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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 November 2, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Speaker Crampton.....Shannon Crampton the....the recorder is on it is ah, 10:00.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Crampton said um, welcome to the Wednesday, November 2, 2022 Meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said he is going to start today off with a prayer. Crampton said ah, can he do it.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for this day and everything in it.

We say Miigwech to ___ ___ Mother Earth for gifting us all the living things for them to nourish their bodies and their minds.

We ask that you be with us today.

Help guide our minds and our hearts so that we may make good choices and walk in a good way.

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

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Crampton said would he please do a roll call.

Recorder Wittenberg asked does he want to identify.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead and identify the members.

Recorder Wittenberg said he is going to identify the members before they get rolling here. Wittenberg said Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo, #0890.

Recorder Wittenberg said Ahoo and Andrew Jeurink and that is IT.

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Beth Mc Clellan.

Beth Mc Clellan said #2915.

Recorder Wittenberg said anh, okay. Wittenberg said Karol Chabot.

Karol Ann Chabot said #3742.

Recorder Wittenberg said Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225.

Recorder Wittenberg said Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said Tribal Councilor.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said #0022.

Recorder Wittenberg said ehh, kay.....and Drew is IT. Wittenberg said ah, Grace Hendler is their....Admin. and Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said #3866.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Recorder Wittenberg said Kimberly Nelson.#4656.

Recorder Wittenberg said Mart....Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Recorder Wittenberg said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Recorder Wittenberg said and Valerie Mc Donnell.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340.

Recorder Wittenberg said and Venus Wilson is their Director.....and Venus Wilson is their Director here so they are ready to go. Wittenberg said forgive him if he ah, mispronounced their name.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said that moves them down to Approval of the Agenda. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

Speaker Crampton said they forgot the roll call for Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, okay, he is going to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have quorum.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2022
WITH NO CHANGES; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Ahoo, nine in favor.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Addendum to the Contract with Continental Linen Services

Current agreement expires on 12/31/22.

Speaker Crampton said that is Michelle Lucas.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Department Supervisor, represented this agenda item. Lucas said good morning.

Speaker Crampton said good morning.

Michelle Lucas said the Tribe's current contract with Continental Linen Service to provide mat services and towel services expires this year on December 21st or December 31st of 2022. Lucas said the contract was awarded to contract for Continental Linen through an RFP Process which awarded the contract for two years and two additional years upon mutual agreement. Lucas said because the company is in good standing with the Tribe they are seeking the additional two years.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said they went over this in a work session and um, Continental Linen Service he did check them out and they are well established and pretty much cornered the market up here so. Crampton said with that, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1102-196;
RATIFICATION OF ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH
CONTINENTAL LINEN SERVICES; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1102-196 has passed nine in favor.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Xerox and Use
ARPA Funds for Purchase of Machine**
Replacement of aging machine.

Speaker Crampton said that is Michelle Lucas too that is Budget Modifications.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Department Supervisor, represented this agenda item. Lucas said after doing a review of the Tribe's copiers it was determined that the copier on the first floor in the Government Center Copy Center needed to be replaced. Lucas said um, to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Xerox and the use of ARPA Funds for the purpose....purchase of the machine. Lucas said the cost of the machine is \$5,405 the current machine was purchased in 2016 and has 555,000 copies on it.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1102-197;
APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH XEROX
AND USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COPIER; by
Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any from the membership. Crampton said Jolene O'Signac. Crampton said Jolene.

Jolene O'Signac said sorry. O'Signac said um, has these funds not been budgeted from the department.

Michelle Lucas said um, no. Lucas said she can explain why they were not budgeted. Lucas said um, in the past they would use copiers until they were shut down and they could no longer be used. Lucas said copiers were readily available and it did not pose a problem to do it in that manner. Lucas said um, after COVID it now takes approximately anywhere from eight months to receive a new copy machine so they are acting.....to be proactive to ensure that staff have the tools they need to do their jobs. Lucas said so this was something that was unforeseen that in 2022 they will still not be able to ____ the machines.

Jolene O'Signac said she appreciates her explanation but she still feels that departments need to Budget for ah, plan obsolescence and maintenance um, she is opposed to using ARPA Funds for things that should be budgeted by departments. O'Signac thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said um, yes, she was just wondering what....how many copies did she say it was that was on that machine.

Michelle Lucas said it has over 555,000.

