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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on September 18, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Good morning, everyone. We are here for our regular scheduled tribal council meeting for Wednesday, September 18th, 2024. Um I have asked Councilor Wever to say a prayer. So, Councilor Wever, when you're ready.

Councilor Wever: Yeah

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead please.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Councilor Wever: Thank you. Here's Ogema's Speaker. First, yeah, for as long as the moon shall rise, for as long as the river shall flow, for as long as the sun shall shine, for as long as the grass shall grow. Let us know peace. May all I say and all I think be in harmony with the God within me, God beyond me, maker of the trees. And God bless you all that are here today. Amen.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister:

**II. General Business**

So, I will be calling this meeting to Order at 10:02am.

**A. Call to Order**

We will start with Zoom users if you are a tribal citizen, please list your name and your tribal ID. If you are an employee, please list your name and the department that you work in. Thank you. Bill O'Siginac, please identify yourself.

Bill Ossiginac: Bill Ossiginac 3877.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Phone number 2317940066 please identify yourself?

Michael Burmeister: Michael Burmeister 945.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Carrie Frias, please identify yourself.

Carrie Frias: Carrie Frias, attorney.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Chris McClellan, please identify yourself.

Chris McClellan: Chris McClellan 2916.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Delia, please identify yourself.

Delia Ross: Delia Ross 2446.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Isaiz Tomey, please identify yourself.

Isaiz Tomey: Isaiz Tomey uh Government I.T

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you Jolene O'Signac, please identify yourself.

Jolene O'Signac: Jolene O'Signac 3866.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Larry Olsen, please identify yourself.

Larry Olsen: Olsen 1532.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Laura Echelbarger, please identify yourself.

Laura Echelbarger: Laura Echelbarger 2279.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Lee McCaslin, please identify yourself.

Lee McCaslin: (Speaking Anishinaabemowin) Lee McCaslin 0748.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Mark Huddleston, please identify yourself.

Mark Huddleston: Mark Huddleston 3230.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Martha Howell, please identify yourself.

Martha Howell: (Speaking Anishinaabemowin) Martha Howell 3635.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Michael Schrader, please identify yourself.

Michael Schrader: Michael Schrader 2473.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Venus, please identify yourself.

Venus Battaglia: Venus staff and tribal member 1102.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Salli Renee Wabsis, please identify yourself.

Salli Wabsis: Good morning Salli Wabsis 3449.

Speaker Burmeister: Good morning. Thank you. Sandy Mezeske, please identify yourself.

Sandy Mezeske: Good morning. Sandy Mezeske 0018.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor um Shannon Crampton, please identify yourself.

Councilor Crampton: Shannon Paul Crampton, uh outlying Tribal council Rep. 1747.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Susan Thull, please identify yourself.

Susan Thull: 3727.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Tina McClellan- Payment, please identify yourself.

Tina McClellan- Payment: 2917.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Chelsea Densmore, please identify yourself.

Chelsea Densmore: 3225.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay, that is everyone on Zoom. Okay, we are moving down under II General Business

**B. Roll Call**

recorder Johnson can you please do roll call please?

Recorder Johnson:

T. Burmeister -Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Absent	A. Metzger - Present
S. Crampton - Present	P. Johnson - Present	S. Wever - Present

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Wolfe is not here today. She is at a conference. So, um we will move down on the agenda to

**C. Approval of Agenda**

I'd like to entertain a motion, please, to approve the agenda.

Councilor Wever: Go ahead Pam.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: Um I would like to make a **motion to accept the tribal council to approve the agenda for Wednesday, September 18th, um starting with III.A1. Uh It was moved down to B2 approval contract with GTEC for demolition of Jackey Quarters on tribal parcel in Fruitport Township. Um number two is updated the acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 2024-2025 Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative uh grant and approving a modification to the operating budget MB 2024 in the amount of \$170,000. Um and then there's that B2 that was moved from uh or yeah, that was moved under budget modifications. Um down to old business A was postponed adopting the membership meeting procedure ordinance. C was removed. Uh D was postponed payment of annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians. And then in Closed session, we have an add um under VII. C bids and contracts number 5, ratification of engagement letter from Rehmann Robson for accounting services for fiscal year 2023, GASB 96 subscription-based information technology arrangements. And that was also added to VIII. Open session, second open session, A.5. So as well, that's it.**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be a second please? Okay, will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from the agenda? Any tribal councilors with questions? Any citizens with questions? Back to... back to Tribal Council. Oh, go ahead, Chelsea.

Chelsea Densmore: Hi, Chelsea Densmore 3225. I was just wondering why you guys keep postponing the membership meeting one.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead. Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: Um that was uh waiting on an ordinance. And there was a couple of things that wanted to be updated. We were doing we found more things we wanted to update. So, we postponed it for this week.

Chelsea Densmore: Oh, okay, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Any councilors with questions? Okay, with no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 1**

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- Yes	S. Wever - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you moving to general business

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**      ☐ **None Submitted**

Moving down to

### **III. Continuing Business**

#### **A. Grants & Contracts**

Moved B.2

#### **1. Approve Contract with GTEC for Demolition of Jockey Quarters on Tribal Parcel in Fruitport Township.**

Ogema Romanelli and Steve Parsons have brought this item forward. So, Steve the floor. Oh never, I did. Sorry about that.

Councilor Wever: That's okay.

Speaker Burmeister: Continuing Business 2 which is and update. Sorry about that everyone.

#### **Updated 2. Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) 2024-2025 Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative (TBHI) Grant and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2024-\_\_ in the amount of \$170,000.**

Ogema Romanelli, Angela Schwandt and Kathleen Bowers have brought this item forward. So, Angela, the floor is yours.

Angela Schwandt: Hello. This is a grant allocation from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$170,000 for our tribal behavioral health initiative grant. Um this funds the tele psychiatric services for from Pine Rest for our tribal citizens, as well as it will fund an additional mental health counselor and tribal healer. Those are the main expenses from the grant.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Uh as usual, the only question I have, how many tribal citizens do you service?

Angela Schwandt: We have twenty-eight in the program.

Councilor Metzger: And what's your total?

Angela Schwandt: Well, I'm sorry, what was that?

Councilor Metzger: Your total of your service?

Angela Schwandt: Yes. Twenty-eight currently in the program.

Councilor Metzger: Okay, that's just tribal? What's your overall?

Angela Schwandt: The overall is twenty-eight. We have twenty-three LRBOI citizens and then five from other tribes.

Councilor Metzger: Alright thank you.

Angela Schwandt: Yep.

Speaker Burmeister: Any other councilors with questions? Tribal citizens, do you have any questions? Go ahead, Lee.

Lee McCaslin: Thank you, Speaker. Um first off, I would like to um recognize the one who does the work. And uh last week during the meeting, uh Kim Hinmon, you know, who is now have uh left, has raised some questions about, you know, the... the funds. Um and in detail of that, you know, when you look back on your notes so that um she is. But I wanted to recognize her work.

Speaker Burmeister: Um Lee, Lee.

Lee McCaslin: Yeah

Speaker Burmeister: Lee. Um this is a different program then what Kim had.

Lee McCaslin: Exactly. Because it's foreign and domestic.

Speaker Burmeister: Could you think about that in public comment, please? Because we're working on the...the presentation for the grant at hand. So, if you keep your comment to the um open public comment period.

Lee McCaslin: OK, because it is a foreign entity coming into a nation. And accepting the funds, right? And where it's going to be distributed to and.

Speaker Burmeister: Do you have a question regarding this program Lee?

Lee McCaslin: Uh I do, because it's coming in under another name. You know. Um I guess I'll wait because it's misled, I think, and in a different way.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay thank you. go-ahead Susan.

Susan Thull: Uh I believe uh in the narrative; it said an additional um traditional healer. So, is that a new one that we will be hiring?

Angela Schwandt: No, it is to fund our current, current traditional healer that we have.

Susan Thull: Oh, OK. I understood that. I thought you had said an additional.

Angela Schwandt: Nope.

Susan Thull: Thank you for clearing that up. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Other tribal citizens with questions. OK, back to council. Um go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, if there's no further questions, I'll make that motion. **Motion to approve resolution 240918-159 acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) 2024-2025 Tribal behavioral health incentive. (TBHI) Grant and approving a modification operating budget MB2024-41 in the amount of \$170,000.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Does Tribal Council have any further questions? Citizens. Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

G. DiPiazza	- Yes	M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister-	Yes
J. Wolfe	- Absent	A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg-	Yes
P. Johnson	- Yes	S. Wever	- Yes	S. Crampton-	Yes

Eight in favor one absent, it's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay thank you. Thank you, Angela. Moving down under

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-\_\_ In the amount Of \$143,510 from LATCF Fund 4529 for demolition of Jockey Quarters on Tribal Trust Parcel in Fruitport Township.**

Ogema Romanelli and Steve Parsons have brought this item forward. So, Steve the floor is yours.

