Pete said right now I can't do anything with it for right now.

Councilor Corey said I will make a motion.

MOTION TO POSTPONE; by Corey; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Pete said I want to mention I want that item on the agenda for next week and we will do work sessions to get this thing done. Thank you.

2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – Family Violence Prevention & Services Act and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2020-___ in the amount of \$8,525

Speaker Pete said I believe Shanaviah is on the line representing this.

Shanaviah Canales responded I am.

Pete said go ahead Shanaviah.

Canales said yes, we were received an award for \$8,525 from Family Violence Prevention Service Program from the CARES Act. This will be between the dates of award will be between March 27, 2020, and end on September 30, 2021 so we have about a year and a half to utilize it.

Pete said okay, thank you Shanaviah. Once again, this is all grant funded and none of it has to be paid back, correct?

Canales said correct. Grant funded; no match needed.

Pete said okay, thank you. Is anyone, is there anybody's acceptance on #2.

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton. Can I get back in the cue?

Pete said absolutely Shannon.

Crampton said this would be for accounting for Mr. Willis or Mr. Wheeler if he is on the line. Can anybody tell me the total amount that the Tribe has received so far of COVID funding and of that, how much is already committed?

Willis said Shannon I don't have those numbers readily available but I know there was 1.2 million, I think it was \$1,250 million and some odd dollars that came through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then there was an additional \$3.6 million, I think that came through the Treasury Department. And if I am not mistaken, the

action that was taken last week regarding the Business Interruption Grant, that basically committed \$3 million of that money so.

Crampton said thank you.

Pete said okay but Bill, oh Shannon I'm sorry, you're not finished, go ahead.

Crampton said no, I'm, I'm good. Thank you.

Pete said okay, Bill said the money, this \$8,525, that is for the Family Violence Prevention Services and that is all committed to Shanaviah's programs correct?

Willis said absolutely, that is correct.

Pete said okay, I wanted to get that clear. Thank you so much. Is there anyone else that might have questions for Shanaviah?

Susan Thull said yes, Susan Thull.

Pete said okay, Susan, go ahead.

Thull said this really isn't for Shanaviah, Just now it was mentioned about the Business Interruption Grant and I was under the assumption that you passed the resolution enabling you to do a grant for the casino but I wasn't under the impression that the amount had already been made. Am I incorrect in this? Was the amount of money already approved or does that have to have another resolution to pass that on to the casino? Thank you.

Pete said okay, Susan, I am just going to remind everybody and not just Susan that what we are talking about is item #2, the \$8,525 for Shanaviah. I don't believe that any money has been committed yet to the casino and that the grant application still has gone through but I could be corrected if somebody from ULD would correct me on that but I'm not sure. But in any event, this is item #2 for the \$8,525.

Thull said thank you.

Pete said you're welcome. So any other discussion on the grant for \$8,525 for the Family Violence Protection Services? Hearing no questions, can I get a motion to approve this one way or the other?

Councilor Guenthardt said I will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0603-162,
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION &
SERVICES ACT AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2020-046 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,525 ; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete asked is there is any further discussion on item 2?
Gary, do a roll call.

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)

Pete said thank you Gary; thank you everyone; thank you Shanaviah.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Pete said there is nothing.

IV. Old Business

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report – February 2020 – none submitted

V. New Business

Speaker Pete noted there was nothing submitted under New Business and that brings us on to Concluding Business.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Speaker Pete said we will be calling from the Tribal Council room because I will be up there.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Pete said Larry.

Ogema Romanelli said thanks Ron. As most of you know there was an opening of the Resort, a formal opening has happened and we had a soft opening. The numbers look good. It wasn't an easy opening by the staff

input but we did very well in the numbers. We are also tentatively trying to re-open the Government offices on a very, very limited basis. What we are trying to do is establish a healthy and safe way of re-opening the offices and doing it with the staff that is currently still on the payroll trying to get them in their offices and see what social distancing looks like, see what the process is and the committee has done a good job of doing so. So we are re-opening both again on a limited basis. I have a new Executive Order that is coming out that will mimic the Governor's which means that the Stay at Home will be lifted, you can gather in 100 or less, etc. so we are working through that now. I think that is all I have.

Pete said okay Larry. Thank you so much. Is there anyone that has any questions for the Ogema?

Martha Howell said this is Martha, I have a question.

Pete said okay Martha, go ahead.

Howell said during the course of the conversation when Bradley was speaking he said he had to get COVID-19 paperwork in order to return to work. Is that something that all the employees are going to have to do or is that something that was done because _____.

Romanelli said I guess that would be a question for Brad. I know that there is a form that I signed this morning as well as other employees, which basically said we understand some of the procedures. So he may be talking about that or he may have something else other than that. I'm not sure.

Bradley Pringle said I will speak to it for a minute. Um, there was about a 12-page training seminar or work, work, paperwork you had to read through that basically describes how you were going, standard operating practices on how we are going to handle COVID in the future. It was about 12 pages roughly and then there is a verification of training sheet that has to be signed by both myself and my supervisor and that has to be turned into HR. Until then, the Human Resource Department doesn't want you at the office. Mine, mine is signed right now sitting on my desk waiting for my supervisor's signature.

Howell said okay, thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Martha. And Brad, once again, I don't, I will be signing the paperwork for you on Monday morning at 8:00.

Pringle said yep, sounds good. No concerns here.

Pete said thank you Brad.

Pringle said that paperwork will have nothing to do with my obligations to the membership or the Council, trust me.

Pete said thank you, I appreciate it. Okay, is there any other things, any other questions for Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update?

Susan Thull said yes, this is Susan Thull.

Pete said okay, Susan.

Thull said thank you very much. The Operations Report, I think we just have through January. When can we expect to see that?

Romanelli said I believe that the question is for the Accounting Department. What leads do I have on my call right now?

Bill Willis said Bill Willis is on.

Tammy Burmeister.

Jay Sam and I think, I think the Operations Report that she is referring to is like the monthly report, which did fall behind a bit and as Mary pointed out yesterday we are trying our best to catch up and have them all turned in for this month and the other February, March and April, whatever was missing. Some of them were actually done but lost when we had a brief hiccup in internet service or so . . . those reports are going to be done in anticipation by next week.

Thull said so they can be accepted?

Pete said thank you Jay.

Thull said so they should be accepted on next Wednesday then and be up to date?

Sam said that, that is what we are planning. It would depend on how quickly we can recover the data and get it to Mary so she can put it all together.

Thull said okay, I'm sorry, I didn't catch who I am talking to.

Jay Sam said this is Jay Sam, the Operations Support Group Lead and Historic Preservation Director.

Thull said thank you Jay. My next . . . thank you very much. My next question then is on the financials. We only have through March. When will those be updated? Ogema?

Ogema Romanelli said again I will look to my lead staff.

Tammy Burmeister said the Accounting Department, this is Tammy Burmeister, the Accounting Department falls under Jay's area I believe.

Jay Sam said that is true Tammy. I don't have any information at this point on the status of the financial report. I will go check on it and have information available for the next meeting.

Thull said thank you Jay.

Pete said thank you Jay.

Jessica Steinberg said hi Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg, can I get in the cue?

Pete said one second, I thought . . . okay, Susan are you done?

Thull responded yes, thank you.

Pete said okay, Jessica, go ahead.

Jessica Burger said thanks Mr. Speaker. Last week, I believe it was during the Council Meeting, perhaps it was one of the work sessions I attended, it was reported out by the CFO that two very large audit files on the C drive at the organization had been lost and that they had gone through a lot of work to create these files to be able to do the final reports to the auditors but the files, because of an IT glitch, were not able to be found. And I was wondering if there was an update. Have those files been found or are we having to re-create the data? Thank you.

Pete said Bill, do you want to answer that?

Willis said as far as, as far as I'm aware those have not been restored nor recreated at this point.

Susan Thull said this is Susan Thull, may I get back in the cue?

