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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 2, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said good morning everyone. Wolfe said they are here for their Wednesday, March 2nd regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting from the Chambers via ZOOM. Wolfe said first they will go through the List of Participants and make sure that everyone who is online or is participating is eligible to be here.

Councilor Wever entered the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so when she calls their name with their user handler please identify themselves with their name and their Tribal I.D. number or if they are participating as staff. Wolfe said going through the list first they have Vicki.

Ron Pete said #4158.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said #2494. Love said good morning.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Rebecca Groh she doesn't believe she has a microphone. Wolfe said Rebecca Groh, #5274. Wolfe said Al Metzger.

Councilor Di Piazza left the Conference Room at 10:01 a.m.

Al Metzger said #0890. Metzger said Boozhoo.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said Councilor Champagne here.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said here as a citizen, Julie. Waitner thanked her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said um.....

Connie Waitner said or if they need her for ah, um, the item in Closed Session.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said then they have Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Staff Attorney.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Conference Room at 10:02 a.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Grace Hendler. Wolfe said Larry Olson.

Larry Olson said #1532.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they are still in an official meeting please remain quiet so they can get through this. Wolfe said Matt Umlauf.

Matt Umlauf said #0498.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Councilwoman Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said good morning.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Theresa.

Theresa Mc Creedy #4681.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Thressa La Haye. Wolfe repeated Thressa La Haye.

Thressa La Haye said #4651.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Councilman Guenthardt. Wolfe repeated Councilman Guenthardt.

Councilor Wever said he said here.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Councilman Guenthardt his audio is not coming through. Wolfe asked is he unmuted.

Acting Recorder Johnson said it is showing that he has a microphone but she is not sure.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Valerie Chandler.

Valerie Chandler said Tax Officer and also Tribal member #0236.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

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

Acting Speaker Wolfe said phone number 231 299-7355. Wolfe said phone number 231 299-7355. Wolfe said last call for phone number 231 299-7355 can they identify themselves for the record. Wolfe said okay, if they can put that phone number in the Waiting Room.

Someone was speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it hard to tell who they were or what they were saying.

Councilor Guenthardt entered the Conference Room at 10:09 a.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said what....wait put the 299 number in the back in the....
the rest of her comments faded off. Wolfe said she already admitted them. Wolfe said okay so they are still looking at the List of Participants to identify themselves and make sure they are eligible to attend the meeting. Wolfe said the next number to identify themselves 231 233-3255.

Samantha Shoup said #3989.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said phone number 231 690-3498 please identify themselves for the record.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be the Ogema.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said then user handler Antonio's iPhone.

Antonio Romanelli said #3954.

Acting Recorder Johnson can be heard speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what she said or who she was talking to.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so they have Zoom User please identify themselves for the record. Wolfe said Zoom User please identify themselves for the record.

Janea Shaw said #4641.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said so it looks like all their Participants everyone is entitled and allowed to be here. Wolfe said Andrew Jeurink can he please identify himself for the record.

Andrew Jeurink said yes, Staff-IT support.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so Andrew Jeurink they are going to remove his ability to co-host the meeting he can still participate as Staff but they don't believe he needs Co-host permission. Wolfe thank him. Wolfe said okay now they have everyone identified online as Participants. Wolfe said in the room they have two that can identify themselves please for the record.

Connie Terrell said #1147.

Mary Christner said #0532.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

I. Opening Prayer

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Mr. Wittenberg if he can offer Opening Prayer for them.

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

We thank you for this day.

We ask that you be with us.

Help guide our hearts and our minds.

Help us to look kindly on another and to walk in a good way.

Ahoo. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Ahoo.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order but no time was noted.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said roll call please, Acting Recorder Johnson.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight present.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, at this time she just wanted to make a notice she realized that membership would like to have Tribal Council back in person with Government Center being open by appointment only at this time Tribal Council has decided to remain in Chambers. Wolfe said the Pandemic is still here and they feel it is in the best interest of their Tribal members, themselves and the community to be cautious. Wolfe said they will continue to monitor, evaluate and determine when it is appropriate to resume in person Lodge Tribal Council Meetings. Wolfe thanked them.

C. Approval of Agenda

Acting Speaker Wolfe said it has been posted online and it is available to Tribal Council and membership. Wolfe said Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2, 2022; by Di Piazza.**

Ogema Romanelli interrupted. Romanelli asked can they put him in the queue to speak.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure, after Gary gets done with his motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022; UNDER CLOSED VII B.c, ADD BRACKEEN CASE, ADD D.1., ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 RESORT OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ANNUAL BUDGET, UNDER SECOND OPEN B, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE OGEMA; by Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked do they have support.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022; UNDER CLOSED VII B.c, ADD BRACKEEN CASE, ADD D.1., ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 RESORT OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ANNUAL BUDGET, UNDER SECOND OPEN B, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE OGEMA; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is there any comments or discussion for the motion on the floor from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked is there any from the citizens. Wolfe said she believed that Larry asked to be in the queue first. Wolfe said go ahead Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her very much. Romanelli said he just has a few questions and concerns. Romanelli said first off he thought it was going to be in the Lodge last thing he knew. Romanelli said she just stated that its because of COVID that their going to remain in their Lodge Chambers. Romanelli said he is sitting in a room with three other people that the room is about 50 x 50 feet and it looks like there's six or eight people sitting in a room at about 12 x 12. Romanelli said if it's COVID related just seems....it just doesn't make sense to him that they are not in the Lodge but Council has a right to do what they have to do. Romanelli repeated that just doesn't make sense. Romanelli said the other things he wants to mention is that he just received his ah, revised Agenda probably about 10 minutes...15 minutes before the meeting and it has some changes on there and a couple of changes he is concerned with is that it looks like Adopting the Fiscal Year Resort Operations Annual Budget in Closed Session. Romanelli said that is already in court regarding the Budgets. Romanelli said the second thing is he sees that it looks like Adopting and Amending a Fiscal Year Budget 2022 Government Operations Annual Budget as presented by the Tribal Ogema in Second Open. Romanelli said he is not sure why it would be in Second Open because they know, the average members are not going to hang on the line usually through Closed Session. Romanelli said he is not sure why that couldn't be done in First

Open. Romanelli said the other problem is it says it is presented by the Tribal Ogema and he is not sure this was what was presented by the Tribal Ogema but given all those he will move on but he just wanted to state those for the record. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, those are noted. Wolfe said Connie Waitner she has the floor she is next in the queue.

