



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 17, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder DiPiazza: Mr. Speaker, the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete: Thank you Gary. Welcome everyone to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council regular meeting, Wednesday, March 17, Happy Saint Patty's Day, 2021 at 10 a.m. via ZOOM.

Speaker Pete: Okay Gary could you please do our opening prayer?

**I. Opening Prayer**

Creator, look after us as we go through these days. Keep your loving and healing arms around us one and all. Look after the ones that may be having so many problems with this C19 it's out, whether they're contracted it, or recovering from it, or just scared of it. Look after our front-line people, as far as the employees that serve you and get you nutrition, make sure you tip them. Look after all of our emergency front-line people that are out there taking care of us on a daily basis. That being said, Miigwetch, Miigwetch, Miigwetch.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Speaker Pete: Gary, please do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

**Roll Call #1**

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

Quorum established.

Recorder DiPiazza: Nine are present, we have a quorum at 10:01.

Staff Present: Tara Bailey, Housing Director; Jonathan Robertson, Lead Utility Operator; Bradley Pringle, Comptroller; Caitlin Carey, Legal

Others Present: Ogema Larry Romanelli, Martha Howell 3635, Matthew Chandler, Sara Agosa 4478, Laura Echelbarger 2276, Connie Waitner 0022, Chelsea Densmore, Robert McCaslin 0748, Jessica Steinberg 0148, Allen Metzger

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE  
FOLLOWING CORRECTION: UNDER OLD BUSINESS #7  
AMENDING 2021 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE TO  
ALLOW FOR EVENING MEETINGS AND SATURDAY  
MEETINGS; by G. DiPiazza; supported by D. Lonn**

Speaker Pete: Okay thank you Gary I have I have support from Diane I have a motion from Gary DiPiazza is there any further discussion, is anybody going to abstain?

Speaker Pete: Gary, please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder DiPiazza: Agenda for Wednesday, March 17, 2021, has been approved with that rendition.

Speaker Pete: Okay so would be revised, correct?

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

None Submitted

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grant & Contracts**

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury-  
Emergency Rental Assistance Program and approving a modification  
to the operating Budget MB-2021 in the amount of \$365,299.91**

T. Bailey: This is just, we applied for a grant through the Treasury Department in fact I believe beginning of January. The approval came in at \$365,291.91 so that's just approval to put the funds into the budget.

S. Agosa: Tara, can you just let us know how this program will work, who's eligible and do you know when the application will be available? Thank you.

T. Bailey: I'm in the final stages of doing the policy, how the program will be run. And then once that's approved, we'll put it out for membership, it'll be on the website and however else we need to get it out there to market for the Tribal membership to know. Basically, this is a program that's going to help with rental assistance due to covid, anybody that's been affected by covid. And it can help up to 12 months if the applicant is eligible for that amount. Its income based and will help even with our members who reside in Aki at the current time. And it will be for all Tribal memberships within the United States, not just within the service area.

G. DiPiazza: Tara, just for clarification that's any Tribal member, any place in the United States, correct?

T. Bailey: Correct.

G. DiPiazza: So, it helps every Tribal member.

S. Thull: Thank you, is this income-based, Tara?

T. Bailey: Yes, it is.

S. Thull: Okay so they do need to qualify.

T. Bailey: Correct.

S. Agosa: I just want to clarify, when you say income-based, is the government making exceptions or expanding on income eligibility requirements, because of covid, or is it just based on poverty guidelines? Thank you.

T. Bailey: It's based on 80 of the median income so it's the same as most of our other HUD programs but those are pretty, pretty generous guidelines.

S. Agosa: I just want to be clear, so somebody renting from a private landlord, if they meet the income eligibility requirements would also be eligible? You don't have to be in a HUD home do you or apartment? Thank you.

T. Bailey: No, it's for private landlords.

R. Pete: Okay thank you Tara. Is there any further questions? Okay I need a motion and support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-068;  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-EMERGENCY RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION  
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-11 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$365,299.91; by D.Lonn; supported by G. DiPiazza**

Okay I got a motion from Diane do I hear support? Okay I got support from Gary. I got a motion from Diane support from Gary is there any further questions is anyone going to abstain? Do a roll call, Gary.

**Roll Call # 3**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

G. DiPiazza: Nine in favor. Resolution 21-0317-068 is passed.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval of Expenditure for Crane Truck Utility Department**

J. Robertson: Yes, this is Jonathan Robertson. I'm standing in for Gary Lewis.

R. Pete: Okay Jonathon, I'm sorry go ahead.

J. Robertson: This is just for us to purchase a new truck with a larger crane due to safety concerns with the original truck. We ended up upgrading to bigger pump sizes, which require a heavier lifting capacity, so this new truck is mainly based for safety concern.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-069;  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR CRANE TRUCK UTILITY  
DEPARTMENT; by D. Lonn; supported by G. DiPiazza**

Okay thank you Diane, do I have support? I got a motion on the floor from Diane I got support from Gary DiPiazza is there any further discussion? Is anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

G. DiPiazza: Nine in favor. Resolution# 21-0317-069 is passed.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

1. **Operations Report** None Submitted
2. **Financial Report** None Submitted

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission** February 2021 Submitted
- B. **Enrollment Commission** February 2021 Meeting Canceled
- C. **Gaming Commission** February 2021 Submitted
- D. **Health Commission** None Submitted
- E. **Housing Commission** Resolution #21-0218-01 (No Report)
- F. **Natural Resource Commission** January 2021 Submitted  
February 2021 Submitted

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- A. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** February 2021 Submitted

## **VII. Old Business**

### **A. Amending the 2021 Tribal Council Meeting Schedule to allow for evening meetings every other weekend and Saturday meetings**

R. Pete: That is put on by Gary DiPiazza and Diane Lonn. I'm going to turn it over to either one of you two counselors to go over this.

G. DiPiazza: Well, you had the work session Monday and laid out the schematic on that, read them off, I've got it up on screen share can everybody see that? Okay well that's what it looks like. It'll be at least 1- 6 p.m. meeting on a Wednesday, Saturday meeting being like 3 p.m., there was already a couple Saturday meetings on the roster in August and November. The only one we had to tweak a little bit was November because of Thanksgiving. So that's where we're at.

S. Crampton: Okay, well my first question would be, at these meetings, the employees that are asked to attend, do they get extra pay? If they do, we have Council members that are voting on this, that can't vote on it. So that'll be my first question, for these extra meetings, employees that will be attending these meetings, are they getting extra pay? Thank you.

S. Agosa: My comment is, first of all I would like to see the schedule implemented after the elections. I have referenced the pandemic and how useful this would have been last year. People had so many questions and so, I kind of questioned the timing of this. Also, too I do support evening meetings, but I don't feel Saturday meetings will work due to cultural and religious activities, which I feel are very important for both our members and elected officials, to be able to attend. Thank you, that's my comment.

D. Lonn: I guess in response to Sara; a lot of our Tribal people have asked to have meetings on Saturdays and in the evening so that is what was brought there was something, no other reasoning but that. And I think it's a great idea that we do meet. I don't know why Saturday would be hard because you know sometimes you have to give up your cultural thing for one Saturday out of the month. I have a lot of things going in my life, but my first priority is Tribal Council, so I guess that's the reasoning, I would say we should have Saturdays.

L. Romanelli: Thank you, in answer to Counselor Crampton's question, no, they don't receive extra pay. Almost everybody that would be on that are employees, are salaried employees, and they are allowed to at least change up their times, but no extra pay for them. That was discussed I think at the meeting that was held earlier this week, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay just to answer you too Sara. I don't believe that we need to wait for anything. I don't believe this is politically motivated and personally that's how I'm going to vote on it. I don't take politics in the thing whatever you were doing and on Saturday sometimes, I clearly heard that there were some people on the phone that really wish we

would have a Saturday meeting. So, I guess I'm going to tip my hat how I'm going to vote.

S. Agosa: I just want to respond that I haven't seen any comments on social media about wanting evening meetings, so I just wanted to convey that. And also, too I feel that a three o'clock meeting on Saturday is too late even for outlying members. I would like to see it moved up to maybe one o'clock and that would still accommodate members even in California. Thank you, that's my comment.

S. Crampton: Yeah, I'd like to echo what Sara just said, because I too, put out feelers last night on all the pages. There's nobody mentioning anything like this. Didn't even request it and when I had to remind them that it was being done, they didn't even know about it. So, the requests are all coming from Mr. DiPiazza's page, nobody else. I've also called around about 300 members that I reported as of Monday I think it's around 400 now, none of them have heard of this meeting and none of them requested it. If this really was for informational purposes, there would be no problem with the request of putting it off for a week or two until after the election. I'm going to tell the members right now, the importance of getting this out here, is to have one of these little meetings, like Larry can get up there, and bash political proponents for fun. Thank you.

R. Wittenberg: I see this Saturday meeting, but I think and thought, within myself, what about Sunday? Sunday is to me, myself, if I was going to be able to choose myself, I would choose Sunday. Sunday is just like any other day, and I would like to see a Sunday in there. So, I think that'd be awesome. All right. Miigwetch.

