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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020
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 25, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome to Wednesday's November 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Little River Band Government Center Tribal Council Meeting via ZOOM Agenda. Pete said to Gary Di Piazza that he usually don't have anybody but will he please give an Opening Prayer.

Recorder Di Piazza said he can.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.
Look after everybody.
Let your prayers help the ones in need.
Keep everybody safe as they are venturing out.
If they do take your precautions that they need to protect yourselves and others.
Look after people that serve us the front-line people, employees.
Keep everybody safe.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza very much.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine are present they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Dennis Swain, Sandy Mezeske, Laura Echelbarger, Valerie Chandler, Kathleen Bowers, Connie Waitner, Susan Thull, Dawn Mc Grady, ELDEN 1948, Ken La Haye, Martha Howell, Julie Wolfe, Eugene Magnuson, Steve Wheeler, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Chelsea Densmore, Caitlin Carey, Grace Hendler, (231) 510-6941, (231)398-6653, (269) 303-5496, (231) 398-6813, (231) 398-6816.

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE REVISED A
IN CLOSED SESSION; TRIBAL COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES 11/7/20; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three against the agenda for Wednesday, November 25, 2020 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes

Speaker Pete said Tribal Council Minutes are none submitted.

Councilor Lonn whispered Susan Thull has her hand up.

Speaker Pete said Susan Thull he sees she has her hand up already.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said she is sorry she couldn't get it up soon enough. Thull asked did Tom Guenthardt when he um, had the motion to approve the agenda did he have an add on that. Thull said she didn't hear it.

Speaker Pete said all he did was he added the Approval of Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes. Pete said it was an adjustment that was it.

Susan Thull thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete thanked Susan Thull.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said none are submitted.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-2021 Food Distribution Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$314,249**

The Tribe has received their grant award.

Speaker Pete asked Ken La Haye if he was on.

Ken La Haye, FDPIR Director, represented this agenda item. La Haye said yes he is.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye very much. Pete said go ahead.

Ken La Haye said um, is just their Budget for.....the Operating Budget for 2021 um, that was approved. La Haye said he sent it onto USDA and they approved it. La Haye said they just need the acceptance of the funds um, to put into the Budget so they can start spending them now.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye again. Pete asked is there any further questions of Ken La Haye.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she has a question.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said hi Ken La Haye, she knows she asked this in the Agenda Review but could he just reiterate who qualifies for this program um, so it is on the transcript. Agosa said thanks.

Ken La Haye said people that....its a....any Federally Recognized Tribal member of any Federally Recognized Tribe can apply for the program. La Haye said it is an income-based program so there are guidelines that need to be adhered to. La Haye said um, and right no.....and with their ah, in their area they have 14 counties that they cover.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye. Pete asked is there any further questions of Ken La Haye.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she has one more question.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Sara Agosa asked Ken La Haye can he please let them know which counties are covered and how far south um, the counties go. Agosa thanked them.

Ken La Haye said yeah they cover their most northern counties are Leelanau and Grand Traverse County. La Haye said they go down to their further southern counties is Ottawa County and Kent County to their southern borders. La Haye said he can't right off hand remember all the counties that are in between um, he can try his best. La Haye said they have Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Wexford, Manistee, Oceana, Osceola, Mecosta, Muskegon, Kent County and Ottawa County he believe that is all of them. La Haye said he may have missed one in there he is not sure. La Haye said oh, Newaygo County.

Sara Agosa said she has one more question. Agosa said sorry can he say that again.

Ken La Haye said Newaygo County is another one.

Sara Agosa said she has one more question. Agosa said she apologizes for interrupting um, but she has to use her mute button so sometimes she is delayed. Agosa said um, her last question is um, she thinks he stated in the Agenda Review that Tribal members can possibly access other Reservations in their Food Program if they are qualified. Agosa asked is that correct.

Ken La Haye answered yes, that is correct. La Haye said um, because they do serve other Tribal members of other Tribes um, they do have some participants that are from Little Traverse um, they know, Grand Traverse so they.....they do um, reciprocate with participants and that's, they know, any....if they are by anywhere.....even out of state if they are in Wisconsin they know, they know, um, so they should be able to contact a local Tribe and if they can't find any help

give him a call and he usually.....he has the directory to um, the Tribal Assistance Programs also that he can help them with.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye. Pete asked is there any further questions of Ken La Haye.

Sara Agosa said she has one more question. Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said okay Sara Agosa.

A Participant made a comment in the background but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording and couldn't be made out clearly.

Sara Agosa said she believed Ken La Haye stated that he could possibly drop off um, food in Muskegon, is that correct.

Ken La Haye said yes, the program right now what they have is that they have a delivery option for their Elders and folks that are disabled. La Haye said um, that is based on, they know, their Tribal Elder Membership and if they are un....not qualified to receive the delivery option he can get it down to Muskegon to their Muskegon Office to have people come and pick up that.....um, they do not qualify for delivery.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye. Pete asked is there any further questions for Ken La Haye. Pete said not seeing any further questions. Pete asked can he get a motion and support.

Councilor Lonn said she will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-339;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-2021 FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-87 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$314,249; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-1125-339 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-CARES Act Funding and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$3,400

The Tribe has received funds for the Purification System.

Speaker Pete asked Ken La Haye if this was also him.

Ken La Haye, FDPIR Director, represented this agenda item. La Haye said yes it is.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Ken La Haye.

Ken La Haye said okay. La Haye said um, what that is....that is adding the Air Purification System into the new building ah, it is going to be mounted right in the um, air ducts so that its ah, um,.....so that it will replace the....the small air generators that they were going to purchase. La Haye said so it is doing the whole....the whole building instead of just certain areas at a time.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye. Pete asked is there any further questions of Ken La Haye. Pete said not seeing any questions. Pete asked Gary Di Piazza will he.....

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Speaker Pete said he needs a.....he needs a motion?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-340;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-CARES ACT FUNDING AND
APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
MB-2020-88 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400; by Guenthardt; supported
by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-1125-340 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Nutrition Education Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$450

The FDPIR received funds for nutrition class activities.

Speaker Pete said to Ken La Haye that he thinks he is on for that.

Ken La Haye, FDPIR Director, represented this agenda item. La Haye said yes he is. La Haye said um, this....this is just funding that the USDA the Food and Nutrition um, they give them um, and he misspoke the other day....of the \$3 million that they received they only get....its like \$35,000 and not many places were applying for it so they didn't just want to give it back so what they did they split it up amongst the Midwest Regional ITO's. La Haye said they went on....based on participation so um, they just give that to them so they can take them and purchase some education materials for their participants.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye. Pete asked is there any further questions of Ken La Haye. Pete asked can he get a motion and support.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-341;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-NUTRITION EDUCATION
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-89 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450;
by Guenthardt; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-1125-341 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Ken La Haye thanked them. La Haye said have a good holiday.

Speaker Pete thanked Ken La Haye so much. Pete said he and his staff he thanks so much for taking care of everyone.

Ken La Haye said he is welcome.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Pete said there is nothing under Approval of Budgeted Expenditure.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report ☐ October 2020

Speaker Pete said the Operations Report was submitted for October 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Commissions and Committees have been meeting on a limited basis.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> October 2020 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> October 2020 |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said um, A. the Binojeeuk Commission is none submitted, Enrollment Commission is none submitted, Gaming Commission October 2020 has been submitted, the Health Commission October 2020 has been submitted, Housing Commission is none submitted and Natural Resource Commission is none submitted.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ October 2020

Speaker Pete said A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report has been submitted for October 2020.

VII. Old Business

A. Request for Re-Appointment of EDC Board Member, Jim Nedeau
Current term is expiring and re-appointment is necessary for a three-year term to begin. This item was tabled at the last Tribal Council Meeting on 11/18/20.

Eugene Magnuson, CEO of Little River Holdings, represented this agenda item. Magnuson said yes, good morning, ah this is Eugene Magnuson and ah, putting forth a request for re-appointment for Jim Nedeau to the EDC Board for a three-year term.

Speaker Pete asked does anybody have any questions for Eugene Magnuson.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa said hi Eugene Magnuson. Agosa said um, she was just wondering if he was able to get a little more information um. from this individual um, maybe clarifying what his accomplishments have been or what he hopes to accomplish for the Tribe. Agosa thanked them.

Eugene Magnuson thanked Sara Agosa. Magnuson said ah, um, he believed Jim Nedeau is on the call. Magnuson asked Jim Nedeau if he was on the call.

Jim Nedeau said yes he is.