Connie Waitner thanked the Speaker. Waitner, Assistant General Manager at Little River Casino Resort, said her question was basically the same as the Ogema's she is not sure what Budget they are voting on so she guessed she needs a little bit more information because she needs to make the General Manager aware that it is in Closed Session at this time and he needs to know what Budget they are talking about she guessed. Waitner said and she didn't.....out the agenda and it must have been an add on so they are not aware of anything or what the totals are or any so she would like some clarification if possible on that to relate to the General Manager. Waitner thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so this is the Budget that was submitted to Tribal Council from the Resort on January 5th and she knows this has been sent over to the Resort. Wolfe said seeing that it is in Closed Session she will not make any additional comments. Wolfe asked any other questions or concerns by Tribal membership. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion passed.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Acting Speaker Wolfe noted none are submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they have no items.

B. Budget Modifications

Acting Speaker Wolfe said there is no items.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Acting Speaker Wolfe said there is no items.

IV. Old Business

A. Payment of 2022 dues to the National Indian Gaming Association

Payment of 2022 dues- Postponed until budget is approved.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this item has been postponed until a Budget is approved.

B. Approve ARPA fund use toward the completion of the Food Distribution Center Construction Project

Previously approved CARES funds cannot be used because the project will not be completed until later in 2022. ARPA funds are also eligible to be used on the project and can be used through 2024. Postponed until budget is approved.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this item has also been postponed until a Budget is approved.

C. Authorizing the Ogema's Execution of the Tribe's Master Service Agreement with the Conservation Resource Alliance for Pere Marquette River Habitat Restoration and Protection

Collaborative project between LRBOI Natural Resources and Conservation Resource Alliance to restore and protect Pere Marquette River habitat. Postponed until budget is approved.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said again this item has been postponed until a Budget is approved.

D. Operations Report ☐ January 2022

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any comments or open it up for __ and overview of the item but the Tribal Ogema since this is his report. Wolfe said Mr. Romanelli.....Ogema Romanelli he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her very much. Romanelli said ah, he did want to get an answer....oh, this is regarding the Operations Budget he has nothing more to add to it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, that is his introduction to the item. Wolfe asked is anyone on Tribal Council going to abstain on accepting the report. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion for Tribal Council. Wolfe said if none she will open for discussion for Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTON TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR
JANUARY 2022; by Di Piazza.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked do they have support on the item.

**MOTON TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR
JANUARY 2022; by Di Piazza; supported by Guenthardt.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up for follow-up discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none do a roll call Pam.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one against it's passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

V. New Business

Acting Speaker Wolfe said there is none submitted.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 9, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Ogema Romanelli he has the floor.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he just wanted to say they are working on Government Operations going department to department trying to keep things rolling. Romanelli said other than that he did want to ask again what is.....why are they doing the Budget in Second Open. Romanelli said his understanding since he has been here mostly is that Second Open is usually reserved for those things that are in Closed that they want to bring out into Open. Romanelli said so can someone give him a little more information on that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so the reason that the Tribe's Government Budget is in Second Open is to create an annual balanced Budget for the Tribe they have to approve the Result.....Resort's Budget first so that is the only place that it fit

appropriately on the agenda. Wolfe said it was by his request that the items be separated in two resolutions that it has previously been done in the past. Wolfe said that is the answer.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, all right, he will leave it at that. Romanelli thanked her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, she sees two people with their hand raised. Wolfe said they have comments for the Ogema; they are on the Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update. Wolfe said okay, Sandy Mezeske she seen her hand first, go ahead she has the floor.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal #0018, said um, this is just a question. Mezeske asked is Tom Guenthardt in the Lodge.

Councilor Wever said yes.

Sandy Mezeske thanked her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, Sara Agosa she is next in the queue and she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her first question is about the Spring Membership Meeting. Agosa said she received a postcard in the mail but it didn't give any instructions for Zoom so she wanted to ask the Ogema will they be able to um, attend this virtually.....this meeting. Agosa said her second question is which she asked ____ but since he is here why the sound hasn't been fixed at the Little River Casino Resort so that members attending virtually can participate and given the same rights as onsite participants. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Ogema Romanelli if he had a response.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, there won't be an interactive Zoom at the Membership Meeting. Romanelli said people will show up in person, it will be recorded, it will be livestreamed and it will be taped for a later date. Romanelli said the second question is kind of why they aren't doing the Zoom which in the first question because there are a lot of problems with the communication with people asking questions, etc. Romanelli said so the information will be there, it will be taped, and it will be livestreamed. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said next in the queue they have user handler Zoom user they have the floor.

Janca Shaw asked is it her she can't tell.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yes, it looks like her.

Janea Shaw said okay, she's got a question. Shaw asked how much are they saving cutting all these things from the Budget from the casino like or the food distribution. Shaw said like people need that and them guys are cutting all these things. Shaw said she wants to know how much are they saving cutting all these programs.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so they are in Weekly Business Status.....Ogema Weekly Status and Business Updates. Wolfe said she doesn't believe that programs are being cut. Wolfe asked does he have a response Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said no, because this Budget that has been presented is not what they put in so he is not sure. Romanelli said he is not even sure what is in or out of this latest Budget. Romanelli said he just received it today like he said 15 minutes before so that would probably be more of a question for Tribal Council.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yeah, and she.....asked any Tribal Councilors wish to respond to the question. Wolfe said okay, so that's where they're in Item B, Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update. Wolfe asked were there any comments from Tribal members to the Ogema. Wolfe said seeing none that moves them onto Item C, Legislative Affairs Update.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked does any Tribal Council have a Legislative Affair Update for today.