Pete said okay, after Jessica is done.

Steinberg said well I guess you know that is a pretty concerning activity. The audit files are the filed financials that have to be reported, in particular

under the single audit act that is required of the government to make that report. So I don't know if this doesn't seem to be an emergency to anybody else, I guess I won't make it an emergency for me personally but I would be very concerned about the fact that the auditing files were suddenly gone and that there is no backup, no record, no recovery process able to be taken to not have to recreate all of that work. So I'm not sure but it might take something that the Tribal Council wants to consider doing some sort of look into how that happened and what measures are being taken to mitigate that possibility in the future. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm finished.

Pete said okay, thank you. And who else wanted in the cue? I lost track.

Susan Thull said Susan.

Pete said okay, Susan, go ahead.

Thull said well I want to speak on that also on the IT because we have been experiencing problems now since February. I checked Human Resources this morning on our website and there is nothing there hiring additional people if that's what we need. I know that at one had asked the Ogema when this team was coming in we had a contract with and he said as soon as possible. That's why I'm asking about the Operations Report too because I want to know what is happening with our IT Department. I sent an email several times now and it returned to me using I believe it was the Currents email address. And to me this has just gone on way too long. I believe that we have, I can't think of the word, but someone come in February to over the IT so I am just very concerned about what is happening there and hearing about records being lost and that system isn't working still. I would think that is something that is very important and should be a priority. I would like to ask George in on a work session so that we know what is going on. That is just my concern. I know that IT is under the Ogema so this is where I need to ask questions. But I'm wondering what is happening here. Do you have that extra team in to get us up and running. I guess I will just leave it there, thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Susan. Can someone please put their phone on mute because I can only hear about 2/3 of what Susan's said and they are talking over her. So right now please put your phone on mute.

Tammy Burmeister said Ron, this is Tammy Burmeister. May I get in the cue?

Pete said you certainly can.

Ogema Romanelli said Ron, this is Larry, can I get in the cue too please.

Pete said Tammy is first and then you Larry.

Burmeister said okay. I have Lani Rozga here and she is going to give an update about the computer situation and the files and about the financials. I went and got her so she could give an update for everybody on the call.

Pete said okay, thank you.

Lani Rozga said this is Lani. Steve got called by the nurse to go home. His mother isn't doing well so that is why he is not in on this call. I'm not sure exactly what you are looking for but we have the IT disaster. The Accounting Department, we have spent a lot of time here rebuilding and redoing the files we need to do for the audit. So the audit is right on schedule but it was of course additional work for us to do that. But we are doing really well as far as the audit goes. But there was another question? The monthly financials? Because of things that have been going on and the additional tribal payments, and the reduced staff the April financials are behind. We kind of had to pick and choose our priorities of what we can process first. So right now I am finishing up the audit and then in between working on the April financials. That is the best I can do. Everybody is picking up extra work in the department so it is difficult to meet all of the deadlines.

Pete said okay, thank you Lani. Okay, Tammy, are you done?

Burmeister said yes, I am Ron, thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you so much Tammy, Okay, Larry.

Romanelli said thank you. I also went and got the IT Director George. He is sitting with me now to answer some of the questions. Some of them are similar to what Lani just said and I appreciate her saying it. You know we have had additional payments that have gone out, which is a lot of work, extra checks and we have had an audit that has been going on. We did have some lost IT files and we do have reduced staff. So hopefully that answers some of the questions but George is here to answer. We also brought in another company to assist in reviewing the IT situation. So George I don't know if you want to say anything that is what they are talking about.

George LeVasseur same okay. On March, on the night of March 3rd a Firmware update to a SAN, a disc array, deleted approximately one hundred terabytes of data from the Tribe from our disc array. The backup process we pulled out and we replaced 100, we replaced all of that from backup. There were 11 different programs on a single disc drive on that

disc array that lost 28 days. There were 28 days in there that we could not recover because of a flaw in the backup system. Now it is a software flaw that was not known to us. The vendor did acknowledge that yes, there is a flaw in the system that would cause that problem. We are looking for a new vendor, obviously. After the data that got lost, some of it has been rebuilt as Lani has said due to a lot of work on the Accounting Department. HR Department had a lot of work to redo. Some of it we pulled back from email from different various sources. Some of it has been restored. A lot of it has been rebuilt. But it was just, and I don't have them right off the top of my head but Human Resources and Accounting, IT, but a lot of that data has been rebuilt by the program and IT assisted where we could pull things from email. So as far as the outside company coming in to do the assessment, we have provided them the documentation that they asked for and what we have. I met with them for 2 ½ hours on a ZOOM conference last week. My two senior staff people will be meeting with them I believe Friday on a ZOOM conference for 1 ½ to 2 hours each. And then they will provide an assessment to the Accounting Department and the Ogema and Tribal Council. I am also working on a report for the Ogema and Tribal Council documenting the sequence of events that caused the problem. And it goes back to 2018. Is there any other questions?

Susan Thull said yes, this is Susan, George.

Pete said okay.

Thull said again, I know you are working hard, thank you. So the 28 days that we are missing are actually probably the 28th, were they from the last backup, was it February's business that we lost?

LeVasseur answered January, January 9th through March 3rd, for those 11 programs. Those 28 days. I guess it is a little bit more than 28 days. Some of it was recovered in different places. But yeah, most of the February data was deleted and not recoverable.

Thull said okay, and then the (Thull was cutting in and out) . . . analysis . . .

LeVasseur said the assessment is being done by an outside company.

Thull said but are they doing it remotely then?

LeVasseur answered yes.

Thull said okay. Also, um, did you have extra people working now or (inaudible).

LeVasseur said I have brought back my two technicians. As people come back in their computer has been down for so long they there are just several updates that need to happen and they need to be readded back into the system and new software needs to be loaded. So I brought the two technicians back. So IT is pretty much back to full strength.

Pete said can somebody please mute their phone. I'm getting all kinds of static. Is anybody else?

Councilor Crampton said yeah, this is Shannon. Can I get in the cue?

Thull said I'm not done.

Pete said I don't think Susan is done yet Shannon so go ahead.

Crampton said okay.

Thull said alright. George, do you need additional staff or do you have enough staff to take care of this. I know you were short-handed earlier.

LeVasseur said yeah, we were down, we were down to just four people including me. It was me and three others. But I brought back two techs. At this point right now with the limited number of people actually in the building working, I don't need any people right now. We have enough to do to keep all of us busy but we like it that way.

Thull said yes. But I mean . . .

LeVasseur said no, not right now, I don't need any additional staff. They would just get in the way.

Thull said okay. In the future though, when everything is up and running, would you be fully staffed with what you have now then?

LeVasseur responded yes, yes. Everything is basically . . . Everything is basically running right now.

Thull said okay.

LeVasseur said yes. I have all the people that I need. I know in the future that I may be reconfiguring the department looking for different skill sets. As we move more and more to the cloud, part of the rebuilding process moved us to Office 365. This is where a lot of the confusion comes in because it was a sudden change. Office 365 is a totally different environment because it is cloud based then what the users are used to. It is

a learning process that we have to get people through. Once we get through that learning process we should be moving along quite well. But there was, there, it was just that data for the 28 departments for those days was all that was lost. Everything else has been recovered. It is completely assessable. The email system is operating. The backup system is happening both on-line and locally. Basically, we are basically operating at, at 100% where we were. It is just, it is just a different environment. It is no longer local. It is all cloud based.

Thull said okay. I have one more question. The Speaker said that he is going to be in the office on Wednesday and we would be having the meetings there, from there. And I know that they had a work session on having our meetings so that we could call in live-stream. Is that possible for next Wednesday's meeting. I am just wondering . . .

LeVasseur said if, if Tribal Council, if Tribal Council holds their meeting in the Lodge Room, then the IT will be available to actually set up a ZOOM meeting and live-stream it. And we can provide ZOOM telephone numbers. So if you have a computer that doesn't have a camera or a microphone, call on the number, you can watch it on-line and talk through the phone. Alright, that capability was set up in January and it is still there and we can still operate it.