Staci Cheney said okay, she thought she said 5,000. Cheney thanked her.

Michelle Lucas said no. Lucas thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she believes that these ARPA Funds should be used for members services and not for routine office purchases. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there further.....any further questions from the membership. Crampton asked any further questions from the Council. Crampton said all right seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1102-197 has passed seven in favor and two against.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

IV. Old Business

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't have anything on his agenda.....

V. New Business

Speaker Crampton.....continued or for New Business.

IX. Concluding Business

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

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked him very much. Romanelli said he has several items on his list today. Romanelli said the first one he wanted to ask if there is any movement with the hearing on Big Fire that was.....that they talked about for a few weeks now.

Speaker Crampton said no he requested one he knows he said he was planning one but they haven't gotten to the planning stages yet. Crampton said they are still working on a few other things that are on their plate right now.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said all right he just wanted to know if there was an update on that. Romanelli said um, several work sessions scheduled this week and normally the Ogema gets a notice of the meeting an actual notice in his emails. Romanelli said he did not get notice of those meetings and he would just request that they go back to that. Romanelli said that has been standard for a long time. Romanelli said he understands that after the fact that when the Council does put out a calendar on the website so he will look there but he should also be getting some kind of notice. Romanelli said the reason he brings that up is because the Budget Meeting neither he or the Budget Coordinator was in attendance he guessed there was some discussions that were going on maybe they could have answered some of those questions ah, and he appreciates that the Council is going to ah, again have another work session on Thursday. Romanelli said he believed from 1:00 to 3:00 so he plans on being there along with the

Budget Coordinator. Romanelli said hopefully they can answer some of those questions. Romanelli said nine oh, okay, nine, yup. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said so they plan on being there in attendance and hopefully they can answer some of the questions that were ah, going around. Romanelli said on ULD the same thing they had a work session on the ULD and he just wanted to state because it was stated that there was really nothing for the ULD to do. Romanelli said he disagrees with that he thinks Council has a right to have their own attorney, always have, and the Ogema has a part-time in-house attorney but ULD has a lot of work that they do. Romanelli said they do work for the commissions, the committees and the Council and they do work for the departments within the Executive Branch they do work for the Tribe as a whole by doing things like CORA and the negotiations so. Romanelli said ah, it's his understanding that they have a lot of work that needs to be done so he just wanted to state it for the record. Romanelli said sometimes they have been asked to do work that might violate their con.....their contract. Romanelli said if they are asked to do something for Tribal Council like against the Ogema that would be a violation of their contract. Romanelli said they can't do that. Romanelli said if they are asked by the Ogema to do something against the Tribal Council again, they can't do that so he just wanted a little clarification there ah, because um, things have been said. Romanelli said also ULD, they know, the time they had them and again he wasn't a big supporter of ULD in the first place because he thought it had short comings they see now those short comings have come to light in some ways. Romanelli said that is not he is against the ULD now but in all the time that they've had um, court litigation going on it has not cost none of that has been a result of something that the ULD did or didn't do. Romanelli said so he just wanted it noted for the record. Romanelli said um, they....he also didn't receive notice that the Council is going to be taking action against the Prosecutor and that would be something....a violation of the contract or something like that. Romanelli said that is why he asked about the hearing on Big Fire ah, some of things seem to tie in together. Romanelli said ah.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said if they could just back to the agenda this is supposed to be the Weekly Status and Business Update not him questioning the ah, the Council.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is not questioning he is giving statements.

Speaker Crampton said well, this is supposed to be a report from him to the membership on how he conducted his business.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, so the Tribal Council ah, sent him an email he thinks yesterday and said that they are going to be looking at the Prosecutor's Contract because they believe it to be invalid.

Speaker Crampton said again, that is not any of his busi.....he is supposed to be reporting on what he has done for the membership. Crampton said for his Ogema

Weekly Status and Business Update not questioning stuff that Council has been talking about in work sessions.

Ogema Romanelli said really.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he doesn't see that limited anywhere in.....he has the Tribal Council Meeting.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked has he done anything.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Speaker Crampton said he is supposed to be giving them a status and weekly....

Ogema Romanelli said yes, that is what he is doing.

Speaker Crampton said what has he done.

Ogema Romanelli asked what has he done about what.....giving them the status he is saying that Tribal Council in their work sessions did not properly notice the Ogema or the Executive Branch, okay. Romanelli asked okay.