Councilor Lewis asked is that the Rosetta Stone, the language program, any Tribal members can access that for \$25.00. Lewis said so she doesn't know they got a good program with Rosetta Stone for speaking the Anishinaabe Language.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Councilwoman Lewis. Wolfe asked any other updates from any other Council. Wolfe said go ahead, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just keep an eye open the 1836 Hunting and Gathering Regs are going to be coming up soon for a 30-Day comment this month probably so keep an eye out for that. Di Piazza said look it over and add their concerns. Di Piazza said that is about all he has. Di Piazza said if they got any pictures of some nice deer....something that looks like that.....*Di Piazza held his arms outstretched to show distance*.....or fishing pictures, anything, submit them to Tribal Council so. Di Piazza said people get excited when they are actually exercising that right and seeing others out there exercising it.

Tribal Councilors were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his update. Wolfe said um, that moves them onto comments by Tribal members. Wolfe said she sees one person in the queue. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, she just wanted to go back to the Ogema's response that he's not going to let people participate virtually and she has big issues with that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Sara she can save that for Public Comment they are on Item C, Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said she doesn't believe it is relevant to that item.

Sara Agosa said oh, she is sorry she thought they were in Public Comment but she does have a question um, for Tribal Council.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, please proceed.

Sara Agosa said her question is what is the status of restoring Ryan Champagne back onto Tribal Council.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that item is still pending in the court and they don't have an update at this time. Wolfe said okay, seeing no one else in the queue that moves them to Item B, Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they will go with the queue as she sees it for Public Comment. Wolfe said the only one she sees in the queue is Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said so her comment is that as an Outlying member she feels she has the right to participate and they absolutely have the right to ask questions and hold their Leadership accountable. Agosa said she honestly feels this is a copout by the Ogema that he feels threatened by their questions and their comments but he shouldn't if he is doing his job. Agosa said it absolutely should not be a threat and she thought they had a Virtual Meetings Ordinance that was passed. Agosa said she would like clarification from Tribal Council what the parameters of this ordinance is because she thought that Virtual Meetings Ordinance legislated that they can attend meetings virtually. Agosa said her second question is she heard that governmental employees are allowed to work from home two days out of the week and she wanted to confirm that information with the Ogema. Agosa said if that indeed is true why he is making such a big deal about members participating virtually. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, any Tribal Council wish to respond to her question. Wolfe said she can respond to the one on virtual meetings. Wolfe said that ordinance was never passed by this body. Wolfe said it was posted for public 30-day comment and it was never brought forward for a final work session or adoption. Wolfe said Ogema does he care to respond to the second part of the question.....or Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, no her first part he will respond if she turns on her video.....so he can see who he is addressing.

Sara Agosa said she doesn't have to turn on her video, Gary, she is not an Elected Official. Agosa said she is like dialing in.....

Several people started talking at once and no one conversation could be followed in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Sara Agosa continued.....so he can leave his obnoxious comments to his self.

Several people started talking at once and no one conversation could be followed in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Agosa said this is really....comment couldn't be heard here....taking the rights of Outlying members to participate fully.

Councilor Di Piazza said nope he is good.

Sara Agosa said excuse her....she doesn't need comments from him Gary.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Larry if he had a second comment.....she means a second question she is sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he forgets where they are at here. Romanelli said it's just like with the information, they know, Sara says that there was something passed for virtual meetings and they now find out because the answer from Council that wasn't the case. Romanelli said that is part of the problem is that they keep getting wrong information. Romanelli said the Constitution says that the....by the way that wouldn't apply necessarily to the Ogema's.....he leads the meeting for the membership. Romanelli said there's....what's required by the Constitution is that the Ogema leads the meeting to inform the Tribe at least twice a year in the Spring and in the Fall what's going on within the Tribe much like the Governor does or the President does. Romanelli said it's to update the membership and that doesn't call for questions and answers all the time. Romanelli said they.....he is allowing people to come in person and he will have a Meet and Greet the day before and they will have a question and answer period for those people who are in attendance. Romanelli said they get complaints of the sound isn't right, people can't get on and it's no way a copout by any means but a

way of clarifying the meeting and going forward. Romanelli said so just like today when they have people sitting in this room and they have people sitting in the other room and ah, he just thinks it is a problem. Romanelli said so it will be livestreamed, it will be recorded ah, people are free if they have questions to email prior to the meeting if they have questions they want answered. Romanelli said they will try to get them on so. Romanelli said he thinks that answers the questions. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, moving on she sees next in the queue Connie Waitner. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Connie Waitner thanked the Speaker. Waitner said um, she just want.....she apologize in advance she was not able to attend the work session on the Pow Wow that was held yesterday but she is just in to make a request a few months ago. Waitner said Al Metzger and her were speaking about um, Pow Wows and just generalized conversation and he had mentioned to her that he thought it would be nice if they could have the Pow Wow during Reaffirmation Week which is the 21st of September. Waitner said they got to talking about it because they had been there, both of them, where it was so hot it is very difficult for their dancers and their drummers. Waitner said she is just asking Tribal Council to take that under consideration because she thought the idea was a great idea, it's a beautiful time of the year, time to celebrate and what a better way to do them. Waitner said that was her only comment she just wanted to kind of give them an update of when him and her discuss these things. Waitner thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said next in the queue they have user handler Vicki she believes that is Ron Pete. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Karen Love asked can she put her on there.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure.

Karen Love said Julie would she put her on there please. Love thanked her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

Karen Love thanked her again.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Ron Pete he has the floor. Wolfe said Mr. Pete he is still on mute if he is speaking to them.