Thull said wonderful, thank you so much and thank you for all the work you did, IT did. I'm done. Thank you.

LeVasseur said you're welcome.

Pete said okay, Shannon.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, my question is for George.

Pete said okay.

Crampton said is there someone heavy breathing in the phone?

Pete said Shannon, I have, I have the same thing and I try to tell people to please mute their phones. I don't mean to interrupt you but I, when Susan was even talking, I was only getting half of her words sometimes so. Can they please do that and Shannon said, not too heavy breathing in the phone.

Crampton said okay . . .

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said thank you. My question would be for George. You said, I think you said 100 terabytes. Is that what you said?

LeVasseur responded yes.

Crampton said okay. So for those who don't know, one terabyte equals one trillion bytes, right.

LeVasseur said correct, correct.

Crampton said okay. So how much information would you say, would you say it was a large amount?

LeVasseur said oh it was a huge amount. It was a massive amount. It took approximately 172 hours to get it all off backup and put back in place. The Tribe has a total of about 200 terabytes of data on-line at this time. Yeah, that is huge.

Crampton said we have a massive amount; I understand the relation with 0 to 250. But, um, I just wanted to make, I think that membership is having some questions and I just think that it would be probably diligent for Tribal Council to have an overview independently after this is over once we get the report. I assume we have a little bit of information right now but I am more interested in what all is logged as unretrievable.

LeVasseur said well there is a, I can get you, I can include in my report and a full list of everything that was deleted and everything that was restored, how it was restored and where it came from. Basically those 11, 11 programs on a single disc drive that malfunctioned.

Crampton said thank you, thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you George. Is there anything else for the Ogema?

Chelsea Densmore said hi, Chelsea Densmore, can I get in the cue?

Pete said okay, Chelsea, you got it.

Densmore said I actually had a question for George. Since you are on the phone and I think Susan Thull, I think that who was talking, kind of touched on it. So prior to the coronavirus pandemic and the government closing the building and all of the teleconference meetings, you guys _____ and you are proposing an interactive feature. You had referenced Susan Thull, I think it was, that you were going to be doing some sort of a ZOOM call potentially next week. Is that what you guys

were looking to back in January and February before this. Is that what you were looking to use or is that something different?

George said yes. ZOOM is what we were looking to use and that is what we have been using. It is available. It is interactive and controllable in a certain sense. I know there is a lot of documentation out there about ZOOM and security. If you set things up correctly there aren't really security issues. Plus, we are talking about an open session of Tribal Council which is basically a public meeting.

Densmore said absolutely. So then my question is, and I mean this in the best possible way, is, why did it take so long to, you guys were talking for a long time about initiating that program. Why did it take so long to use ZOOM if ZOOM was the program you were going to use for the interactive sessions.

LeVasseur said the request came down sometime late last Fall in 2019. There were several work sessions and meetings about exactly how to do it. We then needed to reconfigure the audio system and the camera system in the Lodge Room to make it happen. The camera that was currently in the Lodge Room that was being, that was being used for recording could not live-stream across an IP based system. It was using, it was using an older technology. In order for us to live-stream to ZOOM and include the audio, we needed to revamp that system and that took some time because a hi-def camera that will stream audio and video on an IP system is not very normal. In fact, there are very few of them available.

Densmore said yes, absolutely. I hear you. That is great. So then I know you guys had tried ZOOM with the Membership Meeting and had some hiccups. Did you guys resolve that or next week or . . .

LeVasseur said we have, we have, we are on a separate cable from the sound system to the live-stream computer so that when people are on ZOOM that data, that sound, is run through the ZOOM system into the audio system and directly out the computer that runs the, the live-stream. That is three computers that are needed to do this. But one computer is basically the interactive between the camera and the internet and then the ZOOM computer and then there is a live-stream computer. So that is why it requires . . . because I have three computers and two IT people to do this.

Densmore said that is awesome. And to say as an outlying member I so, so, so, so appreciate what you guys are doing. It is amazing. We definitely need to be using technology more and taking _____ of all of the opportunities to reach out to the membership and you guys are doing

great, so thank you. I am super excited next week to be interactive live-stream face to face as much as possible. Thank you.

George LeVasseur said thank you.

Pete said thank you George. Just to tail up on that too, that was what I was going to ask you after this call of knowing that either all of us or some of us are going to come in and I do want to have that live-stream next week, next week Wednesday for our next regular Council meeting. I think that is great. If you say you are ready I'm looking forward to it. Thank you George. Are there any other _____.

Shannon Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton and I am going to raise a point of order here before we get too far into this.

Pete said okay, just a moment. Was there someone that wanted in the cue before Shannon?

Councilor Champagne said yes, this is Cindy.

Pete said okay. Go ahead.

Champagne said okay. I have a couple of things. #1 is I know Ron says he is going to be in the office. I'm not going to go to the office yet, quite yet, because I am still nervous about this virus and I can't afford to get, bring it home to my husband. So, is there going to be something available for those of us who are not coming in that week that we can still do the phone conferences.

Pete said _____ tie that in.

Someone said you can dial in on ZOOM.

Someone said what did you say.

George said there will be a phone number that you will be able to dial in on with ZOOM and be able to log in on the computer as well.

Champagne said okay. As a Councilmember?

LeVasseur said yes, and still take part if you have your tablet with you, your tablet has cameras and microphones and you can connect to ZOOM that way.

Champagne said oh, okay. Okay, the other question I have is I know we have a lot of problems with ZOOM. Have you ever, George, have you ever tried TEAMS?

LeVasseur said yep, we have TEAMS as well.

Someone said have I ever tried what?

Champagne said TEAMS, T E A M S.

Someone said I don't think so.

Champagne said no, I'm asking George if he has tried that for . . .

Someone said oh, George.

LeVasseur said yes, I have used TEAMS, I used it the other day. It is available to us. It is available to just about everybody. It is fairly easy to use and we could do TEAMS as well. I would need another person but we could do it.

Someone said I don't know if Karen goes up to her meeting, she can stop and see. Maybe we can buy one each.

Someone said Kathy.

Kathy answered yeah.

Someone said you need to mute your phone. You are listening to the meeting.

The person responded yes I did listen to it.

Someone said yeah, you are listening to it right now and we can hear you. Can you mute.

Someone answered oh, I didn't know that.

Someone said thank you sweetie.

Someone said thank you hon.

Pete said Shannon, you _____ a point of order. Shannon, go ahead.

Crampton said before we got into confusing so many people about a meeting next week, there was no Council discussion of a ZOOM meeting

next week. Mr. Pete just said that he would be in the office and if any other Councilors would like to join him. Now, my obvious thing that nobody seemed to observe here is that we have a COVID practice. If it is not strictly followed by everybody the process fails. What good does it do for the employees to go this process if Council is going to walk in willy nilly. This can't happen so we really need to start thinking about things before we start creating this kind of confusion. Council needs to follow the COVID process just like the employees. Thank you.

Pete said okay, 100%. Even in the Muskegon Office, I follow the COVID practice even though there is somebody that is not even near my office I wear a mask, I sanitize, I do everything. I don't expect, I do this, for the record, I'm, I'm going to be following the COVID practice that was put out on that 8 or 10 page thing by HR and I also said, if you recall Shannon, that I don't, I don't care what we do or call in. I'm going to go into the office. That is my personal thing. It is not anything else that we can do. If for some reason that we can't do the, we don't have enough to do the ZOOM meeting next week, we will have a call in. I mean it is just that simple. I am not going to be doing anything out of the ordinary. Okay, I hope that satisfies your reply. With this, is there anything else for the Ogema?

Crampton said well, I wanted it, I want to continue on this because I believe in what you are saying, I just wanted to make sure that people got that initially what you stated before. It started to sound like an old campfire tale where you say one thing but by the time it gets around the circle, it is absolutely different. So I just wanted to stop so nobody is expecting a ZOOM meeting next week. The phone calls should be initiated until we can establish something that is in line with the COVID practice.