Steve Parsons: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And good morning, everyone. Um first of all, thanks for moving this item because it directly relates to budget modification uh item number two. Uh and this actually would have to be approved before I could get to that item. So, I appreciate your juggling that in the agenda. So, thank you for doing that. Um what this is, uh it's a request for tribal council to approve a budget modification for uh funding to... to pay for the demolition of the jockey quarters that are located on a parcel the tribe owns in Fruitport Township. Um I don't think it's any secret that um that parcel, the intention was to designate that parcel as a potential gaming site in the Muskegon area. And I guess that's gotten hung up with the state. And so far, it's that hasn't been finalized yet. But having said that, um the tribe is the property owner. We are responsible for... for what happens there. And I'll get into that in more detail with the next item. So, I don't want to, you know, weigh you down with that. But essentially. Um there were there were no funds uh designated in the tribal budget for this year to pay for that uh demolition. And so, the Ogema had asked me to contact the CFO here and see if there was a there was a way we could get funding appropriated for that purpose. And

that's what this item is about. Um I'll give credit to Kathleen Bowers because she is going to pull this together as far as the resolution and the funding and so forth. Um and Angela Rabb, there was a certification of funding that she put together in order to... to move this process forward. Um with that being said, Um I'll stop here and see if you have any questions for me.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you, Steve. Will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any tribal councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Of course, for clarification purposes uh uh in the heading. This land is referred to trust parcel. Has that been clarified?

Steve Parsons: Yeah, it is not in trust. That was my mistake when I put the original um agenda request together. Um I did not realize the tribe had not been successful in putting the property in the uh trust now, and it doesn't mean it won't happen, it just hasn't happened yet. Um because that needs to happen for there to be a gaming operation there. Um but...

Councilor Metzger: That's all.

Steve Parsons: Yeah

Councilor Metzger: So, my... it's not in trust?

Steve Parsons: It is not in trust.

Councilor Metzger: Alright so, my second question is, uh would that land be eligible from the L.A.T. C.F. ARPA fund?

Steve Parsons: That is my understanding, because I uh when I got the certification of funds from the CFO, I double checked to make sure that that was that was allowable under that under that funding. And she said it was.

Councilor Metzger: What was that prior to the discussion of whether it was in trust land or not?

Steve Parsons: No, that had nothing to do with the... the legal status of the parcel itself. It was basically what the intention of those funds were when we got them. And apparently there's a way that this this can be used for this particular project. And so that so it doesn't violate any... any rules or regulations in regard to ARPA. As far as... as far as I know, again, I'm not in the finance department, so I don't have all the specifics on that. But that's what I was told in the certification of funds. Uh...

Councilor Metzger: So, you... you were reassured that these funds were available for this project under that program?



Steve Parsons: Yes, I was.

Councilor Metzger: And you are reassuring me that these funds are available for that project... project under these that program?

Steve Parsons: Yes, I have. And I believe this will be on future minutes of the record or whatever. So, I... I will stand by that. If that gets questioned, I'll bring the CFO along to explain that specifically, if you know, referring to the ARPA, you know, whatever the um conditions or the rules are for spending that money.

Councilor Metzger: Alright. Thank you, sir.

Steve Parsons: You bet.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay, next in queue is Susan, go ahead, please.

Susan Thull: Good morning, Steven. It's nice to see you.

Steve Parsons: Oh.

Susan Thull: I have I didn't attend any of the work sessions, so I just have a couple of general questions. Um removing this building, will that um will our insurance on that property be affected by... by that removal and also with the real estate the property taxes?

Steve Parsons: You know, I don't have the answers to either or either question. I suspect it would have some impact, but I won't know for sure. And we can't get the property assessed for tax purposes until it actually occurs. In other words, it would have to be gone for an assessor to come out and basically say what that does to our income tax. My sense is it would certainly wouldn't go up because you now don't have a building there anymore that that was ...

Susan Thull: Right.

Steve Parsons: But... but I that that's not been shared with me, and I don't think they can actually do it until the demolition happens so.

Susan Thull: Oh, I understand. Yes, I'm just hoping that they do look at that and, you know, at least notify um so that it could be considered.

Steve Parsons: Yeah

Susan Thull: Um

Steve Parsons: Well, and just so you know, we are working with the folks in Fruitport Township, and they're aware of our efforts to try to do this. And so, we'll be definitely be in communication with them. So, they'll be aware of the fact that this is happening.

Susan Thull: Thank you. And then just for my own um curiosity, do you have any number of how many people were um homelessness and were they tribal people um that were occupying that building?

Steve Parsons: Um Susan, I don't have any specific information in regard to the numbers and whether or not they were tribal. So, you know, we don't know that. I would like to think that, you know, well, let me say this. And this is a personal comment from me. So, this is doesn't reflect on anybody else. I would really like to think that we. Tribe, that tribal members would not be left. As their only option to... to occupy the those vacant jockey quarters, that there is some other provision we can make to take care of those individuals. And hopefully they're working with you know the tribe to for that to happen. But I don't have an answer for that. What I'd like...

Susan Thull: Okay.

Steve Parsons: what I'd like to be able to tell you, though, is is that if that does impact the tribal member directly, um would absolutely encourage him to contact the tribe. And we can see if there's other things that we can do to try to assist them and maybe even find a better place for him to stay. But um I don't know the numbers at this point.

Susan Thull: Certainly. Well, Miigwech.

Steve Parsons: Um your Welcome. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor DiPiazza, you had your hand up. Go ahead, please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I was going to say tearing down that structure should lower the taxes because they do charge for structures, whether you put one up or tear one down. So that being said, I'd like to make a motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion approved resolution 24-0918-160. Approval of budget modification MB2024-42 in the amount of \$143,510 from LATCF fund 4529 for demolition of the Jockey Quarters on Tribal Trust Parcel in Fruitport township**

Councilor Wever: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any tribal councilors that have questions? Tribal citizens back to tribal council. Okay, with no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you please do roll call for this item?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

G. DiPiazza	- Yes	M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister-	Yes
J. Wolfe	- Absent	A. Metzger	- No	R. Wittenberg-	Yes
P. Johnson	- Yes	S. Wever	- Yes	S. Crampton-	No

Six in favor to against one absent. It's been accepted.

Steve Parsons: Okay, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Steve.

Steve Parsons: I'll stay up here for the next one.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah

Steve Parsons: that's me also.

Speaker Burmeister: OK, thank you.

Steve Parsons: Very good. Thanks.

Speaker Burmeister: So, moving down II.B budget modifications.

**2.(A) Approve Contract with GTEC for Demolition of Jockey  
Quarters on Tribal Parcel in Fruitport Township.**

Ogema Romanelli and Steve Parsons have brought this item forward. So, Steve the floor is yours.

Steve Parsons: And thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to apologize for my voice because my allergies, for whatever reason, are acting up, as you can probably tell. But I'll do my best to try to get through it so you can understand me. So, with that being said, uh this item directly relates to the item that we just we just had on the agenda. Essentially, this is the contract um for the that will govern the demolition of the Jockey to take place. The way that the contract is set up, Um uh Grand Traverse Engineering and Construction, also known by the acronym GTAC, would be responsible for... for... for the actual um demolition process. They would be the project managers of this this particular project. A question came up either during a gender review or the work session that we had in terms of who were the contractors that GTAC would be working with and their experience in terms of demolition. And I can give you the names of the two contractors. I said I'd have it by today, just in case you're still interested. Um one of the contractors, the name is A.J. Venaclassen Construction out of Grand Rapids. Um and I can tell you how to spell that if you're if you're trying to trying to get that information. The other company is called Pitch Companies, and they also have extensive experience in demolition as well. And those will be the two contractors on site. And then GTAC will be overseeing the project. They'll be processing the payouts and so

forth that are sent to us. So that's why the contract is with them. Um I think folks, most folks know the backstory on this. This has been something that we've been trying to address for probably the last year and a half. What held it up? And I think most folks know this, too, is not having a budget appropriation in the budget to be able to pay for it. And so, it was trying to pull that together, which just happened this summer. So that's... that's why you're only seeing the contract here now for approval. My understanding, talking to Ken Oakert, who is the president of GTAC yesterday, was that as soon as the contract is signed, uh they can begin to pull people together maybe as early as next week to get this done. Um and they will work until it is done. So even though there might be some concerns about the weather, as I know, October, November, the weather starts getting a little um nasty in terms of, you know, cold and snow and so forth. They the... the contractors that do the demolition work are able to work through any sort of seasonal weather issues. Until it's done. And so, um it will be it will be worked on until completed. So just wanted to know that, too.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Steve. Will there be any councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm going to say at the end of the day, whatever is going to transpire down there, the building, that building needs to go.

Steve Parsons: Yeah.

Councilor DiPiazza: Because them Jockey Quarters. That's what it's called. Jockey Quarters. Most jockeys are five foot? I don't want to say that.

Steve Parsons: Yeah, they're there. If you look at an individual room, it's pretty tiny. Yeah.

Councilor DiPiazza: But yes, they're extreme. They're... they're built for the jockeys. So unfortunately, the shorter the jockey, the faster they ride. So, at the end of the day, they need to be gone. And with that, I'd like to make a motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead. Um go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I make a motion to approve resolution 24-0918-161 ratification of Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction (GTEC) Contract for demolition of the Jockey quarters on tribal trust Parcel in Fruitport Township.

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Are there any councilors that have questions?

Councilor DiPiazza: Tribal parcel the resolution says tribal.

Speaker Burmeister: You want to. Would you please reread that, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Okay, well, I'll make that. Redo it then. **Approve resolution 24-0918-161 ratification of Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction (GTEC) Contract for demolition of the Jockey quarters and tribal trust Parcel in Fruitport Township.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, will there be any tribal um comments from Council, Tribal Council? from citizens? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do a roll call for the item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No
M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - No	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent

Six in favor to against one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Steve.

Steve Parsons: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Let's see here. Yeah, we have three tribal citizens that have joined us, so we will have them identify themselves. The first one is Beth McClellan. Please identify yourself.

Beth McClellan: Beth McClellan, 2915.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Gary Lewis, please identify yourself.