G. DiPiazza: Oh yeah that should have been brought up. You know Monday at that 7 p.m. meeting, the reason that 7 p.m. meeting was done at 7 p.m. in the evening, is because members wanted it. And it's not just on Facebook. I've had people ask me. And this is going to help the outlying people be more informed. Is that not a good thing? I don't know, but as far as if you put a feeler out on all the other social media pages, well maybe you're on the wrong page, I don't know.

C. Champagne: Thank you. I guess I would have been a whole lot more comfortable with this had you did a survey you could have did a survey on Facebook or any place like that to see what the members felt. If they wanted it, what days they would like and what time? That would have gave us a whole lot better idea, what they wanted, so that's my opinion. I just don't think we have enough information as to what members want. I know Gary says he's got like 50 people. I don't know who those 50 people are. I haven't heard anything from any of my constituents either outside of nine county or even the nine-county people, didn't call me to ask me, so I just question, why we're doing this.

S. Agosa: I just wanted to respond to Gary's comment about being on the wrong page and this is an overarching issue, some members have been removed from the page that you run, Gary. And also, too I had to remove myself from your page because of some of the content. I just didn't feel comfortable with it. So, I would really like Tribal Council to designate an official Tribal Council Facebook page, so that everybody has access to your

information. Like I said, I am subscribed to a number of Facebook pages about Tribal issues, and I have not seen any comments. Thank you.

L. Echelbarger: I would maybe just suggest voting on this and either pushing it through or not pushing it through. If this goes through, you guys are going to figure out whether the membership really wants it, because they'll either show up or they won't. Same for Council, either they show up in the evenings or on Saturdays or they won't. That's going to be a great way to gauge it and I would just maybe push it through or don't. Thank you, that's it.

G. DiPizza: Yeah, this wasn't discussed in social media pages, you know. I even had Monday at 7:00. Susan Thull was in favor of that, that's a constituent of everybody. As far as, you know, I'm not bringing up social media, who got booted, who didn't, or who didn't like what was said. It's fine and it is what it is, definitely, it's a free country saying, do whatever you want. I've had people ask for this for quite a while and they've called. And it's like the 50%, when we kicked per cap up to 50%, nobody cared that there was 175 Tribal members on a survey that didn't want it. So, what's the dif. I'm just saying you want to put it out for a survey and ask all the members and stall it out for another six months? But with that being said, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-070;  
AMENDING THE 2021 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR EVENING MEETINGS AND  
SATURDAY MEETINGS; by G. DiPiazza; supported by D. Lonn**

R. Pete: Okay, I got Gary that made the motion on the floor, I got Diane who supported it. Is there any further discussion?

D. Lonn: I just don't think, or I guess I'm amazed that we are arguing over having a meeting on Saturday and evening meetings. It is the consensus of the Tribal members, not a few but the outlying, which I represent as well, that it has large people that they want an evening meeting, and they want a Saturday meeting. What is that so hard about with us? We are supposed to listen to our constituents, we are supposed to take into consideration, which I did, to have these evening meetings. If they don't work out, guess what, we can go back to what we did before. Thank you.

C. Waitner: I just want to kind of reiterate, we attended a meeting on Monday and overwhelmingly people seem to be in support of giving this a try. I'm not sure why there's so much controversy over it. People either like it or dislike it, I'm sure that they will inform Tribal Council. But in the meantime, I think there was a suggestion made to try for three months just to get a feel for things, and also there was a recommendation that we hold up during the summer because of vacation times and family times and cultural times. So, I think that Council in general, has tried to accommodate. But let me say again,



this is all changeable. But let's give Tribal membership an opportunity to at least see if it works for them, thank you.

S. Crampton: Well, I just want to correct a couple things for the minutes, for the record. I kept the minutes, and I wrote them down from the Monday meeting. No, the overall majority was not in favor, so no they weren't, that was a misstatement. They were all asking why it should be done and wanted to put it off. I've, like I said for the record, I called about 400 outlying members, none, not one, in support. So, I don't know where this is coming from, but no. Now, what's going to happen here is, the five are going to push it through and I'm going to predict to you right now, what it's going to turn in to. No matter, what's sold is our tradition or our culture, our teaching. It's just going to be a Jerry Springer bash show, guaranteed. Now I'm saying this today, watch what happens Saturday, watch what happens at the meeting. I'm telling you, it's easy to predict, thank you.

R. Pete: So just so that you understand, Sara, I want to answer you too. You removed yourself, about one year ago I decided to cleanse my mind and not have anything to do with all the Facebook posts and all the nonsense and I even had to omit myself and some of my family members. I deleted everybody off my post, so you know what, now I don't see anything and I'm the happiest person, in the last year that I don't see anything and all, the garbage that gets out there on Facebook. So, you know what, Sara? I'm right with you, I deleted myself from everything, too.

S. Agosa: I just wanted to respond to some of Diane's comments. For me personally, I think the issue is that this is taking place during the elections. That really is a concern of mine but also, too during the work session, I didn't really see a big turnout. There were a few members who attended that don't usually attend the TC meetings, but overall, it was the same people. I was quite disappointed. I'd like to see more outlying members participate. So, with that being said, definitely would like a strong communication plan developed to get the schedule out there if it is passed. And even a mass email blast was just used for an unofficial town hall meeting invite so we definitely have the capacity and just to get the info out there, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

G. DiPiazza: Oh, I'm going to say that the Monday meeting, the 7 p.m. meeting on Monday, Shannon, you weren't on that meeting, so how did you take notes? I'm just curious because.

S. Crampton: Can I reply?

R. Pete: Okay, yes Shannon, you may reply.

S. Crampton: Gary, I was talking about agenda review where everybody said they didn't want it, so there you go. Thank you.

G. DiPiazza: Can I respond.

R. Pete: Okay go ahead.

G. DiPiazza: Anyways there was a work session scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday agenda review there wasn't a whole lot of discussion, though there was, but the same outcome. People still wanted to see it happen and if it doesn't work out in three months so be it. I think you're going to have an overwhelming response, okay. So, but there was a work session at 7 p.m. because I wanted to see how many people zoomed into a 7 p.m. meeting for 6 p.m. meetings, if you understand that logic. But I don't know, I'm not a fan of caveman...

S. Thull: Thank you, while we're talking about Saturday meetings, I would just like to ask that our membership meeting is scheduled for a little later in the day too.

C. Densmore: I just wanted to say that I definitely agree with Sara, that we would love to see more outlying citizens and unfortunately there wasn't a ton of new names. I definitely saw a few names that I didn't recognize during that meeting however I think that's why you need to have the Saturday meetings. Obviously, nights aren't going to be able to catch everybody. I know I've seen at least one comment that I responded to directly that was asking for Saturday meetings, so that was talking about how they could not attend the weeknight meetings and that's why I think this is such a good idea, doing regular once a month Saturday and regular once a month night meetings and trying it out for three to six months, if it doesn't work if you don't have a lot of participation then you come back to it and change it back.

S. Crampton: Okay well I'd like to go back to the fact that this isn't just about this meeting to me. I mean when you go into this meeting and you say a prayer, like you just did, and you call these meetings, this is supposed to be a Tribal Nation, this is supposed to be a sacred circle right here. I have never seen anything like Little River. Never in my life my Aunt is Connie TwoCrow, she spent a year in Tribal leadership I watched her from the time I was five. I've been around governments, I've seen the things, what I don't like is a disrespect for our tradition. When you say a Prayer and you call a meeting like this, this is a Sacred Circle, this represents the health of our people. There are rules to this meeting. The rules are going to be broken by Mr. Pete's family. He's going to allow it. They're going... *[interrupted by R. Pete]*

R. Pete: Okay you can't be saying my name on there like that Shannon, and I take objection to you doing it.

Mr. Speaker I did ask you to reframe from using my name and you did so I will respect your wishes and I will not say that. The Speaker will allow people to do things and you'll see it in this meeting today. That's a violation of our circle that we just prayed for. This is what bothers me. When we trample our traditions in our culture, *please quit talking*, this is our traditions and our customs, these are real, these aren't just words that you use to get your political agenda through. Okay, so watch the meeting today, watch the size, watch the disrespect, that's the shaganaash's way, that's not our way, that is not our way. This is what troubles me. When you want to know why the tribe is sick, it's because of this right here. Now you're trying to create a meeting, to sell it to the membership, no. They did not

ask for it. You're trying to create something political so you can put this out. If this was real, you'd do it after the election. But just watch what happens today, watch what happens Saturday. The disrespect to our traditions and our culture, this is what bothers me, this is what keeps our tribes sick. Thank you.

A. Romanelli: I would just like to say that I've heard from people as well, that they would like to see evening meetings. I think it's a good thing. I think we should at least give it a try. I think we owe it to our people to try it and see if it works. Let's try it for 90 days and see if it works. I don't think there's anything wrong with that. I don't see a political agenda attached to this as well. People have asked for it. I think it's a good thing. I think even if we get a handful of people that don't normally join the more people that we have the better that we'll be, the stronger that our nation will be. I'm done.