Eugene Magnuson asked Jim Nedeau if he can answer Sara Agosa's question.

Jim Nedeau said yes. Nedeau said good morning.

Councilor Lonn said good morning.

Jim Nedeau said his qualifications for re-appointment to the Board include he is married to a Tribal member; he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Lodging, Restaurant & Tourism; he spent 24 years as Real Estate Appraiser appraising single family dwellings, duplexes, multi-family dwellings, condominiums, and vacant land. Nedeau said the last ten years his working career he was with the Muskegon County Equalization Department. Nedeau said his main responsibility

was ensuring that all of the commercial and industrial property in the Muskegon County it was then 49-50% of market value. Nedeau said he has also have testified as an expert witness on values at the Michigan State Tax Commission and he testified on values at a Circuit Court in Muskegon County. Nedeau said he has been on the Board since its inception and he is hoping to get re-appointed to the Board. Nedeau asked what other questions could he answer for them.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further questions of Jim Nedeau.

Councilor Champagne identified herself. Champagne said she would like to get in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said okay, he told them all his qualifications how does he utilize those qualifications as a seated Board Member.

Jim Nedeau said he helps analyze projects that come to their attention, requests from other entities that want to partner with them, they know, toss around and see if it is something that they think they can earn some money for the Tribe and furtherance of the Seven Generation Plan.

Speaker Pete asked does anybody else want to be in this queue for Jim Nedeau.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she has a question.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa said thanks for the information she really appreciates it. Agosa said she has one question um, he mentioned Seven Generations what are his goals um, on the Board um, in the future. Agosa said that is her question. Agosa thanked them.

Jim Nedeau said well currently they have a number of economic ventures in place and the most successful one to date is the sub-division in Fruitport Township. Nedeau said they have some other ones that really haven't take off yet. Nedeau said they are debating whether they know, they want to continue to pursue those. Nedeau said they haven't made it into the black yet really once they do they will be turning over any revenues to Tribal Council and they will make the determination where that money is applied. Nedeau said they currently have a Section 8a approval with the Federal Government, which is government contracting, they have several bids out on jobs that they are partnering with some other Tribal EDC's and he is really asking to take off once they can get past COVID. Nedeau said the Federal Government.....

Ogema Romanelli identified himself to Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete said he will put him in the queue right when Jim Nedeau is done.

Jim Nedeau said the Federal Government awards millions of dollars on an annual basis for contracts and several Tribes around the country participate in that program and it looks like they could be very successful with that venture. Nedeau said he is finished. Nedeau thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes um.....thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said he brought Jim Nedeau's name forward for re-appointment. Romanelli said Jim Nedeau has been on the Board like he says from the beginning. Romanelli said he just now gave his full background and his wide range of abilities within the Board. Romanelli said the Council has the right to interview these candidates and he doesn't know if they did or not but he just thinks that this is a re-appointment and he thinks he fully supports Jim Nedeau and his background and his ability. Romanelli said he just thinks that if they were to ask all this it really should be from the Tribal Council and he guessed that's.....its difficult to get Tribal.....Board members and committee members a lot of times so. Romanelli said he thanks him for getting on the call and he thanks him for giving this information. Romanelli thanked them.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is a Spanish Inquisition.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa asked can she be put in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa said she just wanted to respond to Larry Romanelli's comment. Agosa said um, she fully think that members has the right to ask questions um, really any questions relevant to the position um, to get information as well um, there should be openness in this information. Agosa said she feels like any questions that she has asked are perfectly appropriate um, and it is really important for members to be informed because they are also learning. Agosa said they are learning about these departments and the individuals as well so for information purposes she thinks its great to have these conversations and dialogues. Agosa said she just learned a lot by listening um, to Jim Nedeau. Agosa said so she is sorry but she disagrees with him she thinks it is appropriate for the members to be informed. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay he.....

Ogema Romanelli said to Ron Pete to put him back in please.

Speaker Pete continued....are there any more questions for Jim Nedeau.

Ogema Romanelli asked Ron Pete if he could put him back in.

Speaker Pete said okay he is sorry he called his name. Pete said go ahead Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and Sara Agosa the issue is that people that he puts forward that he puts forward for an appointment have a right to be interviewed by the Tribal Council. Romanelli said in this case.....and when they interview they can absolutely have Tribal members in that interview process so that Tribal members can a part of it as well. Romanelli said he doesn't have a problem with that at all. Romanelli said the problem is that they are now in the Tribal Council Meeting and a lot of the questions that are asked could be found out.....the answers could be found out by looking on their website rather than going sometimes off topic and not in this case but earlier. Romanelli said he means there are questions that can be answered by looking on the website and, and there are questions that are asked that have no relevance. Romanelli said in this case he still believes that there should have been an inter.....there could have been an interview and she could have been absolutely been asked her questions at that time. Romanelli said as she knows she e-mailed him sometimes outside the meetings and the last.....and they know, often times he doesn't get an answer to his last question. Romanelli said she asks him questions and he ask if she can....if she asked her representative those same questions and he never get an answer on that. Romanelli said that's what he believes and he is going a little bit on but they have nine Council Representatives for the membership and he thinks a lot of times a lot of these questions a lot of this information should be asked of the nine people. Romanelli said that's it. Romanelli thanked them.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa asked can she please respond.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Sara Agosa said she is perfectly willing to attend work sessions um, to ask questions. Agosa said she does feel that in Tribal Council Meetings it is a good time to educate the membership simply because a lot of people work full time so they are accessing the transcript after hours. Agosa said um, and also too with this particular re-appointment nobody told her or anybody else to possibly have a private meeting to ask questions. Agosa said on Monday this was reviewed and it was agreed um, that today they would get more information um, that is something that Tribal Council and he, Larry Romanelli, should decide in advance but not um, accuse her or anybody else um, that now they are asking basic questions ultimately Tribal Council and the Ogema is responsible for understanding their Constitution and everything that goes along with it and in helping the members understand it. Agosa said they are not the ones to dictate she agrees with him however there had been times when she has not received answers including in Tribal Council Meetings.....*Agosa laughed*.....to legitimate questions. Agosa

said um, so another thing she just wants to say is that, yes, everyone can access the website although for years she was not able to access it it is not accessible to everybody including people who don't have the internet and they all learn differently. Agosa said some people learn visually, some people by hearing, some people learn by doing, and some people learn by reading. Agosa said so and they all are sometimes mixed too so there is a variety of ways that people like to learn not just going on the website which they would have to have a password to even log into anyway is also difficult sometimes. Agosa said so, they know, she would just really appreciate um, that these meetings are open, that they can ask questions, that they receive guidance from Tribal Council and the Ogema in a way that is just mutually respectful. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Sara Agosa. Pete asked is there any further questions of Jim Nedean. Pete said Laura Echelbarger he sees that she has her hand up.

Laura Echelbarger said no she just wanted to just mention that they are getting way off topic. Echelbarger thanked them.

Councilor Guenthardt was laughing in the background.

Recorder Di Piazza said yup.

Speaker Pete thanked Laura Echelbarger.

Recorder Di Piazza thanked Laura Echelbarger for pointing that out.

Speaker Pete asked is there any more questions for Jim Nedean. Pete asked can he get a motion or support.....from anybody.

Councilor Lonn asked does this have to be resolution.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is a resolution.

Councilor Lonn said okay she will do it.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-342; RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDC BOARD MEMBER, JIM NEDEAU; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will support.

Speaker Pete asked Tom Guenthardt did he say he will support.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete said he has one just to support this to make sure it, its.....Jim Nedeau is.....falls under their Preference Policy because he is married to a Tribal member. Pete asked does he have a hand up for Laura Echelbarger.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she would like to be put in the queue.

Speaker Pete said just a moment, Laura Echelbarger, she is first.

Laura Echelbarger said no she is sorry she just didn't lower it. Echelbarger said she is sorry about that.

Speaker Pete said that is okay. Pete said all right, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she just wanted to say that she really doesn't appreciate um, the comment that what she was saying was off topic and everybody saying, "*thank you.*" Agosa said um, they know, she would like to create an environment where everyone can freely speak and speak their concerns and also to respond especially if an accusation is not true. Agosa said so Laura Echelbarger and everybody else who, they know, said "*thank you*" or to minimize her comment she does not feel it is off topic. Agosa said to Larry Romanelli that if he is going to make accusations or say that she should go out on the internet to find information um, please ref....refrain from those comments so that they can stay on topic. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay that being said. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza can he do a roll call please. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete repeated Gary Di Piazza will he please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor and five against Resolution #20-1125-342 has failed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

VIII. New Business

- A. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Government Operations Budget**
Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema have met with Department Directors and Executive Staff to review individual Budgets for an overall Budget that is now ready for approval.

Speaker Pete said he guessed.... Pete asked Larry Romanelli if he was going to be representing this or Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said he is on the call.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis that they are onto Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Government Operations Budget.

Bill Willis thanked Speaker Pete. Willis said um, Council had a work session Monday morning, November 23 he believed it was. Willis said um, and subsequent to that meeting ah, changes were made to the Budget regarding the \$60,000 for Cultural Activities um, Council's Budget was amended to add the \$60,000 um, and a revised resolution was submitted ah, twenty after one that same day. Willis said so they are prepared to ah, ask for formal adoption of this Budget.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any further questions of Bill Willis.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said please put her in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said um, she just wanted to express that she has concerns with the United Legal Budget. Agosa said um, this Budget is very large and it is almost larger than pretty much every other Budget and she just want to know what the plans are to minimize these expenses. Agosa said she would much rather see that money go towards member's services. Agosa said so if she could please get a response from Larry Romanelli she would really appreciate it. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, he guessed the problem is is they had for a long time is that the expenses for legal services he thinks are bigger than what this Tribe should have and it is caused by a lot of ah, different issues but he doesn't disagree with....with the amount. Romanelli said that is what the Unified Legal Department needs. Romanelli said she may want to ask her representatives as well because they both, the Unified Legal Department, falls under both the Legislative and the Executive so please do. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete identified himself. Pete said he wants to be in the queue. Pete said every single one of these Budgets.....every single he thinks Gary Di Piazza didn't he schedule them for three or four days at once and they have thoroughly gone over. Pete said not one objection was raised of any of these things on the Budgets. Pete said out of that United Legal Budget there are a number of things

first of all they pay for their own attorneys out of that thing. Pete said they pay for some of these other attorneys that are included. Pete said so he.....and usually at the end of the year they hope they don't spend it all but at this stage all of the Budgets have been gone over. Pete said the only thing that they really lacked was that they didn't include the \$60,000 which they did so he guessed he not....they are asking about these individual Budgets. Pete said they all went over these individual Budgets and every single person was invited. Pete said okay he is finished.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she would like to be put in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa said well she thinks a lot of this could be eliminated or alleviated if there was a Managing Attorney in this department to comply with the ordinance. Agosa said she would just like the membership to know that as it stands right now they still don't have a Managing Attorney. Agosa said um, and this is why it concerns her ah, some of these expenses might be related to a good position being vacant. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Sara Agosa. *Pete's connection was giving off a lot of loud background noise.*

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Recorder Di Piazza said Ron Pete, Diane Lonn wants....

Speaker Pete said he needs a motion.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker she is in the....she wants to get in the.....

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Lonn said first of all the Managing Attorney is in the Budget. Lonn said secondly um, part of the problem is they quit their damn bickering between each other and take each other to court maybe they wouldn't have such a high Budget for attorneys. Lonn said that is her opinion.

Speaker Pete asked Diane Lonn if she was finished.

Councilor Lonn said yes. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Diane Lonn.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said to Diane Lonn that she absolutely agrees and that she feels they should definitely minimize their court cases um, again this can be tied into the Strategic Plan. Agosa said she is stating this for members education that she feels it would be appropriate to address this in the Strategic Plan and have an active plan in place. Agosa said try something different in order to minimize these court cases. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Sara Agosa. Pete asked is there any other questions for Bill Willis on this Budget or can he get a motion.

Councilor Lonn said she is in the queue again.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Lonn said to Sara Agosa they did a couple....a few years ago thought getting United Legal to cut down on the expense of attorneys and it did for a while but then there are things that the United Legal can't do then again all of a sudden they are back to attorneys. Lonn said so yes, she agrees it needs to be worked on. Lonn said that's all.

Speaker Pete thanked Diane Lonn. Pete asked is there any more questions.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said also too she just wanted to let the membership know um, that they discussed the Next Gen Learning Center um, and that their going to have a work session to define or redefine its mission and the target population that it serves. Agosa said so um, that also is a concern for her. Agosa said it has been an on-going concern and she knows that they are working on it. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is all she has to say.

Speaker Pete thanked Sara Agosa. Pete asked is there any other questions of Bill Willis or can he get a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-343; ADOPTING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTN
OPERATIONS BUDGET; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton identified himself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said he just wanted to make a clarification on a couple of things. Crampton said first, yes, there has been objections to the Budget since the adoption of the Casino's Budget. Crampton repeated so, yes, there has been on-going objections that the members have heard that in work sessions. Crampton said he just wanted to clarify that. Crampton said secondly, um, the United Legal ___ gets their direction from either the Ogema or the Speaker not individual Council members. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said one more thing to clarify is they did have a work session on the Casino Budget and they did end up.....they did pass the Casino Budget. Pete said that is all he really wanted to say on that. Pete asked any further comments.

Speaker Pete said Gary..... Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said five in favor and four against Resolution #20-1125-343 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, December 2, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said yes, there aren't too many updates this week. Romanelli said ah, ah, he wants to say that it is not his intention to minimize Tribal members who are on the call. Romanelli said he does believe that there are other ways and other times when it would be better suited to get the information that they have. Romanelli said for example, last week they had an issue where they were ejected basically from the building for safety's sake and the meeting had gone on for quite a long time. Romanelli said he would be more than happy to answer questions outside of the meeting but his point is that he thinks aside from the website he really believes that Tribal members should in contact with their Tribal Representatives and let the Tribal

Representatives represent some of these items. Romanelli said that was one of the questions that he asked Tribal members before because all the questions that come to him whether they be on e-mails or whatever are not necessarily to be answered by him. Romanelli said he has been trying to steer it in that direction and hopefully they can do that in a more civil manner and again, he believed that all work sessions are open to Tribal members. Romanelli said he understands that Tribal members at times can attend because he knows a lot of people that are working right now so he gets that as well. Romanelli said but he only hope that ah, the Tribal members that asked questions would also ask their Tribal Representatives. Romanelli said um, and the other thing is and they know that sometimes it gets off topic and he would hope that they can do that. Romanelli said so anyway that's probably it and he just wanted to say that he was.....he has been on calls with other Tribal Chiefs or Chairpersons within the State trying to figure out how to get through this COVID Pandemic because nobody knows where it's going, nobody can answer, and they are just doing the best they can so they are meeting again on a weekly basis since COVID has increased. Romanelli said it has increased greatly in the Muskegon area and also in their Manistee area as well. Romanelli said it has affected their government and some of their businesses a little bit too so they are trying to be cautious and safe. Romanelli said one thing he learned on the call this morning is that, and he doesn't know exactly where their COVID Funds are at or how many they have left over, one of the Tribes on the call suggested.....said what they did is they purchased ah, several ah, fifth wheels. Romanelli said there are two types of fifth wheels. Romanelli said there is the camping type and there is the one that is the all-weather type. Romanelli said they purchased five all weather type campers, fifth wheels, and use them as like an ex.....evacuation.....he doesn't remember the word exactly um, but for isolation homes during this COVID Pandemic. Romanelli said that if somebody needs to be isolated they can go into those places. Romanelli said he doesn't know if it is doable for them but it is something to think about. Romanelli said after the Pandemic is over they can.....they don't have to pay the money back and they would have the four, five or six fifth wheels to utilize for either renting out or whatever. Romanelli said he thought it was a pretty good thing to pass onto the Tribal Council um, as an option. Romanelli said they talked about the possibly using modular homes but the problem with modular homes is they can't get them set by December 31st deadline that is now in effect. Romanelli said there is a hope that they move the deadline even through 2021 that there is an effort in trying to do that but they don't know that at this time so. Romanelli said so they have to follow the deadline that is in place right now for that. Romanelli said so anyway ah, it is something to think about because they are trying to make sure that they don't have to send money back that they work so hard to get. Romanelli said other than that he is good to go. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Champagne identified herself to Ron Pete. Champagne said she would like in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Cindy Champagne.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said her too please.

Speaker Pete said okay Cindy Champagne first.

Councilor Champagne said her comment is um, that is a good idea but she thinks Manistee has enough places for the members right now. Champagne asked what about their outlying membership. Champagne said she knows Wisconsin has got hit real hard and is still getting hit real hard. Champagne said she is sure there are other outlying areas that she doesn't have any of the stats on that are getting hit. Champagne asked what are they going to do for them. Champagne said they have been asking and asking what is the Tribe going to do for them and they have done nothing for them. Champagne said so that is her question. Champagne repeated this is a good idea but how are they going to help their outlying members.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and to answer that there was no jurisdiction to where these fifth wheels would go. Romanelli said that could be up to the Tribal Council if they decided to pursue it. Romanelli said if they wanted to buy five or ten of them and have the money to and they want to place them over in Wisconsin that is up to the Tribal Council. Romanelli said so that is one thing, they know, again he designated no place that they had to be he was just suggesting because it was suggested to him to purchase them. Romanelli said they could go in any area, again, they have more than just Michigan and Wisconsin too. Romanelli said he means they have people in all outlying areas that maybe suffering in different parts so. Romanelli repeated that would be up to the Tribal Council if they chose to pursue it and then they could also dictate where they would put them. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay Sara Agosa. Pete called out again for Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said um, she does have a few more questions but she will wait until Public Comment. Agosa said she just wanted to respond to Ogema Romanelli to ah, suggesting that Tribal members really work with their Councilors to get questions addressed and she agrees with him. Agosa said she does contact the Councilors on a regular basis also too for her um, his position is more than just a business position. Agosa said she would really like to have open communication with her Leader, her Chief, her Ogema historically um, there has always been a connection there for their people. Agosa said so for her it is not just business it is more than that um, so she hopes that she can still reach out to him, ask questions, and she would love to see more collaboration with....with him, his position and Tribal Council just a more amical relationship and working

together. Agosa said she thinks that would alleviate a lot of um, her concerns. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said sure. Romanelli asked Ron Pete if he can respond.

Speaker Pete said sure Larry Romanelli go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said okay yes, Sara Agosa, she knows she can always reach out to him as he said they have e-mails back and forth continually. Romanelli said he just sent her another one ah, and again, she can always reach out to him. Romanelli said his point, again, is that she should also be asking her Tribal Council people. Romanelli said she says she does but when he asks her what was their response she never responds. Romanelli said he asks her who she asks and she never responds. Romanelli said all he is trying to do is that collaboration. Romanelli said he can assure her he believes there is a number of Tribal members that believe that he knows it is more than a business and that he reaches out to them personally on many occasions with many Tribal members. Romanelli said they have 4,200 Tribal members and he does the best he can he knows that his job involves a heck of a lot more than just the business portion of it. Romanelli said as far as getting along together, yes, he would love....he would welcome that. Romanelli said it appears that they are in a section now where they have even a divided Council that he wished to get together and then work with that....the Councilmen and the Ogema work together. Romanelli said they are all hoping for that in different ways so. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Lonn said to Ron Pete that she would like to say something.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said just a moment hand on. Pete said okay he has a couple of people in the front so. Pete said he thinks he heard Sara Agosa's name first and then when.....Diane Lonn.

Sara Agosa said she is sorry did he just.....did he say Sara Agosa is in the queue....her phone broke up.

Speaker Pete said Sara Agosa he said yes she is in the queue and that she was first.

Sara Agosa said Larry Romanelli she just wanted to say and she will definitely reach out to him but she disagrees. Agosa said she feels as though she has responded to any e-mails that they had if there has been a delay in her responses simply because she is busy. Agosa said so they can talk about this later but she, she, just want to say she disagrees. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said um, Larry Romanelli when he said there may be some COVID money or there is some but he is not sure. Lonn said what she would like to see is um, and she has seen on Face Book when they do get COVID and they are told to stay home there is no one that is able to bring them any food or put it on their doorstep if they don't have any relatives or that they need people that can go to Joe Doe's house if he has got it at least give him groceries on the steps or something to help him through this because they can't go get their own groceries. Lonn said she thinks they need to step up to the plate and help their people that way. Lonn said just her thoughts.

Ogema Romanelli said he agrees.

Councilor Lonn thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Speaker Pete asked is there anything further for the Ogema.

Susan Thull said she has had her hand up since the beginning of this session, Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete said Susan Thull he just now noticed it. Pete said he apologizes.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said he has been quiet about everything. Pete said Susan Thull go ahead.

Susan Thull said she understands. Thull thanked Speaker Pete again. Thull said um, she doesn't know if this is the place to address it. Thull said she has two different topics she would like to speak on. Thull said the first one though is she believe it was Nikki Nelson um, last week that asked about their people that are in the casino and she is going to address this here because the Ogema is the.....oversees the casino. Thull said she asked about signing a Confidentiality if they were exposed, Andrew Gentile, had spoke on that and didn't know.....wasn't aware of the situation and she believed that Laura Echelbarger asked that um, he do some checking and come back and give them the information at the Agenda Review or at this meeting. Thull said so she is asking that of the Ogema and she sees that Connie Waitner is on the line also. Thull said she doesn't know if Andrew Gentile is but could they address that now.

Connie Waitner said she would be happy to.....

There was an interruption on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be confirmed where it came from.

Connie Waitner said she is here.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said oh, he is welcome. Waitner said um, yesterday....last week when they were on the phone they heard the same things Andrew Gentile and she both reached out at the same time to their HR Director. Waitner said come to find out it is the Clinic that is requesting some type of disclosure because they actually had an employee um, brought the paperwork to them for them to see and what was said at that point and time is that there is a picture of the HR Manager um, handing this document off and it getting signed. Waitner said they, their HR Manager, has been off for a little bit um, so they did kind of like a follow-through with that and they found no substance to this so their belief at this point and time is reviewing the paperwork that they saw was coming from the Tribe itself. Waitner said so she thinks there was just some confusion or maybe some name___ Susan Thull. Waitner said now they do not ask for any Tribal member or any team member here to sign a non-disclosure. Waitner said the only time that happens is when they come on board they um, do orientation and they have.....they give them the Employee Handbook that is the only time they are requested to sign anything. Waitner said she hopes that helps.....

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Speaker Pete thanked Connie Waitner.

Susan Thull said yes, um, does she go on with her second question, please.

Speaker Pete said okay Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Ron Pete. Thull thanked Connie Waitner for clearing that up that was concerning. Thull said she appreciates it.....her looking into it. Thull thanked Connie Waitner again, very much.

Connie Waitner said Susan Thull is welcome it was concerning to them also and she is glad it was brought up.

Susan Thull thanked Connie Waitner once more. Thull said um, her second question is um, to the Ogema and it is in regards to the um, Constant Contact ah, e-mail, messaging ah, company that they have a contract with to send out information. Thull said she has received a couple of um, e-mails recently asking her to sign a letter and send it into the BIA. Thull said she appreciates that they used the Constant Contact because the only thing that she ever really received is the Currents....the information for the Cur.....monthly Currents. Thull said she has questioned this many, many times as the Ogema well knows she used to always get up in the Meet and Greets and ask him about that using the e-mail um, she remembers way back when when she asked George Le Vasseur about it and

he said all he had to do was put a disclaimer on the um, on their web.....or on the website when they sign up for it so that they could use their e-mail address. Thull said now they are using that e-mail address. Thull said she has a couple of questions on this. Thull asked how many are they e-mailing and why aren't they using this for important information. Thull said she really think that since they have a deadline for their people of December 4th to turn in their requests for assistance that would be a week from this Friday she really thinks that that something of importance that they could reach out to the people and let them know that that assistance is there in case they didn't get it in the mail or in case they threw it away. Thull said she know she talked to a cousin who is college graduate, who has pursued a career all her life, and working for the government so she is an educated woman and she did not believe that she could apply for that. Thull said her question to the Ogema is um, what is he doing to make sure that all of their people are aware of this program. Thull asked would he consider sending an e-mail out to them explaining this assistance and hopefully they get um, some more people signed up and how many have been helped with this assistance. Thull said she believed she asked that um, she knows she asked him that and he didn't know at the time. Thull said she is hoping that he did um, check with someone and find out how many that assisted so the percentage of their members that have assisted. Thull thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said hey Ron Pete. Romanelli said the question was asked of him for some of the questions.

Speaker Pete said yes, yes, go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked Ron Pete. Romanelli said the IT and Constant Contact is not his forte he don't understand completely and they know he thinks she said she asked George Le Vasseur. Romanelli said he isn't sure if George Le Vasseur is on the line or not maybe he could explain that part of it and he will answer some of the other things. Romanelli said ah, the deadline for the December 4th etc. that was put forth by the Tribal Council he believed....she is talking about the \$1,000 payment or whatever....the check.

Susan Thull said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said again, the....he doesn't handle the communications for that directly. Romanelli said they send it to the Public Information Department then it issued for him but that was done through the Tribal Council. Romanelli asked is he not correct. Romanelli asked George Le Vasseur if he was on the phone by the way or anybody from IT.

Susan Thull said excuse her, Larry Romanelli, um.....

Ogema Romanelli said yeah.

Susan Thull said she would just like to say that she was going back in and explaining how they came to using the e-mail addresses. Thull said George Le Vasseur would really have nothing to do with Constant Contact that is just an e-mail um, service. Thull said so anything that he would want to get information.....anytime he would want to get information to Tribal members ah, they send an e-mail.

Ogema Romanelli made a comment that wasn't heard on the ZOOM recording or heard clearly.

Susan Thull said it is just a simple e-mail service so um.....

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Susan Thull said so if they want through send an e-mail like the did with the casino.....Muskegon Casino they simply.....

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Susan Thull said they would give she assumed Rebecca Groh that e-mail and she would post.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, that is what happens.

Susan Thull said um, she understands from what he is saying is that this is the responsibility of the Tribal Council um, so she going to ask Gary Di Piazza as the Recorder and Ron Pete as the Speaker if they would please send out something today ah, follow it up on Monday ah, sending something via e-mail to all of their membership um, that has signed onto that um, making sure that they have applied for that assistance. Thull asked could that be done, please.

Speaker Pete said to everybody that has not applied for this do they have to send it out to all Tribal members.

Susan Thull said she is saying send it out an e-mail its not going to cost them anything.....

Speaker Pete said no he doesn't care about the cost.

Susan Thull said okay, yes.

Speaker Pete said sending an e-mail who does she want to have the e-mail, her.

Susan Thull said she wants the e-mail to go out to anyone that is signed up with their e-mail address, with their government, and that would be the people that received the um, Currents so she would like the e-mail to go to.

Speaker Pete said now how would he get all those e-mails and he is just thinking for himself maybe the Recorder would know more than he does. Pete said how would he get all of those e-mails.....

Susan Thull said Ron Pete just write.....

Speaker Pete said no he was....excuse him Susan Thull.....he doesn't know how he would do that.

Susan Thull said he would ask Rebecca Groh to send it out.

Speaker Pete said why if Rebecca Groh is there he could ask her to send it out.

Recorder Di Piazza said Ron Pete he will take care of it.....

Susan Thull thanked them very much.

Recorder Di Piazza continued.....with everybody.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza continued.....all 3,200 sent theirs in and the checks have been cut. Di Piazza said how many to date he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he knows it was a ____ so.

Susan Thull thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Thull said she appreciates knowing the number so they got probably.....

Recorder Di Piazza said don't hold him to that number. Di Piazza said that was two weeks ago there was 1,600 that were still out it didn't come back in.

Susan Thull thanked Recorder Di Piazza again. Thull said she appreciates him taking care of it.

Speaker Pete thanked Susan Thull. Pete said now he has got Chelsea Densmore hand up. Pete said she has been up for quite a while. Pete said go ahead Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore thanked Speaker Pete. Densmore said she just wanted to agree that is an absolutely great idea and a great use of that E-mail Blast System to remind members. Densmore said she thinks that is a great idea and it is so easy.

Densmore said they just send the information on they can blast.....she thinks that is a great idea. Densmore thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said okay Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said um, also too Fast Command she believes that is what it is called um, the texting system right now they are only using it for emergency purposes from what she gathered a couple of months ago. Agosa said um, is there any way they could utilize the capacity and also send people texts. Agosa said she thinks it would be good for this particular situation as well as the election to keep people abreast of election dates. Agosa asked can she please get a response um, from the Admin as to what the capabilities of Fast Command are and um, how they can use it moving forward. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete asked does anyone care to respond.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is only for emergency. Di Piazza said if he is not mistaken that is mainly for emergency purposes. Di Piazza said if they use it for massive text messaging system then they get charged for each one that is sent out if he is not mistaken. Di Piazza said plus the people make them set-up on that also. Di Piazza said if they are not set-up on that textual system they won't get it. Di Piazza said they need it set-up on their phones.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she is sorry Gary Di Piazza is he done because she has to unmute so sometimes she is premature and she cuts into conversations.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah he is all done.

Sara Agosa said okay is there any way that they can get clarification from Brandy Martin um, and the IT Department because she believed right now if she is not mistaken clarification that they do have the capacity to use Fast Command for other purposes or she was ___ IT um, are they on the phone or is Brandy Martin on the phone to clarify that because it would be just a great tool to use for the elections also along with some of other notices um.....

Speaker Pete said he doesn't think Brandy Martin is on the phone. Pete said Sara Agosa.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be either the Leads.....

Sara Agosa said nobody is on the phone to respond.

Speaker Pete reiterated that he doesn't believe that Brandy Martin is on the phone to respond.

Ogema Romanelli said Ron Pete, Jay Sam the Lead or George Le Vasseur the IT Director should be on the phone.....should answer he would think.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't see George.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is not hearing.....

Speaker Pete said Jay Sam maybe he is on.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah he is.

Councilor Lonn said Jay Sam is on.

Recorder Di Piazza said he doesn't think he is in charge of that.

Councilor Lonn said go for it Jay Sam.

Councilor Guenthardt go ahead Jay Sam.

Jay Sam yeah, um, it is his understanding when they got Fast Command that Fast Command is an Emergency Contact System so that they can spread information quickly and mostly without using the regular phone system or other ____ system which is used by the Tribal Emergency Response Team to be able to respond to an emergency to put out the necessary safety information. *Jay Sam's comments were covered up by static in the background then he suddenly went off all together.*

Speaker Pete thanked Jay Sam.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she just wanted to say that Jay Sam she is sorry the reception is really bad and she could barely hear what he said. Agosa asked can someone please recap what he said.

Speaker Pete asked Jay Sam if he wanted to recap or not.

Sara Agosa asked is anyone else hearing a lot of bad reception from Jay Sam's phone.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't.....he hears him perfectly. Pete said Jay Sam go ahead one more time.

Jay Sam said okay the TERT, the Tribal Emergency Response Team, looked into Fast Command for replace the existing Nixel System as a means of emergency communications with employees and those who may need it outside of the employee circle. Sam said it was his understanding that Fast Command was an emergency contact system an emergency information system for general contacting. Sam said maybe what it is and he just misunderstood it but when they signed up for it that is why they changed from Nixel if they text messages through Fast Command they can text instead of e-mail. *The rest of Jay Sam's comments did not come through the ZOOM connection on his device, he was talking but no words could be heard.*

Speaker Pete said Gary Di Piazza he is going to have to ask him something please. Pete said he is going to have to take over for a few minutes he is going to leave here for about three minutes and then he will be right back, okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okey dokey. Di Piazza asked what are they on anyway.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa asked can she please speak within the queue.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said certainly.

Councilor Lonn said yeah.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Councilor Guenthardt said Sara Agosa wants to speak.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said go ahead Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa asked can she please be put in the queue. Agosa said um, she just wanted to say that um, Constant Contact that is a very great program to use and also Fast Command so if there is any way in the future they can get Fast Command set-up to use for on-going communication. Agosa said she thinks she might even be more effective than e-mails although e-mails are effective but she thinks getting everyone to check text messages is a great way um, to strengthen communications. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked anybody else.

Councilor Crampton identified himself.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said go right ahead.

Councilor Crampton thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Crampton said um, just one thing he wanted to point out and he waited a long time. Crampton said he just wanted to address this ah, um, looking back at the note.....hold on.....um, yeah, um, when members ask a question of them it doesn't do any good to divert it to Legislative or the Executive. Crampton said he thinks they are pretty much aware of who to ask um, the conversation did not go sideways today until the Ogema started to point to the Council. Crampton said these issues are um, involve the Executive and Legislative not many of them know and he heard a couple of them today....he is on the phone with people from 6:00 in the morning until 11:00 at night. Crampton said yes, he does talk to Sara Agosa almost on a daily basis so instead of just doing the deflection thing and just answer the questions when they are asked or point out the appropriate people instead of deflecting that would be great. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right well, he guessed they are going to move onto Legislative Affairs Updates.

Speaker Pete said to Gary Di Piazza that he is just letting him know he just got back okay. Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked they are onto Legislative Affairs Update.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton identified himself.

Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton he has the queue.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said he just wanted to say that um, COVID is hitting pretty hard. Crampton said he knows it going down....right now its in Wisconsin um, probably one of the hardest hit States in the Nation besides North Dakota. Crampton said um, right now there is some pretty bleak numbers coming out of Muskegon. Crampton said he is not down in that area but he is hearing some pretty bleak things coming out from the CDC. Crampton said he just wanted to make members aware that when they are thinking about travel for Thanksgiving. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete said since he knows he is in this area down here he just saw a report this morning at 5:00 is that they are being hit hard but Ottawa County dropped by with 80 cases yesterday compared to what they were. Pete said he thinks Muskegon is higher than Ottawa County. Pete said he thinks Muskegon dropped by 60 cases yesterday. Pete said he means it is not.....

Councilor Crampton said oh, good.

Speaker Pete said it is not ____ okay. Pete said he is just saying that the really good news right now in the COVID event he thinks everybody.....he himself is just grasping at any good news that he can pick up on right now but it is bad. Pete said it is bad not to travel down here in fact he himself it is going to be the first time it is just going to be the two of them.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Recorder Di Piazza said Ron Pete he needs to get in the queue.

Speaker Pete said okay Gary Di Piazza and then Sara Agosa.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is Legislative Updates so keep that in mind folks. Di Piazza said um, evidentially the Governor is going after Line 5 to shut it down. Di Piazza said yesterday Enbridge filed in court to stop the Governor and the State from trying to shutdown Line 5 so he guessed they will see where that goes. Di Piazza said it looks like a big court battle there coming up but at least the Governor is taking a stance on Line 5 and they want it shutdown so they will see where that goes.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza for that report. Pete said he believed he has got Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to thank the Ogema for making the decision to shutdown the casino. Agosa said she knows it was a very difficult decision. Agosa said a lot of research was done and nobody wants to be put in that position however she just wanted to say "*thank you*" for doing that. Agosa said she thinks right now it is the most wise thing to do. Agosa said along those lines she has a question about vaccines. Agosa said she keeps hearing on the news that different companies are coming up with vaccines. Agosa asked what is their plan or are they discussing how they are going to get vaccines. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli identified himself.

Recorder Di Piazza said they are not in the Ogema's but.....

Speaker Pete said go ahead Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said thanks for that Sara Agosa. Romanelli said yes it was not an easy decision hopefully he believed it was the right one as they go forward they will find out but as Ron Pete mentioned again or he is sorry he thinks it was Shannon Crampton who mentioned too the rise in West Michigan here in COVID has increased greatly. Romanelli said with their casino a large portion of their players even are from the Muskegon area so that was one of the factors that played into it. Romanelli said as far and with shutting down for the two weeks was not based solely on the Governor's request however that did play a part too. Romanelli said they want to be going along with what the State wants to do as well but there were other factors that entered in. Romanelli said the hope for them in part is that the further they go along in the year the closer they come to a vaccine. Romanelli said as they know they talk about vaccines being available as soon as mid-December for key people that being the First Responders and people that have difficulties so they are that much closer to it and if they can just ah, hang tight for a little longer that would be great. Romanelli said what they are looking at and there is at least three companies that now say they can do vaccines with a 90% or better ah, rate that if all three and he doesn't know if this is doable or possible, and he knows they had some discussions back and forth that the number of vaccines going out to the total population could even happen quicker because if one can do so many million and they have the second company that can do so many million they can get the vaccines out to ah, quicker degree. Romanelli said so that all enters in and yes, they are looking at the possibility of how to do vaccines and the other thing is that ah, Tribal people along with other groups are one of the highest rates of overall of getting the virus for a number of reasons. Romanelli said so they are pushing very hard within the Native American community to also get the vaccines out to the Native American communities sooner rather than later. Romanelli said hopefully that answers it. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Champagne identified herself. Champagne said she would like to get in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Lonn said she wants in the queue.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said she has a question for Larry Romanelli. Champagne said the thing is she doesn't disagree with him shutting down the casino and he knows he went along with what the Governor wanted for Michigan and that.

Champagne said her question is she doesn't recall reading anywhere that the Governor suggested closing down the gas stations and she questioned why he closed down their C-Store. Champagne said she means their people are travelling and um, this would be a money maker for them so she is real curious why he closed down the fury.....the C-Store. Champagne thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said sure. Romanelli said he can answer that if they would like.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said part of the.....sure.....ah, the C-Store and people travelling is one of those things that is.....there is a lot of movement within the gas station, they know, they are 31 going north and south so it is a high-risk area. Romanelli said the decision was also decided a long time ago to put the C-Store under the Resort and as he and the management had some input in that. Romanelli said it was decided to close that along with the casino to protect the workers and to protect the local community as well. Romanelli said the government as the know is on a partial shutdown in part and trying to be careful there as well. Romanelli said their essential services that happen and that is what they are trying to keep going is the Clinic, the Pharmacy, Family Services, of course Utilities and Public Safety. Romanelli reiterated those are essential services. Romanelli said the getting gas ah, at this time doesn't appear to be an essential service that couldn't be had somewhere else. Romanelli said yes it is a money maker, they know that, and so is the casino but there is fine line between making money and protecting the health of the local community, their employees and their Tribal members.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete said he thinks he has Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said ____ all of it it was mentioned by Tom Guenthardt that money that is ah,.....money that comes to the um, gas station comes from the casino and so they do a drop twice a day so if the casino closes they can't change over money or anything.

Recorder Di Piazza said it comes out of the cage.

Councilor Lonn said it comes out of the cage. Lonn said ah, the other thing she was going to bring up is she watched tv yesterday they were.....they had um, the ah, General who is going to be in charge of distributing this.....this vaccine and he's.....they have already set-up six sites that they are going to ship real heavily from there they will distribute to other places. Lonn asked do they know that IHS um, has ____ talked to Dr. Wever of.....of.....will they get some or how is that.....has he mentioned anything to him, Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said um, not, not directly. Romanelli said they are watching, yes, what Indian Health Services is doing as well. Romanelli said the other thing that they are taking into consideration here is that the hospitals in these areas are operating at 80-100% occupancy which causes double the problems when there is nowhere to put the patients and it has increased almost ah, well it increased a significant amount just within the last couple of weeks.

Councilor Lonn thanked Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there anything else for Legislative Affairs Update before he moves onto Public Comment.

Councilor Crampton identified himself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well there are a couple of things that he wanted to touch on. Crampton said what Gary Di Piazza brought up with Dana Nessel filing um, the new case. Crampton said um, the old case was backed by a Republican Administration that was very friendly to _____. Crampton said the new Administration is not so friendly and with the appointment of John Kerry he thinks that's what they are shooting for with the um, recondition of the case. Crampton said um, secondly he was going to go onto Mr. Azar who is the Head of the CDC at the moment is, is, is.....he thinks the platform that they are going to give it to the State to individually divide so their State Liaisons should be jumping on this to find out if it is true. Crampton said he knows that he is at the Federal Level and he has been searching all around to see who is going to get it. Crampton said right now at the moment they are saying that they are going to give it to the States and the States is going to individually divide among them and within the State who gets it first on a priority basis. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete asked is there anything further in Pub.....Legislative Affairs before he moves onto Public Comment.

Recorder Di Piazza said he thinks Jay Sam has got something to say.

Speaker Pete said he didn't know; Jay Sam go ahead. Pete said he can't see him.

Recorder Di Piazza said well pay attention. Di Piazza said he can't lead them if....

Jay Sam thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Sam said um, as the Self-Governance Coordinator he has been forwarding meeting and webinar meeting requests to he thinks _____ Dr. Wever and finally the Lead over at Health and Human Services the

IHS has been given a portion of the vaccine that fellow governments are going to be passing out to provide to the Tribes. Sam said they have been meeting approximately once every week to find out how that handout would happen. Sam said yes there will be people negotiating on their behalf trying to receive their share of quote unquote “*of the vaccine*” and determine how they are going to disperse it ____.

Speaker Pete thanked Jay Sam.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he is not going to say nothing.

Tribal Councilors Di Piazza, Lonn and Guenthardt were engaged in a discussion that could be barely heard in the background.

Speaker Pete asked is there anything else before he goes to Public Comment.

Recorder Di Piazza said just to let everybody know he is going to try to run this ZOOM from the house he has a repeater on some.....he has a couple grand worth of stuff to try to make this stuff work out of his own pocket. Di Piazza said they will see how that goes today. Di Piazza said if it doesn't.....yeah, he doesn't know what they are going to do. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Pete thanked Gary Di Piazza. Pete asked anything further.

Speaker Pete and Sara Agosa were talking at the same time loudly and no one conversation could be followed on the ZOOM recording.

Sara Agosa asked are they in Public Comment yet. Agosa said to Ron Pete this is her (stated her name) and she just wanted to make sure she doesn't miss Public Comment. Agosa thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said Sara Agosa he was going onto Public Comment right now.

D. Public Comment Period

Sara Agosa thanked Speaker Pete. Agosa said there is a lot of poor reception on the line so she just wanted to make sure. Agosa said she would like to be put in the queue.