Ron Pete said okay, he always puts himself on mute just in case somebody says he said something so he is sorry. Pete said he has got himself on mute and he is going to continue to be on mute after he is done speaking. Pete said he just wanted to say that um, thanked her very much to the Ogema for having this in person meeting and he has been looking forward to that ever since this Pandemic

started. Pete said he, he, he wished they could back.....be back in the room he was...he was going to drive up for it today, be back in the Lodge Room, he hasn't been to the Lodge Room since.....since this thing was posted that they couldn't come up and he has missed being in person. Pete said he wanted to applaud the two Tribal members that came up there today for um.....for this meeting and he thinks they deserve to be put into the room over there. Pete said look it he is going to do what he has got to do to go to that meeting. Pete said he is almost like an Outlying member almost quite there. Pete said he is going to drive his 100 miles up and his 100 miles back to go to this meeting. Pete said he looks so forward to being at that meeting so he can talk to people in person like Tribal Council that does wish to attend and that to the Ogema himself so. Pete said he just wanted to say, "*thank you very much*" and Gary he is always available for him to comment. Pete thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Mr. Pete. Wolfe said so next she has in the queue is Laura. Wolfe said she has the floor ma'am.

Laura Echelbarger, Tribal #2276, thanked the Speaker. Echelbarger said she will just say...kind of jump on to what Ron just said and just say that to anybody who has ever attended one of the meetings it's well worth the trip um, not just getting the information in person but it's also a great time to make connections, meet people, meet family members that they haven't met before ah, lots of cousins and stuff. Echelbarger said so she thinks she just wanted to put it out there to anybody who hasn't attended she lives a long ways too like four hours away. Echelbarger said um, it's always a thing that she tries not to miss because it really is just a great experience. Echelbarger said she just wanted to say that. Echelbarger said also Julie um, she wanted to commend her she has been following virtual meetings for a while and she has been so responsive and answering her questions. Echelbarger said she just wanted to publicly say "*thank you*" for that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said she thinks Councilor Di Piazza wants to have a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, on the.....on the Membership Meeting in the ah, um....what was he going to say.....in the Camping Regulations they made sure that the campgrounds which are very nice with electricity, a nice spot to hang out and associate with people opens up April before the Membership Meeting in case people don't have anyplace to hang out they can camp at the camp....Pow Wow Grounds or campgrounds and it closes at the end of October to accommodate the Fall Membership Meeting. Di Piazza said so keep that in mind he knows that not everybody is into camping, hunting and fishing or having a good time out in the woods but just in case that's an option.

Laura Echelbarger said also too to add onto that if they stay at the campgrounds they can still use the pool um, which is a really nice option.

There was a comment but it was said so fast on the ZOOM recording that it couldn't be made out what they said or who they were.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked them for their comments. Wolfe said moving on they have next in the queue Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said for her it would be nice to attend in person however she just doesn't want Tribal Council and the Ogema to lose sight that they are still in a Pandemic. Agosa said she believed even those members with serious health conditions should be accommodated. Agosa said her next comment is that she would like to see Tribal Council bring forward that Virtual Meetings Act Ordinance and vote on it. Agosa said she will follow-up, Julie, why that wasn't brought forward and voted on she thinks it is really important especially in 2022 to modernize their Tribe and use virtual technology. Agosa said her final comment is actually a question. Agosa said she asked the Ogema if employees are still working from home um, and if so what the policy is and she never got a response. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments.

Ogema Romanelli said he can answer that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said go ahead Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, yes, that is the case and through the month of March they are still working their full hours they are just working a couple days from home. Romanelli said there is a couple of reasons for that is because in part they are short staffed and that is why he is also asking for appointments to be made when people are coming to the Government Offices. Romanelli said again, because they are getting through the Pandemic the best they can he thinks again, if the Council won't meet in the Lodge Room he doesn't know why that is a thing of an issue but yeah they are allowed to work from home two days a week for those that can not everybody. Romanelli said there are certain people such as IT, etc. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his response. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Antonio on her note. Wolfe said Antonio he has the floor.

Antonio Romanelli, Tribal #3954, said ah, just wanted to mention that he thinks ah, Council should be back in the Lodge Room as well. Romanelli said um, they know as the Ogema stated them guys are in a smaller room with what eight people in there. Romanelli said the Lodge Room is a much bigger room and the cases of the COVID are going down ah, masks are required in a...in in-door facilities and what not so he thinks it is time for Council to get back to work. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his comment. Wolfe said next in queue she has Janea she has the floor.

Janea Shaw, Tribal #4641, said she wanted to know when the meetings are going to be.....the minutes are going to be updated on the website. Shaw asked why, if the cases are going down and recommendations are not to wear masks why are they not having a Pow Wow. Shaw said that's really good for the people and she doesn't see why they can't have it. Shaw said they haven't had it in two years if not longer.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for Tribal Council for a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said they just had a work session on it yesterday about how they going to or not going to, some protocols things on that order so. Di Piazza said to say that they are not having one he wouldn't say that yet.

A male voice in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "I will have to dial back in if I leave here," but it couldn't be determined who made the comment.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Wittenberg if he had a response.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, on that and concerning the Pow Wow he assures them that Council ah, is leaning towards of having a Pow Wow and listening to the many concerns of their members and ah, non-members who are looking for a Pow Wow it is just getting together so that way they may ah, set up a date on it and let the people know. Wittenberg said himself, listening to what one shared about Affirmation Day in September, himself, sounds pretty good of course in that time also Grand Rapids has their Pow Wow so they don't want to take away from theirs ah, so people attending theirs that attend Grand Rapids now they are thrown in the mix so that would be his thing on it. Wittenberg said yeah, they are looking at it. Wittenberg said they talk about ah, he hears about ah, technology and they are absolutely right to him that whether it be membership or whatever that they should have better technology of letting the people know what is going on and that they can participate not only in Council but to him also in the members. Wittenberg said so that way there are people cannot and with today's prices, the gas, it goes on and on and on that some people just don't have it and they'd rather turnaround and go that route. Wittenberg said so that's the way he looks at it and the way he feels on it. Wittenberg said he wants to say Miigwech.

Janea Shaw thanked him. Shaw said she wants to know when the minutes are being updated on the website. Shaw asked can anybody answer that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Tribal Council Staff is working diligently to get those minutes updated. Wolfe said they have....*comment here couldn't be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording*.....them meetings have been longer lately. Wolfe

said the last ones that they are reviewing are 64 pages long so that tells her why it takes a little while to get them done but they are working diligently on them. Wolfe said they are trying to keep them updated and bring them forward as soon as possible.