D. Lonn: I want to make the call, sir, calling question.

R. Pete: Okay, I've got a question called on the floor from Diane. Gary is there anybody that's going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

G. DiPiazza: Five in favor, three against, and one abstention, well the calendar has been set for 2021 with them corrections for an evening meeting and also a Saturday.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Approval to Submit to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the FY 2020 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by Housing Department**

T. Bailey: This is just our annual HUD performance report. At the beginning of the year, we send in saying how we're going to use the funds, the end of the year we have to send in an APR saying how we actually spent the funds. And we need Tribal Council to allow us to send the report in. It was put out for public comment on the website, so this is due by the end of the month.

R. Pete: Not seeing any questions, I need a motion and support.

D. Lonn: I'll make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-071;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE FY 2020  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER  
BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY HOUSING  
DEPARTMENT; by D. Lonn; supported by G. DiPiazza**

R. Pete: I have Diane making the motion, I got Gary DiPiazza supporting it. Is there any further discussion, is anyone going to abstain? Gary, do the roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

G. DiPiazza: Nine in favor Resolution #21-0317-071 has passed.

**B. Resolution in Support of Michigan Indian Legal Services Application to be a Subgrantee for the Department of Justice Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grant**

C. Carey: So, this Resolution is similar to the one that was passed in 2018 supports the application that Michigan Indian Legal Services submits quite regularly for the Justice Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grant. If they're awarded that grant, then they may use those funds to represent Tribal members in Little Rivers Court.

S. Agosa: I would like us to pull data and get feedback from organizations quantified how many members have benefited from our relationship with them and also to the outcomes and if our members are satisfied with the services. Thank you, that's my comment.

R. Pete: Okay thank you, is there any further comments? Okay I need a motion and support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-072;  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN INDIAN  
LEGAL SERVICES APPLICATION TO BE A  
SUBGRANTEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
TRIBAL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
GRANT; by G. DiPiazza; supported by T. Guenthardt**

I got a motion from Gary, I got support from Tom, is there any further discussion, is anyone going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Gary DiPiazza: Nine in favor, Resolution #21-0317-072 is passed.

**C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Reservation Preservation Fund Section 2A**

B. Pringle: Good morning Council and membership. This here is the second half of the audit for the Reservation Preservation Fund. This covers section 2a of the Resolution, the prior Resolution. This particular information was sent out to Council and the Ogema on March 9th and I'm looking for the Council to accept the Internal Audit Report for the Reservation Preservation Fund, section 2A, dated 3-3 of 2021.

S. Agosa: I just want to clarify, I thought from the work session, it came out that the golf course was purchased with these funds and that really it was not allowable. So how does that factor into this audit and its findings? Thank you.

B. Pringle: It doesn't factor in at all, that was section 2B. We're discussing section 2A. 2A is the original 1.5 million dollars spent, it had nothing to do with the golf course. I will be scheduling for all of anybody at the meeting right now. As soon as this gets approved, I will be scheduling an open session work session, for anybody to attend and we can discuss it in as much detail as you like.

S. Crampton: Yeah, just so nobody is confused by the tricky wording of Brad there, that he did report that in a meeting and that was another part of the reservation report so yes that was reported in the meeting. This is not this report, it's not this part of this report. Thank you.

R. Pete: Okay thank you, is there any further discussion?

J. Steinberg: Just a question to Brad. Brad is the properties, will the parcels that were purchased under the 1.5 million, or paid for under that authorization, be listed for the public to see exactly which parcels those were? That's all I have Mr. Speaker, thank you.

B. Pringle: Yeah, absolutely, they're listed in the audit cover sheet which will be posted as well with the rest of the Resolutions once it's passed, and like I said, we will discuss it all openly in the open work session.

S. Crampton: I would just like to ask those parcels, that property, that will include the golf course, right?

B. Pringle: Not in this particular audit that was section 2B that was the last audit.

S. Crampton: But it was purchased with the money?

B. Pringle: It was purchased with Reservation Restoration Funds.

S. Crampton: Brad I'm not asking that, we know it was, despite the wording. I'm just asking when it's going to be listed.

B. Pringle: There's two audit reports. That was in the first audit report listed 2B.

R. Pete: Okay I need a motion and support. Okay Diane.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0317-073;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF  
OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR  
RESERVATION PRESERVATION FUND SECTION 2A; by  
D. Lonn; supported by T. Guenthardt**

R. Pete: I got a motion from Diane, I got support from Tom Guenthardt, is there any further discussion?

S. Crampton: If Mr. Pringle's looking for acceptance of a report, we just accept the reports. There's usually no Resolution or a vote, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay it is an audit. It's an internal audit, I still need to accept it.

S. Crampton: Okay, yes you do, that makes a total difference, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay if there's no further discussion, Gary, do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

G. DiPiazza: Nine in favor Resolution #21-0317-073 has passed and that audit report can accept.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date is Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

L. Romanelli: I just have a couple updates and then one question. We had a meeting, wasn't a meeting excuse me, we had a photo op last Saturday that was for local business and schools, unions etc. There's a photo op to send to the Michigan Government in hopes of pushing our project forward. I know there was some confusion there. And then I'm having a meeting this Saturday, which is informational meeting and again I know there's confusion there, or questions again, just like the night meetings etc. So those two things, one happened, and one is happening. I want to go back to the abstentions again and I've, I think, I've copied the Council before on this. The way the abstentions are being handled I believe it's improper and I think they violate the constitution. And I'm calling to correct those items where an abstention was used, at least for this year, to be revoted on or looked at. And I'm asking to get an opinion from ULD to understand how the abstentions are in violation of the Constitution, so with that, I think that's it for this week. Thank you.

S. Agosa: This is regarding the town hall meeting this weekend. I have some questions about the logistics, first of all it's been requested to submit those comments or sorry documentation in advance with questions. And I just want to know who has access to these documents and questions in advance? I'd also like to request that a third party, an unbiased moderator, is used for this meeting. And also too with communication, the mass email blast that was sent out, I thought that this was considered an unofficial meeting, so I just need clarification, if this is an unofficial or official meeting those are my questions, thank you.

C. Densmore: I had a question for the Ogema. I saw that you referenced the informational meeting and I saw your email, since you are considering having this meeting in person this weekend at the casino, are you reconsidering having the membership meeting online? Are you potentially considering having the membership meeting in person on April 10, since you're having this one in person as well?

L. Romanelli: In answer to some of the questions, a moderator has been picked and I think that it is Israel Stone who is, that's the only name that's come forward to me to date. Who to submit questions and documentation to would be [infomeet@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:infomeet@lrboi-nsn.gov) and I believe the moderator would be receiving those and sending those out to the people that the question is regarding. For example, if there's a question for the Council that question would be sent to the Council and EDC, etc. So that's the intent and hopefully we can get that. That's why there was a Thursday deadline, so that it gives the information can get to the person that needs to answer the question time to get some documents and an answer regarding the question back in. Who's paying for this? The tribe is paying for it. Who called the meeting? I called the meeting in response to requests to do so from Tribal members. And it's a meeting that's officially called by the Tribal Ogema and I guess, I hope that answers the questions. I oh and the other one I believe was, am I reconsidering the April membership meeting? We are look, we did look at it, the problem we have is to

accommodate the people is almost impossible for the April meeting. There's a few things that are different between this one and that one. This one, we have to limit it for social distancing, and you can't do that with the Membership Meeting unless you want to just call 100 people and say you can come to a Membership Meeting. The other problem is people like to, from out of town, need hotel reservations and you need a lot of lead time. So, the decision was made a couple months ago, not to have the April meeting in person. Which the Covid is still prevalent now to some degree, so the decision was made a while back. We're hoping to have the Fall Membership Meeting as we did before. But again, where this Covid goes we just don't know, so to accommodate six, seven hundred people is not doable, so that's the additional thought we gave into it. Thank you.

R. McCaslin: Aanii. I just wanted to recognize the social distancing technology of the day. And the other night when we were having that discussion on Zoom, one of the most important things in native history was being shared. you know and Deb Haaland actually at the same time you guys had the meeting, so I wanted to be in two places at one time and that made it possible. On the other hand, I just wanted to update, the Odawa's and their waters, North Central College April 6, 2021. We'll be having a Zoom discussion on that day about how we're protecting the waters. So I'm gearing up for that, that moment in time and moving this technology further and I guess that's all I wanted to clarify is just to update and share with the people here on the Zoom Council Meeting and there's other things too you know about this Saturday that's coming up and you know and people from a distance and sharing screens we're doing that with some senators you know we're able to share screens from our end too, just in case. But the Grandfathers had set that day aside to give thanks to Mother Earth and so there'll be lots of ceremonies going on, on that day, on the 20<sup>th</sup>. And you know that that's where you know within that vision that that Equinox comes, and we didn't even know it was called that. But the other night I tried to share with a couple of our Tribal members of the long home and that Grandfather that was sharing, those sharing's, and that's okay. I mean it's good to be a part of history, it's okay to walk your walk. But that Circle that, you know, Saturday you know and about the scheduling you know, and timing and I know that we're in a critical time with this virus and you know and speaking with some of these senators you know it's not in the office anymore or you know. It's by this way of the technology and I'm all for it I mean I'm seeing a new generation coming and the questions and the end of windows in a circle shouldn't be shared like that, you know. And if it's important to somebody at the last time of their last breath to share their truth and we know everybody is going to cross that water one day and we understand that. So that's all I had, I just wanted to update on the Northern Central College, April 6, 2021, and it'll be a Zoom video and what it means to us for being the water, so that's all I had.