Gary Lewis: Gary Lewis, Executive Lead Tribal Member, 1980.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Kimberly McClellan, please identify yourself. She still dropped Pam?

Recorder Johnson: She must have dropped off again.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay she dropped off so. Okay, moving along, we are on number  
**3. Acceptance of additional funds from U.S Department of Agriculture 2024 FDPIR Supplemental Distribution Grant And approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2024-\_\_ in the amount of \$ 21,800.**

Ogema Romanelli and Jamie Friedel have brought this item forward. So, Jamie the floor is yours.

Jamie Friedel: Good morning, council. Thank you. And tribal members, this is for additional funds from the United States Department of Agriculture. We've been having problems with receiving our trucks on time. We've had products missing off of our trucks, not it wasn't stolen, but it was just missing. They never packed it. So, it's the main company that we use that actually the F.D.P.I.R. program uses. Don't pack the trucks properly, so on and so forth. So, they made an eleven... eleven million dollars was given out to all the tribal F.D.P.I.R. programs to split up. And our portion of that was \$21,800. Those funds are able for us to be able to purchase products from different stores like Costco, Sam's Club distributor. So, and that's to be able to feed, you know, put into the packages of our clients. Um say like we're out of tuna right now, we'll probably go up and get some tuna from um Gordon's, Sam's Club, wherever we can purchase it and um be able to offer it to them back in their packages. So, it's just the money that they kind of sent out and said here kind of take care of your people, feed your people.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from this item?

Councilor Wever: Oh, no, I just have a question. I'm sorry.

Speaker Burmeister: That's OK. Um councilors with questions. Sure. Um go ahead, Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever: Uh yeah, Jamie. Uh last month, I was downstairs and there was a couple that came in. He was a blind man, and he had a caregiver and they asked me, where do they go to complain? I says, I don't know. So, I ran upstairs, and I got Julie Wolfe. And they told me that you gave that blind man spoiled food that he got so ill. She thought that he had to go to the hospital. And then when they went back to tell you this, you and the workers at the warehouse laughed at him. Is this true?

Jamie Friedel: No, this is not true. If you want to know the whole story, you can come and talk to me.

Councilor Wever: Okay, that's all I wanted to know. That was to.

Jamie Friedel: I'll tell you the whole story right now.

Councilor Wever: Well, I don't know if anyone.

Jamie Friedel: That is one of my clients that I can't discuss that information, but all of my clients that come into the store have the option of going to the cooler and picking out their own produce.

Councilor Wever: But he's blind.

Jamie Friedel: She picked it out for him. Did she tell you that?

Councilor Wever: No.

Jamie Friedel: Alright.

Councilor Wever: No.

Jamie Friedel: Okay, I'm not going to get into the whole story, but Julie Wolfe did tell you. And you guys can come over to the store at any time you want to. You can check all the produce. We check everything every single day. A bag of cherries. I'm not taking every single cherry out of a bag, out of a two-pound bag. It's just like you go to the Meijer store. If you get if you get some spoiled fruit in there, what do you do? When you take your fruit home from the store do you wash it and eat it? You know, that's... that's things that we have out on the we have on the floor, on the signs everywhere, it says, please wash your fruit before you eat it. All fruits and vegetables need to be washed no matter where you get it from. If it's out of your own garden, I'm still going to wash my own fruit and vegetables, so you can... you can come and talk to me and my employees and ask about that anytime you would like to. That would be great.

Councilor Wever: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you. Um go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Well, I was going to call a point of order, but I'd like to see that conversation ceased. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Well, yeah, first, I'd like to just apologize to Mr. Friedel. Um I worked with him on council. I know that's not um something... he cares deeply for the members. That's not something he would do. He's the utmost caring character for the members. And I apologize to you, Mr. Friedel, that was unprofessional for that to be brought up in that manner. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other councilors with questions? Tribal citizens? Back to Tribal Council. Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Yeah I'd like to make a motion if there's no other questions.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead. Go ahead.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, ma'am. Like motion to I'd like to make **a motion to accept Resolution 24-0918-162 acceptance of additional funds from U.S. Department of Agricultural 2024 FDPIR Supplement Distribution Grant and approving a modification to the operating budget MB2024-43 in the amount of \$21,800.**

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any tribal councilors that have further questions? Citizens? Back to Tribal Council? Stephanie, did you have a question? Okay, go ahead, Stephanie yeah.

Stephanie West: Okay, Stephanie 3919. I've been using Jamie's program since I've been here. And never have I ever gotten any bad food. He's one runs a tip top, top of the line shape with his food. He's good.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you. Okay, councilors with any further questions. Okay, with no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes

Eight in favor. One absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Thank you, Jamie.

Jamie Friedel: Thank you, council. Thank you, Councilor Crampton, for the comments.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, moving down II.B budget modifications

**4. Acceptance of additional funds from U.S Department of Agriculture 2024 FDPIR Supplemental Distribution Grant And approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2024-\_\_ in the amount of \$ 80,000.**

Ogema Romanelli and Jamie have brought this item forward. So, Jamie the floor is yours.

Jamie Friedel: Uh good morning and thank you again. Um these funds, I started back in February of this year requesting funds to be able to start a new part of this program. It's called the tailgating program down in Muskegon. Um I Went through the whole two, three quotes for the federal government to purchase a vehicle to be able to pull the trailer that we bought with the 2022 funds that was left over at the end of the year. Um so, these funds were finally after, you know, since February, they told me in August I went through the whole three quotes again in August. Um finally got passed down through and got approved to do the \$80,000 to purchase the vehicle. Its vehicle is going to be anywhere from \$79-80,000. It will pull the trailer that we have. Um It's big enough and we can use the vehicle for other items as well for the program, you know, like with as soon as we get our nutritionist, they can do the outreach to our clients. Um we need training. We can do the training if we need to. You know, it's just a good program vehicle. And, you know, it's... it's well worth the well worth the money that they were given us to be able to, you know, make the program go up instead of down.



Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any tribal councilors abstaining from this item? Any tribal councilors with questions? Any citizens with questions? Back to Tribal Council. Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: No questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, please.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to make a motion resolution to accept resolution.

Speaker Burmeister: Yes.

Councilor Metzger: Oh, go ahead, ma'am. Are you sure?

Speaker Burmeister: she... she can second that?

Councilor Metzger: At this moment, I'd like to make a **motion to accept resolution 24-0918-163 Acceptance funds from the U.S. Department of Agricultural 2024 FDPIR distribution grant and approving a modification to the operating budget MB2024-44 four in the amount of \$80,000.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any further questions from tribal councilors? from citizens? Back to Tribal Council? With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been approved.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you, Jamie.

Jamie Friedel: Thank you, council.

Speaker Burmeister: Moving down II.B budget modifications

**5. Approval of Expenditure for purchase of a vehicle to support The FDPIR program.**

Ogema Romanelli and Jamie have brought this item forward. So, Jamie the floor is yours.

Jamie Friedel: Again, this is for the to be able to purchase the vehicle now. Um I'm going to be getting three quotes and getting it to purchasing. I've worked with purchasing on

this. That's why the resolution says not to exceed the \$80,000 um instead of bothering the dealerships again, you know, for the third time and fourth time. I just want to make sure that we're able to, you know, spend these funds not to exceed the dollar amount. And so as soon as I can get those three quotes, we and purchasing said that it would be pretty quick and easy to do. So, we're looking at a 2024 GMC Yukon um 4-wheel drive with the tow package option just to be able to pull the trailer with and it will be a gas vehicle. Uh I looked into electric as well, and electric would not be sustainable to be able to tow that back and forth to Muskegon and back. So, I have to I have done that due diligence of actually looking into that, too. So.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any councilors abstaining from the item? councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Well, if you did get an electric one, I would presume you'd have to have a generator pulling it. Just my opinion, you know, but do uh see how everything is going over there, Jamie. And I'm proud of you being in that position to make it grow. Others were in there and it didn't seem to grow. But you seem to got a hand on and taken off for that. For that vehicle. They say for residents, if you live in for the tax free. Uh so, I would presume that goes with that vehicle. Also, it wouldn't be it would be...

Jamie Friedel: Yes.

Councilor Wittenberg: Tax free.

Jamie Friedel: It was going to be a tribal purchase yes.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah. So that's what I thought. But I just thought if there was other questions asked for myself, you know, for sure. But thank you. And all that you do.

Jamie Friedel: You know, I will... I will say this, you know, it's not just me, it's I've got a team that helps that, you know, without my team, we wouldn't be doing what we're doing.

Councilor Wittenberg: You and your team.

Jamie Friedel: Thank you.

Councilor Wittenberg: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any other councilors with questions or comments? Citizens? Back to Tribal Council. Okay, with no further questions, I'd like to entertain a motion. Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Uh if there's no questions or comments. I'd like to make a **motion to adopt resolution to approve Resolution 24-**

**0918-164 for approval of expenditures for purchase of vehicle to support the FDPIR program.**

Recorder Johnson: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Will there be any councilors that have further questions? Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: What's F.D.I.P.R.?

Jamie Friedel: Food distribution on Indian reservations.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you so much.

Jamie Friedel: Food Distribution program on Indian reservations. Sorry about that.

Councilor Metzger: program ok thank you Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: So, Um I forgot to ask you. Um how soon after getting the vehicle, do you expect to start uh tailgating down there?

