



Approved 5/25/22

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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 May 4, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting. The audio for this meeting was filled with static and most of it couldn't be heard clearly from the ZOOM recording. The following is what was heard.

There were comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be made out clearly what they were saying or who said it.

Chelsea Densmore, Tribal #3225, said she doesn't know if she is interrupting and she is really sorry if she is she was jut trying to tell them guys their audio is coming through really um, quiet and disconnected. Densmore said she doesn't know if anybody else is hearing that via ZOOM but um, the audio seems like it is really off definitely on her end today.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Chelsea Densmore but the ZOOM recording didn't pick up what she said clearly in the background.

Al Metzger said #0890.

It sounded like Speaker Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said Julie that sounds.....she couldn't hear her when she called her name just so she knows and that is why she has her headphones on. Howell said #3635. Howell said that is her. *Howell laughing in the background.*

Councilor Di Piazza said he expects a big Honorarium.

Speaker Wolfe made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording and not heard clearly.

Raymond Hugo said #1037.

Speaker Wolfe said Rebecca Liebing.

Councilor Di Piazza said eh, hold on talk into it please.

Speaker Wolfe said test, test, test in the background very low and hard to hear.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, it's working.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Rebecca Liebing.

Rebecca Liebing said #2878.

Speaker Wolfe's prior comments was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Wolfe said clearly said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske came through but it sounded mechanical and slow.

Sandy Mezeske slowly said #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478 and she also can't hear. Agosa said she just put on her headphones and she still is having a hard time hearing.

Speaker Wolfe said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Wilson-Torres.

Venus Torres said Staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said she thinks she said her name, attorney. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said they can barely hear her Julie.

Speaker Wolfe said well, they are trying to adjust the audio and it does not seem to come through. Wolfe said she doesn't know if they will get it any better.

Martha Howell asked did they go underwater.

Councilor Di Piazza said try again.

Venus Wilson-Torres came into the Lodge Room at 10:06 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said hello. *Wolfe's voice came through loud and clear.*

Martha Howell said that was better Julie.

Venus Wilson-Torres left the Lodge Room at 10:07 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said so if they can have Val M. identify for the record.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340.

Speaker Wolfe said they have phone number 231 794-0066, please identify themselves for the record.

Michael Burmeister said #0945.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said going through the list of participants it does look like everyone online is eligible and able to be participating in the meeting. Wolfe said that brings them onto Section I of their agenda.

I. Opening Prayer

Speaker Wolfe said this morning they will take a moment of silence for that.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandra if she could do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

C. Appointment of Sandra Lewis as Recorder Pro Tempore

Speaker Wolfe said due to the necessity of Pam Johnson being absent for today's meeting they need to approve.....approve a Temporary Pro Recorder for this meeting. Wolfe said she would entertain a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would.

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

**APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA LEWIS AS RECORDER PRO
TEMPORE; by Wittenberg.**

Councilor Di Piazza said there is a resolution.

Councilor Lewis said resolution number.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0504-082;
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA LEWIS AS
TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER PRO TEMPORE; by Wittenberg;
supported by Wever.**

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on the item. Wolfe asked any discussion.
Wolfe asked any discussion from Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe
said seeing none Sandra please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said all right the appointment has been approved for
Sandra Lewis as Pro Temp.....Tempore Recorder for May 4, 2022.

D. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 4, 2022, WITH
THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III B.2. IS REMOVED AND IV
A, IS POSTPONED PENDING A WORK SESSION AND VII A. IS
AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions and it is open for discussion with Tribal
Council and open for discussion and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none
Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for May 4, 2022.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said they will take a brief moment to admit two more participants online and have them identify for the record. Wolfe said first one they have phone number 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said #2494.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said the second is user handler LGL322DL please identify for the record.

There was silence at this point.

Speaker Wolfe said ummm, they are still connecting to audio. Wolfe said so user handler LGL322DL please identify for the record.

There was more silence at this point.

Speaker Wolfe said again they are asking for user handler LGL322DL please identify for the record. Wolfe said they just joined the meeting.

Kathy Sam said #0963.

Speaker Wolfe said okay and thanked her.

E. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 7/21/21 ☐ 7/30/21

Speaker Wolfe said they have two sets of minutes for approval 7/21/21 and 7/30/21. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said they do need a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
7/21/21 AND 7/30/21; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Wolfe said it is open for discussion and/or questions from Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said okay, Tribal Council Minutes have been approved for 7/21/21 and 7/30/21.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Wolfe said they have none.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department to Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$473,784**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said Bill Willis has approached the podium and she will turn it over to him for overview of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said as he explained to Council in Agenda Review on Monday these funds represent the initial award under the Tribe's 2022 Self-Governance Compact with the Indian Health Service. Willis said one of the questions that he was asked to clarify he guessed today was a part of the awards they get from IHS they get um, Contract Support Costs both Direct and Indirect. Willis said the best way he can explain the difference between the two is Direct Contract Support Costs is designed to support ah, those staff people that directly um, work in the program for example their salaries and stuff like that. Willis said then the Indirect is associated with um, programs that support that department for example Accounting, HR, IT and so that's the primary difference between the two. Willis said he believed that Indian Health Services the only Federal Agency that provides both Direct Contract Support Costs and Indirect Contract Support Costs so. Willis said hopefully that explains it a little bit better especially for the Tribal citizens that may be on the.....on the call so.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis. Wolfe asked did he want to go over the awards amounts and which departments this total allocation is going into.

Bill Willis said sure. Willis said um, as far as this award goes um, the funding is split between um, PRC-Preferred and Referenced Care, Clinic Operations and Behavioral Health better known as Be Da Bin. Willis said um, so as far as __ goes ah, ah, PRC is getting \$58,741 of base funding, and is also getting \$168,817 in

um.....let's see here and make sure he has got this correct.....okay he is sorry. Willis said ah, PRC is getting \$168,817 in direct base dollars and then on top of that their getting \$58,741 in Indirect Cost dollars. Willis said ah, 4104 which is Clinic Operations is getting \$185,403 in base funding and an additional \$47,404 in Direct Contract Support Cost dollars. Willis said then lastly Be Da Bin or Behavioral Health is getting \$13,419 of base funding so. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his introduction. Wolfe asked is there any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said okay, seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said just to note again for clarification this is the initial award for the 2022 Fiscal Year from Indian Health Services, correct.

Bill Willis said that is correct.

Speaker Wolfe said its under the Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis said that is correct.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe asked any additional comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe said it is open for comments or questions by Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she would entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion. *Councilor Guenthardt couldn't be heard making the motion but due to the roll call sheets the motion was clear.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTUION #22-0504-083;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-07 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$473,784; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for any discussion or final comments. Wolfe said seeing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said okay, seven in favor Resolution #22-0504-083 has passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department to Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$270,744**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said Item 2. has been removed from the agenda.

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$566,557**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said to Bill Willis she will turn it over to him for introduction of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked her. Willis said this is actually.....this item represents Modification #1 to the 2022 Self-Governance Compact with IHS. Willis said these are funds in addition to their um, allocation which was Item 1. Willis said this breakdown is um, Preferred and Referenced Care getting \$203,197 in base funding and they are also getting \$70,704 in Indirect Contract Support Cost dollars. Willis said then Clinic Operations is receiving \$219,445 in base funding and an additional \$57,058 in Indirect.....or Direct Contract Support Costs. Willis said then lastly Behavioral Health is getting \$16,153. Willis said so for a total of \$566,557 ah, again, just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for the introduction. Wolfe asked are there any abstentions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne go ahead.

Councilor Champagne's microphone wasn't working and her questions wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Champagne asked he said this in relation to Item 1.....

Bill Willis said yeah, these....

Councilor Champagne continued.....so is this.....

Bill Willis said well, these funds come through much like Bureau of Indians Affairs money....they come through in different allocations throughout the course

of the year. Willis said the first item....Item #1 was the initial funding and then each funding received subsequent to that they consider a modification to the award.

Councilor Champagne asked how modifications do they receive in a year.

Bill Willis replied sometimes it could be eight or ten. Willis said it depends on how they appropriate the money or decide to send the monies so um, she will notice on the next item....the next item is only \$460. Willis said they know they are piecemealing this money to them and he doesn't know why they do that but...

Councilor Champagne said so they really don't know how much money they can expect they will send.

Bill Willis said well, um, they do during the Budget process go for example on the BIA Website they have a thing called the Green Book and so when they begin their Budget Process for the upcoming year they can go on the BIA Website and there is some numbers on there that are proposed numbers and they tend to use those as a base of how much they can potentially receive in that upcoming fiscal year so IHS is much simpler so um, they know, more times than not they end up getting more money than they Budget or project in their Operating Budget so that is always a good thing. Willis said yeah, they piecemeal this money and they have done it for as long as he can remember um, right....

Councilor Champagne made a comment but this one wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording clearly.