R. Pete: Thank you and I just want to remind everybody we are in the Ogema Weekly Update, so those things would normally come under Public Comment.

M. Chandler: I know the Ogema had answered a question and said that the moderator was Mr. Stone. I would just like to caution that the optics may not be the best because of the



court cases that the Ogema and Mr. Stone was involved with. Mr. Stone is probably a great public speaker, a moderator, an honorable man, all those types of things, but the optics don't look right. And so, I would just caution about having him as the moderator and I would like for the Ogema to really think about this meeting that's going to happen on the 20th that I know we're calling it to get all the rumors and everything out. But I can see it just becoming a huge mess, where people are recording each other, and writing things down, and then everybody is in court, and nothing gets solved, and it just, boils and boils and boils. And so, the Ogema is going to do what the Ogema is going to do, but I would just put a whole lot of caution. Thank you.

S. Agosa: I also have concerns; I feel that we should select a moderator who is not employed and possibly even outside the membership. Even if we utilize someone from another tribe, I think it would give that needed distance, just to ensure everything is very objective. Also, too I noticed that as far as I can see there is no opportunity for interactive participation or a Q and A at the end, and I have concerns with that. This actually happened to me in the Membership Meeting, there wasn't any time for members to respond to what was said, and I wanted to correct information and clarify information, I wasn't given the chance. So, to me I came out of that meeting feeling very disappointed. So that's an important piece of the puzzle that I'd like to see included. And then also too with submitting documents and questions in advance first of all, for outlying members especially, I don't feel we were given enough time just a couple days is not enough time to do something like that. I'd like to see more lead time and then also too why members are responsible for providing documentation and evidence especially when many court cases have been sealed. We're not even given access to a lot of documents. Larry, I emailed you for the email that you cited last week by, McClurkin, as well as the audit and I never received a response. So, I have issues with that also, the way that everything is set up. Thank you, those are my comments.

S. Crampton: First I'd like to say that I agree with the Ogema that the abstentions are not being used in the proper manner, but you can't pick and choose. We need to go back and check all of them, because I've raised the question when Council Members have done the same thing. Now the problem you're going to run into is if you read the Meeting Procedures act appropriately, yes, you're supposed to take a vote when somebody has abstained, the Council is supposed to vote whether they have a true conflict of interest or not. At the end of that vote, even if you vote that they're supposed to vote, in the Meeting Procedures Ordinance at the very last stanza it says, you cannot compel that person to vote. So, what we need to do, is go back into the Meeting Procedures Ordinance and remove the redundant language. There should be either an up and down vote and then they vote or take away the ability to abstain, but the way it's written there's no way to enforce what you're trying to say. And once again, you can't pick and choose, and say I just want you to go back and vote on all the improper ones this year that favor me. No, there's a whole bunch that don't favor you where Mr. Pete should have abstained, where Diane should have abstained. So, I would, if we're going to go down that road, I want all of them, all of them, not just pick and choose the ones that favor you, all of them. And

going back to this Saturday's meeting, that's ridiculous. I don't think you're kidding anybody by picking Israel Stone, the person you're in a court case with to sue the Council. The person you gave, well the family you gave fishing money to 2013, that never got paid back. Let's get real, let's get real, that's a joke, that is an absolute joke, that's totally bias. This person should be totally, if this is real and this lets me know that this is another joke that wouldn't even be a question, you wouldn't be trying to sell that. That's absolutely outrageous, thank you.

L. Romanelli: You know as far as the moderator, I did not put that name forward, I did not really select it. That's the only name that came forward and it came from a couple of Tribal members that are on this call. So, if somebody has an issue, I mean, we're welcome, I'm welcome to listen, but right now that's the name that came forward. That person agreed to do so, a couple Tribal members approved it, suggested it, matter of fact others did as well. So, while I see Matt's point, that's the name that came forward. And as far as the other stuff with Sara. Sara, it seems that, you know, there's never enough information for you. You made a comment for example that I own a business and I also sit on the Shoreline, that led to a bunch of questions, as you know and people accusing me of doing business with the tribe. I responded to that, to many people, to say that that wasn't the case, that it's never happened. You also got a response from the EDC to say it never happened. You continued on even after that, to call our procurement office and question them about my involvement, and they told you the same thing. And sometimes, there's just not enough reason to keep answering you. I don't know why you put it out in the first place. You know it caused some issues and again, three people can tell you, know from three different places, and you're still going to question. So, we'll move on yes and whoever said it, I think it was Matt, 'the Ogema will do what the Ogema going to do', that's what I do. And in this case, there's enough of the funny talk going on out there on little websites, you know what, I would think that the whole tribe and those people especially, that have the keyboard courage or they're out on websites, would be ecstatic, ecstatic that they're telling, they're able to tell their story, complete with documents and the proof, and we can get this thing through. Because this is detrimental to the tribe so, I'm looking forward to it and I hope others are too. Thank you.

A. Metzger: Good morning, I just got a couple questions on the attendance and the capacity level and is this meeting just for Tribal citizens? And going back to the Members Meeting, I believe the Events Center has the capacity to support or house 300 Tribal members safely, practicing social distancing. I just want to know, is this Saturday meeting just for Tribal members? Miigwetch.

L. Romanelli: No, it isn't only for Tribal members. It should be limited to Tribal members or employees and there are people that are employed, that are non-Tribal members, that may have to answer questions. So, I hope that answers that question. Regarding the 300 Tribal members in that capacity, social distancing. I was told to limit it at 100 because there's other things that are in the Event Center. Now I originally wanted to do it in the Lodge room and then people said they wanted to show up. I didn't want to limit the

people that could attend and so suggested that we moved it over to the Resort. Originally that was to be one of the Three Fires rooms and then I was told that the Event Center was available for up to 100 people. That's where that came from and there is some merchandise or something in there, so that I hope that answers questions. Thank you.

R. McCaslin: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to apologize to the Ogema. I thought we were in Public Comment.

M. Howell: Good morning, I'd just like to say that if we're going to go through with this, I don't even know what to call it, this weekend but I agree with Matthew Chandler, that there is, looking through the lens that it does seem a bit odd to have Israel as the moderator. And I'd like to take this opportunity to say that there are many peacemakers in this community. There are also non-Tribal peacemakers that could be called in to be a moderator. Wanda Joseph comes to mind right away, that you could call her. Maybe it's possible that she could come in and moderate and keep things in a peaceful manner. Now you know, we've had peacemaking for years at our tribe and no one's ever came to the office. Not that I'm involved because now I'm no longer in the office, which will be one of my questions for Larry since he wants to talk about layoffs. And I don't know what the setting the record straight means, but I have some questions for myself that I would like answered. And I would like to see a real moderator, whether that be an outside peacemaker, or a peacemaker from another tribe come in. Because I don't think using our own people, especially ones who are politically involved with the current Council. I mean we've all seen how Diane Lonn talks about Israel Stone, 'oh Izzy', I mean if that's not biased. I'm just saying, we've all seen it, we've all heard it, and I think that an outside moderator and a peacemaker from another tribe would be a good person to contact to do the moderation on this. Thank you.

[*shouting*] R. Pete: You know what, I've got sick of people that are sitting there slamming people whether they're on Council or not on Council and saying these things about them and it's pretty sickening. So, I'm going to tell you something, Gary. If I nod at you like this, cut them off.

G. DiPiazza: Well, I'm not going to be looking at you anyway.

R. Pete: Well, I'm just going to nod at you, and you cut them off.

S. Crampton: Get a hold of yourself Speaker, that's not protocol.

R. Pete: Okay. Okay. I'll hold myself now go ahead, Laura.

G. DiPiazza: There is no protocol here.

L. Echelbarger: I just wanted to speak about Israel, and I just wanted to point out a recent Council Meeting that Israel spoke, and he spoke out during a very tense time that we typically have with Council unfortunately. And he was able to speak out against both sides so I have to say that I see him as somebody who can maybe be unbiased and he can lead us out of maybe destructive conversation and try to show both spot, both sides. He's

also so well spoken, and I feel like he has the ability to mediate a very difficult conversation that we're all going to have on Saturday. So, I just wanted to, I know I'm only one member, but I just wanted to point that out and speak about that particular meeting, that many of us were at, and I was just I was just really impressed with what happened and how that was redirected. So, I just wanted to say that. Thank you, Ron.

S. Thull: I would also like to say that I do not believe that Israel Stone is the person to be moderating. But what I would like to know is when was a call put out for a moderator? The Ogema says that he's the only one that volunteered, but I never saw a request for moderators. So, I'm wondering when the call was put out. I would think that we have others that could also do that. Israel has been involved in some of these things that people might have questions about. My question for the Ogema is, could you tell us exactly what we've purchased as far as those health buildings in Muskegon or Fruitport? I thought at first that we had bought two different buildings, the complete building, and then someone said that they thought it was just a couple of suites in one of the buildings so could you just tell us exactly what we purchased in Muskegon? And also, I did ask about who was on the task force for the construction, or the renovation of those buildings and I was told that that was something I didn't, that was in closed and I didn't need to know that. That is something that should not be in closed. I think it's something that the membership should know. We've had so many different problems when we've had people come in and build something, and so I think that the more people involved in making those decisions the better and at least let us know who those people are, making those decisions. In the Government Building, wasn't our floor structure not strong enough for the files when we built the government center? I know that when we did the casino renovation, I went to the board and I, you may remember this Mr. Pete, I went to the board and asked about a handicapped family bathroom and one hadn't been put into the plans and after I talked to you and the board, I know that you said that you would put a change order in and we do have a handicap family bathroom now. But that that type of thinking is essential before the fact, otherwise if you do the change orders afterwards, it's much more expensive. So again, I ask who is on that board that will be making those decisions about the medical center and again, what exactly did we purchase? And this is for the Ogema.