Janea Shaw thanked Tribal Council for answering all her questions.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Karen Love she has the floor.

The male voice was still in the background on the ZOOM recording talking and interrupting who is speaking in the queue.

Karen Love thanked her. Love said she has a question um, she has asked this before at the Membership Meetings but can they get a hard copy of the Financial Reports that Steve Wheeler gives and um, the EDC Financials. Love said so they know it would be nice to have that from meeting to meeting so they can compare their notes to see, they know, what is going on from a six period to another six month period. Love said she tries writing stuff down and Steve talks so fast and ah, she can't write everything down so she would like to see it on a hard copy in black and white so she can look at it and show her family members and discuss it. Love said so and, and, and she would be happy to come up there.

Someone said, "well good," but didn't identify themselves and it wasn't known who made the comment on the ZOOM recording.

Karen Love continued....if they could get her the information she would come up there and copy everything and put it all together so they can pass it out at the Membership Meeting.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe said that would be a question for the Ogema. Wolfe said she wants to take one housekeeping issue when they don't have the floor please mute their phone other background noises are coming through. Wolfe asked Ogema if he had a response for the question asked in Public Comment.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, at least a partial. Romanelli said the problem is yes, it's the.....Steve gives the information and the meeting is recorded so people can go to back to the recorded portion and review it and take down the numbers that way. Romanelli said the Tribal members have a right to come and view the hard copies of the....anytime they want. Romanelli said they have to make an appointment but they can come in and do that. Romanelli said that is why they record the meetings as well so that people can go back and review the numbers. Romanelli thanked them.

Karen Love said yeah, but Larry it would be so much easier for people to look at that in black and white and have the paper in front of them so they can process everything that he is talking about and look at it. Love said look at the screen and ask more questions. Love said she doesn't think it's a big deal for him to, they know, put his Power Point into a hard copy so that they can um, they know, look at it while they are going along what he is processing up on the screen. Love said geeze, she will come up and make the copies for everybody so. Love said they will only have to do maybe one or two hundred copies that's about it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said moving onto next they have in the queue, Ron Pete, he has the floor.

Ron Pete thanked Madame Speaker. Pete said okay, once again, he was watching last night briefly he could only do so much of it but um, even the President last night in Joint Session of Con....of...of....of their....of the Senators and the Representatives and those involved they even they all went maskless in there so he really doesn't see why it would be such an issue for them to go into the Lodge. Pete thanked them.

Councilor Lewis said she will just say to that that everybody that was in that room were tested before they went in.

Ron Pete said well...

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that was a response from Councilwoman Lewis.

Ron Pete thanked Sandra. Pete said he is just saying that he thinks that everybody and he thinks their well enough along and almost all the states and everybody else is going maskless and...and...and he doesn't think this is such a big issue. Pete once again thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Gary Di Piazza has a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say he watched a little bit of it too and also he said that they could request one of those home testing kits also. Di Piazza said his concern is too and yeah, they just opened up um.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe said partially.

Councilor Di Piazza echoed partially. Di Piazza said he looks at the Ukraine they are stuffing people in a T15 and all them transport vehicles, they are all eating the same food, they are all drinking the same Vodka.....he said Vodka he doesn't know they are Russian.

There was still background noise of someone speaking on the ZOOM recording but no way to tell who it was or what they said.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....anyways, he doesn't hear anything so he doesn't know did Russia come up with a cure before they all went out he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he knows he takes precautions where he needs if he is not comfortable then he is not comfortable but, they know, the longer they stay cooped up in their house or wherever that may be and they come out in the environment they have a tendency to get severely sick. Di Piazza said he believes that is where.....that is what happened to a lot of people. Di Piazza said that is just his presumption. Di Piazza said if they watched the War of the Worlds with Orson Wells, same thing, sorry he's done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him for his response. Wolfe said okay, moving onto next in queue she sees Michael Burmeister. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Michael Burmeister thanked Julie. Burmeister said correct him if he is wrong but didn't Council contract someone to catch up all the minutes. Burmeister asked if he correct on that.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that is correct. Wolfe said when she first got seated they had contracted someone to work on Open Session Minutes from 2021. Wolfe said they are no longer under contract and she thinks they left.....three or four months it wasn't a long time and they did get quite a few minutes caught up. Wolfe said they don't have enough to contract someone to work on minutes currently.

Michael Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said he appreciates it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said next in queue she sees Jessica, she has the floor.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said ah, just three basic things she wants to touch on very briefly. Steinberg said one is the Supreme Court earlier at the late....or she should say late last month or earlier this month um, have combined four ICWA Cases across the United States to find out whether or not ICWA is discriminatory by not allowing Non-Natives to adopt Native Children. Steinberg said also whether there is some congressional overreach in um, the law itself so she would really like to um, have Tribal Council kind of.... kind of watch that ah, development and they know, ICWA is one of the long standing um, pieces of legislation that protects their Tribal Children. Steinberg said she is very troubled by the fact that the Supreme Court did combine these four cases. Steinberg said the other thing is um, currently Congress is looking at another Continuing Resolution um, there is a discussion in progress about advance appropriation for Indian Health Service which would free up funding for Tribes through IHS Compacts...Contracts. Steinberg said they need to have some activism in Washington D.C. to make sure that advance appropriations doesn't lose ground. Steinberg said that would be a big shot in the arm especially to small Tribes like theirs so they would get their funding um, there would be no need to