Bill Willis said yeah, yeah. Willis said she is welcome.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for comments or questions from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said go ahead, Councilor Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0504-084;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-08 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$566,557; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any further discussion. Wolfe asked is anyone going to abstain. Wolfe asked Acting Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said okay, ah, Resolution #22-0504-084 has passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$460

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said to Bill Willis she will turn the floor over to him for introduction of the item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked her. Willis said ah, this item represents Modification #2 to the 2020 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Service. Willis said ah, as he mentioned they have a tendency of piecemeal.....piecemealing the money um, this one is \$460 it's tagged as being for ah, purchase of equipment ah, under Purchase and Referenced Care so um, again just need to ah, accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Bill Willis for his introduction of the item. Wolfe asked any abstentions on it. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said not seeing any hands raised she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis go ahead.

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES- INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-09 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for comments or discussion. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he didn't hear a resolution number.

Acting Recorder Lewis said oh, she is sorry.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0504-085;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-09 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$460; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no discussion Councilor Lewis roll call please.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said Resolution #22-0504-085 has passed.

- 5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$1,647,845**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by the Tribal Ogema again with designee Bill Willis. Wolfe said to Bill Willis she will turn the floor over to him.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked her again. Willis said ah, this item represents Modification #3 to the 2022 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said the breakdown is as follows ah, Preferred and Referenced Care is receiving \$591,004 ah, additionally they are getting \$205,645 in Indirect Contract Support. Willis said Clinic Operations is receiving \$638,260 with an additional \$165,956 in Direct Contract Support Costs. Willis said lastly Behavioral Health is receiving \$46,980. Willis said ah, in year to date with this award it brings them up to \$2,688,186 ah, there is a very good chance that they will continue to receive additional funding from them throughout the course of the year. Willis said again, just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his overview of the item. Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she has question for him since he doesn't know how much they are going to get but can make assumptions.....*the rest of her comment was not heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.* Champagne asked have they ever been overpaid by Indian Health Services....*the rest of the question was muffled and couldn't be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Bill Willis said there has been some cases where they have had to ah, for example pay back Contract Support Costs money ah, because IHS in and of itself has a separate....what happens is the Tribe works out and submits an Indirect Costs Proposal ah, annually and negotiates a rate, right. Willis said what was happening prior to the ah, Class Action Suit that the Tribe has brought against BIA and subsequent IHS was that the Federal Government was negotiating these rights but wasn't paying the Tribe the entire amount of the negotiated rate and so the Tribe took them to.....they went all the way to the Supreme Court and the Tribes won and so um, so the Federal Agencies has been much better at giving them these Contract Support dollars. Willis said part of the challenge with IHS is they internally they have their own process where they like ask for additional information after the year has passed to kind of reconcile on their end these numbers and sometimes which tends to cause a little bit of confusion for him because his understanding is that is what they owe for Indirect Costs Proposal Processes all about is leveling that out over the course of years. Willis said but um, other than that no, what typically happens is ah, money that doesn't get used either through the BIA Contract um, Self-Governance Compact or IHS is that money then gets put into deferred revenue which they know shows up on the financials um, that Council is presented monthly so um, and those dollars sit there until they are reallocated for other purposes that Council authorizes so. Willis said um, other than Contract Support Costs he doesn't never think they paid back direct base funding to IHS for any reason um, it just gets given to the Tribe until they spend it so. Willis said that is kind of a long answer but....

Councilor Champagne said she was just curious because she thought that if they were ever asked to pay back....*the rest of her comment faded off and sounded muffled on the ZOOM recording.*

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, it is still open for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe asked Bill Willis if they had a year to date amount.....year to date amount of the award they have received.

Bill Willis asked for IHS.

Speaker Wolfe said um-hum, the IHS.....*the rest of the comment was lost because they were both speaking at the same time on the ZOOM recording.*

Bill Willis said he thought he read that into the record but he will read it again. Willis said year to date ah, with the awards from IHS 2022 Self-Governance Compact....yeah, the total year amount date.....year to date amount is \$2,688,186 so.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, and thanked him for that. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said it is open for discussion with Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no hands raised she will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Councilor Guenthardt go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0504-086;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-10 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,647,845; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing or hearing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said Resolution #22-0504-086 has passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them and Bill Willis.

Bill Willis thanked them. Willis said yep.

**6. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2022-__-2nd QTR to
fund Legislative Communications in the amount of \$261,335
Supplemental Appropriation.**

Speaker Wolfe said this is being brought forward by Tribal Council with herself as bringing forward the item. Wolfe reiterated this is a supplemental appropriation that is needed to fund the Tribal Council Legislative Communications Department. Wolfe said the Legislative Tribal Council passed a resolution that

established communication to the responsibility of the Rec....to the Recorder per Tribal Council Article IV, Section 5b 2, the Legislative Communications is currently unbudgeted in the 2022 Tribal Budget and the Tribal Ogema Executive Branch no longer supports membership communication through the Public Information Department. Wolfe said that is her introduction to the item. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said um, he would ask if there was an Org Chart in place...Organizational Chart. Di Piazza said he sent an email yesterday morning and he really hasn't heard anything back so. Di Piazza said just curious.