Pete said okay and I don't disagree with you. I don't disagree. So we will do something until we can supply enough, if nine people did show up we got to have, we have to have personal distant.

Crampton said even with your leadership it is not, you can't just _____, all nine of Council and the Ogema are now clear. It is an individual process and we all need to follow it if its gonna work.

Pete said I 100% agree Shannon, okay. Now, is there anything else for the Ogema?

Chelsea Densmore said hi, Chelsea Densmore, can I ask two questions?

Pete said go ahead Chelsea.

Densmore said I'm sorry, I think I missed, I didn't understand. I was, I thought what I was hearing was that Ron was going to be at there but people were still calling in. So I guess I was expecting the other Councilors to still, to be on their own individual calls like how Gary is set up. And if Ron was there he could out, work with IT to switch and there would just be the couple of them in the room. If there is a way to do that, that would be great. If not, then you know, we will wait until there is a safe way to do it for sure. But, I guess I was hearing and I don't know about anybody else, but I thought that it was just that Ron was going to be working in the building with IT, the one or two, you know, minimum needed to do that and then people would be calling in. My second question is for the Ogema. So earlier we were talking about the financial report and um, it was postponed again. The work session was postponed and then today it was postponed. Is there an actual date that you have to submit that document to, that the Council can expect it?

Ogema Romanelli said not to my knowledge. Because my understanding was that they received the documents that they needed. There is a little confusion here. I think that if we are looking at, and again, we are looking at the Budgets and Appropriations Act, the things that are supposed to happen . . . the Tribal Council shall develop a five-year strategic plan form and be submitted by September 1st and then every year after they should submit one no later than March 15th of each succeeding year. Has that happened? No, okay. And again, if we are going by these rules and laws then the quarterly appropriation also that is supposed to happen and there was one that was supposed to happen by March 1st, we have already identified that, that did not happen correct?

Pete answered yes.

Romanelli said it did happen on or before March 1st?

Inaudible.

Romanelli said so I don't have a firm date here because my understanding also was that the Tribal Council, along with the Executive and Judicial Branch, should be submitting some numbers of what they are reducing regarding this whole situation with a revised budget. You know we got a revised budget from the Resort back in, on April 21st or thereabouts. Then there was confusion that said that they did not receive a revised budget. And then they asked for another revised budget which was given to them sometime in May again. And so the confusion, you know, goes on. Now I'm not sure where it lies so I can't give a firm date Chelsea.

Densmore said okay, so I guess that is my concern is I have been consistently hearing Shannon asking for the same document. I have heard

Council men/women, everybody agreeing with him when that happened and then it is continuously postponed. You know Jessica was talking earlier in the week during a work session about how critical this is. This is so critical. Everybody is talking about how important it is and yet there continues to be this miscommunication. You are absolutely right, there is _____ but then we postpone it again and again and again and nothing happens. So if we could get a firm concrete date. If Shannon is expecting a document let them _____. If you're not planning to send a document, that needs to be clearly stated so that we can resolve this issue. Because this is continuously over and over and over, just being postponed and nothing is happening for all of it.

Romanelli said yes. And I am in total agreement with that. Also, we had the meeting that was, I think it was Monday, where they were going to discuss some financial changes from the legislative branch which turned out to be basically a cluster and decided to postpone it. I would like those numbers to happen before we give you any further documentation. I think that would be critical in this point.

Shannon Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton . . .

Romanelli said I believe they scheduled another meeting for that.

Pete said Shannon . . . Shannon

Crampton said yeah, yes. Is it my turn?

Pete said go ahead. Yes.

Crampton said well, I would like to thank Chelsea because yes, it has not been a budget document, it is different documents and in the past it has been the one, and that is the reforecast. Now if you look at the process there is no confusion. The confusion seems to be on the Executive side unwilling to submit to the rightful process. We have an analysis. If you think that is the forecast, title it forecast and submit it so Tribal Council can adopt it. You turned, the Ogema tried to do apples and oranges with something outside _____ is just pitiful. I think you understand now why we are in such a situation where we are. Thank you.

Romanelli said Bill, can you put a title to that Tribal Ogema's Reforecast on that document and resubmit it immediately.

Bill Willis said yes I can.

Romanelli said thank you.

Hi Mr. Speaker, do you know if we will be able to initiate a work session once you have that document, I am assuming today from what Ogema Romanelli said.

Pete said yes I can. I will get, I will get with the Recorder and get one going as soon as I can after today.

That is perfect, thank you. Is there a way that you guys are going to update the membership or will that just be updated on-line. I know that Susan Thull is really, really good about posting the agenda and the work session dates and all of that on the website. Is someone planning to update the membership. Is there a specific spot that we can expect to look for that?

Pete said I would like to be able to post this on the Tribal website if that is the case with, or the date that we decide to do that.

Okay, thank you.

Pete said okay, are there anything else for the Ogema? Okay. We are going to go on. Thank you Larry. We are going to move on to Legislative Affairs Update. Thank you Larry.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Shannon Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton. Can I get in the cue?

Pete said okay. Okay, we are on C. Legislative Affairs Update. Go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said well I don't think I got to tell anybody about the still unrest that is going on. I think that everybody is pretty much aware of that. What I've been looking at is what is going on with all of the other tribes and all the Fortune 500 companies. What they are looking at is not so much downsizing as they are remote working. And if you look at the analysis that is coming forward, the money that is saved on mileage reimbursement, it looks like that an outstanding way to save money and I suggest that we start looking into that. There are several articles out there right now on the issue and it just fits this century. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Shannon.

Ogema Romanelli said can I get into the cue?

Pete said of course you can. Larry.

Romanelli said yes, we were, we looked very intensively about that, expensively and inexpensively about remote working. There are things that I would like to have built in when we do remote, work remotely as I am already getting some concerns that maybe work product isn't actually happening. So what I want to do is when we are asking each department to look at which employees are able to work remotely and then I also want to build in some kind of accountability because we agree that is the way to go in some ways here but we want to make sure that there is some kind of accountability built in. Okay, we can do that. So yes, we have done a lot of work on that.

Pete said okay, thank you Larry. Is there anything else under Legislative Affairs Update? Okay, that moves us on to D. Public Comment Period.

D. Public Comment Period

Chelsea Densmore said hi, Chelsea Densmore.

Someone said go ahead Chelsea.

Densmore said I just wanted to say Shannon, I 100% you know definitely think that you guys should be looking into the remote working as much as possible for those who can. Absolutely, there needs to be accountability and everything that Ogema Romanelli is saying for sure. But as much as you guys can work that in, especially with potential of the virus coming back and all of that down the road you know plus it is definitely saving money and that is really something we want to do right now. So, yeah. Thank you. I'm done.

Pete said okay, thank you Chelsea. Is there anyone else under Public Comment?

Matthew Chandler said this is Matthew Chandler.

Pete said people were talking over each other, I'm sorry, who was in the cue next?

Ogema Romanelli said Matt Chandler and then Ogema Romanelli.

Pete said okay, thank you. Matthew, you're up.

Matthew Chandler said thank you Mr. Speaker. I have two questions, have Tribal Council or anybody identified or compared the salaries at the casino for January to compare those to March and April to find out exactly what was paid out in salaries once this COVID hit. The second question is

more of a concern. Valerie had brought up, showed me, a Facebook post of a Council member basically calling certain citizens Shannon's cronies. Although the definition for crony can be a friend or an associate of an individual it is still considered derogatory. I just wonder if Council was going to address that. Thank you.