worry about whether or not a Continuing Resolution is going to impact funding to the Tribe. Steinberg said that would be set up way ahead of time so that money could be made available. Steinberg said the last thing um, specific to Health Operations, Indian Health Service has looked at.....there was a decision recently in one of the Federal Courts um, that could impact Contract Support Costs for Tribes in their Health Operations. Steinberg said that is something that...*cleared her throat here*....IHS is actually going back and looking at Contract Support Costs that have um, that have been given to Tribes through some of their agreements and also evaluation Contract Support Costs that their asking for um, in part of their agreements and they're actually denying them. Steinberg said um, um, one of the Tribes in Alaska 90% of their Contract Support Costs denied which had a tremendous impact on their funding so why does it matter. Steinberg said well it matters because under those Contract Support Costs those are building costs that are supported, those are also staff salary costs that are supported and those are also Elected Official Costs that are supported. Steinberg said so those are three things that she would really kind of urge the Council to keep an eye on um, especially since she was just looking at their user population count and since 2015 they lost almost 300 users in their health system which is already going to have an impact on the Per Diem Funding for their health services so um, these are things that probably could have an impact on their citizens long-term or down the road. Steinberg said even in the short-term so she just wanted to bring that forward. Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comments. Wolfe said she does want to make her aware that they are following the ICWA Case that made it to the Supreme Court and noted on that they did add to their Closed Session Agendas for follow-up on that. Wolfe said she just wanted to give her that reassurance so keep her abreast of the issues and other issues that she mentioned. Wolfe asked is there anyone else in the queue for Public Comment they are now at the Closed Session item. Wolfe read the following statement:

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

Acting Speaker Wolfe said just to note before they do roll call to End First Open those of them that wish to stay on for Second Open if they would please just raise their hands when they get to that point then they will be moved into the Waiting Room for Second Open. Wolfe said so at this time she will entertain a motion to End First Open. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make that motion.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Di Piazza; supported by Johnson.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is there any discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none they will proceed with the roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor motion has passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they ended First Open at 10:54 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Acting Speaker Wolfe said welcome back everybody they are there for Second Open for their regularly scheduled March 2nd regular Tribal Council Meeting. Wolfe said um, they are not going to go through the list of attendees because they recognize everybody from First Open. Wolfe said so currently they are onto Item A, Items.....oh, she will entertain a motion to open.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

Ogema Romanelli entered the Conference Room at 12:49 p.m.

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

Acting Recorder Johnson said she thought.....

Councilor Guenthardt said that's all right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is anybody going to abstain. Wolfe asked what did she say it backwards.

Acting Recorder Johnson said Gary opened.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know.

Acting Speaker Wolfe repeated the motion maker and supporter of the motion.

Councilor Di Piazza asked Councilor Guenthardt if he heard him.

Acting Recorder Johnson said to Councilor Di Piazza that she heard him.

Councilor Wittenberg agree with Councilor Di Piazza that he heard him.

Councilor Guenthardt said it doesn't matter.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked if anyone from Tribal Council going to abstain. Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing or hearing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said eight in favor they are open at 12:50 p.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Sara, she sees her hand raised does he have a housekeeping item.

Sara Agosa said she was not sure she wanted to ask if the Budget Items will be moved into Open or what occurred, how the vote took place. Agosa said she doesn't know if this is the appropriate time sorry she is multi-tasking right now.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yeah, they are going to move onto Item A for items moved from Open to Closed. Wolfe said she means from Closed to Open, sorry.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Acting Speaker Wolfe called on Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make that motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #22-0302-024 AND 025,
MOTION, RESOLUTION AND VOTE;** by Di Piazza; supported by
Wittenberg.

Councilor Di Piazza said wait a minute.

Acting Recorder Johnson said resolution, motion and vote.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said please repeat for clarification.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he screwed it up. Di Piazza said it should be motion and roll call only. Di Piazza asked right, oh no the resolutions. Di Piazza said yes, his apologies, he will do it again.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #22-0302-024 AND 025,
MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL CALL;** by Di Piazza;
supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Wolfe asked she will open it for discussion from Tribal member.....she will open it for discussion from Tribal Council for the motion on the floor. Wolfe said seeing none or hearing none she will open it up for discussion for Tribal members for the motion on the floor. Wolfe said seeing no hands raised Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said ah, eight in favor motion is passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees a citizen with their hand raised. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said is this one of the Budget Items.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said correct, it was the two items listed in Closed.

Sara Agosa said okay, so what were the changes in the Budgets if there were any changes and did they pass.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Council wish to respond.

Councilor Di Piazza said he won't respond to somebody that he can't see face to face.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said for clarification she is asking if Budget Line Items were changed and the only item they are discussing is the Resort Budget that was in Closed. Wolfe said so they are not going to comment on if there were changes. Wolfe said then the second question was did the item pass. Wolfe said that is correct the item did pass. Wolfe said Susan Thull she has her hand raised.

Susan Thull said yes, she does. Thull thanked her so much. Thull said ah, on that Budget Resolution um, since they will not know the vote until the minutes are....

are printed could they um, could they tell them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said it wouldn't be until the minutes are printed it would be until the resolution has been ah, updated and posted to the website then they would see the votes.

Susan Thull said yes, but they wouldn't have the roll call. Thull asked could she give them the roll call.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is Elise still on. Wolfe asked is that available to proceed with giving the roll call out since they moved the items, Elise, she is not sure she has never been in that situation before.

Councilor Di Piazza said technically.....technically.....

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said she stepped away to use the bathroom. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said what was the specific language of the motion. Mc Gowan-Cuellar asked did it include roll call, Gary, that he made.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, it did but the resolutions are not signed yet so technically they are not really in vote, correct.

Susan Thull said well, they have been passed and they have been um, brought into the open with Second so she would certainly think that they could know the roll call.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said yeah, roll call is a secret, its going to be in Open.... it's an Open Session Item now. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said if them guys voted on it and affirmed it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay....so.....

Acting Recorder Johnson made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not picked up clearly to understand.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes, it was, right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said the item passed eight to zero, all in favor.

Susan Thull thanked her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she was welcome. Wolfe said seeing no additional questions that moves them onto Item B which was an add for Second Open.