L. Romanelli: Okay yes, what we purchased was in the front building, and I believe this has been explained to the membership before. Matter of fact, I think it was in our Currents. But what we purchased was, there's a front building that faces Harvey Street. The end, those are units, there are, I don't remember how many, I think five units, we purchased the northern end or if you're looking at building the far right unit of that. Along with that, we purchased the building behind it. There's two buildings, well there's Goodwill and then beyond Goodwill there are two buildings. Again, looking from Harvey Street, it would be the two-story building that's to the right. And those are the buildings that were purchased. My understanding is that the Construction Task Force was involved along with the Doctor in getting those renovated and I don't know if that answers all the questions, but I think that's it.

I. Stone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ogema, Council and Membership, I appreciate the sentiment, as I feel some of it's very genuine from those that are being genuine and I can appreciate that, being a person. The ones that aren't being genuine with their statements, it's problematic. Here's one of the problems we continue to deal with in this tribe, it's people not being held accountable for untrue statements, and that's to me, the crux of a lot of issues in this tribe. In order to diminish my character, a Council member, who you all heard, brought up a fishing program and a falsehood that the Ogema gave money to my family, and it was never paid back. First and foremost, the commercial fishing program was created by the Council A, B my brothers, my dad, and myself, are the only people that I can name for certain, I believe Tommy too, that turned in years' worth of catch reports that actually had commercial fishing activity. The third inaccuracy or lie, blatantly, in that was money was never paid back. That's not true, after I broke my neck and was immobilized for quite some time, I sold my operation, and that check was cut back to the tribe and that can be verified with the tribes accounting department. Now that all being said, the Ogema v. Council case the Ogema/Stone v. Council case, that's not directed at Council, that's directed at constitutional questions and anybody that's taking that personally, you're looking at that completely the wrong way. That's a Tribal citizen asking for clarification on the constitution and what it says from the only body in the tribe, that can make a ruling on the constitutionality of legislation, which is the courts. As far as the Ogema looking at other options, listen I didn't volunteer for this. I had people ask me, when asked I said yes, I would do it. Because I believe it's going to take somebody with inside knowledge and courage to look at either the Ogema, a citizen, or a Tribal Council member, and hold them accountable to the rules that were put in place. That structure that you see in that call, was a structure that I actually put in place before it was sent out. Because I want everybody to have a fair opportunity to freely speak their mind, to get their truth, and get their answers, in a respectful way. I don't believe damaging people's credibility, or diminishing their character, or attacking people, resolves anything. And if that's what this is about, and that's what's going to be allowed to happen in this session, that's the wrong approach to take to this. Because we should all be looking for answers that squash lies, just like the one that was told a short while ago, about the commercial fishing program. We need to get truths out there so that everybody can have their understanding of the truth and take that truth with them. Now Sara, you brought up about not being able to have interactive discussion. That was because there was only a three-hour time slot allotted and so the questions, the reason why I wanted to get the documents to send them out, is so people had a fair opportunity to defend their position. I didn't want somebody to come into the meeting and make a false claim against somebody and surprise that person and not have them have the opportunity to have the documents, or the backup, or the answer for the question that they're going to be being asked. Because in my opinion, that's not fair, to blind, to get somebody in a setting like, this in front of hundreds of people and blindside them, isn't fair to anybody and again doesn't resolve any issues. Now at the risk of upsetting anybody, I and I'll apologize in advance, if the Ogema chooses that I'm not the person, he doesn't feel I'm the person to facilitate this, that's an honor and integrity thing, and I take something like this seriously,

it's a service to the tribe, it's a service to the people, and it was something that I would take very seriously. That being said, if I'm not that person and everybody believes that that person's somebody else, I'm absolutely fine with that. But I can tell you, what I've put in place, I believe gives everybody the protection they need to have an opportunity to at least stand up for themselves or defend their position and not get attacked by people in this session. So that's all I have to say. Thank you for your time, you guys have a great day.

S. Crampton: Yes, well see that's exactly what I was just talking about, the misdirection of the spin, that was just put on by Mr. Stone. I did not mention him, I said his brother. In 2013, his brother brought forth a contract, it was put forth by Larry Romanelli to do eight trap nets, to remove from Ludington, he did not repay the money. I put the court cases up on the site, anybody can pull them off, so it's not a lie, it's the truth and the spin he just tried to pull here is exactly what I'm talking about. That's not a lie, that's documented fact, that wasn't in 2008 that was 2013. The court records are there, no the money was not paid back, what was it 25k Larry, or 31? And then how much do we pay for the barge that we had to call in to do the job that he didn't do, was that like a hundred thousand, Larry? That's what I'm talking about and the spin the Israel just put on it, that's exactly what I'm talking about. When I'm talking about his truth what he's talking about is spin. Thank you for the example Mr. Stone, thank you.

R. McCaslin: You know sometimes we're in close quarters with nepotism and you know over one of these courses of these meetings, Israel said that he's a direct line of the Ogema. And I've sat enough in these Council Meetings to recognize when some people just need to stand down. And sometimes we need that outside help to recognize that. And wherever this meeting is going to lead to, you know, and is it about healing, is it about getting the truth out? So you might want to think about it before you ask, am I related to this issue and or do I stand strong on this other? Because I know nepotism is a big factor in the whole tribe basic. And for Sara you know she's a go-getter, a question asker, and you know we can see in these meeting minutes that just got approved, we don't know what's in them and there's a structure, maybe they should be read into the records. Not found in the Tribal Operations and then we can actually see who's helping who. We're supposed to be giving our people a hand up, that's what the tribe is about, right? Helping each other so if I was in that, I would have to recognize myself as being a biased person or non-bias, and I could do it. But you know and raising your right hand on that day, you're taking an oath. I don't see why you can't bring a peacemaker in. We have the opportunity; we have another branch of government. That's all I got, I wanted to comment on that anyway.

L. Romanelli: You know and in response to that last comment where Israel said that he's in a line of my family, yeah, we're all in line with everybody's family. I think we came from nine chiefs within this tribe, he is not a direct descendant, he would not be listed as a direct family member by any means. I see the question and when his name was brought up, I questioned it too and said there may be some blowback because of the family

connection, as people want to put it and they've tried to put it since I became Ogema. I'm related to a lot of people; in some ways I'd like to see Israel not be in that position to clearly answer as the what was talked about as spin on the fishing program. There's a lot of information there and I'd like him to be more free to answer all the fishing program bologna that's been put out there and we're talking about spin, and I can say bologna I guess because I know what was said. So, somebody mentioned Jay Sam, you know again if we want to look for volunteers. But I'd like to have the members that brought this forward, answer and maybe make the selection, which was you know and again Laura, I'd love you to go ahead and look at others. I have Drew from my IT department said he'd be willing to do it. Somebody mentioned Jay Sam, I haven't talked to Jay obviously about it, so we'll go from there. But as far as the Israel being related you know people are saying I'm Mexican, I'm whatever, I think that it's very odd that they're willing to accept that, and then say it's, you know, some kind of problem but anyway, yeah, I haven't heard any other volunteers so, thank you very much.

S. Agosa: First of all, I want to respond to Larry, last week both you and Israel, I think Israel made the comment that you are related, and you descend from the same chief. So, which is it, now you're stating that you're distantly related and there really is no close connection, so I've heard two different things? Second of all, regarding the moderator, I disagree I feel that the moderator should be unemployed not employed by the tribe and I would also like to see someone who's not a member, just to ensure there's no bias. Peacekeeper, great idea, there's lots of options also too the moderator's name should have been published in that email so that people knew who they were sending documents to. My second comment about what you said, I can't ever get enough information first Larry, I just want to let you know and say that you don't have jurisdiction over Facebook, even legal jurisdiction. And we can post questions, information, and have discussions, even questions freely, it's in our constitution, freedom of speech. If you have issues with the discussions, I would like to know why you're not on these Facebook pages, just amicably replying with the facts, if it's such a concern of yours. I received an email last weekend that I found to be extremely upsetting and a number of government officials were included, and I just don't feel it's appropriate that you're using governmental resources to address an issue on Facebook. Also, too in the past even, I can say I can vouch for myself that I've sent you emails, and you have forwarded them without my permission to other government officials and the EDC, and I just don't feel that's appropriate behavior. Regarding my question about the documentation, why members are required to provide documentation for this town hall meeting? I don't think that's fair, because we don't even have access to a lot of the documentation. Again, please answer my question, you referenced an email by McClurken, and I'd like to see that email as well as the audit. Let's not try to attack each other with personal jabs and you know even my wanting information, how that's dwindled down to something bad. no in a well-run government wanting information, fact checking, I can call any department I want to fact check. That should be considered something positive that members are doing that and only in this tribe is it considered negative. So, I'm not going to be shaken and I'm going to let that slide off, because I know that's not the truth. Okay, so basically those are my comments,

still very hesitant about this town hall meeting and I definitely would like another moderator selected, thank you.