Pete said well I'm going to answer you Matt. First of all I have not compared their salaries to what the salaries are right now and what they are doing operating. I believe, my understanding the little bit I visited the casino last week Friday, they were having people having trouble coming to work and they had to call people many, many times to do that and I'm assuming that the salaries are way down right now. The third thing is, on the other side, I have not heard anything about the Facebook stuff because I get on nothing from Facebook. I get on zero from that so I hear nothing about that and God bless me, my heart and everything is so much better for it never getting on any kind of a Facebook site. But that's my answer. Anyone else have anything for public comment?

Chelsea Densmore said hi, Chelsea Densmore. I know that Shannon and the Ogema had more of the Q. I just wanted to make a comment on what Matthew Chandler said.

Sandy Mezeske said Ron, this is Sandy. I would like to get in the cue please.

Pete said first of all, I've lost track of the cue. So is there anybody before Sandy because people were talking over each other.

Lot of people were talking so was inaudible.

Jessica Steinberg said Mr. Speaker, this is Jessica Steinberg. You had Shannon, the Ogema, Chelsea Densmore, Sandy Mezeske and myself in your cue.

Pete said thank you for taking track for me. So Shannon you're first.

Crampton said well first of all I don't think that we should address Facebook posts in a public forum and I've said that in the past. Those are individual statements. My concern is that when there is different obligations assigned to the position of Speaker, I'm sorry the Recorder, on Tribal Council, that it has been observed by all past Recorders knowing that there is a lot of Constitutional liability that comes along with that. Now what we have that happened the other day is somebody that has already been found. . . . well the court has already found that when you are in those positions you are acting in that capacity 24/7 and the membership perceives you as acting in those capacities. So what the Recorder says is,

has been a little bit different stature. I'm trying to warn this Council several, several, several times. Now the actual offense is not that there was a mention of cronyism, the actual offense is that there was an outright lie that Council asked for a raise and then the other underlying issue is that somebody used information that could not be learned outside their employment with the Tribe and put it on a website. That's a larger infraction right there, which I will be dealing with in Closed. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you. Now I have Larry.

Recorder DiPiazza said I will get in the cue.

Romanelli said I forgot what the original thing was that I got on for but we talk cronyism being put on Facebook. At last week's meeting I heard one Council call another Councilor, referred to them as a Muppet Show balcony participant and I think that is insulting, it refers to I believe, someone's age and I think it was just insulting and nobody on Council speaks up on that. That happens at an open session of Tribal Council. Not on a Facebook post and we are going to talk about cronyism or whatever the case and I don't know what that was, but nobody addresses the actual comments on an open session of a Tribal Council Meeting. I think it is shameful that referred to someone's age in my opinion, at best. Thank you.

Crampton said Ron, since I, I want to respond to that since it was directed at me.

Pete said okay, Shannon.

DiPiazza said we need to address the one that was addressed to me.

Pete said okay, now wait a minute. Now first of all, can I have some, a little bit of order in the court here. You know what, that is what we have been trying to do. So I, I, I'm at a loss. I even forgot what Jessica told me so I don't even know who is after Larry.

Lots of people talking – inaudible.

Pete said okay, so, first of all, Shannon, if you can be quick address what Larry said, please.

Crampton said first of all, that was a very nice diversionary tactic but what I actually did was respond to Ms. Lonn interrupting me in the cue and saying I am so sick of you. All the membership heard it. I got it recorded. So that was a little game you played but that was not funny. I did not, that was not in reference to anybody's age, it was referenced to the two men

who heckled from the sidelines all the time during the act. I was in the cue, Ms. Lonn did not like what I was saying and she said oh I'm so sick of you. All members heard it. So now you have heard the Ogema trying to make up a little scenario that was false. Thank you.

Pete said okay, so are you finished now?

Crampton responded yes.

Pete said okay, thank you. Alright, Jessica, who is before Chelsea? Who was in the cue before Chelsea?

Steinberg said nobody. It was Chelsea, then me, then Sandy,

Pete said and then Gary.

DiPiazza said I'm in the cue there someplace.

Pete said you are in the cue. So I'm just going to try to have some order here because I'm getting confused and I confuse easily so now Chelsea you're on. Sorry Chelsea.

Densmore said thank you. It's okay. It is Chelsea, Jessica, I think Sandy and then Gary.

Pete said okay. That's what I got. Chelsea, go ahead.

Densmore said everyone is talking over each other so I totally get it. I just wanted to make a comment on a couple of things that were said. Matthew Chandler had kind of touched on it. Larry had touched on it and Shannon had touched on it. And this is still so important, yes, Shannon, absolutely we shouldn't be talking about all the Facebook stuff because none of it is official Facebook stuff and yes, you made an absolutely good point about the Recorder having a higher, his words mean a little more, I hear what you're saying, however, it is so important not to put Facebook but these public meetings with the membership. You guys do have a tendency to bicker and fight and you know I have heard multiple times Diane Lonn make snide comments and huff into the phone and you know, Ron Pete used to do that and I said something a couple of weeks ago and he, I haven't heard it since. So absolutely 100% that is great. It is super frustrating for the membership to get that because when you guys speak on your Facebook, on the, because you are not just talking in your private one, it is a group one for the membership, right. And while I understand it is not the Little River Facebook, when you guys are talking to the membership you are still being seen as a Council representative of our Tribe publicly speaking to the membership, right. So it is really important

that when you are making your comments and when you are doing all of that, to be remembering what position you have, right. We elected you into these positions and we are expecting, we are holding you guys to a higher standard, right. To be doing your best, to be talking appropriately to the membership, right. And not to be putting down, you know, people in the membership. And I understand that sometimes its frustrating because they personally come at you guys and sometimes it is very aggressive and unnecessary but at the end of the day, right, like that is the position you chose to be in and its unfortunate and I'm sure it is frustrating but like you guys are held to a higher standard. So try and make sure, especially during a Council meeting, right, the public meetings, the work sessions, that you guys are being appropriate with each other and you being decent but you are not interrupting, you are doing the best that you can. So that is all I have to say, thank you.

Pete said thanks Chelsea. It is now Jessica's turn. Jessica.

Steinberg, said Speaker, yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of comments. The first one is with the casino reforecasting their budget and the most recent decision from the court relating the Ogema's challenge to the, anyway, long story short Board of Directors Act and the Board of Directors Act being somewhat back in place for the operation of the casino to a certain degree, I would like to know who has approved the casino's reforecast and made that an official document regarding again the Tribe, the financial moneymaker or whatever you want to call it, who has adopted that reforecast and made that an official document that is submitted back to the organization. And I guess the second one is the analysis that is coming forward is now going to be the reforecast for the government. Are you going to hold a public meeting of sorts to discuss how that reforecast is impacting services and functions and activities and programs for the members at large. So those are my two comments and questions. Thank you.

Romanelli said Ron, can you add me in this. This is Larry.

Pete said do you want to answer her right now or do you want back in the cue?

Romanelli said you can just put me back in the cue.

Pete said okay, thank you. Okay, so now I have Sandy, I think. Sandy.

Sandy Mezeske said thank you Mr. Speaker, this is Sandy. First of all, with Matthew and him talking about hoping that the Council member would be held accountable, you know, Councilors is definitely, definitely held to a higher standard, especially being elected officials. And

Facebook is a freedom of speech, it is a freedom of speech. Does it get out of hand? Yes it does. But if Matthew wants that dealt with then I want the Facebook post of inbred 500 dealt with too. That's all I'm going to say. The other is, you talk about the _____ and you have a 12-page document ready for everybody to read. I'm looking at the back of the house of the Casino, how can they be any different than the government office. The casino has a very good plan in for protocols and everything for the back of the house. Why doesn't the government read that and abide by theirs? I mean they have a good, a good set of protocols for the back of the house which would be, like I say, just like the government. You know, the masks, the six feet, you know, therefore those that you are going to call back and Council could be in their offices. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you Sandy. Gary.