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session. The following roll call votes are not numbered because that is how they appear on the Roll Call Record.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0302-024;
APPROVING TIP AGREEMENT ADDENDUM BETWEEN
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND U.S. INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE; by Guenthardt; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0302-025; ADOPTING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 RESORT OPERATING AND CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE ANNUAL BUDGET; by Di Piazza; supported by
Wittenberg.**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

**B. Adopting the Amended Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Government
Operations Annual Budget as presented by the Tribal Ogema**
Adoption of Amended FY 2022 Tribal Government Operations
Annual Budget.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this was brought forward by herself. Wolfe read the title of the item again. Wolfe said her introduction to the item, Tribal Council has worked on this very hard and very long along with the Ogema and his staff. Wolfe said this Budget is an amended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget of the Tribal Government Operations. Wolfe said it will be adopted by Tribal Council. Wolfe said the amended Budget is the.....so the 2022 Tribal Government Operations Annual Budget as amended by the Tribal Council is in the amount of \$46,000,219.....\$46,219,278 with a Gaming Distribution estimated at \$30,188,604. Wolfe said that was her introduction to the item. Wolfe asked is there any Tribal Councilors going to abstain from the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council members. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so the Distribution has been divvied up according to the Revenue Allocation Plan that's in place.....that was in place last year when they changed the 50/50 on the Per Capita. Di Piazza asked correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said correct. Wolfe said they can go over the Distribution amounts that are in line with the Revenue Allocation Plan that was adopted last December because those percentage amounts changed. Wolfe said Tribal Government Operations is at 33% which is a total of \$9,962,239; General Welfare Line Item is at 10% which is \$3,018,808.60, Economic Development is at 6.9% which is at \$2,083,014 and then they do have their 1% for Charitable Donations which is at \$30,189. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe asked questions or concerns. Wolfe said okay, seeing none she will open it up for discussion for Tribal members and first in the queue she has the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said ah, just a couple of concerns. Romanelli said obviously that \$30 million is something that he still debates but it is attainable. Romanelli said it is being listed as the Ogema's.....what the Ogema put forward although she clarified by saying there were amendments to what he put forward. Romanelli said um, he just got this item he hasn't had a chance to look through it the last.....he means not the last but Thursday he believed it looks like there is changes from what they talked about last Thursday so he is going to look at the Budget. Romanelli said he doesn't need to be here for the vote ah, then they will go from there. Romanelli said he just wanted to make those two points.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much.

Ogema Romanelli left the Conference Room at 1:00 p.m.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yup. Wolfe asked any additional comments or concerns from Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing that they have two in the queue. Wolfe said Sara Agosa first she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her question is regarding the Education and Workforce Development Departments. Agosa said from what she understands additional funds were proposed um, for these services and she just wondered if that passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they haven't voted yet but there are increases in that department for Education that are in the proposed Budget that they are going to adopt.

Sara Agosa asked what about Workforce Development.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Workforce Development is actually under Economic Development and she does believe that has an increase.....

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, said \$122,000 increases in Workforce Development.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so there is an accurate number from Brad.

Sara Agosa said sorry, when you say Economic Development does she mean the EDC.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said no, according to the Revenue Allocation Plan the numbers that she just went over that's 6.9% that they needed to meet is where the Workforce Development is included.

Sara Agosa said okay. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she was welcome. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Corey Wells, he has the floor.

Corey Wells thanked Ms. Speaker. Wells said um, his question is this is this similar to the Budget that was vetoed by the Ogema previously. Wells said the amended Budget that Council approved that was vetoed and sent back. Wells asked or is this new Budget entirely worked on it sounded by what the Ogema was saying that they and the Ogema worked on together. Wells said and if so if this passes does it have to go to the Ogema for possible veto or passage again.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for any Tribal Council that wishes to respond. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said as far as he knows it is a different Budget than was submitted on....yeah. Di Piazza said a lot of dates and he is getting old evidentially so. Di Piazza said but as far as he can tell most of the Budget that were in the December 3rd one has somewhat been brought back where they needed to be in the added Distribution was calculated in some other Line Items within the Revenue Allocation Plan because they have to stay within that Plan. Di Piazza said this 10%.....10% has to go there. Di Piazza said he does have some concerns with it but in the best interests of the membership and everything else this really needs to be resolved by March and he, he, he has some things to do for the membership that he needs to get done and this is consuming a lot of time. Di Piazza said in the best interests of the membership he, he, he.....they know to get things back online he believed this is what happens he guesses.

Corey Wells said it sounds like no one's happy and this is a decent compromise.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she put herself in the queue to answer the question. Wolfe said this proposed Budget that they are looking at adopting is the original Budget that the Ogema sent over. Wolfe said they went back and forth in negotiations. Wolfe said they did agree on the Distribution amount from the Resort and they did make changes accordingly. Wolfe said the biggest hurdle that they had at one point was meeting those percentage amounts for the Revenue Allocation Plan which is how the Budget should be laid out. Wolfe said so it is what the Ogema presented with amendments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said they did have a lot of discussions within the last two weeks with the Ogema with things that were agreeable and disagreeable. Wolfe said they made a lot of compromises and concessions in those and so that is where they are at today. Wolfe said it does....once they pass Tribal Council it does go to the Ogema and he does have the option to veto the Budget.

Corey Wells thanked them for answering his question. Wells said he appreciates hearing that Council and the Ogema are at least trying to work together to come up with a solution so. Wells thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, next in the queue she sees Susan Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull said will this make the um, Stay and the lawsuits mute now.....moot ah, since its.....she means essentially it's a different Budget....its been amended, correct and agreed upon. Thull asked will those lawsuits be withdrawn.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she believed that is a possibility but she thinks it would depend on how the courts rules on what they want to do with the pending litigation.

Susan Thull said okay, she is just hoping that this ends it if passed and that the Ogema does not veto it because she thinks that they do need to get this Budget in place. Thull thanked them for all their hard work. Thull said she appreciates it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said just to respond to that. Wolfe said that is the intent from Tribal Council to get this passed to get things moving. Wolfe said currently with the continuation of the Budget they are not hiring positions, they are not entering into annual contracts as they can see by so many items on their agenda that have been continually brought forward. Wolfe said so it is a good resolution and they believe there is enough compromise in there that it should not be vetoed by the Ogema. Wolfe asked any other Tribal Council wish to make comments. Wolfe asked additional comments from Tribal members that are participating. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said like he said he is not totally pleased with it but they need to move on, they need to get things accomplished. Di Piazza said this has been going on way too long now it could even be pushed into June if something is not

rectified which that can't happen he is telling them. Di Piazza said with that being said he will be the sacrificial lamb he would like to make a resolution.