Speaker Crampton said they heard him.

Ogema Romanelli said that is one thing. Romanelli said he also gave an update on ULD.....

Speaker Crampton said before he gets too far out of hand they are not going to have this again today.

Ogema Romanelli said not today.

Speaker Crampton said he has couple of minutes to finish up. Crampton said please finish his status and business update.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, they will do it real quick like then. Romanelli said so anyway Tribal Council.....Tribal members they do have something that they do go after the Prosecutor's Contract and the Ogema's Advisory Group they have concerns with that. Romanelli said the hearing on the Big Fire he already talked about that. Romanelli said the EDC.....the EDC ah, there was notice put in the paper obviously they have part of the downtown torn down and now there may be some pause on that so that is causing some concerns within the community. Romanelli said the EDC was created by the Tribal Council. Romanelli said the Tribal Council created the Board put two people on the Board from the Tribal

Council which has not been filled in recent times. Romanelli said the Board of Directors reports to the Tribal Council by order of the Tribal Council. Romanelli said within that they also say that Board supervises the employees he just wanted that noted for the record. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said the last thing he wants to do is talk about the ARPA Funding. Romanelli said as they know there was a problem with the application hopefully that has been resolved he doesn't know if they had to have a Special Meeting again because the application actually had been changed so if that meeting has taken place. Romanelli said the other thing is he is asking again if the funds are unrestricted. Romanelli said they are trying to do the best they can. Romanelli said as soon as Council voted that in their ____ had to work very hard and there is a lot of work to be done on that. Romanelli said the question that still remains is they created over.....he looked at the resolutions at one time they restricted funds of the ARPA Funds and they also had to create a program. Romanelli said they did that. Romanelli said they did both things. Romanelli said his question is are the funds completely unrestricted.

Speaker Crampton said the resolution is coming forward right now they are doing for the postage and the funding.

Ogema Romanelli asked for the funding as well.

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said so now their one...two weeks down. Romanelli said he has Tribal members calling him and emailing him all the time about where's my check. Romanelli said first off it takes a lot of work to get the check out and they're working as fast and as hard as they can. Romanelli said that is what he has been telling the membership now they're saying and he asked him last week if the funds were unrestricted now he is saying again this week he is now going to unrestrict the funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is not what he said.

Ogema Romanelli said these delays....

Speaker Crampton said that is not what he said.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Speaker Crampton said he is trying to create a commotion and it's pretty funny but continue.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said well, he is just that saying now he is going to unrestrict the funds.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he is trying to avoid that he hasn't done anything.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Speaker Crampton said he is trying to avoid that he hasn't done anything and cast the burden on Council.

Ogema Romanelli laughed. Romanelli repeated that he hasn't done anything.

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said just ask his staff the same question.

Speaker Crampton said no, he is looking at a fake story that he put in the paper and he contacted ah, Marissa Overly.

Ogema Romanelli said then he diverts away from the ARPA Funding.

Speaker Crampton said no this is.....he actually brought up a resolution for them to move the property into Trust on 9/14. Crampton said the Tribal Council by vote of eight to 0.....ah, one was absent voted to take the property into Trust so no, they are not resubmitting a new application as he reported in the paper for a casino. Crampton said he knew that before he did the article.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, so let's get back to the ARPA Funds.

Speaker Crampton laughed. Crampton said okay. Crampton said hurry up.

Ogema Romanelli said ____.

Speaker Crampton said just hurry up.

Ogema Romanelli laughed. Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked him for those kind words sir.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome.

Ogema Romanelli said but the concern is that they have to have this done right. Romanelli said it can be a violation, it can be misappropriation of funds.....

Speaker Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said he is trying to look out for the benefit of the Tribe while getting the checks out and their staff has been working very hard to do so.

Speaker Crampton asked did he get the email from Elise.

Ogema Romanelli said he did yes. Romanelli asked did he read it.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli asked would he read it to the people.

Speaker Crampton said he seen him um, respond to her.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he saw his response.

Speaker Crampton said then he knows.....

Ogema Romanelli asked did he see her response.

Speaker Crampton said so he knows it is being fixed. Crampton said so he is just trying to create a commotion.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, being fixed right, that means.....