I. Stone: So, thank you again, for allowing me this time and I just want to address a couple things. I did say Larry and I both ascend from Opego, that doesn't mean we're brothers or uncle-nephew or any of that. We're all related. Hate to break the news you guys, as much as you despise me, we're related. And so, you know that being said, Shannon, I'm not in this game of spinning or putting half-truths out I barely...

S. Crampton: *[Interrupting]* Keep him from addressing me, he's supposed to address the Speaker only per the rules.

R. Pete: You can address me too, but then no one else address anybody else on this by their name either. You can address the Speaker and leave everybody...

S. Crampton: Enforce the rules.

R. Pete: I'm enforcing them right now you can't talk to anybody but me, go ahead.

I. Stone: My apologies Mr. Speaker, although that just happened to me a few minutes ago. And so, I want to say, I'm not in this game of spinning. I heard, and the other people in the room heard the exact comment the Stone family. The problem is painting everybody with a broad brush like that. I'm not my brother and I don't answer for my brother and what he did wrong, no different does another Council member whose brother was arrested on federal charges for extorting the boxing commission and charged and sentenced. He doesn't answer for him. I don't answer for my brother. We're all individuals, we're responsible for our own actions, we all stand on our own two feet. And so, I'm sorry that if people did things wrong, I don't answer for those people, I answer for myself. As far as it goes with this whole moderator thing, you know what I see the opposition very strongly building on the side, because we choose sides here, of a particular individual and his constituents. But that being said again I created a structure that was going to be a fair process for everybody regardless of what the question, or issue, or concern was. As far as answering commercial fishing program questions, I don't have any answers. I didn't do anything wrong. When I broke my neck, my money went back to the tribe. I'm not answering for everybody else, that's on them. So, people can keep bringing up things from 20 years ago and keep drudging up that kind of stuff or again it's about progress and moving forward as a nation and we're going to make that decision to move forward as a nation, which is what a part of this process is about. Because what happens is, people spin lies and miss their own circles in their private Facebook pages, in the darkest corners of the room, where they don't have to look somebody in the eye and make that statement. And that's the problem with Facebook and all the social media stuff is before all that, you had to look somebody eye and risk getting punched in your face. Now you can make cowardly remarks without having to worry about any consequences. Well, I'm a man, if you got something and you want to say it to me, come to me and say it to me. We can sit down and have a gentleman's conversation about that and have a discussion and we can work together to work past that issue. But



what I'm not going to do, is make comments or spread lies or mistruths. I'm not going to do that to people because I would rather have that discussion face to face and get that out there and clear that issue up, than I would, hide behind it and keep spinning it. Because that's what the problem is in this tribe, is people don't give you the whole truth, they give you bits of the truth, enough so that their story is a believable story. And so, the Ogema is asking 'hey let's get everybody in the room and let's get all the story out there' so we can clear these things up and give everybody in the room a fair opportunity to speak their side of the truth, so that we get all the pieces. And now it's becoming something very political, and to me that's a process that I'll be honest with you, if that's what this is about is politics and elections and all this other stuff or that's what people are going to want to turn this into, I don't want my name attached to it, being real, thank you.

J. Steinberg: I was just wondering Ogema Romanelli, had you considered having a co-moderator with Mr. Stone, perhaps a female Elder? I was thinking somebody like Sally Jobs that she just came to mind, I'm not even sure why. But maybe that would help balance some of the concern and it certainly would help balance some of how the moderation could be run. So, I was just wondering thank you, that's all I have.

G. DiPiazza: What I'm going to say is with the fishing escapade however that went down people are paying that money back because if you ever wondered why money keeps increasing in the fishery well, not no more because it's been all closed down. But it used to increase the Fishery Trust Fund kept increasing did anybody ever wonder why that was increasing, because people were paying what they owed back. And yes, we are all related somehow, some way. When you got nine chiefs, you're all related somehow, somewhere down that line someplace, somehow. And I don't know, all I see is you know, and it makes me sad that people that do know things and stuff because they're well versed on a lot of these things are usually shunned to the point, like this is happening now. And we talk about grandfather and the circle and the same prayer and things, but you need to practice them things. I don't you know a lot of us do, we try to every day you know so keep that in mind as you're ripping somebody apart on Facebook. Keep that in mind because I get a lot of that stuff sent to me you know it's Okay you can say what you want about me or whatever you want. I'm Okay with it because at my age, I'm Okay with it. I sleep well at night, and I practice, I practice my traditions every morning, every morning and I guarantee you they hear me, a lot more than people can comprehend. That's all I'm going to leave it with.

L. Romanelli: Thank you and I'll go back, you know, you just heard Sara Agosa say now there's two stories that she heard. There aren't two stories, there is one truth. Israel said that we descended from the same chief and we said we are related that does not equate to nepotism and other things that have been said here. We are not that close to call it nepotism if you look in our books and what this tribe uses as nepotism. And yes, we are pretty much all related and there's a whole bunch I would prefer not to be, but I am whether I like it or not. In the past over the years, I've used meetings to try and set the record straight. When I first became Ogema, I used the Ogema Meet and Greet and it

turned out very well, people liked it. We get a hundred people at times just one-on-one, face-to-face, answer the questions. At all times the Tribal Council has been invited to those meetings and very few times did we get more than just one or two Council people that attended. And during those meetings the people ask, well if what you're showing me is the truth, which is usually with documents, why do they keep saying it. And I keep saying you need to go back to your Tribal Counselor and ask them why or whoever was making the statement. So those meetings turn out very well, people enjoy them, people get a lot of information from them. I've also over the years occasionally done an informational meeting and as a level eight I have not done informational meetings because of Covid etc. And what's happened, and this happens usually during election time, is the amount of misinformation that's spread out on places like Facebook increases greatly. That's damaging to this tribe whether people think it is or not. And a lot of times we put out a lot of our dirty laundry out on Facebook. I would prefer that just be even a more closed meeting with just our Tribal members but that's not the case Facebook and social media has changed the landscape greatly. So, we'll do what I do before and that's have an informational meeting, which this is, to get out the truth. And just like you heard Sara say, you know the two stories, there were not two stories. And I have the right to send the information that she puts through to me, on and I will continue to do. Yes, I'm going to do this meeting and I think that you know, no one will satisfy everyone, we know that no one will, So it was suggested and agreed to, that Israel would do this, and I appreciate his willingness to do so. If somebody in this group wants to add somebody, that's fine. But I'm not changing for the will of some of these people that are constantly causing it to spin or whatever the case is. I'm not so sure why there's so much blowback when the sole purpose of this, is to try and get out the truth and to dispel some of those false allegations that have been out there and have continued. And for me, I've been in this position for 14 years, and I hear some of the same nonsense and some of the same false accusations whether it be fishing, or my ethnic heritage, or whatever the case is. And it's time to put a stop to it because people are using that for their election purposes. I can see it and I'm not going to let that happen. People need the right to know who they're voting for. I've been called the most ineffective Ogema and the most litigious Ogema that we've had, that's been in court more than anybody. I've also served a longer time than every other Ogema combined so if we want to bring that forward, bring it forward, bring your documents and let's put an end to some of these nonsense things that are going on. All we're asking for is the truth and I don't know why people are so afraid of the truth, so come or don't, doesn't matter. It was an invitation and there was no requirement for anybody else to be there. Let's go forward or backward or whatever you want to call it but it's going so, thank you.

S. Crampton: Well, a couple things I want to go back on here, no, I'm not fishing to bring up anything out of the fishing from 2008, bringing things out of the past, but nice spin. I got to work on Monday and there was a letter from the Ogema. Two Tribal members cc a whole bunch of people saying, ask Shannon Crampton about the fishing. I haven't heard about this issue in years, until he did that. Until he did that, not me him, on a work computer trying to deal with something that's out on Facebook and he doesn't have any

jurisdiction about. You know how childish that is? You know how wrong that is? I didn't bring that up, he did, so don't spin it like I did. He's the one telling people ask Shannon Crampton but listen, I'm Shannon Crampton yes, here's the thing people don't remember about the fishing program, it went haywire. Council members, Tribal members, outside fishing agents, all took advantage of that program. The members, the police, the Ogema, nobody would have known anything about it except for one Council member blew the whistle. Does anybody remember who that Council members name was? Because his name was Shannon Crampton. So, if you want to come, you guys want to talk about fishing, yeah, we can talk about it. Because I'll tell you exactly and no, you're not getting the truth of these meetings because the only [inaudible]. If Mr. Romanelli really had an issue, he would take these things to court, but he knows that then you'd be under oath and that would actually get the truth. The whole meeting like this is nothing but to whip up public opinion there will be no getting truth, there will be a chasm that's created wider and wider because of what he's going to do. If he was really intending to end this and quash it there would be a court case that would quash it. After this meeting there will be nothing answered, the chasm will be bigger, and he was just trying these things in a court of public opinion. No, I served on Council with Israel Stone, and I supported Larry when he first came on against Pat Wilson and we sat there and talked. Israel told me about his childhood growing up with Larry Romanelli. So, no don't play these games, there is a long history. I'm flabbergasted about how you would say tradition and then pull all these lies here today. If you're really looking for the truth, don't hold an informational meeting where it's just going to be public opinion, that's all you want to reflect. Take it to court and let's get the real truth, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay, I'm going to Sara Agosa one more time, and then I don't care if you think it's fair or not, we're moving on. Sara this is your last time.