Acting Recorder Johnson said motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said motion, sorry.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, seeing no additional comments or questions she will entertain his motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0302-026 ADOPTING
THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE
TRIBAL OGEMA; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up for final discussion from Tribal Council and/or members. Wolfe said seeing none or hearing none Pam please do a roll call.

Susan Thull said excuse her.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she didn't know if that was from before or last time, go ahead.

Susan Thull thanked her. Thull said she just wanted to remind Council um, she knows that to.....Councilor Di Piazza said he isn't happy with it but if they go back and look at the previous Budgets that were approved they were all split too. Thull said they know, ah, last time it was five-four, Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, he doesn't remember to be honest.

Susan Thull said yeah, she just wanted.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he is moving forward that's all.

Susan Thull said that is good. Thull said in other like she said in previous years he was just on the other side.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, he didn't know there was a side.

Susan Thull said he was on the majority side so.

Councilor Di Piazza said he didn't know there was a side.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull said no, when he voted it was the majority side.

Councilor Di Piazza said his apologies.

Susan Thull said she just wanted to remind everyone that this is the normal type of thing so, they know, they don't all agree on everything they do the best ah..... Thull thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said he can respond.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is why he is the sacrificial lamb.

Susan Thull was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, she sees Councilor Wittenberg has a comment, then in the queue Jessica Steinberg and then herself.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, himself he is for this but as in everything and anything that they have ah, some agree and some don't it goes both ways so. Wittenberg said but for him this will turnaround and get it going so that way they can start taking care of some of these things that need to be taken care of. Wittenberg said so that's ah, that's his comment on that. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Chi Miigwech for all that are on the screen here. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said next in the queue she has Jessica, go ahead.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said excuse her, her printer is printing off some things for her. Steinberg said she just had a couple of questions. Steinberg asked ah, what is the expected.....they may have said this she is sorry she was upstairs when they started. Steinberg asked again, what is the expected revised Distribution from the casino to support the Tribal Government, what is the total Budget amount and then what is the expend.....expected Federal Contribution to the new Budget.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay.

Jessica Steinberg said those are her questions.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she will take that unless anyone else wishes to respond.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can do it. Di Piazza said the expec.....or the ah, Distribution is going to be \$30,188,604, and it looks like Federal Contribution is going to be about \$16,100.....and he would have to calculate that but the number for total Distribution is \$46,219,278. Di Piazza said so if she wants to \$16 million something.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said for clarification Jessica, Federal....Miscellaneous Federal Funds are \$1,000,498.....can he say it, Brad. *Wolfe was laughing at this point.*

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, said yeah. Pringle said they have some categorized grants. Pringle said the major Federal Funds that is coming over is going to be \$5,535,782 so that's ah, mostly the ah..... Pringle asked what is the largest grant they get called.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said the Self-Governance.

Brad Pringle said the Self-Governance Grant that's correct. Pringle said Miscellaneous Federal Funds.....these lists come from....these title names come from their Accounting Department. Pringle said Miscellaneous Federal Funds \$1,498,176. Pringle said Miscellaneous Grant Revenues \$1,664,571. Pringle said under dividends and interests they expect \$250,000. Pringle said third party \$250,000. Pringle said taxing authority \$511,915. Pringle said Program Revenues are estimated at \$2,604,028. Pringle said ____ is estimated at \$229,211. Pringle said Gaming Tax is estimated at \$3,287,000. Pringle said that makes up all the other sources of revenue in the Budget.

Jessica Steinberg said okay. Steinberg thanked him. Steinberg said then the total Budget, Gary, she thinks Gary was saying.....is it \$46 million for Government Operations.

Brad Pringle answered \$46,219,278.

Jessica Steinberg said219,278 okay. Steinberg thanked them again very much. Steinberg said she appreciates it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said then she had herself next in the queue. Wolfe said just one note of fact that she was going to bring up um, on the proposed Budget from 12/3 before amendments with Tribal Council they have increased citizen support services by \$9,953,611. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue any additional comments or questions by Tribal members or Tribal Council.

Councilor Di Piazza said her hand is up.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked does she have additional comments. Wolfe said okay, they are all set then. Wolfe said do a roll call Pam.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she is back up there.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she is on mute.

Jessica Steinberg said so, um, Madame Speaker was that additional citizen services was that inclusive of Per Cap or is that separate in services from Per Cap.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that is separate in services direct from Per Cap. Wolfe said that is in the.....that amount goes into the General Welfare percentage.

Jessica Steinberg said okay. Steinberg thanked them very much.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she is welcome. Wolfe said she sees another one with their hand raised. Wolfe said Sara Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, her question is regarding the Enrollment Audit. Agosa asked can this proceed now.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said correct, it is a budgeted item.

Sara Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, seeing no one else in the queue. Wolfe said Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-0)

Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor and two no motion is passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked them for that. Wolfe said they don't have an additional Public Comment in this session so they are at Item IX.

IX. Adjourn

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Council wish to abstain. Wolfe said open for discussion between Tribal member.....Tribal Council. Wolfe asked Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

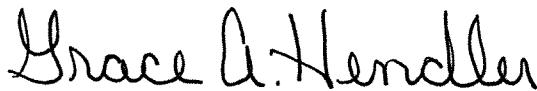
Acting Recorder Johnson said nine in favor motion.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe said eight.

Acting Recorder Johnson said oh, Jesus, yes eight, sorry.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said they are adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Wolfe said everyone have a good afternoon. Wolfe said thanks everybody for holding tight in their long Closed Session.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Pam Johnson,
Acting Council Recorder