Venus Wilson-Torres said she is currently working on that now.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe asked any additional comments from Tribal Council. Wolfe said it is open for discussion from Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none in the queue she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, if there are no other questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0504-087;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-02-2nd
QTR TO FUND LEGISLATIVE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$261,335; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Wolfe said again, it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-1)

Councilor Di Piazza said without an Organizational Chart, no.

Acting Recorder Lewis said Resolution #22-0504-087 has passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Wolfe said they have none.

IV. Old Business

- A. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Health Services Center 105(L) Development and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$360,223**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Wolfe said Item A. has been postponed to a work session.

- B. Biskaabiiyang Committee**
1. ☐ February 2022
 2. ☐ March 2022 – No Meeting

Speaker Wolfe said they have minutes from February 2022 and then noted that March 2022 no meeting was held. Wolfe said so it is just accepting the minutes from February 2022. Wolfe asked any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said it is open for discussion from Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said just to note for the record that on March they didn't have any meeting and their next open meeting date for the Biskaabiiyang Committee is April 27th at 9 a.m. they do that via ZOOM they can find the link on their website and the committee still does have two vacancies on their seats so if they are interested in that please reach out they have a vacant seat for the Elders Seat and then they have a vacant for the....just a regular seat on the committee. Wolfe said um, any questions or comments from Tribal Council or Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion on the item. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Acting Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BISKAABIYANG COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again they will ask for any discussion on the item. Wolfe said seeing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said Biskaabiiyang Committee Minutes are accepted for February 2022.

V. New Business-None Submitted

Speaker Wolfe said they have none submitted.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 11, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Wolfe said she does believe the Ogema is here. Wolfe said the floor is his.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Wolfe. Romanelli said not much to report ah, just doing general business of the Tribe and checking with various departments to make sure that everybody is doing what they can do and need to do but ah, things seem to be rolling ah, along pretty good so. Romanelli said he thinks that is it.

Speaker Wolfe said thanks for his update. Wolfe said moving onto C.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Wolfe said this is open for Tribal Council if they have any comments. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just a reminder the 30 Day Comment for the 1836 Hunting & Gathering and Trapping Regulations are....will be up this Saturday so. Di Piazza said get their comments in and ah, happy hunting. Di Piazza said that is it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, and the only other note for Legislative Affairs the Natural Resource Department in conjunction with the Community Volunteers from the Sugar Bush Season are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast that is happening on um, Saturday, May 15th she thinks it begins at 9 a.m. and it is going to be held at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. Wolfe said there is a flyer posted on the Government Website.....she means the Government Face Book for more information or they also could contact Natural Resource Department if they want more information. Wolfe said um, anyone else for Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said okay, seeing none that brings them onto D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Wolfe said she will open it up to Tribal membership. Wolfe said first in the queue she sees Sara Agosa with her hand raised. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her first comment is regarding the item from last week about the purchase of um, air units with ARPA Funding and she thought about it and she would like to share her opinion with Council that she really has an issue with how Tribal members were virtually threatened that their Per Capita would be impacted if this ARPA Funding wasn't used for this purchase because

the casino makes millions of dollar.....dollars annually and they also have an Economic Development Corp that is supposed to improve the economic condition of the Tribe also organizational assessments have been done but never implemented. Agosa said at this point their Per Capita should be going up and definitely not reduc....reduced and most certainly not threatened over Capital Purchases and she would just like to remind Council that they also don't give a Per Cap to use so she highly doubts that any other Tribe in the area that Tribal members come to meetings and their Per Cap is threatened over a Capital Purchase its not fair nor does it seem logical with the millions of dollars and assets that the Tribe owns. Agosa said she would also like to share that there are a few outlying members that are able to come to these meetings and share opinions and they have the right to share their opinions whether their casino management agrees with it or not. Agosa said this is a Tribal Council Meeting open to the public and with that being said she would like to thank the Speaker for conducting these meetings and doing a very good job and being open to comments. Agosa said she does have one final comment on a different subject. Agosa said she found an article title Muskegon County Tribal Casino Project trying opposition on several fronts it was issued on May 21st, 2021 and she would like to quote to the Ogema Larry Romanelli *"It's really time to move this to the final stages Romanelli told Wood that means that the Governor signs off and the Legislator also needs to sign off and they really need to get this thing moving they are in some terms shovel ready."* Agosa said so her question to Council is has the Legislators signed off on this Casino Project. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her question.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her for her comment. Wolfe asked any response from Tribal Council.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he's good in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 10:45 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, at this point there is no response from Tribal Council and her own personal opinion being a newest Council seated here for only nine months she does not believe the Legislator has signed off on the documents but that could be determined um, so that is a response from Tribal Council on her question. Wolfe said next in the queue they have citizen Rebecca Liebing. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Rebecca Liebing, Tribal #2878, it is great to see them guys back in the Lodge Room. Liebing said she hasn't been able to come to a meeting since she started her new job but she hopes in the future she will be able to come to a few more. Liebing said her comment to Council is there is a lot of money coming through in the Infrastructure Bill from the Federal Government and a lot of potential grants and she is wondering if Council would consider doing a membership survey. Liebing said they did it, she doesn't know, maybe like a decade ago they paid