Jamie Friedel: We will be going down um probably the end of the month and start signing people up. We're getting the trailer wrapped as we're, you know, we're waiting on that to come down, um which those funds to wrap that trailer is all federal funds as well. It's part of the nutrition funds. So, we're going to be signing clients up. You know, that's a little process. We usually can do that within a half hour, 45 minutes. So, we'll be setting up down in Muskegon a couple of days to start registering, you know, taking the applications and doing everything online. I look to. This is this is just the beginning for Muskegon for me. Um we're looking to get 20, 30, 40 people down there, we get that many clients down there. We're going to be setting up another sister store down there, kind of like the little store we had over at the casino, you know. And it's if it grows from there, then we'll look into another building. So, it's you know, it's you know, this is just the beginning for down there.

Recorder Johnson: Yes. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead um Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, I forgot to mention, if you don't mind, I can't wait. See that trailer. I know that trailer is going to be awesome going down the road. So, I'll let that be a surprise for those who don't know. And it's taking a picture and having a poster. Truly going to be awesome. And they should be selling more T-shirts on that also. I love it. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other councilors with comments?

Councilor Wever: Yeah.

Speaker Burmeister: Alright okay, go ahead, Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever: Well, if you're looking for a building, there is one right down there next to the clinic.

Jamie Friedel: Like I said, we're starting the small, we're doing the tailgating, so we know exactly how many clients is going to be down there for right now. And then we get 20, 30 clients down there, then we will start.

Councilor Wever: Well, yeah, that that would be nice. The clinic and Aki or whatever those buildings are. You might as well own the whole uh lot there because it's a Chinese place that's for sale.

Jamie Friedel: Yes, I what it is... is, you know, all these all these grant funds that we're getting is, you know, that's not that's hard work for me because I'm the one that's out there running to get these grants. And, you know, the squeaky wheel gets the prize at the end of the day. Um once... once we get going, it's just applying for the grants, telling the USDA what you want, what they you know, you know, like I said, this is, you know, 100% USDA funds that run the program. So, I want to start small with what we got. Most of these were, you know, the trailer was 2022 budget monies leftover. We, you know, just to give you a background, we started with a \$249,000 budget. My budgets right now are six hundred plus thousand dollars. So, you know, it's what you ask for is, you know, you got to ask to get it. And I wanted to start low. Once we go low, you know, find out how many actually is going to use the program down there. If it grows, it grows. That's what I that's where we're looking to. We just want to keep growing our clients and taking care of our people.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, uh Chi-Miigwech Jamie for the work that you're doing over there. Uh I know this is going kind of off the subject at hand, but it's been brought up that you plan on moving or utilizing some property down in Muskegon for... for tribal members. Uh does our service area overlap in the Kent County?

Jamie Friedel: It's partially in Kent and. The way the way it goes right now is we have waivers that we can service different areas. Um if it's over 10,000, we have to have a waiver. Right now, the Kent County is part of Kent County is all the way down to the end of our where we can't service.

Councilor Metzger: Okay. So...

Jamie Friedel: But hopefully I have a national meeting coming up in October and there was a parity rule that the federal department um is looking into changing, opening up to where we can service all of our membership, you know, within... within our areas.

Councilor Metzger: Because I believe Gun Lake is in Kent County, right?

Jamie Friedel: Yeah.

Councilor Metzger: Majority of them. So, what I was trying to get at is a co-op. To work hand in hand with them because of the. Uh not just our tribal members, but other tribal members that are populated in that area, you know.

Jamie Friedel: Yeah.

Councilor Metzger: Like Minneapolis, Minnesota. But I'd like to get back on point, and I apologize, but Chi-Miigwech. Thank you.

Jamie Friedel: Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any further questions or comments from councilors? Okay, with no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent	A. Metzger- Yes

Eight in favor, one absent. It's been accepted.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Jamie.

Jamie Friedel: Thank you, council.

Speaker Burmeister: OK, moving down to

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Nothing is listed under that.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Adopting the Membership Meeting Procedures Ordinance**

Moving down to B under old Business

**B. Adopting the Budget Appropriations Act of 2013-100-04**

Councilor Crampton has brought this item forward. So, Councilor Crampton the floor is yours.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you, Speaker. Um well, for some years now, we've been having a um problem with our budget process and uh going through the document and

looking at the problem that we've had is very clear to see that there was an addition to the uh Budget and Appropriations Act, I believe, in 2013, 2014. Looks like 2013 under 15 uh 513.13 E. And it read, if after consideration, fewer than six tribal council members for the budget, it shall be returned to Ogema without the amendments, we shall approve it. That that one change negates the whole rest of the document and made the whole rest of the document useless because now there's no um purpose for a continuing resolution, which is normal part of a government budgetary process. So, it wasn't very hard to find the problem, the sticking point here. The 15 or 5.13 E negates the whole rest of the document. So, removing it brings it back into order and will benefit the membership and clear up a lot of the budgetary problems that we've been having in the past. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Will there be any tribal councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? Go ahead, Councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis: I'd just like to point out that I think the resolution is unconstitutional because upon a veto, you need majority vote of six, not below six. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Any other councilors with questions? Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah. Anybody read the last therefore resolved? The way that reads, if you have seven that vote no and only two, yes, it still shall the Ogema still shall approve it. And that's not how the Constitution reads. So, I don't know what to tell you. Comprehension skills on some constitutional and resolution dilemmas. But do what you're going to do.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Um yeah, the resolution came from our attorney. Um uh I that was I... can we get some clarification on what that was? I didn't understand anything, Mr. DiPiazza said.

Councilor DiPiazza: Just read the last therefore resolved.

Councilor Crampton: No, I'm asking you to explain it. You keep doing this. I'm asking you to actually in front of the members. I want to show them how you don't know what you're talking about. So please explain what you're talking about.

Councilor DiPiazza: It's in there.

Councilor Crampton: It's in there.

Councilor DiPiazza: Its.

Councilor Crampton: What are you talking? What is it?

Councilor DiPiazza: Chill. the Constitution has to have an affirmative vote of six of the nine, the last whereas that's in there. After reconsideration, fewer than six tribal council members approve the budget. It shall be returned to the Ogema without amendments who shall approve it. What's wrong with that? And I got comprehension problems, huh? You brought this forward. It's been on the agenda for how long? How's that working from home working out for you? I'm done. I'm not even.

Councilor Crampton: Um.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'm not even.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: Rebottling.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay um thank you, Councilor DiPiazza...

Councilor DiPiazza: He can do whatever he wants.

Speaker Burmeister: are you finished?

Councilor Crampton: Uh I was asking him a question.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Metzger is in the queue next. Go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger: Thank you uh madam Speaker, I'm looking at the Constitution right now, and I would actually like to have a council member DiPiazza pinpoint exactly where he is quoting because I don't see it in the Constitution. So, if you can actually pinpoint it so I can read it.

Speaker Burmeister: Page 26.

Councilor Metzger: Tribal Ogema

Speaker Burmeister: Above um article 4 or excuse me, article 6 Tribal council or Tribal court.

Councilor DiPiazza: Was saying when this resolution here says fewer than six. What's that mean? Doesn't even say majority. It doesn't say anything. This is fewer than six. That means seven could vote no, and it would still have to be approved by the Ogema, which is a little unconstitutional.

Councilor Metzger: I'm done. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay I just want to make sure. Go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, the Constitution is silent on that, and I'm removing the part that was put in there that is that Mr. DiPiazza is complaining about. So that's being removed. It's not being adopted. It's being removed. But it's in red.

Councilor DiPiazza: You read the resolution that you actually put on the resolution.

Councilor Crampton: The resolution was brought by the speaker and asked for from Mrs. Frias.

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, but your name's attached to it.

Councilor Crampton: Yes, it is.

Councilor DiPiazza: Also, not your secretary. I'm not your secretary.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, nobody said that he was my secretary. Why is he getting off in this delusional conversation he has in his head? I'm talking about real business. Miss Frias, is there anything wrong with the resolution? You seem to be sitting there watching this. You turned in the resolution.

Carrie Frias: Um I just wrote the resolution as to what I bele... what I thought was adopted after you did the 30-day period. So, you did the 30-day period and then there was um wording in red. And so, I assume that that was the adopted language. And so, I put that into the resolution. Hopefully that was correct.

Councilor Crampton: No, that wasn't. That was the red strikeout. Every time we use red, there's a strikeouts.

Carrie Frias: Ok I asked two different sources and wasn't informed of that. So, I can make a change to the resolution now if you want.

Councilor Crampton: If you would, please. Yes. And if we could postpone this till second open. But I want to point out a factor here. Speaker, um we've having the problem with there's a bunch of council members getting work done. And when it comes to you talking to an attorney, it takes a couple of weeks. We don't get the right wording. Things are done. Um It'd be a lot easier if uh the council could speak directly to the attorneys. We have in-house attorney like this. We can get work done a lot quicker. We've had things that we passed, and the speakers waited a week to notify anybody after we've adopted them. It's just horrible business. So, who did you ask for the clarifying language?

Speaker Burmeister: Well, for one thing, um most of the tribal councilors, when they um bring an item forward like this, they develop their own resolution. So, um you did not do that on this. You asked me if.



Councilor Crampton: you've been you've been having Brad, and the attorneys write the resolution.

Speaker Burmeister: Excuse me. Excuse me. I'm I have the floor.

Councilor Crampton: I had the floor.

Speaker Burmeister: So, I asked Carrie for us to do it. But you have responsibility also if you're bringing an item forward. You need to follow it through from beginning to end. And you fail to do that.

Councilor Crampton: I have failed to do nothing. Speaker, I've asked you.

Speaker Burmeister: I'm not going to I'm not going to go back and forth with you. You always

Councilor Crampton: I'm not either. I'm in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: for your failure to follow through.

Councilor Crampton: I'm in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: To accomplish. So.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, I was in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: I'm not your pawn.

Councilor Crampton: I didn't say you were a pawn.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor Crampton: I'm in the queue speaker.

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to remove this item from the agenda.**

Councilor Wever: Support.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, I'm in the queue.

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: He had the queue.

Councilor Crampton: No, I had the queue, you jumped in and took my queue away.

Speaker Burmeister: You know what quit interrupting you are the rudest person I've ever met. And you are...

Councilor Crampton: You jumped into my queue.

Speaker Burmeister: very disrespectful to other people.

Councilor Crampton: Listen speaker you jumped into my queue.

Speaker Burmeister: it's not going to happen so.

Councilor Crampton: you started saying.

Speaker Burmeister: So please be quit.

Councilor Crampton: Saying things that are untrue.

Speaker Burmeister: Can you mute him?

Councilor DiPiazza: Bring it forward.

Speaker Burmeister: That's right. It was his responsibility.

Councilor Wever: Speaker.

Councilor Crampton: That's untrue. You do. You are the one that said that you.

Speaker Burmeister: I'm not. I'm not arguing with you. So.

Councilor Crampton: I'm not arguing with you.

Speaker Burmeister: Be quiet. We have people that are speaking here. So.

Councilor Crampton: You trying to.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza. Pam, can you put him in the waiting room if he keeps interrupting?

Councilor Crampton: I was in the queue; you robbed my queue.

Councilor DiPiazza: Hey when.

Speaker Burmeister: Do we have to vote.

Councilor Crampton: You stole my queue. Speaker I was.

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to remove it from the agenda.**

Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker! please. Point of order here. You are really going out of controls and off the rails on this one speaker.

Speaker Burmeister: There is a motion on the floor.

Councilor Crampton: I know but you robbed my queue. The minutes will show you robbed my queue.

Councilor Wever: I want to apologize for Shannon Crampton's behavior.

Councilor Crampton: Please don't use my name. I'm just asking for protocol. Please. You robbed my queue.

Speaker Burmeister: Pam.

Councilor Crampton: Nothing is wrong with this agenda item. What you have done has made everybody wait for resolutions.

Speaker Burmeister: I don't understand what is wrong with me politely asking you to be quiet while we move through what we're postponing or remove, were postponing this right?

Councilor Crampton: I'm asking you to remind the rules. I was in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: You need to, please.

Councilor Crampton: I was recognized by you. You robbed my queue.

Speaker Burmeister: Please.

Councilor Crampton: When you recognize me, you keep robbing my queue. Why?

Councilor DiPiazza: Disturbance in a sense.

Councilor Crampton: I understand the Podunk thing that goes down there. But no, this is we have to do these things for the membership. We can't keep doing the mom-and-pop cattle thing.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay stop! You're not supposed to do that according to our procedures. So, you keep degrading people, and we are.

Councilor Crampton: You don't like what's being...

Speaker Burmeister: There is a motion on the floor...

Councilor Crampton: You call it degrading...

Speaker Burmeister: And we're going to move forward with the motion.

Councilor Crampton: You don't like what's being said.

Speaker Baumeister: Go ahead councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh no I'm good, I already made the motion.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay I didn't know she wrote it on.

Councilor DiPiazza: There's a motion.

Councilor Crampton: And you keep lying.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll call ah.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Um any further questions regarding that motion? Recorder Johnson, did you have your hand up? Oh, sorry about that.

Councilor Crampton: No, I have my hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead and speak on the motion.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, this is very unprofessional. I want the membership to understand. Watch this tape. My queue is just stolen on this motion while we're talking about it. Why I was explaining the item? No, the past protocol. Brad writes resolutions up until now. All of councilors have been writing resolutions, except for the five who can't. Um Except for the five who can't. Brad writes them or the attorneys write them. Um now, if this is going to go forward with the speaker robbing queues and then misdirecting...

Speaker Burmeister: Okay call point to order.

Councilor Crampton: all the attorneys to write the resolutions.  
No, I'm in the queue. And you asked for a question. You're going to try to rob my queue again.

Councilor Wever: Oh!

Councilor Crampton: Now, I'd please...

Speaker Burmeister: Okay I called a point of order...

Councilor Crampton: just be professional for one second.

Speaker Burmeister: Um.

Councilor Crampton: I know you did.

Speaker Burmeister: We need to vote on that.

Councilor Crampton: I know that.

Speaker Burmeister: Can you please.

Councilor Crampton: You're muting me while I'm in my queue. You guys are so unprofessional. It's unbelievable.

Councilor DiPiazza: Needs to be a call to order.

Councilor Crampton: Now, please. I'm in the queue. There's no sidebars. There's nobody is supposed to be doing um muting me.

Councilor DiPiazza: by.

Councilor Crampton: So, stop. You guys keep lying and keep trying to ruin things for the membership. This was the one thing that was going to fix the Budget and Appropriations Act. It's very easy. It was easy to solve. What you're looking at is absolute incompetence, and there's going to be some kind of problem with everything that I bring forward. It's either going to be a month or two down the line. It took six months to do the housing thing. We couldn't even get the right numbers.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay if you're going to talk and...

Councilor Crampton: Resolution...

Speaker Burmeister: have another stuff that has nothing to do with what we're on now.

Councilor Crampton: It's just your poor performance as a speaker.  
Thank you.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh.

Councilor Weaver: Allow him to go on. I'm...

Councilor DiPiazza: let's just call to question.

Speaker Burmeister: Call to question.

Councilor DiPiazza: When you call to order you do it. You do whatever you want. You're the speaker, you do what you want.

Councilor Crampton: Why doesn't he need to be in the queue?

Councilor DiPiazza: Because this has been on the agenda for three weeks and it's been a cluster ever since.

Councilor Crampton: So that means that you can keep jumping the queue. And it hasn't been a cluster. The only thing is the clusters you haven't done anything in four years.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, okay, we I have called uh this to order because we're going to do a vote on the motion. Yeah. Recorder Johnson, can you restate... restate that motion, please?

Recorder Johnson: Okay, so what was called was to remove this item from the agenda adopting the Budget Appropriations Act of 2023-100-04 So.

**Roll Call #**

P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No
M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - No	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent

Councilor DiPiazza: They blatantly violate the Constitution.

Recorder Johnson: Five in favor, three against, one absent. It's been removed.

Councilor Crampton: Point of order, speaker, can we get the bobble head to quit commenting.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. We're moving down to um IV Old Business, which is

Removed

**C. Approving changes to Chapter 1 of Housing Regulations**

Um under IV Old Business

Postponed

**D. Payment of annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians.**

Moving down to

**V. New Business**

There is nothing listed under that.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Okay he is not present. Moving down to

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

**1. Tammy Burmeister**

I don't have any updates this week. Next is Recorder

**2. Pam Johnson**

Go ahead Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson: Um I don't have anything.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor

**3. Julie Wolfe**

Is on training, so we will move past her. Next is Councilor

**4. Gary DiPiazza**

Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Can't think of much other than everybody, you know, get ready for the fall season. Batten down your hatches, because it could be a festive winter. What? What do you want me to tell you? It's coming. Snowballs are coming. I'm good. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay thank you, Councilor

**5. Shirley Weaver**

You are next.

Councilor Weaver: Well, I think right now we're having beautiful weather. So, I hope the heck you people get out there and enjoy it while it's still here. And uh boy, your gas up here is terrible. In Ludington, it's uh 3.02. I think you're \$3. Four. Yeah, it'd pay you to come shop and buy your gas in Ludington. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Councilor

**6. Al Metzger**

You are next.

Councilor Metzger: Uh thank you. Uh I'd just like to mention that uh there's a situation developing over in Minnesota at Pipestone. Um possibility of a pipeline being ran through that sacred ground. As many of know, that's where the majority of our Powhatans come from, especially with the Lakota and Cheyenne out in that nation. So, uh there'll be information coming out on who to contact concerning. Again, the desecration. Dismantling of our sacred sites. Uh It's a shame that our history, our culture, our causes has... has a tendency to be trampled upon any chance that can be had. So put down your (Anishinaabe) that'll be over there trying to stop that desecration of our sacred lands. Chi-Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor

**7. Ron Wittenberg**

You are next. Go ahead.

Councilor Wittenberg: Nothing at this moment.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, Thank you, Councilor

**8. Misty Silvis**

Go ahead please.

Councilor Silvis: Nothing this week thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you, Councilor

**9. Shannon Crampton**

Go ahead, please.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you. Um yeah. And Minnesota as well. Right now, they're um set to introduce the first set of Ojibwe language books into kindergarten in Minnesota. Language teaching books, they will be going into classrooms that are not Native American schools, they'll be going to all kinds of classrooms. That's something that we should be celebrating and trying to expound to all states. Also, the um the Environmental Protection Agency is awarding 300 million dollars to tribes. For efforts to go green. So that's something we should be looking at um with all the things that we're talking about, changing for our tribe. Um just recently, the feds are going to um scheduled after, say, 2020 since they cut the uh federal interest rate. And uh today they're talking about either a half point or um a quarter point. If it's a half point, we're looking at some good times. It would be times for people to utilize our down payment closing cost assistance and to look into other things. Paying off your credit cards, re-mortgaging. Um that's all I have for this week. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Um moving down to

**D. Public Comment Period**

Go ahead Susan.

Susan Thull: Thank you. Um I just wanted to mention that the government offices are closed um for reaffirmation holiday. Uh this Friday, and there's an election board zoom meeting, open meeting uh Thursday night at 7:15.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Chelsea. You're next in the queue.

Chelsea Densmore: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Chelsea Densmore, 3225. I just had a question about the membership meeting that's coming up. I think it's in two weeks. Um I was trying to book a room and I saw that they were already sold out. I didn't know if there was still a um like if you guys still did a block of rooms for members to be able to stay at the meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Chelsea, there is an um group block of rooms. Yeah. Let me check what the title is.

Mary Thomas: It is called fall membership meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: It is called fall membership meeting, Chelsea.



Chelsea Densmore: Thank you. And then the other question I had. Um so, for members that were interested in um having a vendor spot, because I know that they have the rooms where people can sell their beadwork and all sorts of stuff. Is that something that goes through council or through the casino? How does that work?

Speaker Burmeister: Mary, could you... could you... could you come and speak in the mic, please? That way, everybody hears it.

Chelsea Densmore: I'm so sorry.

Speaker Burmeister: No Chelsea. It's OK, though. You need to know.

Mary Thomas: That's OK, Chelsea. All you have to do is contact Valerie Chandler in the tax office because you have to get a tax license. Once you do that, she will notify me, and we'll make sure we have a table.

Chelsea Densmore: OK, thank you so much.

Mary Thomas: Your welcome

Speaker Burmeister: OK, next in the queue is Lee. Go ahead, please.

Lee McCaslin: Thank you, speaker and council. Um I just seen that you removed the uh number D under... under old business payments and annual dues to the National Congress on American Indians. And I wanted to be a part of that conversation since I went through some works workshops, and I've spotted some things. So, I wanted to be a part of that when you bring it out or on the second open, if you'd bring it out and pass it. I want to know a little bit, but there's needs more work and... and clarification on that. But uh I wanted to recognize, you know, the one who's doing the work. Kim Hinmon and what she brought up seven days ago about um disappearing funds out of her budget and wanted to see what you have in place. So, this. Happens or don't happen. And... and other than that uh. I also wanted to bring up there's a powwow happening in Lansing, September 28th and 29th. Um and also, October 1st through the 18th, this uh DV awareness where everybody is making a sign saying domestic violence and bringing attention to it. Um so that'll run for 18 days. And then October 14th is actually our indigenous days. So, it's going to combine with that. So, if you can, you know, make a sign domestic violence, because we know how things operate back there. And sometimes we have to take that into our own our own beings to make sure that that follows through but uh. That's my question to the council about the one who left in the appropriation, you know, so thank you. Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Go ahead, Mark.

Mark Huddleston: I just wanted to let Lee know that uh National Conference of American Indians has a Facebook page. That's uh quite informative. They put a lot out. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other public comments? Go ahead. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: Thank you. Uh yes, this is for the membership just earlier, I just want to clear up some of the absurd notions that have come from some of the council members. Um for years I think it's like 20 now. I wrote my own resolutions. I have informed everybody since this speaker in this recorder is taking over. I've never seen a council that's performed so poorly for the membership. They remove things that are the benefit for the membership. They do things to bolster the executive. They vote against things that are for the membership. Today, they're going to try and move something into closed that will definitely hurt the membership. Mr. Romanelli doesn't want you to see it. They don't want you to see it. They're going to try and hurt you today. We are minutes are so far behind. I have never seen a speaker perform so poorly in the history of the tribe. We are so far behind on all of our work. Anything that needs to be done is held up for weeks. And they don't. She says, I don't call. I didn't call, or I forgot to call, or I said the wrong thing. Or it's I've never seen it this bad ever. I said this at the start when I first recognized this, and I was chastised by the executive. But hindsight being 2020, I think you should all go back and look at what I said and exactly what's transpiring. This has been the last two years is this has been the worst council ever in the history of the tribe. There's four council members trying to fight as hard as they can for you. And five that do nothing but what the executive says. We've got three that haven't brought anything, not one thing in four years. That's outrageous. Yeah, it's nice to say you drive up there and sit in an office, but if you don't do anything, you're doing nothing. Like I said, this has been the most poor performing council. I'm ashamed to have been part of it. And hopefully there'll be a new one. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, did you get him? Um Boo, Boo was next in the queue. Then I have you Councilor DiPiazza.

Boo Battice: Fisherman, Boo Battice.

Speaker Burmeister: Just a reminder um Boo, the gentleman with you cannot speak, but you can.

Boo Battice: Uh to the best of my knowledge, uh if I introduce him, he could talk.

Speaker Burmeister: No, he cannot talk. He's not a tribal citizen of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. So, you can... you can talk. You go right ahead.

Boo Battice: So, you're saying that public can't talk in any of these?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes.

Boo Battice: Public meetings.

Speaker Burmeister: Mm-hmm.

Boo Battice: And see behind closed doors. But I believe that it says and how to how to fire departments and things, ask for things.

Speaker Burmeister: Boo can you your... your clock is ticking here. So please go ahead with what you have to say.

Boo Battice: First of all, I would like to say thank you for your time and your presence. And um it's a pleasure to see you as you walk, because um I'm going to be respectful for you as a human being and not on a piece of paper or whatever you guys deal with. Um I'm Boo Fisherman, still would like to fish. And I think that I could bring a lot of people with potential to help the tribe and a lot of information. And by denying that is denying our tribe as a whole. Um any information, and I don't understand how uh the public can come ask for things, but I can't have a speaker feed some information to the best of my knowledge. The guy behind me knows how to write grants, and that's what we're looking for. And that's what I'm searching for. Maybe Gary DiPiazza would like to sit down with me because he is everyone points me to him with the natural resources. And he's the one that's going to deal with the uh Great Lakes and things. But me as a fisherman, I think a lot of this information should be guided with me and not away from me because I've actually done it for 20 years. I didn't just jump into it trying to get rid of fishing poles and things. And I would like to set up a foundation for our fishery. And it's no, it's not a gift. It's a it's it is a gift. It's a grant but set up through something they've taken from us as our forefathers were buried in that power hill and it's a sacred hill. And they've... uh they've paid. I would like to give respects for the consumer's powers. We haven't been able to utilize it. Right. And I would like for Gary to step up and play that position. And then we can get some things that the other counselors were talking about to uh get some things put forward. Um thank you for your time. Um respectfully, and hopefully you guys talk to this guy behind me off off public if he can't speak as a human being. Um that's all I was really here for is to thank you guys all and to reconfirm that I am still here, always be here. And I was actually going to introduce him to it because the best of my knowledge, I had to introduce him. He was cut and not able to speak last week. And I don't feel that this is very culture. To shut people down, we go behind you guys, go behind doors for that. And it's on a thing. This is public. And I think public should get to speak the fire department, the police department, the local mayors, governors. Everybody should come be able to come speak to us. Thank you for your time and blessings.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Next in the queue is Councilor DiPiazza. Go ahead, please.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, I thought we had a job posting out for a grant writer. I'm not positive right this minute without finding it. H don't tell me HR. You need to go to HR, fill out an application. I can't do that for you. As far as Boo, you know where I'm at. All you got to do is come hunt me down and let's talk. If you want things to happen. I can do that. But I'm not going to hunt you down, you need to hunt me down, I'm extremely. This

time of season, I'm extremely busy. It is fall; I get busy. Also, you got to remember that the Great Lakes consent decree is coming to an end as far as the new or not end but the new one is going to be in play, which is going to have some different criteria is in there. And technically they're adhering to it, but it's not law yet. And I'm hoping that happens real soon, because I've been dealing with that for six years. Huh six years, so. But like I said, you know how to find me usually here every morning or around and about here someplace. But it is fall season and I've got things I got to take care of. Before we do get that monsoon of snow. Plus, my tractor's broke. So, somebody's going to have to come do all that by hand. Yes, I was going to make a **motion to adjourn**.

Speaker Burmeister: Um we have two more hands up. Councilor Silvis, you were next in the queue. And then I have Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Silvis: I actually was just going to state what Councilor DiPiazza already did, stating that we do have a position open for grants department. So. We're, you know, please apply. So that was all I was going to say. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor Crampton, you are next. Go ahead, please.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, I don't know why Mr. Councilor DiPiazza is having Boo come see him. He can't do anything without council. He's not part of the natural resources department and he's only a liaison. So, he can't do anything without council. Um secondly, my cousin Kira Davis constantly writes grants and gets them. She doesn't, she doesn't do them with tribal affiliation. She does them by herself. Then she'll go and partner with a tribe or um a local municipality that can use that grant. So, there's nothing stopping the guy you have with you, Boo, from writing a grant and obtaining a grant and then partnering with a tribe. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, my apologies, Boo. Evidently, I was just told I can't even talk to you. Imagine that. To get things handled, the person that can probably get things rolling and done for you, you just had one say, you're not allowed, I'm not allowed to talk to you. But you know what, Boo? Whenever you're ready, you come hunt me down because don't listen to what the others say, because everybody knows I have a tendency to get things handled and done. So, and I'm here. You don't, you don't have to call me. You don't have to zoom into some meeting to not even see my face. I'll talk to you face to face because that's the way I am. Not hiding behind a screen and badgering everybody. And besides that, sitting at home.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, is this on the agenda?

Councilor DiPiazza: How'd that work out? Zooming in from home and doing your homework from home. Not too swell.

Councilor Crampton: Is there any protocol from the speaker?

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor.

Councilor Crampton: There's also procedure.

Councilor DiPiazza: I have the floor. Quit interrupting again.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker.

Councilor DiPiazza: You just told the citizen they couldn't even talk to me. Wow. It's a shame. But you know where I'm at, Boo.

Speaker Burmeister: Are you... Are you done, Gary?

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah.

Speaker Burmeister: Boo and Lee, you guys already had your um five minutes, so I won't be able to call on you for any other comments or questions. Um go ahead Councilor Campton you are next in the queue.

Councilor Crampton: Uh, yeah, no, Mr. DiPiazza. I was, I did not say you could not, nobody could talk to you. I know that there's delusions you have, but no, that was never stated. All this says you have no part of doing anything. The last time Boo came to us, Sandy Lewis, um, offered up a deal. I think it was \$10,000, two years to start payment after fishing. Um, Boo Battice, there was a, a video of this came to the thing and said that you and Larry Romanelli told them that it was a lie and that we were trying to, um, hoodwink them that's on video. So that's what happened last time you talked to Mr. DiPiazza, and no, he's not part of the department. He doesn't get anything done. He hasn't turned in anything in four years.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay please. We've already, you've already said this.

Councilor Crampton: Hey look at you, you interrupt. You didn't interrupt him and you're interrupting me. Let's stop it.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor um Wever, she...

Councilor Wever: **Make a motion to end for uh open.**

Councilor DiPiazza: Boo. Just say I'll make it happen. Hunt me down.

Councilor Wever: He's got to get that last word.

Speaker Burmeister: A couple of them. Last words. Every, every time. Um, recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for um adjournment, please? For first open.

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- Yes	S. Wever - Yes
G. DiPiazza - No	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes

Councilor Metzger During Roll call: Just for clarification who second that?

Recorder Johnson: Misty

Councilor Metzger: Misty okay, thank you.

(Recorder Johnson back to roll call)

Recorder Johnson: Seven in favor of one against one absence. Uh, we are done with first at 11:34.

Speaker Burmeister: How long do you need to take?

Recorder Johnson: Prolly, 15.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. We're going to take a, we're going to take a 15-minute break to allow council, um, recorder Johnson. We have to convert 15. Nope. We're going to just take a 15-minute break. So it will be, let's see here, like five to 12.

*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.*

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a **motion to go into second, open.**

Councilor Silvis: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do a roll call for that item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever - No
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes
J. Wolfe - Absent	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- No

Six in favor, two against, one absent. We are in second, open at 1:12.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay um

**VIII. Open Session**

**A. Items from Closed to Open Session- Minutes and Materials shall remain**

**Confidential.**

Councilor DiPiazza, you have your hand up.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh no finish what you're doing.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay,

**1. Ratification of Approving Lease Agreement with Gaming Capital Group.**

I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: **I'll make that motion to approve resolution 24-0918-165, ratification of lease agreement with Gaming Capital Group.**

Speaker Burmeister: Wow Shirley! Who would like to second that motion?

Councilor Wever/ Councilor Silvis: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay was that, Misty.

Councilor Wever: I was first.

Councilor Wittenberg: I agree.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson could you do roll call for that item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes
J. Wolfe - Absent	A. Metzger - No	R. Wittenberg- No
P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No

(Comments during roll call)

Councilor Metzger: This action isn't best for the people and I'm going to vote no

Councilor Crampton: It's actually a crime Al.

Councilor DiPiazza: It's not a crime.

Councilor Crampton: It is a crime.

Councilor DiPiazza: No comments at this time.

Recorder Johnson: Five in favor.

Councilor Crampton: Grr!

Speaker Burmeister: Neither of you.

Councilor DiPiazza: He started it.

Councilor Metzger: You both.

Recorder Johnson: Motion passed.

Speaker Burmeister: I said nobody. No comments from anybody. Okay.

Councilor Metzger: Al.

Speaker Burmeister: What did you say? Okay stop!

Councilor Metzger: Al, Al.

Speaker Burmeister: Stop!

Councilor DiPiazza: Really.

Councilor Metzger: Yes Gary. One for one.

Councilor DiPiazza: What do you want?

Councilor Metzger: What do you want? C'mon Gary. Think outside the box Gary.

Speaker Burmeister: You guys stop.

Councilor Metzger: Will ya.

Speaker Burmeister: Gary better. What did you um just say.

Councilor Metzger: You need to.

Speaker Burmeister: Stop it you guys.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker its not you guys because we always have to deal with DiPiazza. Stop it now.

Speaker Burmeister: It's already going on right now but anyways. Okay, so let's move on to the next item, which is eight open section eight.

Recorder Johnson: Want me repeat that?

Speaker Burmeister: would you please?

Recorder Johnson: Five in favor, three against, one absent, it's passed.



Speaker Burmeister: Okay, moving down to number

**2. Approval of Amendment of Arctic IT Resolution for Network Support.**

Do I have, I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make that motion too, for resolution 24-0918-166, ratification of a three-year contract with Arctic IT, resolution 23-0111-43.

Speaker Burmeister: Did you say 23?

Councilor Metzger: Yes, you did.

Speaker Burmeister: It's 24.

Recorder Johnson: Oh. It says 23, on the.

Speaker Burmeister: But actually, it will be.

Recorder Johnson: We can change it.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, okay.

Councilor DiPiazza: So change that to.

Speaker Burmeister: But you need to say the right thing.

Councilor DiPiazza: I change that to 24.

Recorder Johnson: So read it again. You know better.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, everybody else does it. Those stuff how its handled.

Speaker Burmeister: Yeah, it's on there.

Councilor DiPiazza: Making all the new stuff happen today like that.  
Anyways, **motion to approve resolution 24-0918-166, ratification of a three-year contract with Arctic IT, resolution 24-011-003.** Right?

Speaker Burmeister: Yep, who would like to second that motion?

Councilor Wever: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson can you do roll call for that item, please?

Recorder Johnson:  
**Roll Call #**

J. Wolfe- Absent	A. Metzger – Yes	R. Wittenberg- No
P. Johnson - No	S. Wever -No	S. Crampton- No
M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister- No	G. DiPiazza- No

One in favor, Seven against. One absent, it has failed.

Speaker Burmeister: Alright, thank you. Um moving down to number

**3. Approval of Contract of Management Services for Card and Cameras.**

Who would like to entertain a motion please? Gary, go ahead. Or Councilor DiPiazza, go ahead.

Councilor DiPiazza: I make a **motion to approve resolution 24-0918-167, approval of expenditures for contract DKS security, \$590,000.**

Recorder Johnson: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you please do roll call for that item?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever - No	S. Crampton- No
M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - No	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent

Three in favor, five against, one absent, it has failed.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, moving down to number

**4. Approval of Amendment of Microsoft Licensing Resolution**

I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Councilor DiPiazza?

Councilor DiPiazza: I make that **motion to approve resolution 24-0918-168, ratification of a three-year contract in government direction for Microsoft volume leasing.**

Speaker Burmeister: Who would like to second that?

Councilor Silvis: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for that item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - No	S. Crampton- No	P. Johnson- Yes

Five in favor, three against, one absent, it has passed.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to... go ahead.

Councilor Silvis: I'd like to.

Speaker Burmeister: We have one more.

Councilor Silvis: K!

Speaker Burmeister: Going down to um VIII. Open Session

Add **5. Ratification of Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for Fiscal Year 2023 GASB 96 Subscription- Based Information Technology Arrangements.**

Um I'd like to entertain a motion, please. Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a **motion for resolution 24-0918-169 Ratification of Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for Fiscal Year 2023 GASB 96 Subscription- Based Information Technology Arrangements.**

Speaker Burmeister: Who would like to support that?

Councilor Wever: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, Recorder Johnson can you please do roll call for that.

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Absent	A. Metzger- No

Six in favor, two against, one absent. It has passed.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, I had Misty that had her hand up first, Shannon, and then you.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Um go ahead, Councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis: I would like to make a motion to amend resolution 24-0404-

Councilor Wever: One more time please.

Councilor Silvis: I would like to make a **motion to amend resolution number 24-0403-062.**

Councilor Crampton: What is the title?

Councilor Silvis: I'll save it right here. Requiring **Tribal Councilors' attendance in person at Tribal Council meetings in the lot beginning Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, was that resolution. So, first off, under the 16th whereas, the spelling needs to be corrected on personal emergencies. It was misspelled, so it needs to be corrected to the proper spelling.**

Councilor Wever: Proper what?

Councilor Silvis: Spelling of personal emergencies. It was misspelled. And then I'd like to add a 17th whereas.

Speaker Burmeister: Bless you.

Councilor Silvis: **Tribal Council members can only vote live stream six times per calendar year during regular Tribal Council meetings.**

Recorder Johnson: Regular?

Councilor Silvis: Yep. It's called like for emergency. Tribal Council meeting **and will not be able to vote on Zoom beyond the circumstance. And under the now therefore is resolved, the date needs to be amended to Wednesday, September 25th, 2024.** Want me write out the whole **now therefore is resolved at the Tribal Council of the River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requires Tribal Councilor attendance in person at regular meetings in the lodge beginning Wednesday, September 25th, 2024.**

Councilor Wever: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Will there be any Tribal Councilors that are going to abstain from this item? Any Tribal Councilors with questions? Um I have Councilor Crampton. Yeah. Go ahead Councilor Crampton. Then I have you, Al.

Councilor Crampton: Well, this is one of those times that I'm super embarrassed. Um I tried to get my hand up on the last one. You guys just approved a contract for Rehmann Robinson. There is no Rehmann Robinson. It's Rehmann Robson. So, you guys just approved the contract for Rehmann Robinson, but that's the Speaker not paying attention. Now, it's a second to the speaker not paying attention. Again, this item was not added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. So no, you can't vote for it or put it on the agenda. It requires, no, you didn't add it. I'm sorry, listen.

Speaker Burmeister: No, we have-

Councilor Crampton: I'm in the queue. I'm in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister: All the time, Councilor Crampton. Because you-

Councilor Crampton: I'm talking about the meeting for-

Speaker Burmeister: It doesn't need to be amended.

Recorder Johnson: Mm hmm

Councilor Crampton: Wait, speaker.

Speaker Burmeister: Months.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker, I'm talking about, you can't add it to the agenda unless you do it at the start of the meeting. Now, it wasn't on the agenda.

Recorder Johnson: Mm hmm

Councilor Crampton: You can do stuff by, you can do stuff by motion, but this requires, and we're also requiring you're changing a resolution. So, we're going to have to post that. So, I don't know why you guys think you're doing, but this would be an absolutely illegal vote. You didn't add it to the agenda. I'll wait. Is there any way that you can go back and look at the last vote? Because you just approved a contract for Rehmann Robinson, and nobody exists that named Rehmann Robinson. So that would be my number one complaint. The second one is you can't add this to the agenda. Nothing can be added to the agenda until it started the meeting by the vote of council. You didn't do that. This is the second time; Mrs. Silvis try to sneak attacks. And no, I'm going to speak up on this when you guys have been going so South, you're hurting the membership. You're just making a mockery of the council. So no, we haven't. Uh You just voted through a contract that doesn't exist. And now you're trying to violate meeting procedures ordinance.

Speaker Burmeister: I have to be right next.

Councilor Crampton: So no, this would be another legal vote.

Recorder Johnson: mmm mmm

Councilor Crampton: Absolutely not. No, it did not get... Listen, the members can read. This is, I don't like getting in an argument with you guys when the members can sit there and read it for themselves. Just because you guys can't comprehend what's written doesn't mean that the members can't. Now we don't have an attorney here or they would also explain it to you that you can't add this to the agenda. But go ahead and do what you're going to do.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, Councilor Metzger, you were next in the queue.

Councilor Metzger: Uh yeah, I would like to know how you're going to enforce these uh changes.

Councilor Crampton: Stop, they're not. It's like unconstitutional.

Councilor Metzger: How are you going to.

Speaker Burmeister: Hey, you're not in the queue.

Councilor Metzger: How are you going to enforce these changes?

Speaker Burmeister: Please let Al speak.

Councilor Silvis: It's a process.

Councilor Metzger: Apparently there's a process. There's also a process here. I thought that maybe we should have had a work session on this, but we can go ahead in this. But I would like to know, how are you going to enforce this? You can't. You can't because it came down from, it came down from the court.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah.

Councilor Metzger: That you can't. So, what are you going to do, suspend me? I want answers. This is a pipe dream, filling that pipe. How are you going to enforce these? Do you need to go back to court or put a-

Councilor Silvis: If it has to go back to court.

Councilor Metzger: It can't go back to court.

Speaker Burmeister: That vote for removal would be the next process.

Councilor Metzger: You can't.

Councilor Wittenberg: You can't do that it just doesn't make sense.

Councilor Metzger: You can't do that. There's been a court hearing already on what can and can't be done.

Speaker Burmeister: But the judge also said, if council has something in place, that that is what we should follow.

Councilor Wittenberg: They didn't have nothing in place. Is that at that present? This is being brought up now. I'm just saying. It's just an extra-

Councilor Metzger: So, and also, come on...

Speaker Burmeister: And yeah.

Councilor Metzger: I got the floor.

Speaker Burmeister: Well, that's what.

Councilor Metzger: Ah

Speaker Burmeister: Stop it. He was asking-

Councilor DiPiazza: You need medication.

Councilor Crampton: Hey, Councilor Metzger has the floor.

Councilor Metzger: You need to mind your p's and q's.

Councilor Crampton: Listen, Councilor Metzger has the floor. Councilor Metzger has the floor.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, stop.

Councilor Metzger: Anyways, getting back to the enforcement level.

Councilor DiPiazza: He interrupted. He interrupted.

Councilor Metzger: Shut up. Getting back to the enforcement. How are you going to enforce it?

Councilor Wittenberg: You can't.

Councilor Metzger: What laws-

Speaker Burmeister: Ron.

Councilor Metzger: are you going to create to enforce it?

Speaker Burmeister: I did, I already did.

Councilor Metzger: You should of have had that worked out before you even brought it up. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, let's see who's next to the queue. Martha, go ahead, please. Gary... didn't they? Or no?

Martha Howell: Thank you. I just want to back up Al on this. Um did I thought our court already ruled on this very subject? And I, like Al said, how do you plan to enforce this? And it does seem unconstitutional to strip a councilor of their vote. Um I think it's very bad what you guys are doing. I think today has been an absolute shit show. So go ahead and do whatever you're doing. But I just wanted to throw my two cents in there that I think what you guys are doing is wrong. And I think the courts already ruled on it. So, I'd like to see what Judge Sherrigan says again to you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, thank you, Martha. Um go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Oh, yeah, the courts have ruled. Evidently, nobody read it. Because it says that council makes their own procedures on attendance. So, what's that mean when the court says that? Exactly what it says. So exactly what it says. So, with that being said, I'll call the question.

Councilor Metzger: Inaudible

Councilor DiPiazza: And I have the floor. How come it's okay. Everybody else, then I get the loony toon.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton did have his hand up before you called questions. So, he will be the last comment because a question has been called. Go ahead, Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton: It's just hard not to laugh at the five because Martha and Al are absolutely right. How are you gonna enforce any of this? First, you bring in a legal vote. It's the five people that are scared of an enrollment audit trying to attack the four that are not constantly, constantly. Please, I'm in the queue. I know that you don't respect any of our teachings for real. You just use them as words.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, stay on the topic, please.

Councilor Crampton: Speaker do not interrupt me again.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor Crampton, don't talk to me like that. Stay on topic.

Councilor Crampton: You don't talk to me like that again.

Speaker Burmeister: Stay on topic, please.

Councilor Crampton: It is my comment. I just went through the rest of them.

Speaker Burmeister: This isn't public comment period.

Councilor Crampton: Listen, you do this to me constantly because you have a low IQ. Now stop it. Stop it. Now I'm in the queue. I have the floor. I have the floor.



Speaker Burmeister: Okay.

Councilor Crampton: Now, my floor is what I'm saying is that you guys keep doing this stuff illegally against everybody else. You can't enforce it. It's a broadening against the meeting procedures ordinance. So go ahead. You can't enforce nothing. The only thing you can do is remove and you're not gonna remove any of us four. You guys are non-tribal members are not gonna take over the tribe from real tribal members. So go do ahead. You're a little thing. You can't strip me from a vote because that's constitutional. This shows how stupid you guys actually are. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, councilor Silvis.

Councilor Silvis: So that's just one more comment. We're not stripping you of a vote. You just can't vote online after six times because the door is open for you to walk into and have a vote.

Councilor Crampton: Listen! Listen! I can vote anytime I want. You can't strip me of nothing.

Speaker Burmeister: She's in the queue please.

Councilor Silvis: So, you are not stripped of any votes because the door is open for you to walk in and sit here at a tribal council meeting and vote. So that's all. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. There is a motion on the floor.

Councilor DiPiazza: Called to question.

Speaker Burmeister: And you have a call to question. So, we have to vote. Recorded. Yeah. Yeah. We have to vote on a called question. So as soon as you're done writing it up, recorder.

Recorder Johnson: You're killing me.

Councilor Metzger: It looks like I'll be zooming in for the next seven meetings. Let's see what the hell they're going to do.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Councilor DiPiazza...

Councilor DiPiazza: Called the question.

Speaker Burmeister: Called the question. Who seconded that motion?

Councilor Wever: I did.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Shirley did.

Councilor DiPiazza: Sure.

Speaker Burmeister: There's so much noise I couldn't hear. You didn't. Okay. Recorder Johnson, can you do a roll call, please?

Recorder Johnson: It's the call question, by the way.

**Roll Call #**

A. Metzger – No	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes

Five in favor, three against, one absent. Move to the question.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. We do have a motion on the floor by Councilor Silvis, supported by Councilor Wever and-

Councilor Crampton: Uh no, we have an illegal motion on the floor.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Please. Pam, do you want to reread that, please? May you please read that because it's very lengthy.

Recorder Johnson: Yes, it is. We'd like to make a **motion to amend resolution 24-040-3062, 16th, whereas, correct spelling, on personal, and 17th, whereas Tribal Council members can only vote live stream six times per calendar year during regular Tribal Council meetings and will not be able to vote on Zoom beyond these circumstances. And now, therefore, it is resolved that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requires Tribal Councilor attendance in person at regular meetings in the Lodge beginning Wednesday, September 25th, 2024.**

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call, please?

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #**

M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger – No	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- No	P. Johnson- Yes

Five in favor, three against, one absent. It's passed.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'd like to make a motion to end second open.

Councilor Wever: Support

## **IX. Adjourn**

Councilor Metzger: The video you can only vote six times. And that's it.

Speaker Burmeister: Julie. Okay, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for-

(Councilor Metzger during roll call) I'm mute, one session only six times. I said I'm mute take it however you want.

(Speaker Burmeister during roll call) No she can't do that, she has to

Recorder Johnson:

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A. Metzger – No	R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- Absent
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes

(Councilor Crampton during roll call) You adopted white boy.

Speaker Burmeister: Stop. No discussion. Thank you.

Councilor Campton: No, you're not gonna rip off my people, you white idiot. Yeah, yeah, take me to court. Then you gotta prove what I'm saying is not true. I'm begging you; I'm begging you, you little turd.

Respectfully Submitted,



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