Speaker Crampton said Larry, he is not going to start arguing with him today. Crampton said everything has been fine until he got up there with his Weekly Status and Business Update as usual. Crampton said the commotion comes from him.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, all right, well that's it. Romanelli said just one more word of caution. Romanelli said they know in the ARPA Funding where it says that people that makes \$150,000 or more are not eligible and they.....he just wants the membership to be aware of that as well. Romanelli said now if there are funds and he delegated it to all Tribal members equally across the board that can raise a red flag. Romanelli said the other issue is that those funds then they would go back into the General Funds he is assuming if they are not ah, approved or no. Romanelli asked where would the funds go of people that do not accept the funds.

Speaker Crampton said well, like what they did with the last one was they ah, took the funds and they split them up and gave them a check that was out of the CARES Funding because it was supposed to be out soon.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, all right. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he's done.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome. Crampton said that brings them down to Legislative Affairs.....oh he is sorry, they have members asking questions. Crampton said Susan Thull.

There was a loud sound in the background on the ZOOM recording that couldn't be determined where it came from.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said she did have a question for the Ogema. Thull said she was wondering when the um, Membership Meeting, the Fall Membership Meeting would be posted um, the video, and also the.....there has been questions about the ah, August Budget Meeting if that could be posted also.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he can get with IT and ask the question. Romanelli thanked them.

Susan Thull thanked him.

Speaker Crampton thanked Susan. Crampton said ah, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said her comment is she would like to make the membership aware that the Ogema is sharing his opinion. Agosa said members should verify his statements with their own research and reading their laws and she is making a statement for the record. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked Miss Agosa. Crampton said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said yes and she will go on Sara Agosa. Mezeske said um, that goes for Council too. Mezeske said um, she is going to say that the rude and arrogance is really filling the air and asking the Ogema what he has done ah, Council is only working three days a week. Mezeske asked so what have they done.

Speaker Crampton thanked Sandy Mezeske. Crampton said that moves them down to Legislative Affairs Update.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs Update. Crampton said Julie Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said she just wants to make two announcements for Tribal Events coming up this week. Wolfe said they have a Native American Celebration um, Supraman is going to have a performance on Thursday evening from 6-8 here in the Lodge and that's going be live via ZOOM also. Wolfe said then on Friday the Biskaabiiyang Committee and the Elders are working together to bring a Jiibe Feast, a Ghost Supper, and that is going to be at Aki Maadiziwin and she believed that starts at 5:30. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked anybody else. Crampton said okay, going back to what he was talking about earlier. Crampton said he received a whole bunch of calls

about a few articles they had that were released ah, stating that the Little River was going to resubmit for a new casino. Crampton said the Ogema and the Council is aware that that's not happening. Crampton said on 9/14 they approved to ah, take the Land into Trust for Non-Gaming purposes. Crampton said he tried to contact the um, source of the story and it wasn't the DOJ and it wasn't the Governor's Office. Crampton said he was told by the Reporter that it was Mr. Romanelli that has actually called them and submitted the story. Crampton said but no, they are not resubmitting for a new casino. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said that takes them down to.....

Recorder Wittenberg said well wait.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Cramptoncontinued Public Comment. Crampton said Larry.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah. Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said ah, several meetings ago it was discussed about the Muskegon Project and it was dead and he said there was nothing. Romanelli said he stated that he called the Governor's Office and he called the Department of Interior and they said nothing was going on. Romanelli said he asked him if he called them on behalf of the Tribal Council as a whole or an individual.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he did.

Ogema Romanelli said he called as an individual not Tribal not representing Tribal Council.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't answer to him.

Ogema Romanelli repeated he doesn't answer to him. Romanelli said oh, okay.

Speaker Crampton agreed no he doesn't.

Ogema Romanelli said he can answer to the membership he guessed that is what he is asking him to do right now.

Speaker Crampton said that's right. Crampton said nah.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said so then it is a no answer.

Speaker Crampton said look, he planted a story and he is not getting in his games. Crampton thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli said it is not a game.

Speaker Crampton said well, he planted a story, not true.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome.

Ogema Romanelli said that is his opinion, right. Romanelli thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said no, that is not his opinion. Crampton said they have a resolution right here, approved by Council, Council is not going for another casino. Crampton said they approved to take the Land into Trust for Non-Gaming purposes on 9/14. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she actually has two questions but she would like clarification on um, the planting of stories because she has found about three different articles on the internet. Agosa said um, and so if they could just please clarify where were these stories issued....just more information on that. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he did contact Marissa Overly and she said that she was contacted by Mr. Romanelli as were the other ones. Crampton asked any more questions. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes, his question is why wouldn't they still try to further their members because the....the revenue would be increased it is probably astronomical so why wouldn't they want to have the best interests of the members in mind. Di Piazza said he doesn't know he thinks they should have taken another bite at it because there is another chance. Di Piazza said that is exactly how it reads they can submit a new application.

Speaker Crampton said a new application to start the whole process over again. Crampton said they have the letter from the DO....from the Department of Interior. Crampton said his vote on 9/14 was to take the property into Trust.

Councilor Di Piazza said at that time, yes.

Speaker Crampton said for Non-Gaming purposes.

Councilor Di Piazza said that probably needs to be put on hold until they figure out what is going on instead of just saying, "*Oh, its over, its done.*"

Speaker Crampton said it is they got a letter from the Department of Interior he read it.....

Councilor Di Piazza said that is not what it states. Di Piazza said it states that they can put another application in. Di Piazza said all the groundwork's is already done all the due diligence is done. Di Piazza asked is it not.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead and get the letter from the Interior and they will go the second it gets here.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was just asking has the due diligence been done, the surveys.....

Speaker Crampton said if he will get him the Department.....look it he is playing this game and he already voted to take it into Trust. Crampton said it's not there the Department of Interior said they can resubmit it for Non-Gaming purposes. Crampton said he brings him the piece of paper saying anything otherwise than that they're going. Crampton said he will go today. Crampton said they don't have anything from the Interior.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is not the way he reads it so he can disagree with him but he thinks the membership should be the ones to really say that they want to do that.

Speaker Crampton said first there has to be an opportunity that means the Department of the Interior has to clear the way for the Governor and the Governor has to say yes and concur. Crampton said none of this has taken place. Crampton said the other processes....they got the letter and that process concluded. Crampton said they can submit.....they can resubmit for Non-Gaming purposes.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is not what it totally said.

Speaker Crampton said look it.....look it they are going to go back and forth on this forever.....just like he said they are going to release the letter to the members and they can read it for themselves. Crampton said it will be easier to understand.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is just saying to.....to neglect the membership for.....

Speaker Crampton said nobody is neglecting the membership they are just not letting them be lied to.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is not a lie they have to submit a new application.

Speaker Crampton said and start the whole process over again. Crampton said that is not what he is telling.....

Councilor Di Piazza said the due diligence is done.

Speaker Crampton said and start the whole process over again.

Councilor Di Piazza said all the due diligence is done.

Speaker Crampton continued.....from square one. Crampton said so the members understand that when.....what the wording is getting trickily used here is they can still.....there is a second chance. Crampton said the other process that they started for 12 years has concluded they can now resubmit it and start the whole process over and now somebody is throwing a thing in there and saying they got a second chance. Crampton said no they always knew they could resubmit it if it failed.

Councilor Di Piazza said nope, he disagrees.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes....the Council did support ah, putting the Land into Trust for Non-Gaming purposes. Romanelli said however there was more information.....more detailed information and that was communicated that suggests that they do have a second chance. Romanelli said he said they didn't. Romanelli said they absolutely do they are working on it as he stands here and the second chance is that they can resubmit which they always known they can do.

Speaker Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli continued.....this is the second chance. Romanelli said the reason that it becomes important is because a lot of the information which Councilor Di Piazza was trying to tell him is that a lot of the information contained in the first packet is relevant to a second packet. Romanelli said so the timeframe that was spent on the first packet would probably not have to be anywhere near as long in the second packet because a lot of the same information is still relevant. Romanelli said therefore if they have a second chance at a second casino that brings in additional money why wouldn't they do that. Romanelli said so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he just wanted to report the whole process. Crampton said first Mr. Romanelli brought the attorneys forward for them to take the Land into Trust for Non-Gaming purposes and Tribal Council held off for a week because they wanted to talk to the attorneys. Crampton said then he brought it back for a second week with the same message taking it into Trust was on the suggestion of the Ogema for Non-Gaming purposes.

Ogema Romanelli said then he asked him to please postpone and put a hold on it until they get through this other process.

Speaker Crampton asked when did he get the request.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked did they get the request.

Councilor Wolfe made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not picked clearly to understand.

Speaker Crampton said no she got a request from.....

Ogema Romanelli said no he actually said it in an open meeting as well.
Romanelli said they can look at the records.

Speaker Crampton said no, that is fine the only action that they have from Council is to take this into Non-Gaming purposes.

Ogema Romanelli said right and he asked them to please hold off on it while they looked at the second option.

Speaker Crampton said well, he called the attorneys and the attorneys said they haven't gotten any direction from him in otherwise what they are doing.
Crampton said in fact they told him they didn't hear anything about this um, second chance and no, they are going forward and taking the Land into Trust for Non-Gaming purposes.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, some of that information by the way could be used for the Gaming possibilities as well.

Speaker Crampton said so the letter from the Department of Interior said it may be relevant that its.....that it may still be relevant to their second application.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome. Crampton said um, Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said Speaker Crampton her question is going to be very direct.
Cheney said in the article it said that the DOI asked for them to resubmit it..... another application. Cheney said so they reached out to them. Cheney asked is that fact.

Speaker Crampton said that is a fact the problem here is that it is getting misconstrued that they contacted them and asked them to resubmit for um, for a new casino. Crampton said that is not true. Crampton said what happened was they asked them to resubmit using their old environmental which still had not expired so they could still use them for ah, a new submission for Non-Gaming.

Staci Cheney thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said she was welcome. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said um, there are articles circulating out there she is just going to go back to what she asked before just for clarification. Agosa said on WZZM, WGVU and FOX they are pretty much duplicate stories about how the Fruitport Township Casino Project is not dead yet. Agosa said um, so if these articles are inaccurate and um, she just needs clarification he said the source was Larry Romanelli.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording made a comment but it could not be determined who said it or where it came from or what it was they said.

Sara Agosa continued.....what is the Council's plan to correct this information. Agosa said she finds it really concerning this information is within the public's sphere and she also doesn't think it is fair to the membership. Agosa said so that is her question how will this be corrected.

Speaker Crampton said the um, the ah, ah, the information is public information now Tribal Council released the vote from Closed Session last week so that can be shared at any time. Crampton said that he told.....he told Marissa Overly that he would be sending her the resolution plus the letter from the Department of the Interior so she could read it for herself. Crampton said oh, Al Metzger then Gary.

Al Metzger said ah, yeah, he is a bit confused ah, how much land had they originally purchased down in Fruitport by the old racetrack.

Speaker Crampton asked how much what.

Al Metzger said land. Metzger asked was there like 210 acres.

Speaker Crampton asked what did he say he can't hear.

Al Metzger repeated how much land did they purchase in Fruitport for the old racetrack.

Speaker Crampton said he thinks the racetrack property was like 60 on that parcel but there is more he thinks it is worth like 170.

Al Metzger said oh, because at one time he thought it was like 210 acres and the thing he is confused is in this article that they are talking about says they only own 86 acres he would like to know where the other 90 acres went to.

Speaker Crampton said he will go to the Ogema because he probably has the answers.

Ogema Romanelli said sure, as they know sometimes articles are written or said can have some misinformation. Romanelli said if the article said they owned eighty-some acres that would be incorrect. Romanelli said ah, the amount of

acreage that their trying to put into Trust is approximately 60 acres. Romanelli said the total acreage that they own down there is 233 acres. Romanelli said it contains three different parcels one at 80 acres, one at 55 acres and one at 90 acres approximate and that totals 233. Romanelli said the only acreage they are talking about at this point and time is the 60 acres. Romanelli thanked them.

Al Metzger said well, he would still like some clarification. Metzger said the article was submitted by the Ogema. Metzger said he would like to know what happened with the other 100 and some-odd acres. Metzger said why aren't they putting that Land into Trust.

Ogema Romanelli asked does he want him to answer. Romanelli said yeah, sure. Romanelli said the issue is that they are only talking about the 60 acres, Al. Romanelli said the other acreage that is contained there they are not doing anything with right at the present time. Romanelli said again, it takes a long time to put the Land in Trust and they have talked with Council about that too. Romanelli said the deal was that will work on the 60 acres and at a later date or at the same time they could work on the 170 approximate acres. Romanelli said so it isn't that they are not doing anything they are looking at the total situation. Romanelli said the one at hand right now is the 60 acres.

Al Metzger said all right. Metzger said leave him a follow-up question about Land in Trust. Metzger asked how much Land in Trust in Reservation Restoration have they.....have they acquired over the last 12 years.

Ogema Romanelli said quite a bit actually. Romanelli said they put a lot of Land in Trust ah, over the years. Romanelli said again, they talk about Kettle Hole and the different piece.....parcels of property. Romanelli said they put a lot of acreage in Trust if they understand they have over 2,000 acres. Romanelli said a large majority has been put into Trust. Romanelli said it's a process that they have to go through they have done everything right and they done a good job. Romanelli thanked them.

Al Metzger thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is in the queue.

Speaker Crampton waved his hand towards Councilor Di Piazza to go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he was just going to mention that ah, resolution that he is speaking of the only thing that was released out of Closed was the Resolution, Roll Call and Vote not the information that he is discussing here in a public forum that that information is still in Closed.

Speaker Crampton said that had to be moved out of Closed so their attorneys can work on the project.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, it hasn't been released.

Speaker Crampton said then they shouldn't be spending any money. Crampton said all of them just.....

Councilor Di Piazza said other than what he just said.....

Speaker Crampton said based on what he just said he will get a hold of the attorneys and set up a meeting and tell them they can't spend no more money.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can't hear him....he can't understand his mumbling.

Speaker Crampton repeated based on what he just said he will get a hold of the attorneys and set up a meeting and tell them they can't draw down because it's not out of Closed.

Councilor Di Piazza said well go ahead, he is just saying the only thing that was released was the Motion.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said the motion, the roll call and the vote.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....the vote....

Speaker Crampton said it is right here. Crampton thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said not any of the information that was in the meeting because that was still.....still in Closed.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, he was just letting him know he just released some Closed Session information that hasn't been released.

Speaker Crampton said one more time. Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked is there anything else.

Councilor Di Piazza said no that's fine. Di Piazza said he just wanted everybody to be aware of that.

Speaker Crampton said one more time. Crampton asked can he do it again.

Councilor Di Piazza said sure, he just wanted everybody to be aware that he released Closed Session information that has not been released to the general population.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said not a problem.

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 Crampton said with that he will entertain a motion to End First Open Session.

MOTION TO END THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Lewis;
supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership.

Al Metzger said ah, excuse him.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead Al.

Al Metzger said yeah, are they in a Public Comment Period.

Speaker Crampton said they are just wrapping up, why. Crampton asked what's on his mi.....

Al Metzger said ah, aah, ah, well, as most of them know they are having a Jiibe Supper, Friday. Metzger said ah, there has been a question about the drum ah, being there. Metzger said this is the same drum that has been ah, participating for the last three...four years and even though he sits on this drum he is did not put in a request and he will not accept any funds. Metzger said this concerns the Honorarium requested. Metzger said ah, what is the discrepancy on that please.

Speaker Crampton said Julie.

Councilor Wolfe said the discrepancy on the Honorarium Ordinance allows for a \$500 payment per year per individual. Wolfe said this particular drum that he requesting the Honorarium for they have exceeded that amount of funding available so is not eligible by the Honorarium Ordinance to receive another payment. Wolfe said they will be eligible again in 2023. Wolfe thanked them.

Al Metzger asked could they put it in his name.

Councilor Wolfe said she can put it in whosever name that sits at the drum and can take an Honorarium.

Al Metzger said okay, then make it out to him then please.

Councilor Wolfe said bring it back to their Liaison that can bring it back to the rest of Tribal Council.

Al Metzger said all right. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said all right he wanted to thank Mr. Metzger because he just reminded him of something he actually feels really bad because ah, he was going to say something last week but he gets caught up in the business up here sometimes. Crampton said he just wanted to keep everybody the.....he just wanted everybody to keep the Mc Caslin Family in their prayers. Crampton said they lost a young one last....last week ah, Cherokee Synosky. Crampton said so keep that family in their prayers that they heal. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said okay, do they have a motion. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said nine in favor they End First Open at 10:46 a.m.

XI. Open Session

Second Open Session was not recorded and the following was taken from the Roll Call Record.

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

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from the Council or the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said they are in Second Open at 12:04 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

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

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council or the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

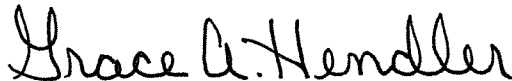
Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said seven in favor and two against they are adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder