



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 19, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said welcome everybody to the Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said he is going to start today off with an Opening Prayer. Crampton asked Councilor Wittenberg if he would please do a prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for this day and everything in it.

We thank the Grandfathers those that sit in those directions and to help them on their journey.

We ask that you be with us today.

Be with those that are not here and those that are going through troubles at this time.

Help us all to help each other to get where we need to go.

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

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said please do a roll call.

Councilor Wever asked anything about Tom.

Recorder Wolfe asked did he want to verify members for participation.

Speaker Crampton said sure if she wanted to do that first that would be good.

Recorder Wolfe said when she calls their name please state their name and Tribal I.D. for the record. Wolfe said the first person in the queue 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said good morning everybody, #2494.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said #0890.

Recorder Wolfe said Beth Mc Clellan.

Elizabeth Mc Clellan said #2915.

Recorder Wolfe said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said #0022.

Recorder Wolfe said Corey W.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Recorder Wolfe said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said #3866.

Recorder Wolfe said Joe Riley.

Joseph Riley said #2904.

Recorder Wolfe said Krystal Davis.

Krystal Davis said #1100.

Recorder Wolfe said Karol Chabot.

Karol Ann Chabot said #3742.

Recorder Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Recorder Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Recorder Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Recorder Wolfe said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Recorder Wolfe said Val #4340.

Someone in the background said, "she was at home," on the ZOOM recording.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340.

Recorder Wolfe said um, Chelsea Densmore. Wolfe said she doesn't know if she is connected to audio all the way.

Councilor Wever can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "I can see outside."

Recorder Wolfe said that is everybody on the list.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said if they can go forward with the roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said eight present and one absent quorum is established.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III
B.1. IS AN ADD AND VIII B. IS POSTPONED;** by Lewis; supported
by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton said before moving forward.....any further he would like to um, state to the membership that the um, B.1. is an Approval of Budget Modification MB-2022-38, Authorizing a modification to the BIA Safety Budget in the amount of \$298,304. Crampton said the other one is.....which one is the other one....oh, the postponement. Crampton asked what is that.

Councilor Lewis said Adoption of Amendments.

Speaker Crampton said Adoption of Amendments to the Unified Legal Department Act 2015, Ordinance #15-100-08a that was postponed. Crampton said just reading the titles to the membership. Crampton said okay. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said ah, any questions from the membership. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she just wanted to make sure she is clear. Agosa said so the Adoption of the Amendments to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015 is being postponed.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Sara Agosa asked can she please get the reasoning from the Councilor who made the motion why this is being postponed. Agosa said this is a really serious issue and she strongly supports that Council gets their own attorney and she feels that as a member she is owed an explanation of why this continues to be postponed. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton said if she doesn't want to comment he can comment.

Recorder Wolfe said go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, go ahead.

Speaker Crampton said well there was a work session yesterday and they didn't have any legal at the moment to make the changes that they needed necessary so they were going to postpone it until today until they get to legal. Crampton said Legal notified them that they wouldn't be here until 11:30 so that is why it is being postponed. Crampton asked any other questions on the item. Crampton said all right he will turn it back to membership....to the Council he is sorry. Crampton asked does anyone on Council have any further questions. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent agenda has been approved.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of ThrivePoP block hours for website support of expenditure of \$6,250.00 Contract

Ratification of ThrivePoP block hours for website support of expenditure of \$6,250.00 Contract.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Jeurink.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said as they know Drew is on PTO and he has heard no information from him so. Romanelli said he would suggest these two items today be postponed if Council chose to do so. Romanelli said or if they wanted to.....he knows they had a work session if they cared to go forward they are welcome to do so otherwise he would suggest they postpone.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, does anybody on Council have any problems with going forward he knows they had an extensive work.....contract.....work sessions with Mr. Jeurink.

Councilor Wever said nope.

Councilor Wittenberg said ah, he has no problem in it he knows they had a work session and things were shared pretty thoroughly he thought so personally himself he has no problem in going forward.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have any objections to going forward.

Councilor Wever repeated nope.

Councilor Di Piazza said nope, not at this time.

Speaker Crampton said then they will go forward with the ah, Ratification of Contract.....Ratification of ThrivePoP website support of expenditures of 625,000.....\$6,250 for the contract. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-177;
RATIFICATION OF THRIVEPOP BLOCK HOURS FOR
WEBSITE SUPPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF \$6,250.00
CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked is any discussion from the member.....oh, sorry, Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wants to make the membership aware that this is a budgeted item for the IT Department. Wolfe said its just amending their contract and they are using a Master Service Agreement for that.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council.

Recorder Wolfe asked Ron if he supported it.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes.

Speaker Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe called out Cindy Champagne. Wolfe said it does show her online but she's not unmuting. Wolfe continued with the roll call. Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent resolution is passed.

Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 10:12 a.m.

2. Approval of Contract with HID

Pursuant to the Constitution-Article IV, Section 7 (b) the Tribal Council authorizes and ratifies contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema, Section 5 (a) 3. A work session was held with Tribal Council on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Speaker Crampton said that is Kelly Maser.

Kelly Maser, Director of the Gaming Commission, represented this agenda item. Maser said good morning. Maser said um, so as she mentioned at the work session and at Agenda Review on Monday HID is the company that the Gaming Commission is preparing to purchase a laptop and fingerprint scanner utilized for the Employee Licensing. Maser said with that comes the hardware and On Premises Software Terms and Condition Agreement if they will or contract. Maser said that is what they have before them is the contract and the hardware and on premises software.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any questions. Crampton said Julie.

Recorder Wolfe said just the same note from the work session this was also approved in.....by resolution from the Gaming Commission.

Kelly Maser said yes, ma'am.

Speaker Crampton asked okay, are there any further comments. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-178;
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH HID;** by Lewis; supported
by Johnson.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:14 a.m.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked is there further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said seeing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Kelly Maser thanked them.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2022-__ ; Authorizing a modification to the BIA Safety Budget in the amount of \$298,304

Approval of Budget Modification.

Speaker Crampton said the first one they have is an add. Crampton said this is Mr. Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons said good morning. Parsons said good morning Mr. Speaker and good morning Council. Parsons said first of all he would like to thank them for adding this item to the agenda. Parsons said he knows it came late it wasn't his intent to do that but ah, things happen and they needed to get this taken care of quickly so he thanked them for that. Parsons said basically what this is is a budget modification to the BIA Safety Budget which is the Budget that they are using to pay their share of the expenses for the Roundabout Construction that is currently taking place um, outside the Tribal Government Center at US-31 and M-22. Parsons said the reason this modification is necessary is because ah, when they received the Tribal Transportation Safety Grant which is what they are using to pay for this um, back in 2019 the money was put into various ah, line items within the Budget so it's sort of spread out based on what they thought, they know, what they were going to need to use. Parsons said what has happened since then is conversations that he has had with the.....with the current CFO here is they are requesting that all the funding be put into the Capital Outlay Line. Parsons said ah, that has to do with how they.....they want to book this as an asset for the Tribe and in order to do that it has to come out of the Capital Outlay Line Item. Parsons said so that being said what this modification will do is to move the remaining funds all into Capital Outlay so they can begin to pay the expenditures they owe to the Department of Transportation who is heading up the project. Parsons said so he will leave it there and see if they have any questions for him.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

Steve Parsons said um-hum.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have any further questions. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what is the total expenditure of Tribal Funds on the Roundabout.

Steve Parsons said um, well um, first of all there is no expenditure of Tribal Funds just to clarify.

Councilor Di Piazza made a small comment but the ZOOM recording did not pick it up clearly to hear.

Steve Parsons continued.....but the total amount of the grant that they received and this is based on the estimate they got from MDOT, they know, what their projected.....their projected of what the costs was going to be was \$883,000. Parsons said when this is all said.....the overall cost of the project is like \$1.6 million ah, so their share will come to \$883,000 or thereabouts. Parsons said ah, they will not exceed the amount they committed to the project and that is the amount of the grant.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, he has one further one. Di Piazza asked when will speculation of it totally being done.

Steve Parsons said good question um.....

Councilor Di Piazza said the lighting really needs.....he has had a lot of complaints.

Steve Parsons said those are good questions and he um, and this has been coming up he did get ah, a response from MDOT last week in regard to the lighting. Parsons said um, and it thought it would be much quicker too but apparently they are having.....there are some delays in terms of Consumers Power doing the hookup that they have to do to.....the lighting is basically.....the wiring is there the lighting is set to go the power just isn't hooked up at this point for them to be able to turn it on. Parsons said what he heard last week when he contacted them was they thought it would be done by the end of this week. Parsons said if it's not he will contact them again and see, they know, what the holdup is because he is not sure if they are experiencing this but what he is hearing from people is ah, in the evening when it gets dark it is hard to navigate that area.....

Councilor Wever said yes.

Steve Parsons continued.....without additional lighting. Parsons said people are managing okay with it but it would be better if the lights were.....were turned on so. Parsons said that's what they are hoping for and he did, they know, get some confirmation that they thought it would be done by the end of this week. Parsons said it is really Consumers that is the holdup at this point.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he was hearing some complaints from the patrons Saturday night.....

Steve Parsons said yeah.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....about not being able to see.

Steve Parsons said he is not sure why the timing of that worked the way that it did he knows the lights were like one of the last things they installed ah, in that area. Parsons said um, and they probably, they know, hindsight being 20/20 if they had gotten on that earlier to avoid this delay but they will be functioning here very soon.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is all set, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said all right, Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, if he doesn't mind Steve. Wittenberg said in the center there he noticed in a lot of the other Roundabouts that he seen ah, it's all cemented where this one is all open. Wittenberg said he was wondering if ah, he knew if they were going to cement that or were they going to try to put soil in there and.....

Steve Parsons said yeah....

Councilor Wittenberg continued....__ or whatever.

Steve Parsons said sorry, he is talking about the absolute middle okay, because there is like concentric circles. Parsons said there is the middle circle, then there are the circles around it. Parsons said they know, one of them obviously being the lanes of the Roundabout. Parsons said for that middle circle um, it will be um, sort of a landscaping kind of area. Parsons said his understanding is that MDOT will be planting ah, bushes of....he is not sure exactly what's....what's going in there but they take responsibility for that and that will be what they are estimating for the first pull of the 18 months with the Roundabout being in use um, and that is how far they go with it....um, what they've done or they can actually add to it if they want to do that. Parsons said um, it would take additional funding which they certainly could so that out of their BIA Road Maintenance Funding. Parsons said ah, he....and he didn't ask this question so he won't get too far into it but he has been asked by other people if there were plans to put any kind of decorative like monuments or something like that with the Tribe and they can do that um, they will have to pay for it but they can certainly do it. Parsons said right now it is basically going to be the landscaping that MDOT puts in because when it's done because right now it is sort of on it's way to being done but that will be one of the last things they do before the project terminates will be about the landscaping portion of that middle ah, the center of the Roundabout so.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked him.

Steve Parsons said oh, he is welcome. Parsons thanked him.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further questions. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-179;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2022-38;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE BIA G2G SAFETY
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,304; by Lewis; supported by
Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton said he will open it up for discussion from the Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said he will open it to Council one more time. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Steve Parsons said Miigwech. Parsons thanked Council.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval of Expenditure for Ratification to finish out contract with Gov-Connection for Microsoft Licensing**
Ratification to finish out contract with Gov-Connection for Microsoft Licensing. One time expenditure \$98,924.50.

Speaker Crampton said again, this is Mr. Jeurink and they had an extensive work session on this so if anybody is opposed at this time so um, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-180;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE AND RATIFICATION OF
CONTRACT WITH GOV-CONNECTION FOR MICROSOFT
LICENSING; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton said okay, he will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council.

Recorder Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Speaker Crampton said um, Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he was just going to mention that's for 250 units for that licenses.....licensing so.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, Miss Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said it is a Budgeted Line Item for the IT.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said he will go back to Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Recorder Wolfe asked who was in support.

Councilor Lewis said she thinks Ron.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission ☐ None Submitted
- B. Enrollment Commission ☐ None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission ☐ September 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept that report.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR SEPTEMBER 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
E. Housing Commission ☐ September 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept that report.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR SEPTEMBER 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor report has been accepted.

- F. Natural Resource Commission** 1. ☐ June 2022
2. ☐ August 2022
3. ☐ September 2022

Speaker Crampton said okay, they have three reports from the Natural Resource Commission June, August and September. Crampton asked do they want to do them individually or as a group.

Recorder Wolfe replied a group.

Speaker Crampton said all right, he will entertain a motion to accept the Natural....oh, Councilor.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE NATURAL RESOURCE
COMMISSION REPORTS FOR JUNE 2022, AUGUST 2022 AND
SEPTEMBER OF 2022;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor reports have been accepted.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ September 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept that.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT
PREFERENCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022;** by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the members. Crampton asked anything further from Tribal Council. Crampton said seeing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution has been accepted. Wolfe said they have this Tribal member that joined.

Speaker Crampton said okay, it's identify.....

Recorder Wolfe said they just had a Tribal member that joined the meeting can they identify for the record. Wolfe said Samsung SM 5326DL. Wolfe said she doesn't know who it is. Wolfe said they have their camera on.

Speaker Crampton said they probably froze. Crampton said yeah, if they hit star six that unmutes them. Crampton said oh, it looks like she is on the computer. Crampton said oh, it is.

Recorder Wolfe said she can't recognize the person.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody recognize her. *Crampton made a comment but it was not understandable on the ZOOM recording.*

Recorder Wolfe said so are they.....they are looking for the Tribal member that just joined the meeting that is participating by SM 5326DL. Wolfe said they need to identify for the record to participate in the meeting.

There was sound in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said he heard something.

Recorder Wolfe said so if they could please have her identify for the record. Wolfe said SM 5326DL.

Speaker Crampton said she is trying to talk.

Recorder Wolfe said she is not on here.

The Tribal member Participant can be seen on the ZOOM Video trying to speak to them but there was not audio in order to hear what she was saying.

Speaker Crampton said she is still on mute. Crampton said if she looks down to the corner of her screen she should be able to unmute herself.

Tribal member Participant said oh, can they hear her now.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Denise Cooper said awesome, Tribal I.D. #3974, Denise Cooper.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton thanked her very much.

- B. Biskaabiiyang Committee**
- C. Elders Committee Minutes**

☐ None Submitted
☐ September 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES
FOR SEPTEMBER 2022;** by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council or any discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Tribal Council. Crampton said seeing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor minutes have been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked her very much.

VII. Old Business-None

VIII. New Business

- A. Adoption of General Welfare Assistance Program 2022 COVID-19
Pandemic Assistance Program**

To offset the negative economic impacts incurred by our Tribal members.

Speaker Crampton said this is being brought forward by himself. Crampton said um, one of the reasons.....they had three or four work sessions on this maybe more. Crampton said um, one of the reasons for bringing this forward right now is they are in the middle of ah, um, recession.....they are sliding through a recession right now. Crampton said if they look the um, all the indicators....economic indicators they are going to see that their predicting somewhere around February that this is going to hit but right now they are ah, the main question is how are the businesses that provide these jobs and incomes going to be structured and the writing is on the wall, he means there is really no guess he can tell them now they are going to cut hundreds of thousands of dollars.....jobs because the world market right now all ___ are automated so they are going to see a huge recession and a huge restructuring in the way things are. Crampton said and their members right now they're just barely surviving around February or January its going to be worse. Crampton said so anything they can do for their membership at this time is

preparation. Crampton said he would have liked this to have gone out about a month ago but he still feels its not enough and it's late so he would like to move this forward as quickly as possible. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked any discussion from the Tribal Council. Crampton said Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said did he know their members are suffering financially. Romanelli said his question is does he have supporting..... Legal Review from outside counsel on this.

Speaker Crampton said ah, yeah, they asked he thinks ah, Elise. Crampton asked did she send him the copy. Crampton said she said she would.....

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks it would need to be ah, something from the outside counsel as well.

Speaker Crampton said she sent them she said.....what had happened was he asked Elise for the review. Crampton said she reviewed it and sent them an email stating that she ran it past Sonosky and they gave.....they gave their blessings.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-181;
APPROVING GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2022 COVID-19 PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said oh, excuse him, they will move back to Council. Crampton said ah, Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so all the paperwork and everything's ready to be sent out and also them American Rescue Plan Funds have been put in a Restricted Account. Di Piazza said that was done in 2021.

Speaker Crampton said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza said the other concern is under 3.1 Applicants are required to certify a need for assistance. Di Piazza said he doesn't know if this is going to put a burden on them if it is audited because.....*the microphone at this point started*

fading in and out with most of the comments not being heard on the ZOOM recording....are extreme and lavish. Di Piazza said he knows they are hurting and he knows people are in need but do they want to put another undue strain or duress upon them if anything is to be audited or paid back. Di Piazza said those are his concerns.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said Miss Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said just to note from the work session she did have several comments, questions and concerns. Wolfe said she is not in support of moving forward with this program at this time because....*the microphone faded out at this point and some comments were lost here....*the applications and things aren't prepared to her approval. Wolfe said she would like to see a program that is more than just papers or wording that can be implemented expeditiously and appropriately. Wolfe said she is not in support of the program at this time. Wolfe said she does believe members are hurting and do need assistance but she does believe that all the i's should be dotted and the t's crossed before they adopt a program. Wolfe said those are her comments. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said Mr. Wittenberg then Mr. Romanelli.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, he believed earlier on when all this Pandemic started that it turned around and came ah, to Council and it's kind of what it is right now where back then ah, all the t's and the i's dotted or crossed and he turned around ah, as now as it was before to turnaround and make Council get all those I's and t's so that's its on the table and its just not sitting on the table. Wittenberg said continuing to him to have ah, work sessions after work sessions ah, he thinks and feels that they can turnaround and do this for quite a while and he does know the members need that um, its up to each one to ah, know what they need and put forward but its also up to Council to turn around and try to get this going to make Council ah, do what they need to do so they can get it out to members. Wittenberg said that is just his thought on that. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said ah, Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said ah, the other concern he has is it has to be based on need he thinks that was brought up and he thinks before and he doesn't know ____ suggesting that it was based on need....he doesn't know this is going out equally among all Tribal people. *Romanelli made a comment here but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not sure that some are in more need than others and it could be.....it seems like it would be more helpful if it was based on _____. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said oh, sorry Councilor Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said so um, besides the things that have already been mentioned by ah, by Councilor Wolfe and Di Piazza um, how soon would this be available because this is um, it does say the application will be available and how soon does he think it would actually be available for members to um, access this. Johnson asked would it be online or by mail.

Speaker Crampton said he was going to say how many um.....how many applications has Tribal Council developed in the past.

Councilor Johnson said she doesn't know but if....it stated it would available online and they haven't seen an application so that is why she is asking how soon. Johnson said she means they can approve it or not approve it or do whatever but if there is nothing available for the members to access because she knows she hasn't seen an application for it so how soon would their members be able to go online like they have previously to do it. Johnson asked how soon from to fill out the application to request.....to be able to access it.

Speaker Crampton said it was explained to her by ULD. Crampton said the ULD that she kept said that they would um, the Ogema is having problems with staffing that would be a sign to somebody to delegate it and in fact it is written into the body of the resolution. Crampton said their job is to appropriate the funding and create the program.

Councilor Johnson said so they can pass this and it could be that the application would be done next year.

Speaker Crampton said if that's what the Ogema's prerogative that's what they said.

Councilor Johnson said okay.

Speaker Crampton said but to ease some of the concerns he went down to the um, ah, met with Mrs. Rabb this morning it does need.....it does need a supplemental appropriation. Crampton said everything is fine, the program's here the money's there. Crampton said Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli ah, did he just hear that they're expected to create the application.

Speaker Crampton said Members Assistance.

Ogema Romanelli said he just had....

Speaker Crampton said Members Assistance.

Ogema Romanelli said last time he thinks it was Council that created the application.

Recorder Wolfe said she can answer that. Wolfe said every time they brought forward an assistance program that's been generated they have worked with the Executive Branch and developed the application and had it ready to go when they were adopting the program. Wolfe said this time they haven't.

Speaker Crampton said that well....why that is a little bit misleading. Crampton said what happened was the Membership Assistance brought them the application that they developed and Council sat down with them and went over it with them. Crampton said so it was developed by the Membership Assistance Department.

Recorder Wolfe said inaccurate, it was developed by Rebecca Liebing.

Speaker Crampton asked okay, on behalf of who.

Recorder Wolfe said Tribal Council.

Speaker Crampton asked so why was Mrs. Wissner up in their office presenting it to them.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't believe she did he wasn't....she doesn't know. Wolfe said she doesn't have an additional comment. Wolfe said she isn't going to get into a debate with him.

Speaker Crampton said she was there....him either. Crampton said there is nothing wrong with the program, it's already passed their ULD and Sonosky and um, they already certified the funds are there. Crampton said every time they disperse funds there has been people saying they are going to be audited....they are going to be audited. Crampton said that happens with every time the Tribe disperse funds there is a possibility they will be audited. Crampton said it hasn't happened yet. Crampton said last time there was the same warning with the \$5,000. Crampton said that's not real but....

Recorder Wolfe said they have two members in the queue.

Speaker Crampton said yes, okay, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she is really disappointed with this conversation um, and she feels like it is just a proliferation of excuses because she continues to get

notifications of the S & P and Dow going down continually. Agosa said the excuse of the application is not attached to this piece of legislation. Agosa said unacceptable because first of all they all can work on legislation together. Agosa said there is nothing prohibiting Julie from working on the application with Shannon and bringing it forward. Agosa said she feels as though the person who is bringing forth the legislation often gets a lot of questions or is, they know, overly responsible for um, putting everything together but they all are being paid and they can all work together to get this done. Agosa said ultimately what matters is the well being of their membership it's in their Constitution, it's in their Preamble and it is just inexcusable. Agosa said she would also like to say Gary um, his issues with certification this came up in the past and their adults they are entirely responsible, they know how to keep records and also how to spend this money appropriately so um, to her she just feels that is just paternalistic. Agosa said um, he has the self-efficacy to manage these funds and a prior application already exists so this really should not be an issue. Agosa said she asks Council to reconsider and vote yes on this legislation. Agosa thanked them.

Councilor Wever said in the background, "she's going to get it," in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech Mr. Speaker. Densmore said so she has been waiting in the queue for a minute so she is so sorry she may be going back a lot but she had raised her hand when....right after Julie was done talking she thinks the first time and she had said that she didn't support it. Densmore said she had said that was because there was.....she doesn't know if she was saying some documentation or what the cross their t's and dot their i's was but she was just wondering what she was implying was still needed to be done. Densmore said she tried to call into the work session yesterday.....she called in at 1:19 and then like nobody let her in and three minutes later it closed. Densmore said um, so it must have been a really short one she wasn't able to hear anything yesterday so she was just wondering what barriers people are talking about.

Speaker Crampton asked Recorder Wolfe if she cared to address it.....

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't have any comments.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, can any....she is not....she is not arguing or disagreeing she just....she was just wondering what documentation or issue is specifically being _____. Densmore asked see what she is saying. Densmore said Councilor Di Piazza specifically said that he is just worried about the audit and she agrees that one usually comes up. Densmore said she just didn't know nobody else is saying anything aside from there isn't an application specifically attached.

Densmore asked is there anything else that needs to be done with this program or is there anything else that needs to be done that them guys are having an issue with. Densmore said she is just looking for ah...any sort of specific details.

Speaker Crampton said personally he doesn't have any issue. Crampton said if no one has made comments there is something....a couple of things he would like to clear up first. Crampton said um, old Council has done this before there has been no problems. Crampton said um, what was stated was that ah, they might get audited was the same concern last time, nothing ever happened. Crampton said ah, last week they....all....they see....they had Council saying that they wanted a Legal Review of a motion to post intent which is in the ordinance it says they must post intent. Crampton said he would be reluctant to talk to their lawyers because he doesn't want to go after it but he is going to ask for that review so they can write them back and tell them, yes, in the body it says they must post intent and then he will let the membership know what the cost of that was. Crampton said it is pretty common sense. Crampton repeated this is pretty common sense too. Crampton said Tribal Council has done their job on this. Crampton said he will entertain a motion if there is no further discussion.

Recorder Wolfe said they have a motion.

Speaker Crampton said oh, they have a motion, good. Crampton said all right if there is no further discussion please do a roll call.

Roll Call #

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

Motion failed (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe clarified with Councilor Champagne that she believed that was a no she heard.

Councilor Champagne said yes she did.

Recorder Wolfe said four in favor and five against motion....resolution has failed.

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what he said but Councilor Wever started laughing.

Recorder Wolfe said Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, no.

Recorder Wolfe said sorry.

Councilor Di Piazza said look at his name tag. Di Piazza said no.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said so it is four in favor and five against resolution has failed.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes to the membership. Crampton said all right that moves them down to.....

B. Adoption of Amendments to the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015, Ordinance #15-100-08a

Tribal Council made amendments to the ULD Act which have been posted for Public Comment Period and a final work Session was held to review the comments on October 18, 2022. Final adoption is necessary.

Councilor Crampton said B was postponed.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 26, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Councilor Wittenberg left the Lodge Room at 10:50 a.m.

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he just wanted to say....*the rest of his comment was not heard clearly here.....*he apologizes about a motivational Speaker ah, being presented by Behavioral Health.

Recorder Wolfe said correct.

Ogema Romanelli asked if she knew that this was a contract.

Recorder Wolfe said yes, and its on the agenda for the 26th. Wolfe said he just gave his verbal approval to move that forward.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli asked and it is going to be held here.

Recorder Wolfe said in the Lodge, correct.

Ogema Romanelli asked is it open to the public. Romanelli said he will find out more he guessed when it comes forward. Romanelli said he wasn't aware that this was the plan so. Romanelli said since Behavioral Health is under the Ogema he thought that he might have some information. Romanelli thanked them for providing him with the information. *Romanelli made another comment but it wasn't clear what he said on the ZOOM recording.*

Recorder Wolfe said he was welcome.

Ogema Romanelli said on the only other thing that he has is there any update to the Hearing on Big Fire.

Speaker Crampton said no, no, not yet.

Ogema Romanelli said all right. Romanelli thanked them.

Recorder Wolfe said they do have someone that joined under Election Board if they can have them identify. Wolfe said so they did have a member join under the username Election can they identify for the record.

Laura Echelbarger said it is her, #2276. Echelbarger said she kept getting booted out of her other one so she had to rejoin. Echelbarger said sorry about that.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have any Legislative Affairs this week. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said Bear Season closes October 26th so if they haven't been out.

Councilor Wever said leave the bears alone.

Speaker Crampton started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will wrestle them.

Speaker Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wittenberg re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:52 a.m.

Recorder Wolfe said just a couple of general updates for membership. Wolfe said um, they did get their Currents out and in the mail and it has been posted online for membership viewing. Wolfe said one thing she wanted to clear up for

membership they can subscribe by email to have it delivered to their inbox but they do not need to be registered on the Tribal web page to view it. Wolfe said they can click on the web page for News & Media and it will go there and take them to the most current addition of the Currents that is available so there is some confusion that they have to make sure that they are registered on the website. Wolfe said it is viewable without being registered and they can also subscribe to have it....a digital addition emailed to them. Wolfe said um, also wanted to note that the regular Election um, packets are due to the Election Board on um, Friday, maybe she shouldn't make that announcement.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "tomorrow Julie."

Recorder Wolfe said yeah, they are due tomorrow at 5 p.m. 10/20 to be considered to be eligible in the Election Board Office will be open from 4-5 to accept those. Wolfe said um, they do have um, the Tribe is participating in Wear Purple tomorrow for October 20th that is in support of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month and then they have the Annual Trunk or Treat event that is happening October 28th and the Education Department is still um, asking for volunteers to assist that event so if they can volunteer please contact Deb Davis. Wolfe said those are all her announcements. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said all right do they have anything further for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said that is going to move them onto Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Recorder Wolfe said she has Susan Thull.

Speaker Crampton said he has Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said she was just wondering since they mentioned the Election packets that need to be turned in. Thull said um, the money orders um, in the instructions she didn't see where it said who to make that out to for the Background Checks. Thull asked can anyone answer that.

Speaker Crampton said he knows that Miss Echelbarger....Miss Echelbarger does she have any response.

Laura Echelbarger said yup, she can make those out to the ah, Tribe....to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and then they go to the Accounting Department.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Susan Thull said Miigwech.

Laura Echelbarger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he noticed that as well. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she actually has two questions. Agosa said her first question is when will the remainder of the COVID Funds ah, be distributed to members she believes the check was around \$150.00 and must be expended by the end of October from her understanding so she just wanted to get an update on that. Agosa said her second question is um, she is curious why Councilor Champagne voted no on ARPA Funding. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said those are her questions.

Speaker Crampton asked Councilor Champagne if she wanted to respond.

Councilor Champagne said no, she will respond. Champagne said she didn't feel she had enough information to vote yes on it and she would rather not jeopardize what she is doing if she is not sure what all the details are and that is why she voted no. Champagne said she understands their members need help but she needs to look at it a little more in detail. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he really can understand that but.....

Recorder Wolfe said she said she didn't have enough information to make the decision on it she thinks it should be look at more closely and be brought forward again. Wolfe said before she voted on it she would rather take caution and say that no when she has the information and favor it that way.

Speaker Crampton asked what information is she lacking....they will talk about that later. Crampton said um, okay, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore thanked Mr. Speaker. Densmore said um, #3225, so she thinks this is a topic that she just doesn't have enough information about it she just doesn't understand it. Densmore said she was just wondering um, with ARPA Funds is there a specific timeline that that needs to be um, used by and um, do them guys have other plans for those funds should they decide not to use them for this program.

Speaker Crampton asked was it 24 or 26. Crampton said 26, yeah, they have until the 26th to spend the ARPA Funding.

Recorder Wolfe said no, they updated the guidelines and the funding is available until expended.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton repeated available until expended. Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said also to the point of them being dispersed and of an Assistance Program to Membership she thinks this Council is going to go back and re-evaluate what is in front of them, get everything together and bring that....program forward. Wolfe said at least that would be her perspective because she does support the program its just that what is being presented and what they are adopting didn't have enough complete information for her.

Chelsea Densmore said that helps, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said they are going to also apply to ensure the membership that everything was perfect today. Crampton said there was no reason to stop this. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she just clarification because she thought the COVID Funds were different from the ARPA Funds and her question about the \$150.00 Check is more towards the Executive um, because she believes that's been passed. Agosa asked does anybody have an update on that. Agosa said then when they said the 26th for ARPA Funds she is just.....she is really unclear about the deadlines for each allotment. Agosa said that is her question. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said well, he is not sure about the first one but Councilor Wolfe just reported that the ARPA Funding has been extended to whenever they expend it. Crampton said he is not sure about....does members from the Executive has anything to do with getting those checks out.

Recorder Wolfe said CARES Funding was to be expended by September 30th of 2022.

Speaker Crampton asked did anybody get their \$160.00 Check.

Councilor Wever said no.

Recorder Wolfe said they didn't vote or pass anything for them to get it.

Speaker Crampton asked who said anything about a vote.

Recorder Wolfe said a work session was brought forward but after that it was not.

Speaker Crampton said so they didn't expend the funds.

Recorder Wolfe said that would be a question for the Ogema to answer.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he guessed that is her answer. Crampton said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said yes, she is appalled by this Council's failure to move forward. O'Signac said there has been a number of work sessions on this ARPA Money, the um, it has been clearly demonstrated that their membership is in need of these funds and for it to continue to be delayed for various, what appears to her, fighting among Councilor's issues. O'Signac said inexcusable them guys need to step up and do the business that benefits their membership. O'Signac thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

An electronic voice was speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be determined where it was coming from.

Sara Agosa said she is also at a complete loss how all of this is unfolding given the circumstances that Tribal members are facing across the U.S. and she is absolutely shocked that that ARPA Payment did not pass. Agosa said she was given the impression that it passed and it was now in the hands of the Executive for the she guessed \$160.00 Check and that is just absolutely shocking that did not pass. Agosa said um, so what is happened to those funds.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said now wait, wait, wait.....

Sara Agosa said she wanted to see.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Sara....Sara....something needs to be clarified. Crampton said it was reported to them by Accounting in a work session that these funds were there and needed to be expended and they had them. Crampton said after the work session.....

Recorder Wolfe said CARES dollars.

Speaker Crampton repeated CARES dollars he is sorry. Crampton repeated CARES dollars nothing else was brought forward after that for Council to expend or vote on.

Sara Agosa said she guessed her question is then why didn't Council act on it.

Speaker Crampton said there was nothing for them to act on. Crampton said one more time. Crampton said the.....

Sara Agosa said well, she is sorry Shannon, that is inexcusable. Agosa said somebody on Council could have picked that up and brought it forward. Agosa said she is really disappointed. Agosa said she will just leave it at that. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said yes. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said for the rest of the membership he wanted to explain the misconception that has just been stated. Crampton um, the Accounting Department brought it forward....the Accounting Department was knowledgeable....the Accounting Department was wanting to disperse it....the Accounting Department never came back with anything to do so. Crampton said so there was nothing offered to Council to vote on. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said but if Council had the knowledge this money was available then someone on Council could have worked with Accounting to bring it forward. Agosa said she means they are the Legislative Branch....

Speaker Crampton said um-hum.

Sara Agosa continued.....so it could have been driven by someone on Council. Agosa said that is her standpoint and she will just leave it at that. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said yes, please do, he means they have people up here driving to get the ULD a new attorney....*Crampton laughing*....more Board Members....money for the members, get programs going....*Crampton laughing more*....so. Crampton thanked them. Crampton asked any other comments. Crampton said Miss Wever.

Councilor Wever said she just wanted to say that she was at her Auntie Elle's last night and she loves their paper. Wever said she was holding it like a bible and she said it looks like a magazine....it felt like a magazine but she's disappointed that they are not going to run off these ah, for people that would like the paper. Wever asked could they reconsider that.

Speaker Crampton said bring it forward she is a Council member. Crampton said but there is a cost associated with that and they need to put that on the um, website that was his understanding. Crampton said um, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech Mr. Speaker. Densmore said she was actually going to say that too. Densmore said she got her paper this week and it looks great it really did like she thought that um, like it was....it probably could have been cut down a couple of pages and some stuff shrank but honestly them guys are putting in a new website they don't need to do that anymore and she had forgot she wanted to say that too. Densmore said she thinks the newspaper looks awesome. Densmore said she doesn't know if that was the....there was a new employee there that she saw at the Membership Meeting that was talking about that but they did a great job. Densmore said so Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked is there any other comments. Crampton said Miss Wever.

Councilor Wever said she just wants to say that she miss her partner over here, Tom and she hopes he is back next week and is doing well.

Speaker Crampton asked anything else for Public Comment if not.....

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

Speaker Crampton continued.....he will entertain a motion to End Second Open....oh, he is sorry, First Closed....First Open.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 11:03; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the item. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said First Open is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

XI. Open Session

Acting Recorder Johnson said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton said first of all he would like to thank Councilor Johnson for her stepping up at this time. Crampton said he will entertain a motion to go into Second Closed or Second Open at 1:02 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 1:02 P.M; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Councilor Wever asked didn't Cindy have something.

Acting Recorder Johnson said they have to do Roll Call to finish.

Councilor Wever said oh, oh, okay. *Wever made more of a comment but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Wittenberg said she is going to have to shave her hair.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and two absent they are in at 1:03.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton asked do they have anything to move from Closed to Open.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she thought they ____.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton asked Cindy if she had a motion or anything.

Councilor Champagne said yes.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARPA FUNDING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE MEMBERSHIP; by Champagne; supported by Wever.

Acting Recorder Johnson said so she has a question does she need to regive ah, ah, a resolution number or ____ number.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, yeah, he thinks a resolution number.

Councilor Wittenberg said 181.

Acting Recorder Johnson said 181.

Councilor Wever said she can't see through all this scribbling.

Acting Recorder Johnson said so Cindy that resolution number was 22-1019-181.

Councilor Champagne said 22-19-181?

Speaker Crampton said 1019.

Acting Recorder Johnson said 1019-181.

Councilor Champagne said okay.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARPA FUNDING FOR
RESOLUTION #22-1019-181; by Champagne; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Acting Recorder Johnson said five for, two against and two absent it passed this time.

Councilor Wever said wait until the members see this they will be happy.

Speaker Crampton said they made a motion for reconsideration, okay.

Acting Recorder Johnson said right, the motion for reconsideration has passed.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said now they need approval for the resolution.

Acting Recorder asked what.

Speaker Crampton said they did a motion for reconsideration so that's ah....they did the motion for reconsideration no, he thinks she is right or is he right.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she doesn't know. Johnson said this is the first time this has happened since she's been sitting here. Johnson said since she.....

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Acting Recorder Johnson said so she has no idea. Johnson said since this automatically overrides that one.....

Speaker Crampton said yeah, it does.....it does but what.....

Acting Recorder Johnson said it comes back to the table to be looked at. Johnson said that is where she is confused.

Speaker Crampton said that is where he is confused. Crampton said what he is saying is that um, now that they have reconsider should they ask for reconsideration. Crampton said that is the Meeting Procedures Ordinance it is asking for reconsideration.

Acting Recorder Johnson said so that just brings it back to the table so they can bring it forth again.....

Speaker Crampton said yeah.

Acting Recorder Johnson continued....at a later time or whatever.

Speaker Crampton said they have to do it today....it has to be the same meeting for reconsideration.

Acting Recorder Johnson said oh, boy she doesn't have enough paper for this.

Councilor Wever said she can go get her some.

Speaker Crampton was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Acting Recorder Johnson said she guessed she.....

Councilor Wever said she will get.....

Acting Recorder Johnson said no, she has extras in here.

Councilor Wever said how is she going to do that if they got Tom gone now and ah....

Acting Recorder Johnson said they don't get a vote.

Councilor Wever said okay.

Speaker Crampton said they're.....

Acting Recorder Johnson said just like in anything else.

Speaker Crampton said they're allowed to be here anytime they want to.

Councilor Wever said right.

Speaker Crampton said nobody is stopping them.

Councilor Wever said let's vote on it.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, they just voted on the reconsideration and now they are going to go in and vote on the actually.....

Councilor Wever said yeah.

Acting Recorder Johnson said so is it a new resolution then or is it the same resolution.

Speaker Crampton said it is the same resolution....motion to approve resolution.....they are just reconsidering that resolution.

Acting Recorder Johnson said first time hearing this one guys so bear with her. Johnson said resolution okay.....do they need the resolution again.

Councilor Wever asked does she want the number.

Speaker Crampton said no, they got the number. Crampton said they just have to read the title whoever is making the motion. Crampton said he can't make a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg asked which one are they doing.

Councilor Wever said this adoption of the ARPA.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay, so he can....he can make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1019-181;
APPROVING GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2022 COVID-19 PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; by
Wittenberg; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked is there any discussion.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will raise his same concern that he believed it could put some of the citizens in peril as far as over lavish since they gave out the \$5,000 earlier out of the American Rescue Plan and also not having the form ready to be sent out because he knows when he did the one for \$2,000 which he created that form that he sent off to Members Assistance to critique it. Di Piazza said so sometimes he thinks they are setting members up for failure. Di Piazza said but.....

Councilor Wever said well he knows what Sara said she is an adult so she can make her own decisions. Wever said yeah, she is just saying.

Councilor Wittenberg said ___ and going back to that that he does know that there was different comments out there that some of the people they didn't feel that they needed it and then take it so he would say on their end on being responsible of knowing not just out there to, *"oh well, I'm going to grab 'em and on and on."* Wittenberg said it goes along with the same thing know that this the vote is going through should it be approved that now Council has to turnaround and get the ball rolling to get because they do have members out there that do need it and then there is a lot of members that he is sure that are financially okay that they don't need it and they will just pass on it. Wittenberg said it is up to each one.

Wittenberg said that is the way he looks at it when one taking a look at themselves of being responsible. Wittenberg said that is on them. Wittenberg said Council is doing what they can to turnaround and abide what they can for the members that definitely....some of them definitely need it but and then again there will be some of those that are going to be mediocre and should they, do they, will they and then there will be others that will no they are good they don't need it because they have seen no comments on there and they said there is a question and they didn't take it to give it to those that need it. Wittenberg said did that ever happen no, but....so where did that money go. Wittenberg said just his thought on different things on like that because he is sure if one didn't take it and they are going to give it to those directly need it or turnaround and give it to say the Florida people that would turnaround he is sure as they all know the ah, the ah, that whole state went through and from the winds that they got here in Michigan for the last couple of days he is sure some of those got their electricity knocked out too so. Wittenberg said so it is a big thing and...and but ah, he thinks it's a....ah, helping the people bottom line.

Speaker Crampton asked is that it.

Councilor Wittenberg said he is good, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton asked anybody else. Crampton said Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said he wasn't saying not to help the Tribal citizens but when their possibly because they are giving out most of the ARP Funding that had been given out with the 5,000 and this round could raise some eyebrows within....with Treasury and it does say lavish or extend and they could be audited and they could be liable to pay that money back because if they do find the....the problem somebody has got to pay that money back. Di Piazza said he hasn't seen it yet....well he did see it once where they.....he can't remember....one Tribe got spanked on that but Council is going to do what they are going to do so.

Acting Recorder Johnson said yeah, she guess she can support she doesn't have a problem giving, they know, assisting members or anything like that its just the few errors that were pointed out over the past ah, she guessed two days now, um, that is something that she has for is she expected it to be clean and not, they know, with the different concerns that have been raised as far as some of the stuff in here like that were pointed out yesterday, they know, having those particular things corrected. Johnson said that is her only thing against this. Johnson said she is not against helping their members in any shape or form or giving them anything its just she wants to see it clean, they know, where there isn't um, per say, this one here is clear and says exactly what is meant. Johnson said like earlier she was asking about the application is just because once they pass this they are going to have members wanting to know how soon can they access this. Johnson said they know that person is also um, ah, retiring here shortly she is not sure if it is next Friday or it is actually Halloween or exactly what day it is but they know she is retiring so this may not be a huge thing on her plate to do an application and they are going to have members in the meantime saying when can they access this. Johnson said they are going to want to know when and that's she guessed um, a little more clear in her head earlier but that is her concern with it is, is, she doesn't think it is clean enough to at this point is it necessary. Johnson said absolutely they do have ones that are in need. Johnson said the ones in Florida she knows she is sure they are going to ask them as soon as they can on top of the other one but they know they are going to be those. Johnson said she is not opposed to that she would just like to see it cleaner. Johnson said it is her biggest thing. Johnson said so that's it.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah and he agrees with her as far as having it clean and to him having it with that application and yes, their.....as soon as they find out their going to....the phones are going to be ringing off the hook.

Acting Recorder Johnson said um-hum.

Councilor Wittenberg said when is it going.....when is it going. Wittenberg said well it just got approved and now they have to turnaround ask Council turnaround and take what the government, to him, said their guidelines and for them to turnaround and he'd say legal but legal was not here to turnaround and get it where they can turnaround and make it where ah, so its not so overbearing um, on the ones that are....the application to make it ah, what about this....what about that.....this is what it says on there and just go from there but turnaround and make it ah, because a lot of their ah, a lot of people, he will say people because he is talking in general that when they read things its hard for them to comprehend exactly what it means and so that's the part he is wanting. Wittenberg said to make it not shaded but just black and white if, they know, that's his....his thing on there. Wittenberg said make it ah,....make it clean like she says make it black and white and no shaded areas. Wittenberg said of course there is always going to be shaded areas because it is just natural, they know, but he understands it. Wittenberg said okay, Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton said well, he will clean it up real quick and let's get this vote. Crampton said he just wanted to say that one of the questions that was asked too Sonosky um, because Sonosky was the one that gave the previous Council the advice that ah, the ah, anymore expenditures from ARPA should be seen as lavish. Crampton said when he sent back on....or request that was one of the specific questions he asked and they said that was based before the impacts of the war and the gas prices now it was totally justifiable and they don't see any problem with it.....

Councilor Wever said absolutely.

Speaker Crampton continued.....and they gave their blessing so they had two contrasting reports that are based on prewar and the effects after the war so that takes care of that. Crampton said on the other side of things he doesn't.....the problem they are having here is that got the Executive Council always knows that the Executive is going to fail so they run over and they make job descriptions and they help lick stamps. Crampton said their job is to appropriate the money, their job is to lick the stamps and send the envelope which they all know they can't do that so they get into trouble when they start saying well they need to do all this and all that to help their members. Crampton said no, maybe somebody won't be in office for all these years and members start going wait a minute Tribal Council approved that check where is the check wait Members Assistance can't get it who is Members Assistance under. Crampton said it is not under Council. Crampton said that is not their problem. Crampton said this is a three-part government. Crampton said they keep covering for the Executive let them fall on their face. Crampton said now is everybody....discussion over because he would like to do the vote. Crampton said he sees Mr. Wittenberg needs to get back out here.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has got his hand in the queue.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, with that rationale he just gave that is kind of disturbing because members are going to be expecting this as soon as it is implemented and he is just going to say, "*oh well its not our problem anymore.*" Di Piazza said because they just write laws and implement things on the programs so that's the way they are doing things now he guessed but like he said that's disheartening to hear that but oh well....*the rest of his comment faded off here.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, if there is no more discussion please do a roll call.

Roll Call #15

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Acting Recorder Johnson said five for, two against and two absent motion is passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said now if there is nothing else he will entertain a motion to end Second Open at 1:21 p.m.

Councilor Wittenberg said he makes a motion.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 1:21 P.M; by Wittenberg;
supported by Wever.

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

Roll Call #16

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

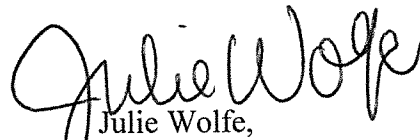
Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent they are done at 1:22 p.m.

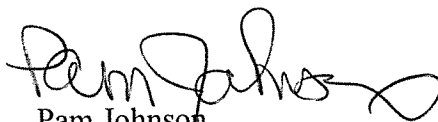
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