DiPiazza said a couple things. Jessica asked about the casino reforecast. That was passed or accepted last week so that has already been accepted that casino reforecast. Um, the other, like I said, that 12-page document with the acknowledgement form, that all went out yesterday if I'm not mistaken to everybody, all my colleagues so they need to read that over and there is a form to sign. Like I said, the first one went out and unfortunately the document didn't load. It was empty or something so I resent it so reopen your emails. And the other, you know, like I said, the one last week, you know it was this week wasn't it, anyways, that, the agenda request was submitted by Bradley and that the request is for a reforecast of the Legislative. And I don't remember anybody and I was 30 minutes late and my apologies, but when I did that FEMA training course, I've got a certification that is being utilized so I need to be on some of these calls because they are utilizing that certification at some point. So, I came in 30 minutes late to that meeting. Plus, then I was jumped because nobody has taken any notes from that 30 minutes that I was absent. So, the work session was for Legislative Reforecast and the document that was sent out on the 28th and also in that meeting request had Council's budget in it. The budget showed that it had the pay increase in that budget. And if nobody brought up, hey that's not what I make, we need to take that out of there, where did that presumption come from? Also, I sent a reduction form to everybody if they would like to take a reduction in pay. I have already taken a 15% cut because I cannot justifiably ask everybody to tighten their belt and you are going to have to go without me tightening my own belt. So that is where I am going to leave it. That is about all I have.

Pete said okay, thank you Gary. Larry, just, what, okay I have a cue going. Do you want to be in the cue?

Councilor Champagne said I just wanted to respond to Gary. This is Cindy.

Pete said okay. Go ahead.

Champagne said Gary since you came in late to the meeting I will correct you on that someone did ask. I asked about the numbers in that reforecast. And I asked when they brought forward to make sure all the numbers were correct so I did ask about it.

DiPiazza said oh, my apologies. Like I said, nobody said they took any notes.

Pete said okay, so we are moving on. Okay thank you.

Champagne said Ron Pete.

Pete said what.

Janine Sam said this is Janine Sam, may I be placed in the cue please.

Pete said is this Janine?

Crampton said and I want to be in after Janine, this is Shannon.

Sam said yes, it is.

Pete said just a moment. Larry is first.

Romanelli said okay, thank you.

Pete said then Janine, then Janine and then Shannon again.

Crampton said yeah.

Chelsea Densmore added and then Chelsea Densmore.

Pete said okay.

Romanelli said thank you. Since it was brought up about the court and the, regarding the resort and then it was kind of left to hang. The oversight of the Resort has been in question for some time as Jessica knows. It was put in, there was some action that was taken back in August of 2016, which has been the subject of a court, court information, going back and forth. Now we have gotten the latest and I'm sure that Jessica and Shannon both know what that is. If they would care to explain the

oversight how it has progressed or not progressed through the court system to this point. It is all a matter of open court records so please explain and then you will find out where and who has the ability to approve the reforecast of the Resort. Thank you.

Steinberg said hi, Mr. Speaker this is Jessica Steinberg and I guess I can respond to that. The Ogema posed a question to me regarding the oversight of the Resort. Since I am not a voting member of the Tribal Council and was a party to that lawsuit, which I did testify during that Council. (inaudible).

Pete said just a moment, Jessica, I can't hear anything. Somebody needs to put their phone on mute. I want to hear you, thank you.

DiPiazza said that was me, my battery was going dead on the phone. My apologies. I didn't want . . .

Pete said go ahead, go ahead Jessica.

Steinberg said my question with regard to the approval of the Casino's budget and the reforecast was just wanting to make sure that #1 – the Casino reforecast did go through and at least be reviewed by the appropriate parties. So it moved on up to the Council's approval, Recorder DiPiazza just said that you all adopted it last week. I wasn't trying to infer anything. I just want to make sure that when we are talking about the Tribe's public treasury money that are generated by the gaming entity, and if those monies are handled in a manner that they are not going to become subject of an audit. That's all. That's all I'm asking. And I'm not here to get out of joint over a lawsuit because, quite frankly, we are in a situation financially with our government that is at critical mass. Yes, things got to be postponed and yes, banks have been brought up and there is a lot of passing back and forth from one hand to the other about who is at fault. At this juncture, the evaluation of the stability of the Tribe's treasury is critical and that is my concern as a citizen. I have the right to be concerned for that as a citizen. I guess the last thing I will say is all of the discussion that happens on Facebook, you know, one of the things that happened in our court system was a decision, and I believe the decision make up under Foster v. Kelsey and that decision very clearly infers that as an elected official you are not only held to a higher standard of conduct but it is recognized that your conduct impacts your employees and your citizens and that you are looked at as superiors and they are looked as subordinates to your authority. So I just wanted to make sure that when you are talking about _____ that you understand your role because I certainly do. And that is all I have to say.

Pete said okay, thank you Jessica. I'm now at Shannon and then I have, just a moment, I have Janine, Shannon and Chelsea.

Janine Sam said Miigwetch, Boozoo. First, I want to say none – you're doing a really good job. This has to be like herding chickens. So keeping track of people in the cue, keeping track of people who is talking and especially because people really want to engage in one another in discussion that are really better left someplace else, quite frankly. Tit for tat and all of that. The second thing I want to say I haven't been on a Council call or attended a Council meeting for a very long time. I am one of the people that you are working for. I am a citizen. My number is #150. I have my employer imposed a mandatory pay reduction on all of their directors and salaried staff. And so, I want to say Chi Miigwetch for the second \$500 payment that was approved and released because even those of us who are in, what I would consider a good financial position, as a result of this COVID, have found out that, just how tentative that financial position is and just how easily you can put from being on the side of the good to being under the 8 ball. And so I also want to expect this time, the Council has always worked for the people even if the people always don't see it. And in this instance, some of the comments that I saw coming out of Council members in my mind and how I heard it in my heart when I was reading some of these comments, were derogatory to their people, like their people are greedy or the people just want a paycheck or an open checkbook and some other things that I heard or read. And I am telling you from the position of a paid professional, that is not the case. Your people are hurting out here. We have a lot of people who don't have full paychecks rolling in whether the business is open or not. We have a lot of people whose employers have laid them off and I know as the employer who has to furlough people, I still, this is June and the State of Michigan Unemployment is so screwed up I still have people who have not been paid their first unemployment check. So if any of your citizens are in that boat, I just want the Council to step back for a minute; I want the Ogema to step back for a minute and ask yourselves, if your paycheck was cut off in April would you as of June not be wanting some type of financial relief because the financial relief coming out of the federal government wasn't sufficient. The Tribe's relief, at least for my household, is coming at a very, very critical time for me, for my family, and whether it was a hard decision or nobody agreed with their or however that went down, because again, I wasn't on the phone calls, I didn't hear the discussions, but Miigwetch, thank you so much because you all maybe don't have a point of reference. Maybe, I hope your families are prospering. I hope your families are doing well because I know too many people who aren't. I know too many people who are really living hand to mouth, going to food pantries, going to have free pickup of vegetables and _____ at charitable organizations and I am seeing this all over the place. And I am hoping that we get back to a normal. I am hoping that we are all

able to go back but quite frankly, we can't call everybody back to work right now because you all don't have enough money to make the payroll. And I can say that from the prospective of an employer who is not calling everybody back, even though the facilities have opened. All of these times are trying and as far as, I did want to make a comment and Shannon might remember this, when I was the Recorder a long, long time ago, before Facebook, before Instagram, our people used to email. I used to respond to email as the Recorder, from the Recorder's email box and Council members had a right to know what I was saying, how I was responding and in some cases, Council members didn't like what I was about to respond and I didn't send that communication out because as that person, I don't just represent my own view, I have to make sure that I am representative of the Council. There have been times that a Council member has objected to things that even though it was my personal opinion, because of my seat, as the Recorder, I couldn't, and I'm not picking on Gary because I am not saying Gary is doing any of this but when we talk about these Facebook posts and talk about all this stuff going on, just realize that there are a lot of different reasons why your people are frustrated and hurting and need that assurance that their citizens, the Tribal Council and the Ogema are looking for all of the citizens, not just the ones on payroll, all of the citizens. And as a citizen that is out here now without the direct contact of the government, direct contract to the Tribe, it doesn't feel that way. And I am not asking for anybody to debate it, I'm just saying what I feel. So I just wanted to put that out there that you know, _____ of Council when you speak, whether it is one person or seven, you are speaking for everybody. If Sandy Lewis makes a post, I can almost reasonably infer, unless it is on her personal page, with her personal family, that they want to go through and people are commenting, I have to presume if their accepting a view that they have expressed at Council, like Council is aware of it, and if that is not the case I can tell you that, back then, when I was sitting in that same seat back in the day, we talked to each other about it and be sure, you know, if people didn't like it, you tried to make it better so we all didn't look like we are bickering and arguing amongst each other. Because you are a body you are going to have opposing views. You are going to have different viewpoints and the people have to see the opposing viewpoints and understand where the frame of reference is coming from but if it is done in a respective manner and in a manner that's done not to be demeaning but just informing, then that should all be okay. It is when we start degenerating to those comments, you know, that is when . . . and no, I don't think citizens have the same standard to uphold as the elected officials. The elected officials are supposed to be the, the role model for us and so I just wanted to put that out there that we were required to refrain from making comments and sometimes people did and sometimes people didn't. But again, but the whole point of me jumping on the call today was to say Miigwetch and to tell you emphatically that your people

are hurting. We don't have the resources you think we do. I want to say thank you, thank you a million times over for those of you who advanced that payment because it really mattered in my household. Miigwetch.

Councilor Lewis said Ron, can I say something to that because . . .

Pete said okay, okay,

Crampton said look that was really long. I want to get to my point.

Pete said Shannon, Shannon, go ahead, please.

Crampton said okay, first of all I want to clarify for everybody on this line that Mr. Romanelli asked myself or Jessica to respond to what his question was. Jessica cannot answer for the Council because she is not on Council but I appreciate her response. So I just wanted to clarify that. That was not an answer from Council so don't anybody take this out of the meeting and say the Council just answered the Ogema. That is an open case. There will be no comments from this side. Now, when Mr. DiPiazza said that he walked into a meeting and everybody was talking over the minutes, that is an absolute lie because the Tribal Council's Procedures Ordinance under Article VII places the responsibility under the Recorder. It says the Council Recorder shall be responsible for maintaining records of each Tribal Council Meeting. That is an open face lie. Now, when you go on to talking about the \$31 dollars you can look back in the minutes and see Mr. DiPiazza going they put \$31, they put raises in the Casino, in the budget, it is in several minutes. That is another disingenuous statement. Now when you want to say that Council is held to a different standard, you have to realize that the perception that the membership is absolutely false about Council. The Speaker and the Recorder are not like the Speaker and Recorder under the federal government. It is two totally different governing documents. Under the federal government, it replaces the Speaker as the leader of the body, by the majority or the minority. Under our Constitution, it places them as officers of the Council. They work for the Council, they don't run the Council. Now, when we are talking in that fashion I think everybody should understand that these responsibilities, they are a different standard and it is a constitutional standard placed on the Recorder under Section IV. Subsection b of the Constitution for the Recorder. So the Recorder is really held to a higher standard than anybody else on Council when you are talking to the membership. Until then, four cases have already proven when you are in that position you are perceived as being in that position 24/7. So what you say is held to a higher standard. And Janine is right, every Council has observed that. I remember talking to Sandy Lewis when she served in that capacity and she was like I'm not going to write anything. Thank you. I just wanted to clarify that.

Pete said okay, thank you Shannon. Okay, I have Chelsea in there and then I have myself and then hopefully we can bring this to a close because some of us have to eat.

Sandy Lewis said Ron, Sandy Lewis here.

Pete said Sandy go ahead. Sandy go ahead.

Lewis said okay, I just want to thank everybody for their input. You know, every incite that everybody has you know we as Council need to listen, be open, hear what they are saying. You know, thank you Janine for speaking, thank you everybody for speaking today. You know, my understanding, I've been in ceremony all my life. You know, and I watch my words personally because I could spend my days saying stuff to hurt people but that is not why I'm here in this life. You know, I am here to do help the people, see them succeed. I've fasted many times. So, you know, I have an understanding of what it is to go without. You know, this is just me personally but I think that elected officials should fast four days. You are going to have a whole different understanding on life, on looking at the people, and helping them but that is just my thought. The only ones that I can hold accountable for words is myself. You know, people are going to say what they are going to say and I can't make them change. That's their choice. That's their choice on how they want to live their life. You know, yeah, myself, personally, I am not going to sit there and you know, spout out, you know, for no, no, um, I don't know . . . there is just no, no purpose or reason behind that, you know, I am here and I put the people before me you know. I'm just going to leave it at that. But I appreciate everybody's incite and I will keep listening and you know, I do listen to everybody and, and I take their thoughts into consideration as I do what I can to help my people. I have always been in a situation where I have helped people and I always will be regardless of where I am standing. I am no different than any _____ (inaudible), I don't tell myself that I am better than anyone. You know, if anything, I hold the people in front of me, I hold them, they come first. You know, I don't know at this point, you know, how am I supposed to stop somebody else running with scissors. That is up to them. You know, I have to address myself. I have to wake up to me every day. I wake up to my creator and if I can look at him and myself in the face, then I'm okay. You know, but thank you everybody. That's it.

Pete said and thank you Sandy. Chelsea do you still want to be on yet.

Chelsea Densmore said thank you Mr. Speaker but my comment has happened once or twice so I am good but thank you.

Pete said thank you so much. I am just going to say one time I do appreciate you, all of you coming in here and I have heard or talked to Janine in long time. It was nice of you to come in today and once in a while, even when you said that you thought I was doing a good job, that was pretty nice. It has been a long time or it is not often I hear that all the time. So, I'm hoping to think that this open session is where we got everything said that we need to say.

Mr. Speaker, may I respond to the open session, or I mean the public comment. I did not say . .

Pete said who am I speaking to.

I'm sorry this is Matthew Chandler, #1687.

Pete said okay Matthew, go ahead.

Susan Thull said I would like to get in the cue please.

Pete said okay, Matthew, go ahead.

Chandler said what I had asked is if, if those comments were going to be dealt with I, you could have said no and that would have been fine. You should have said yes, you know. I didn't say that I wanted this individual, you know, I asked if it was going to be dealt with. You know, I firmly believe that every Council member needs to stop throwing names or derogatory remarks to each other. And it is going to continue until it gets addressed at your level. Not at my level, but at the legislative level on whether you are sanction yourselves or not. I mean, I understand that Facebook is a private enterprise. It is not a public enterprise. It is a private enterprise. So you know, as long as that private company allows you to say what you want to say, they are just going to do it. So I think it is up to the legislation body to govern yourselves. Like I have said before I firmly believe that all Council members are looking out for the best interest of the Tribe. I firmly believe that. Now I will believe until I die but I just asked if it was going to be dealt with. That was it. Thank you.

Pete said okay, thank you. Is that it? Okay, then I will entertain a motion to end this first open session.

Susan Thull said I'm sorry Ron, I was in the cue, Susan Thull.

Pete said okay, I didn't hear you Susan. Go ahead.

Thull said alright, thank you very much. First I just wanted to thank Kathleen for putting the amended agenda on the website. I appreciate that.

I think she has done the last three now and I really appreciate that so thank you. Also, I would like to thank Andrew for getting me the vendor list. I appreciate that. And is Andrew still on the line or Connie but I was wondering if they could just give us a quick summary of what happened with the opening of the casino. If it went well or _____ occurred. Thank you.

Andrew Gentile said Speaker if I can respond to Ms. Thull.

Pete said yes you may Andrew, thank you.

Gentile said first of all thank you for letting me know the email went through. I wasn't sure if I spelled your last name correctly. The opening went well. There were some issues that was expected. We had to do some emergency drops. We had some issues with kiosk and running out of funds, though the count team and the cage team had a very long weekend. We had a few minor issues with some team members that were anxious about returning that their anxiety made them sick. But those three individuals were all sent for testing and two of them came back and were tested negative. We are still waiting on the third one. But the doctors here in town refused to even provide them tests because they said the person didn't have any of the symptoms that warranted the test so we had to actually transport them up to Traverse City to get the test done. But all in all I think we had some things we need to adjust and tweak before we get into this weekend. But I think the team came through the reopening well. I just have to reinforce the holding procedures. Some of the team members don't like the mask and I get it, I don't like them myself personally but we have to wear them. So we are still going through that process and hopefully as each day goes by we will get better at this and our guests will get more acclimated to the new process. But all in all, I think the numbers were encouraging through the first four days. We actually did better than I anticipated so definitely bumped up the demand there. It is just a matter of how to get leveled off and what the numbers will look like two or three weeks after we are open.

Pete said okay, thank you Andrew.

Thull said thank you and I would like to put you on the spot Andrew, they said talking about doing a transfer of the COVID money as a grant. Do you think that, is that really warranted. I mean do you really need that to stay in business?

Gentile stated I would say based off of what occurred over this weekend with the emergency drop, I am not the person to say whether it needs to be a grant or what have you but there is definitely needs to be an advance of some funds to cash flow the cage until we are through the reopening

phase. So whether, as I stated previous conversations, whether that is just a negative distribution is just netted against future distribution or whether Council off _____ the advance, one way or the other the cash flow situation is crucial right now for the equity of the cage and that is what caused our biggest problem this weekend was. We had to actually start dropping sections of the floor to bring cash back into the cage to try and refresh equipment to keep things moving. So, to me, it is not for me to say whether it is a grant or what it is but there definitely needs to be a cash infusion to get through this initial phase but then that would flow back through into disbursement coming back to the Tribe. To me, it is above my pay grade to tell you how to do it, it is either you net it against the future or do a cash advance now but sooner or later if you advance the money now then that is quicker that you are going to start getting funds back so if you make it, if you call it a grant or just do a cash infusion or an operating transfer, that will quicken the period of time which the Resort can start filling positive cash flow back to the Tribe.

Thull said so instead of a grant we just label it a loan because you need it now and it could be returned later?

Gentile said it is not really a loan. It's the accounting side, it is the disbursement, the distribution statement. So during the closure there was negative distribution. So the negative distribution has to be netted against future positive distribution or if the Tribe has the funds to do a cash advance then that lessens the future netting of the distribution statement. So right now the cash is needed to fund the operations so that we can operate more efficiently. So to give you an example, just to put it in terms and say, you have a negative distribution of \$5.00, and we were to earn \$2.00 and \$3.00 in July, if we just waited to net that -\$5.00 you wouldn't start seeing positive cash flow from the Resort again until August. If the Tribe advances the \$3.00 now so that there is cash flow for the cash to operate efficiently then by the end of June everything will be whole again and you will actually start seeing positive cash flow from the Resort a month earlier in July. So you will be getting that money back but it is not really a loan, it is just the way the accounting works on the distribution statement.

Thull said I see. Thank you so much. I would just like to say I really appreciate your honesty and I didn't want to put you on the spot but I really like the way you explained things so thank you so much.

Gentile responded thank you.

Pete said okay . . .

Crampton said Ron, I hate to, I hate to give you anxiety but before you go could I just dovetail off that real quick for membership consumption. This is Shannon.

Pete said ah, the only reason I'm doing that is I have to take my medications for my diabetes so I'm, okay, go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said I understand that. I apologize. I will be quick. What I wanted to say for membership consumption is if you look at there is really no industry standard of how you do this with this reopening but if you look around the area what is happening is most people that opened are getting almost a _____ of customers. They are getting large amounts of people coming back. What they are doing is they are curbing the cost. Now if you don't curb the cost you are not really going to see that, that payback but if you curb the costs now you can actually accelerate the payment back and you can actually make a lot of money if this was handled right. Thank you.

Gentile said Speaker if I can respond real quick just to provide _____ and apologize I know you want to get moving.

Pete said no, go ahead Andrew.

Gentile said so Councilman Crampton is exactly correct and that is part of what we have done so after the April 13th date the Resort did reduce its payroll by 91%. We did not bring everybody back even after the opening. Right now we are still less than half of our team members have been brought back. We have curbed our marketing costs during the closure. We worked with our vendors to reduce maintenance costs, maintenance contracts and everywhere where a vendor was willing to work with us to curb costs and we are also using some of the marketing reductions and we have curbed our promotions because he is actually correct again and _____ in saying this that there is demand so people are coming anyways so we significantly altered our promotional schedule and calendar for June and July to reduce our costs under the assumption that these days people are going to be coming in anyway and we have also cancelled all of our 2020 concerts to further reduce our costs.

Pete said okay, thank you Andrew. I think. Who is this?

Hi Mr. Speaker, this is Chelsea Densmore, I had a question. With you guys closing, are you expected to move anything from closed session to the second open session and if so do you have a time frame when you might have the second open?

Pete said well I hope to have it as soon as possible. I've got 1, 2, 3; I got 4 things on closed session. We would not move them out into closed session. We will have some of them moved into closed session but I don't know if there is anything that Council . . . just a moment . . . I'm almost done Gary, please. I am trying to answer Chelsea. Chelsea, I think the last time we had a date or a time that we could come out but I think if Tribal Council wants to take a look at their closed session agenda do you think we can finish that. I, I, I need to go next door for 15 minutes to get something to eat for my stomach, that's all. I think we could be back into closed session Chelsea by say 1:00. I don't know for sure but I would like to be able to call back into closed . . . I'm sorry, I'm confused, call back into open session at 1:00. So if you care to join us I don't think it is going to be a lot of things going on but you know, I always want to give you that opportunity Chelsea.

Densmore said okay, thank you. I just didn't know. I know you have a lot. You, yeah, I saw you had a lot that you were talking about in closed session and I know that you don't really know until you get into closed what is going to move to open. I just wanted to check in. So I'm happy to leave my phone on if I just have a time for when to start it. Thank you.

DiPiazza said I was going to say . .

Pete said Gary, go ahead.

DiPiazza said the items that are in closed, the only thing that is going to be moved is the motion and roll call only.

Densmore said okay. So if it is probably not going to be anything I don't have to call in but if you think there is a potential then I just wanted to ask.

Pete said okay, thank you Chelsea. Once again, I want . . . okay . .

Somebody said I just wanted to say . . .

Pete said I didn't hear somebody.

Thull said this is Susan. I just wanted to say there are 49 callers in on this call. Miigwetch.

Pete said okay. Okay, is there anyone . . . can I get a motion to move out of the first open?

DiPiazza said I will make the motion.

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

MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST OPEN @ 12:05 P.M.; by DiPiazza;
supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody 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 -	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

VIII. Open Session

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION; by Lewis; supported
by Crampton.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Entered second open at 1:05 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Gary, is there anything to move from closed to second open.

DiPiazza said yes there is. I will make the motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESLUTION #20-0603-163, 164, 165, 166,
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by DiPiazza; supported by
Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0603-163,
APPROVING AMENDMENTS AND DEFERRAL OF PAYMENT
TO LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0603-164,
APPROVING DEFERRAL OF PAYMENT TO LOAN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT
AND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL
GOVERNMENT;** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0603-165,
APPROVAL OF RETAIL LICENSE AND PERMIT APPLICATION
BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
FOR THE BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C5

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0603-166,
APPROVAL OF LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN
IMMUNITY IN CONNECTION WITH RETAIL LICENSE &
PERMIT APPLICATION BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND
REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS
GOLF COURSE;** by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C6

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Champagne.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any discussion or if anyone was going to abstain. Gary, do the roll call.


Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathleen Bowers
Transcribing Assistant


Gary DiPiazza,
Tribal Council Recorder