Tribal members a certain amount of money and they got a bunch of information that could be used to create programs um, a lot of that information is helpful when like applying for grants and so she would be willing as a citizen to send them some samples of survey questions and even some language to create the program um, because she thinks it really could be beneficial to the Tribe when its trying to get grant dollars. Liebing said um, so she will.....they know them guys to sort of follow-up she just wanted to put that on the record.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comments. Wolfe said she thinks she might have all of Tribal Council's emails so.

Tribal Councilors were all laughing.

Speaker Wolfe said they appreciate that Rebecca. Wolfe said she knows it has been discussed or talked about possibly or potentially a survey that goes out after they bring on these Communications positions so they have input and can develop that and help Tribal Council get it dispersed. Wolfe said so thanks for her comments and they appreciate what she will send forward and they will review that. Wolfe said next in queue they have she believe it is Mike Burmeister. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Michael Burmeister thanked Speaker Wolfe. Burmeister said number one they didn't....he doesn't believe nobody threatened Per Cap that is just a fact of life if they spend money here the less money goes over to the Tribe and Distribution and that is a fact of life. Burmeister said he understands this is a Tribal Council Meeting but anybody that speaks here is also a Tribal member and he thinks that everybody could be reminded of that. Burmeister thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said they didn't hear a lot of his comments. Wolfe thanked him for his comments Mr. Burmeister. Wolfe said next in the queue is Councilor Di Piazza. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to say Miigwech ah, Rebecca for being online its good to hear her voice. Di Piazza said he is glad she is doing extremely well. Di Piazza said that's it.

Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:48 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, seeing no one else in....oop, Ogema Romanelli. Wolfe asked does he have a comment.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he just wanted to respond to ah, Rebecca Liebing's suggestion he thinks it is a great idea. Romanelli said as they know there is different monies coming in since COVID and ah, he thinks it is a good idea to reach out to the membership to see what they have in mind and to give them some

guidance. Romanelli said so he just wanted to follow-up with that. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comment. Wolfe said she sees no one else in the queue under Public Comment so again that brings them to Closed Session.

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

Speaker Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to end First Open. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:49 a.m.; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on the item. Wolfe asked any discussion on the item. Wolfe said seeing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said ah, they are closed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked everybody. Wolfe said they have ended First Open.

XI. Open Session

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Wolfe said looking at the agenda they have one item which is A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session. Wolfe said they have no items to move. Wolfe said so that brings them to Adjournment.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Wolfe said okay, the only item for Second Open is A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session. Wolfe said they have none. Wolfe asked any discussion on the item.

Tribal Council moved back down to Adjournment Section of Second Open Session.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Acting Recorder Lewis said they need a roll call on the first one.

Speaker Wolfe said oh, so they need a roll call on the.....

Acting Recorder Lewis said yeah.

Speaker Wolfe said okay they need a roll call on the motion from Councilor Guenthardt supported by Councilor Lewis to go into First Open.....Second Open. Wolfe said roll call please.

Tribal Council moved back up to the first motion to enter into Second Open Session to take a roll call vote.

Speaker Wolfe said okay that moves them to Section IX of the agenda which is adjournment of Second Open.

Councilor Guenthardt again said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing none....any comments. Wolfe asked Councilor Lewis to please do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

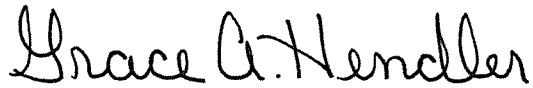
T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Absent
Vacant	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe said they are adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace A. Hendler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Lewis". The script is cursive and fluid.

Sandra Lewis,
Acting Council Recorder