Speaker Pete said okay just a moment. Pete said he will put her in the queue in one moment. Pete asked is anybody able to hear him.

Councilors Lonn, Guenthardt and Di Piazza all answered yes.

Recorder Di Piazza jokingly said no what did he say he can't hear a bit.

Speaker Pete said oh, come on, okay, he just.....no kidding around. Pete said they are in Public Comment. Pete said Sara Agosa is up.

Recorder Di Piazza said the ____ is on their end not this end.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Sara Agosa.

Councilor Lonn was making comments in the background.

Sara Agosa said she has three questions um, comments so she doesn't know if he wants her to go one by one or just one at a time.

Speaker Pete said okay Sara Agosa as long as she does it by time and he doesn't see a ton of hands up right then he wants one question at a time and then go back in. Pete said if he doesn't see a ton then go right ahead. Pete asked okay.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said okay. Agosa said since they do have a shutdown she just wondered what the plans are to compensate financially um, for the shutdown.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he guessed he can answer that as well.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said there is really no compensating for the shutdown um, during this time ah, it just is revenue lost basically. Romanelli said if there is anything that they could recoup from COVID Funds which really are not that much at this time ah, they would be used but mostly it is just the loss of income. Romanelli said they have asked, for example, the local Revenue Sharing Board to be ah, to help them out here and they have been very accommodating while they go through this but no, there is.....a loss is a loss.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he is updating. Romanelli said the Resort wants to weigh in anymore but that is pretty much it. Romanelli thanked them.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said Sara Agosa he is going to call on Martha Howell then he will come right back to her. Pete asked okay.

Sara Agosa thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said Martha Howell go ahead.

Martha Howell said good morning. Howell said she heard some of the discussion earlier about directing Tribal members to their Tribal Website. Howell said so she would like to ask Larry Romanelli, because she sent two e-mails and she has requested before, if she can have her access back to their Tribal Website um, that would be lovely. Howell thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, Sara or....*Ogema was laughing*....Martha Howell his apologies. Romanelli said he did send something back to her and he is not sure why it was taken away so he sent that onto the people that would be taking care of it. Romanelli said he said that he did not have a problem with her having access unless there is something he doesn't know. Romanelli said he did send something back to her it should be in her e-mail _____.

Martha Howell thanked Larry Romanelli. Howell said she appreciates it.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, no problem.

Speaker Pete said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she just had a question about their revenue loss and that they were going to take a hit which pretty much everybody....every company and organization will. *Agosa laughed*. Agosa said um, but when they are able to open back up is there any plan in place to try to increase revenue. Agosa said what about online gaming where are they at with that. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said he will answer the first part.....and.....

Speaker Pete interrupted with Larry Romanelli did he want to answer that or shall he. Pete said Larry Romanelli go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said he can answer the first part and then if he or the Resort want to answer the second part. Romanelli said ah, yes the hope is.....the hope is that, they know, they have been compliant with the Health and Safety requirements that have been asked of them that they are taking the time he knows they are to make sure that their facility is using every safety caution that they can. Romanelli said matter of fact they were the best ones he's got to say for having the safety precautions in place. Romanelli said when they reopen they can then announce especially in lower Michigan that they must be one of the cleanest ah, casinos out....around because they have been closed and they had taken the time for extra precautions. Romanelli said his hope is that when they reopen they can reopen at a higher rate than when they closed and recoup some of those.....that money that they lost. Romanelli said he thinks and he really has to give accolades to the team over at the Resort not only the management, the management absolutely, but the other staff that has been there and had to put up with a lot of grief. Romanelli said angry customers etc. because of the mask, they know, and

the requirements. Romanelli repeated they put up with a lot of grief and he really has to give them accolades. Romanelli said he also thinks that this time gives them a little upgrade from some of the stress that they have been under but yes, there is a plan to ah, go back with more of a vengeance when they come in ah, for ah, securing business. Romanelli said so go ahead Ron Pete or the Resort.

Speaker Pete said well he.....if them guys....if the Resort wants to answer that is fine. Pete said he knows that they have their Sports Betting but online gaming to his knowledge has not been approved by the Legislature. Pete asked Connie Waitner if she has an answer to that, go ahead.

Connie Waitner said yep she sure can. Waitner said um, as they know Sports Betting is active and ___ not doing as well as they anticipated but there has been a lot that has interfered with that. Waitner said um, online gaming the State was part of the biggest holdup um, everybody was.....they were waiting for the State to put out their requirements and the State has put out their requirements. Waitner said the departments are working with the Gaming Commission and ___ ah, the online gaming requirements she thinks that they are looking at it very soon especially since if they can get rid of some of this COVID. Waitner said second of all they have a tentative plan in place for ah, marketing they have been through so many different times, every time they think they are moving forward then something sets them back. Waitner said ah, they have already set-in motion and all of their brochures ready for January, February or March but again, some of these are very changeable and they may be turned at the last minute depending on what happens with COVID and reopening. Waitner said their anticipated reopening date of course is December 8th and they are all praying for that but they also have to have in place um, things that will help just in case those things don't happen. Waitner said currently she just got a new cash flow statement from um, their Finance Director they are going over their finances to see where they stand right now so she can't go into a whole lot of details because they did a complete floor drop, they did their kiosk drops, there is a lot that goes into closing up the Resort and securing it. Waitner said so hopefully they can have even more information for them next week.

Speaker Pete thanked Connie Waitner. Pete asked anyone else um, for Public Comment.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she will wait.

Susan Thull identified herself.

Speaker Pete said okay, just a moment. Pete said he is going to take Sara Agosa and then he has got Susan Thull and then he has got Martha Howell.

Sara Agosa said Ron Pete oh, its okay for everyone else to talk first because she had already asked a question. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete said so right now he is going to go with Susan Thull, Martha Howell, Dave Corey and then Sara Agosa. Pete said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Pete. Thull said she was just wondering about the um, employment of the casino workers are they ah, able to go on unemployment for these couple of weeks or are they continuing their wages. Thull repeated she is just wondering about ah, that situation. Thull thanked them.

Connie Waitner said she would be happy to answer that. Waitner said um, yesterday all of their team members that were furloughed was sent letters that said they were allowed to ___ unemployment. Waitner said um, they made sure that um, as things progressed they had in place to actively turns things around for their team members. Waitner said it is very, very important to them that they treat them ah, properly um, they.....they also informed them that their insurance is at least good until the end of December so that will take a little bit of a hit but in the long run it is the one positive thing that they could give back to them. Waitner said so yes they have she believed at this point over 400 that have been furloughed. Waitner said she doesn't have the total because the letters just went out but she will have them next week for them.

Susan Thull thanked Connie Waitner very much.

Connie Waitner said she was welcome.

Speaker Pete said then he thinks he calls on Martha Howell next. Pete asked Susan Thull if she was finished. Pete thanked Susan Thull.

Martha Howell said she is sorry she didn't lower her hand. Howell said she didn't have another question Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Martha Howell. Pete said Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said ah, he would just like to hear he guessed it would be from Andrew Gentile or Connie Waitner, either one, um that they are basically all ready to push the button as soon as the State gives them the go ahead on online gaming then.

Connie Waitner said yes, they should be good to go like she said it was a lot of actually a lot of it was waiting for the State to get their stuff in place because of course it is new to them. Waitner said um, yeah, the online is exciting and they are just kind of biding their time as most Tribes are. Waitner said their Sports Books are operational and this is the last big piece of it so.

Councilor Corey asked is the free advertising on Sun and its Rivers.com.

Connie Waitner said yup, yup.

Councilor Corey is that them.

Connie Waitner said that is them and them together. Waitner asked did the outcome.....

Councilor Corey said okay, they started their.....they started their marketing campaign already then in their area.

Connie Waitner said yes, yes.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Connie Waitner said she hasn't....Dave Corey.....she hasn't been actively involved with that that is more um, the expertise of Andrew Gentile. Waitner said she keeps him informed because there was....there was some concerns.....she had concerns originally when they partnered with them so she backed out um, as she is sure Tribal Council is aware of so she has not been actively involved. Waitner said she reviews the policies and procedures and the ___ and so forth that is pertinent to the Resort but she has a.....Andrew Gentile has really handled this type of thing before and he is excellent so. Waitner said if they wouldn't mind some of these questions they can give to him next Wednesday.

Councilor Corey said sounds good.

Connie Waitner thanked them.

Speaker Pete asked Dave Corey if he was finished.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Pete asked Dave Corey if he was done.