S. Agosa: This is regarding getting factual information out to the membership I think it's hitting upon a larger issue that we've had many court cases sealed and I just don't agree with that especially when it comes to stealing from the tribe, instances of fraud, and things like that, because members are really never able to access the full information. It kind of sets up an environment where nothing really is ever resolved and there's always mistrust. Regarding Israel as the moderator, it's really not anything personal Israel, I agree I think you are well spoken. It's more an issue of just ensuring non-bias and if we do utilize someone from the outside, a peacekeeper, that would ensure non-bias, so I just want to make that clear. And then regarding Larry's comment about not satisfying all members, I do agree there will always be naysayers, however I feel I've given some really good suggestions on how to just ensure this town hall meeting is free from bias and censorship. So that's really my standpoint, is just to provide suggestions especially for outlying members even this town hall meeting being broadcast on the website afterwards. Just to ensure that the information presented is non-biased that's really my standpoint. Thank you.

S. Lewis: Okay, I just want to give my apologies because I am not going to be able to make it Saturday, I already had a prior commitment. I think we're doing exactly what the U.S. Government wants us to do here, if we have all this sickness going on, all this squabbling going on between each other, then it distracts everyone from the truth. And the truth is, we should be working together. All this Facebook stuff, things that they said, it's a lot of nonsense. We have to move on from this and I'm not agreeable with this for the fact that we are in elections right now and I would much rather see a noble election going on instead of throwing a meeting on 'this person said this, this person said that', it's just perpetuating, and it's got to stop. And only us as individuals, can look at this in a good way, know we can only hold ourselves accountable for our actions and how we treat one another, and I just think it's time now to just stop all this nonsense. I see it being nonsense, a waste of time, we have so many people that are calling in for our meetings and I think that's great. And if we set up our goal meetings again, we can actually focus on something that's going to benefit the people and benefit the future. I heard something about 'oh they have this side and that side,' no, there's not this side and that side. No, I don't see it that way. I have my own mind, I have my own heart, I make the choices that I make, and I put the people before myself. That's what a leader is, the leader makes sure that the people are taken care of and don't sit there and think about yourself and say oh well they said this about me on Facebook, whatever. It's just really sad and we have to move on. I really don't think that meeting on Saturday it's really going to be any different than what's going on today, boohoo, somebody said something, oh well, part of the job. Not everyone's going to agree, but you have to learn how to agree to disagree, that's what the seat is about. So, there's many times that I say something and maybe the next person doesn't agree with me, but I have to at least ask. You get these thoughts; ideas and you have to throw them on the table. At least be open, listening to the other person, because they wouldn't say it, they wouldn't bring stuff up, if they truly didn't mean it. It's really great that we have everybody with so many different insights, so many different thoughts, but it's being open-hearted enough to listen to that person next to you and at least hear them out because an idea might bounce off that idea. I still am going to say this is a good concept because a lot of those ideas are out there, and people are putting things on the table and bringing it forward, great. We have to be able to just think, and be professional, and be ethical, as you move forward. But let's wake up, stop all of this and let's move on and get something done for our people. I'm done, thank you.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

G. DiPiazza: It's kind of legislative, you know our Robert Medacco, who's the chief of police over there, set three state power lifting records, which is really cool, that's exciting. Actually, it hurt my back just looking at the pictures because oh my goodness that had to hurt. And everybody knows about Deb Haaland. I know Mr. Tester, Senator Tester is in massive support of her, so I'm excited about that. Because the hunting and the fishing and our 1836 treaty rights, I had quite a conversation with him one time, I was on an

adventure, and that was about what we're doing up here, as far as the grayling, the sturgeon, everything. He knew about that, I didn't really have to say hey this is what we're doing, he knew. But he wanted to talk about them things, which was extremely exciting, so I did send him one of our books and he appreciated that but no that's some exciting times. I'm all set.

S. Crampton: I and a couple other members had a chance to call Miss Haaland last night and congratulate her. And it looks like everything in the Interior, now when you talk about the Interior, you're talking about our Muskegon project, you're talking about our fifty percent per capita, these things are going to be expedited. For the last few years under Bush, I think and his administration, I think it was eight years, they didn't take any land into trust, the process has been slowed down since then. With Deb, she's now promising an expedited process for all these. So, anything that goes into Indian land is going to be more favorable plus she's going to have the hammer to squash things like the pipeline, to close the pipeline, this is huge, this is absolutely huge. And I wanted to go back because I'm kind of concerned with our Covid response for Little River. Last time I was at odds with our reporting and told us that we were going to shut down, as we did, both times that I did that we were at odds with our reporting from Little River. We're getting reports that we're going to open back up in April. The rest of the world is shutting down. France, Italy, and Great Britain are hitting a third wave and they're shutting down. It's coming here, now instead of the last two times of not listening and not making any preparation, this is when you start curbing the expenditure, preparing for this. It is coming. Thank you.

R. Wittenberg: Okay again, I'd like to say chi-miigwetch for everybody being here. Talking about that Covid which is more than what we seem to think it is or we're just putting blinders up, but that's absolutely true, were answering all through that shutting down big time. And then on our news, for the State of Michigan, there's been a spike again, so even though we had our Covid shots and we're trying to keep our distance and on and on, that doesn't make us that, oh we're not going to get it, because we can still get it. So, I just want to keep that in mind too, that we're not in a neutral zone here, it's the climb is going up, but we just don't see it and we got to open our eyes and really actually see exactly what is going on. And well, that's my sharing, thank you. Miigwetch.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

S. Agosa: Regarding Tribal owned vehicles, I would like to know what our policy is regarding how our vehicles are used. Are employees allowed to use them for personal use like driving back and forth from home to work, what the policy states? And then also too if employees are using it using them for personal use, what about mileage, how is mileage calculated? Thank you.

R. Pete: To my understanding that employees are not allowed to use their cars for personal use, so that should answer everything else about the mileage also.

L. Echelbarger: I was just wondering if we might consider moving Saturday's meeting to next Saturday? If that's an option, just to give people more time or if it's definitely set for the Saturday? That was my comment, thank you.

M. Chandler: Before the pandemic hit, I had a conversation with Mr. Wittenberg and at the time I didn't know that he was giving me a teaching while I was talking with him. And later on, after I thought and thought and thought more about it, I went back and thanked him about giving me a teaching. What it was about, he understood what I was trying to say but in a way that I said it, my tone of voice, it kind of put people off, right off the bat. And so, for the last year, that's what I've been trying to do is change my tone of voice when I speak to people and speak here on the Zoom. And I think that's a lesson each one of us can use. I've heard people raise their voice and then another person raise their voice, then another person raise their voice, and it ends up being like a screaming match and it shouldn't be that way. Sara has a lot of questions, we know this, and god love her, you know she's asking questions, but I also don't think it's frank that we should, you know, holler at her or cut her off or any other Tribal citizen that is on this call. I think we'd be best mindful of how we're acting here. And with the Israel Stone talking about Facebook and you know putting stuff out there and whatnot, that's true you know, and I want to tell Israel right now, when I said that I think he was a stand-up guy and that he is very well spoken and that you know he is probably a good fit, I meant that. It's the optics, and that's what I was cautioning him about. And with this meeting or any meeting there has to be some kind of balance. If you're going to ignore optics then at least put some kind of balance in there, where you have a man and a woman, just like it's meant to be and facilitate this meeting and I pray for you, Mr. Speaker. Bye.

S. Agosa: So just a circle back to my question about vehicles. My understanding is we don't have an asset management department at this time, so I'd really like a response who is monitoring the usage of our vehicles? And if hypothetically, an employee misuse the vehicle such as, using them for personal use, how do we monitor that, and what are the repercussions? Thank you.

R. Pete: Okay I can't quote you a policy so is anybody on the phone? I know the departments might be on the phone. I don't think Ogema's on the phone, I cannot answer you that. I'm a little bit familiar, not very much though, with being in Muskegon at times with Jason's thing, that some of them have company cars where they go out, they have to make court visits, they have to go other visits like that, and they drive their cars to work and then they leave their car there, they use the company car.

L. Romanelli: Yeah, I'm instructed because we've had several of our Directors that are frustrated by the amount of questions that are coming off from these Tribal Council calls. We have a lot of work to do and we're getting a lot of questions and people are asking for a lot of information. I've directed all Directors and the lead staff to direct those questions to the Tribal Council. So that's what you have Council representation for and some of the people that are asking questions, I've suggested that they direct them to the Tribal Council and go through their Tribal Council representatives to get the questions asked.

It's become very difficult whether it be the EDC, or the Resort, or the Tribal Government, our staff is very busy especially during this pandemic and they cannot take the time to answer all the questions that keep coming and coming so, that's where to direct these questions, thank you.

S. Agosa: Well Larry, I just think that's really unacceptable. I feel that all questions that have been asked in these meetings are perfectly acceptable within a business environment and really not that difficult. What I'd like to see as an immediate response, you as well as your manager, should know how our assets are being monitored and managed. So that's all I'm asking for a response now if managers have other responsibilities to contend with then they can disconnect from the call. But this is our time as members to ask questions. So please just focus on responding and providing customer service to your constituents. Thank you.

L. Romanelli: Okay, thank you and to be quite honest you know, and I apologize in advance, I don't need Sara to tell the Ogema how to do the Ogema's job. We have a way of doing things and if you really don't like it, then complain to your representatives. Enough is enough with some of the questions and I would suggest that you read the constitution, the information that you asked so much of it is right on our website. You can go there, you can look up court records, there's a lot of that information that can be discovered through those three options. And I will keep doing what I'm doing the way I'm doing it until they vote me out, thank you.

S. Crampton: I'd just like to say, that in order to answer some of Sara's questions, they're part and parcel I think Pat Ruiter put forth the policy. I have to go back and look. I'm not sure if it was adopted. I'm pretty sure it was never implemented, I don't believe. I might be wrong so; I'm not going to state that for a fact. But I'm recalling it right now, her main case, like getting the signs up for the reservation, that was Pat Ruiter who was driving force behind that. She was also a very strong advocate and couldn't understand why we have so many GSA vehicles, leased vehicles, the vehicles of the tribe and none of them have our logo on them. It bothered her, because at every other tribe when people are driving around, that's free advertisement for our tribe. When they're going to prosecutors, going to another state, that's free advertisement for our tribe. When people are going to other areas where other gaming is taking place, that's free advertising for our tribe. So, it disturbed her greatly and still disturbs me to this day. Now, I would still like to point out the redundancy of we're supposed to be having an informational meeting because everybody had questions, and then when you ask questions, you're told you're not going to answer them and he's going to do business. Are you people catching this? This is what I'm talking about. When you really ask questions, they only want to answer the questions that they want you to spin you. They don't want to answer the real ones. So just notice the redundancy, that's not a lie, it just happened before you. Thank you.

S. Agosa: I just want to comment that I totally agree with what Shannon just said. it seems as though there is a selectiveness with what's answered and accommodated and who receives criticism and who doesn't. So, I want to make that clear very good example

right now how I was just treated. along those lines I would like to say that a couple weeks ago there was an incident with some side comments, and I misunderstood. I thought because Connie Waitner had her mute button accidentally turned off that she was involved with the incident, and she wasn't. So, I just want everyone to know that the incident has been resolved and also too how important it is to get those video recordings out within 24 hours. Because a lot of times for me personally, I have to watch them again because usually I'm taking notes and so I'm not always paying attention to the screen, or I get distracted. So, I would just like to request getting those video recordings out as soon as possible so people can fact check. and then regarding the vehicles really, I don't care who answers my question as long as I can get my question answered. Whether it's the Ogema or Tribal Council it doesn't matter to me. But I would just like to convey I see a really big need for asset management and anything that we own we should definitely be monitoring it and just have that safety net there to ensure that our employees are complying with the rules. I just think that's a really good practice so I do look forward to more information, thank you.

L. Romanelli: I think Sara and I have agreed, she doesn't care where she gets the information from, and I am not stopping from getting the information. I just redirected her where to get the information from and that would be one of her Council representatives, because that's why you have representation. So, I think we're on the right page there and I think you know we have a right to information, that's not the problem. Part of the problem is we're during a very busy time for some of our employees and to be able to get the information that keeps coming I think that a lot of those could be answered by the Tribal Council representation. They know the rules and the regs and where to get them and her answers could be better coming from the representation. So, hopefully we're on the same page. And you know same thing with the asset management, I don't disagree with that either. And when you look at some of the Resolutions that's put forward as Councilor Crampton said too with the cars and whatever, that was back then. That can still be done. Again, that comes from the Tribal Council can put something in place if they'd like so, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay, I'm going to call a recess right now till one o'clock for 35 minutes so we will be back here at one o'clock.

## **RECESS**

G. DiPiazza: Mr. Speaker the recorders on.

R. Pete: Okay, thank you, Gary. We are back from recess; Gary, please do a roll call.

## **Roll Call #9**



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

Quorum established.

G. DiPiazza: Seven are present, two are absent, we have a quorum at 1:01.

### **Public Comment continued**

S. Agosa This is regarding the upcoming Spring Membership Meeting, I just need a reminder, the date and also too I think, Susan Thull suggested this, and it's a really good idea to push the time back. I would like to see 1pm so outlying members can participate also too we did discuss in the past getting documentation, the reports, beforehand so members can review them before the meeting starts and I just wanted to make sure that will happen. And my last comment is; if this could be interactive at the end and there's a chance for public comment, I'd really appreciate it. Thank you.

R. Pete: Okay, I can't answer any of those questions because this is the people's meeting and the Ogema's in charge of it. So, I'm trying to remember, you've got four questions in there and I can't even remember the first one yet. So, can you ask them again? I can write them down because I will be able to answer some of them.

S. Agosa: I just wanted to clarify the date.

R. Pete: The day and the date of it is always the second week in April, so that would be April the 10<sup>th</sup>.

S. Agosa: I think last time it was held at 9am EST, is there any way to change to schedule so it's held around 1 p.m. EST?

R. Pete: The Ogema is in charge of that meeting, and it's held every time at 10 a.m. I can't answer that question that's the Ogema. What's your third question?

S. Agosa: Can we get the report, the financials, anything related to the meeting beforehand, at least three days in advance?

R. Pete: Okay I will also have to ask Larry that, whether or not he's able to do that. Do you have one more question? I thought there were four.

S. Agosa: If we could have an opportunity to interact at the end, public comment? I'd really appreciate it, thank you.

R. Pete: At the in-person membership meeting, we've always had, Larry had a feather to call on people at the end. So, I'm quite sure that one is possible at all. Okay thank you anyone else in Public Comment?

M. Chandler: All right as I was replaying things in my head the Ogema has directed the citizens that if we have a question to go through Tribal Council and then they would of

course forward it to the Ogema's office and so on and so forth. As a suggestion for that, I would suggest that Council, on their page within the website, have a section in there for questions. And that way a citizen can post a question and then Tribal Council can of course forward it over to the Ogema. Or if there's another citizen that knows the answer, they can post an answer to it. And since it's on our website and only supposed to be for Tribal citizens, we wouldn't have to worry about the outside world seeing all this. It might streamline a couple of things, because if 15 people had the same question, the questions posted on the website, we get one answer and go with that. So just as a suggestion, thank you.

G. DiPiazza: Quite a time back, we tried to get people to submit questions even before our Council Meeting, so some of them could be answered, whether it's legislative or executive. Sometimes they're sent in, but most time they're really not a direct question. That still stands, as far as I'm concerned. I tried that back, I don't know how long ago. I'm still game for that, people want to send in a question for a Council Meeting, that the legislative could probably answer, feel free.

S. Agosa: I totally agree with what Matthew said. I think there's a really big need to share information and also too that is my standpoint. I not only come to ask for information but also to share it. My background is in education so it's kind of in line with my general world view. Also too is there any way to schedule a work session to talk about establishing an official Facebook page for Tribal Council? I think that would really help, thank you.

G. DiPiazza: Mr. Speaker I'd like to make a motion.

R. Pete: All right I got a motion from Gary, I got support from Diane to end first open. Is there any further discussion, is anyone going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call.

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**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN;** by G. DiPiazza; supported by D. Lonn.

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

G. DiPiazza: Seven in favor, two absent, we've adjourned First Open at 1:09 p.m.

## **XI. Open Session**

G. DiPiazza: Mr. Speaker, the recorders on.

R. Pete: Thank you Gary. I got to receive a Motion to move us into the second open.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO SECOND OPEN;** by D. Lonn; supported  
by S. Lewis.

R. Pete: I got a Motion from Diane, support from Sandra, is there any further discussion, is anybody going to abstain? Gary do a roll call.

### **Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

G. DiPiazza: Seven in favor, two absent for a second open at 2:48.

### **A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

R. Pete: Okay Gary are there any items to be moved from Closed Session into Open?

G. DiPiazza: No there is not.

### **B. Appointment of Valerie McDonnell to the Binojeeuk Commission.**

R. Pete: The appointment is for Seat #5 with the term ending 9-20-2023.

**MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE  
MCDONNELL TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION;** by D. Lonn;  
supported by G. DiPiazza.

R. Pete: I got a Motion from Diane, I got support from Gary, is there any further discussion, is anybody going to abstain? Do a roll call, Gary.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion failed (3-4-0-2)

G. DiPiazza: Three in favor, 4 against, 2 absent, that motion has failed.

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN;** by C. Champagne;  
seconded by S. Lewis.

R. Pete: Okay I have a motion from Cindy, support from Sandy, is there any further discussion, anybody going to abstain? Gary, do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

G. DiPiazza: Six in favor, one against, and two absent, we've adjourned Second Open at 2:51.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Gary Di Piazza  
Tribal Council Recorder