Councilor Corey said yes, Ron Pete, he is done.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Dave Corey. Pete said go ahead, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said okay so from her understanding um, and please.....please let her know if she is wrong so other casinos.....other Tribal casinos are already advertising for online gaming. Agosa asked did she understand that correctly.

Speaker Pete said well, some of them are advertising for online gaming but it is really kind of.....they are not doing online gaming. Pete said what they do is they

are saying something like if they sign up then they get this much worth of that or whatever but they can't be doing online gaming because it has not passed by the State yet, final.

Connie Waitner said a lot of it is based on coming soon. Waitner said they are just trying to give them a little taste of what is yet to come so they are not giving out dates they may be getting out some of those websites and stuff and so forth.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Connie Waitner said they are not giving dates they are just enticing right now.

Speaker Pete said he will be right back.

Sara Agosa identified herself once again. Agosa said just to follow-up on that. Agosa said just so she.....

Ron Pete can be heard having a conversation in the background with someone.

A Participant who didn't identify themselves said just go ahead Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she is sorry she is hearing so many people talk right now. Agosa said she didn't know what was going on exactly.

A Participant who didn't identify themselves repeated just go ahead.

Sara Agosa said so right now they are not currently advertising for what's to come but other competing casinos are in their area. Agosa said that is her question.

Speaker Pete said okay he can't answer that. Pete asked Connie Waitner can she.

Connie Waitner said Bet Rivers is actually putting advertisements she actually saw one the other morning and she kind of lives out in the.....*Connie Waitner was laughing.....*ten buck two and she was really surprised to get one of the commercials they are advertising Bet Rivers which will lead them to their main site. Waitner said so like she said Bet Rivers is um, all of them are doing a kind of an enticement but they are not giving them dates yet. *Connie Waitner coughed and excused herself.* Waitner said like she said some of these questions are probably better for Andrew Gentile at this point and time and she will make sure he is on the line to answer any Sports Betting or online questions next Wednesday. Waitner said she is really sorry about that but like she said she had consciously stayed back from becoming too involved with that. Waitner thanked them.

Councilor Corey said Sara.....

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said okay just a minute. Pete said Dave Corey is first.

Councilor Corey said he just wanted to talk to Sara Agosa that Rivers is them. Corey said it is their partners Sara Agosa. Corey said its they are.....

Sara Agosa thanked Dave Corey. Agosa said she was just going clarify that because she couldn't really hear what she was saying and she wanted to clarify but that is indeed their company or advertising company. Agosa thanked Ron Pete.

Connie Waitner said sorry about that, Sara Agosa, she should have clarified it but it is Rush Gaming and they have the site Bet Rivers.

Speaker Pete thanked Dave Corey for clearing that up. Pete asked is there anything further in Public Comment.

Sara Agosa identified herself.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Sara Agosa said her second question is um, they received their request to write a letter to the BIA on Friday um, and she just wanted to express that there was a lot of feedback online that possibly they could have um, communicated that in a more maybe diplomatic way especially since many of their members are inter-tribal um, a lot of them have mixed family lineage and she does totally understand that, they know, ah, they really need this casino ah, they have a high poverty rate and they absolutely deserve to develop in this area. Agosa said she just wanted to get feedback that some of the comments she saw online and she agrees simply because these communications even though they are directed to Tribal members because they are all inter-related.....*Agosa laughed*....tend to become public knowledge. Agosa said also too in the future is there is any deadline possibly give them more time to respond especially the Pandemic and she didn't see any e-mail address on that request so does that mean the BIA will only accept mail-mail or is there an e-mail address because that would be a lot easier. Agosa said that is her question. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said to Ron Pete that he can answer part of that.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, as they may or may not know and Ron Pete knows ah, they are on the Shoreline Committee and there is a.....there's a recent push against them from the three Tribes that are opposing their Muskegon Casino Project and they are fighting pretty hard against that. Romanelli said so the

timeframe to turn around to send letters to the BIA was very short because they just found out about it very shortly. Romanelli said they said.....they.....the group that is working with their Casino Project suggested that they get.....if they could get some members to send letters in support would be very helpful so there is a short turn around time. Romanelli said he was not aware nor has he been given an e-mail address to send they suggested that they send it to the person and address that was listed there. Romanelli said it is not the best way to go a lot of times but it was short turn around time. Romanelli said just for their information they have a lot of strong support in the area for the project and he is not sure, they know, it didn't hurt to send more letters and he knows that people have responded so he thanks them for that. Romanelli said as far as they are inter-Tribal and he understands that too. Romanelli said the fact of the matter is and this remains is that they do have those three Tribes that have opposed them and in many cases at least the one he is familiar with and he understands there is more they have given letters of support for....to Gun Lake for more than one occasion so it is hurtful to have them now fighting against them. Romanelli said they fought in support of them against the Sag Chippis who were fighting against the Gun Lake Casino and now for Gun Lake and Sag Chippis to go against the is again hurtful. Romanelli said they are talked about the Three Fires or the Three Brothers or whatever Three Sister Tribes but they now find themselves in competition. Romanelli said when they look at the numbers and they look at all the facts ah, they used to say they don't belong in the area they have given all kinds of excuses and the latest excuse is they will hurt their businesses. Romanelli said when they gave the letter of support they knew that it would affect their business negatively to some degree but Little River believes that they are all Native Americans and have enough fights so he doesn't think that they're opposing them and fighting __ they are trying to recoup what abilities they have and those.....there are people on the line those that were here in the formation and the reaffirmation of the Tribe when it was Little Traverse Bay Band and Little River Band because the other thing that Gun Lake is using and others is saying that they should be supporting Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians. Romanelli said Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians and again, he was a former and Little River is part of the Grand River Band ah, was asked to join in back in the day when Little Traverse Bay Band and Little River Band were going after reaffirmation were asked to join. Romanelli said for some reason they did not want to do that. Romanelli said most recently during this Muskegon Casino he did have the opportunity to meet with Grand River Leadership on a couple of different occasions so....and they have done Little River has done nothing to oppose their trying to get um, Federal Recognition. Romanelli said he knows there is a rumor out there. Romanelli said he knows for a fact that Little River has not opposed that. Romanelli said he knows that is a longer answer but hopefully that explains the situation.

Speaker Pete recognized Dave Corey. Pete asked Dave Corey did he have his hand up.

Councilor Corey said sorry Ron Pete he didn't un-lower it.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is he lowering it. Pete asked anything else in Public Comment.

Sara Agosa identified herself. Agosa said she has one last question.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Sara Agosa said since the Budget is approved she know they have a long waiting list for housing will that at all be tackled this coming year with a plan. Agosa asked what is the plan in order to create more housing she knows there was some discussions but descentively she thinks they really have to address this. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Pete said he is not exactly sure there is nobody from Housing online. Pete said he does know that it wasn't too long ago that they approved like a five million dollar housing grant. Pete said he is not exactly sure of they were for sure get it but in the meantime he does have the Housing Plans um, ah, um, plan for 2021 in front of him and he doesn't think there is anybody from the Housing Commission on here.

Councilor Corey said to Ron Pete that he can answer it.

Speaker Pete said all right go ahead Dave Corey please.

Councilor Corey said yeah, Sara Agosa the grants they just applied for the Housing Director, Tara Bailey in that work session she said they are going to try to set as many modular as they can but they are running out of lots up there so. Corey said they might have to do something creative to get more houses in there but that is what they are working on.

Speaker Pete thanked Dave Corey. Pete asked is there any more questions in Public Comment.

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 Pete asked can he get a motion to move them out of the First Open.

Councilor Lonn said she makes that motion.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF FIRST OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned First Open Session at 11:43 a.m.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he is going to need a motion to move them into their Second Open.

Councilor Guenthardt said so be it.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza asked who was that Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Lonn said that is a tv show.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is all right he ____.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 12:46 p.m.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if he had any items to move from Closed to Open Session.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes he does. Di Piazza said yeah he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-1125-344 AND 345;
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by Di Piazza; supported by
Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them two items; the motion and roll call only has been moved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-1125-344,
APPROVAL OF WELLS FARGO AGREEMENT;** by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-1125-345,
APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR
PROSECUTOR AND CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C4

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Pete said now he needs a motion to bring them out of the Second Closed....the Second Open Session.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said go ahead Ron....Tom Guenthardt.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain.

Recorder Di Piazza said maybe.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

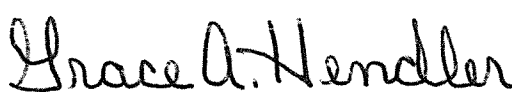
Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one against they have adjourned Second Open at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder