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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on September 14, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Recorder Lewis said Mr. Speaker the recorder is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, welcome everybody they are here for the ah, September 14, 2002....2022 ah, Tribal Council Meeting. Crampton said they are going to start this meeting off with a prayer. Crampton said he has asked Councilor Wittenberg please \_\_\_\_.

**I. Opening Prayer**

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

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for everything in it and all we have and all we don't have.

Guide us from within and help us to make the right decisions and walk in a good way,

Aho. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Aho.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Crampton said just to note a few things ah, their website is down. Crampton said the web um, the vendor was contacted yesterday at 4:00 there is no estimated time when it will be back up but it is down. Crampton said ah, they are going to go ahead and try to identify everybody. Crampton said he can't see because of the glare of the sun. Crampton said let's go with ah, 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said good morning.

Speaker Crampton thanked Karen.

Karen Love said #2494.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then they have ah, 231 794-0066.

Michael Burmeister said #0945.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Burmeister. Crampton said Jolene O'Signac ....and she just left. Crampton said okay, Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said ah, good morning, #2276. Echelbarger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Valerie Mc Donnell.

Valerie Mc Donnell said #4340.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said #3866.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he believed the rest are staff.

## **II. General Business**

### **A. Call to Order**

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

Speaker Crampton said they are going with roll call.

### **B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

### **C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Acting Recorder Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; V A. IS AN ADD AND III 1. IS AN ADD;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

*The second addition to the 9/14/22 Agenda was in Closed Session, VII C.1. was an Add.*

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

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for September 14, 2022.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 9/7/22

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Acting Recorder Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 9/7/22;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

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

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Lewis said Tribal Council Minutes were approved for 9/7/22.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

### **III. Continuing Business**

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

##### **1. Partnership Agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Maple River**

Approval of Partnership Agreement with USACOE for Hydrological Study of Maple River Watershed of the Muskegon River.

Speaker Crampton said that would be Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver, Director of Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Beaver said good morning Council. Beaver said ah.....just the glare coming in here.....

Speaker Crampton said he knows.

Frank Beaver continued.....its a beautiful, beautiful day peeking through the clouds. Beaver said yes, today before them they have a Partnership Agreement that they have been pursuing with the Army Corps of Engineers to do a Hydrologic Study on the Maple River. Beaver said um, the Maple River is a branch of the Muskegon River this was closed off in 1837 ah, by logging companies and those of them who have been around through Michigan they know the devastation that those logging companies did to well.....well to Indian Country in particular as well as the whole state. Beaver said it was um, the time... the timing on this is definitely very telling for him. Beaver said um, so they have a chance to do a study now for that um, for that river system and for that branch of the Muskegon to determine um, what some good options are for restoring and going forward with that. Beaver said um, the Tribe is a partner to the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly and they are the main folks working on the planning and execution of a number of projects for the watershed. Beaver said this is probably financially one of the larger ones and the Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to do this study at zero cost share under their Planning and Assistance to States Program. Beaver said they are normally a non-federal sponsor would be um, responsible for 50% of the cost share however because they have stepped in to take that role as the Tribe that cost share is waived. Beaver said so they have a zero cost share for the work that is going to be done um, for the Hydrologic Study that is going to get um, the Watershed Assembly and the Tribe a significant amount of information on the status of this.....of this watershed. Beaver said that is the proposal for this morning. Beaver said with that he would be happy to entertain any questions from Council or their membership.

Speaker Crampton asked does Council have any questions. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said all right seeing none he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0914-156;  
RATIFICATION OF U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
PARTNERSHIP ASSISTANCE TO STATES AGREEMENT;** by  
Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

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

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Lewis said Resolution #22-0914-156 has been approved.

Frank Beaver thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

**B. Budget Modifications**

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't believe they have any.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Crampton said none.

**IV. Old Business-None**

**V. New Business**

- A. Renew Insurance Policies for Commercial Property, General Liability, Business Auto, Commercial Crime, and Workers Compensation with Tribal First through Larkin Group Traverse City to provide insurance coverage for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Little River Holdings, LLC**  
Approve attached resolution to renew insurance policies as listed above.

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0914-157;  
APPROVAL TO RENEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR  
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY,  
COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION  
WITH TRIBAL FIRST THROUGH AGENT LARKIN GROUP TO  
PROVIDE INSURANCE CONVERAGE FOR LITTLE RIVER  
BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS,  
LLC; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Champagne said no, she is here she couldn't get her mic on.

Acting Recorder Lewis said oh, okay.

Councilor Champagne thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said well, how is she voting.

*Councilor Wever started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton asked what is her vote, Cindy.

Councilor Champagne said she didn't hear what they were voting on she is sorry.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry. Crampton said it is the Ratification of the Memorandum.....oh, he is sorry, it is the Renewal of the Insurance Policies.

Councilor Champagne asked health and life.

Speaker Crampton said nope, its for ah, Commercial Property, General Liability, Business Auto, Commercial Crime ah, Workers Compensation with Tribal First through the Larkin Group.

Councilor Champagne said okay, she will vote yes.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Acting Recorder Lewis said okay, Resolution #22-0914-157 is approved.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

Speaker Crampton said due to next week being their Recognition.

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

Ogema Romanelli said he will make it quick.

*Councilor Wever started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he only has a couple of items. Romanelli said um, the Sturgeon Release was held last Saturday it was a good turnout he thinks they had over 100 people present. Romanelli said they had 60 plus fish to give away, little fingerlings, and it was a good turnout, nice day. Romanelli said just wanted to remind everybody that the Membership Meeting is coming up on October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Children's Christmas Party is being planned as they speak he is not sure of the date.....December 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Children's Christmas Party. Romanelli said the other thing they have been working on is the Childcare Center and they are trying to re-establish something in the area. Romanelli said as they know it's a great benefit to their Tribal members and their employees both at the government and at the ah, at the Resort. Romanelli said childcare is a huge need across the State and it would encourage more people to want to come to work for their.....both properties are....properties and their government and so they are hoping to get something started. Romanelli said he has talked with the local businesses and ah, the local governments to see what they had planned.....

*Attorney Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar left the Lodge Room at 10:11 a.m.*

Ogema Romanelli continued.....anything they have planned would take quite a while at least a couple of years by all accounts so they are looking to do something sooner but that is all they are working on right now so. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any questions. Crampton said okay, he doesn't see.....oh he had one. Crampton repeated he has got a question. Crampton asked um, he was going over the numbers the other night because he was looking at....they are coming up on a Budget Process and he noticed something that he...

that was kind of odd. Crampton said he sees that there was a Gaming Distribution and it was budgeted at \$27 million by the Tribal Council and then there is a Reforecast for \$25 million and it says it was approved by the Ogema but not by Tribal Council. Crampton said that would have lowered the Distribution and lowering Per Cap. Crampton asked did that happen.

Ogema Romanelli said he believed that is what is being presented, yes, as a Reforecast from the casino.

Speaker Crampton asked how is the Casino Reforecasting a Budget.

*Attorney Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:12 a.m.*

Ogema Romanelli said because of the numbers that....like they are coming in.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording can be heard talking about reforecast.*

Speaker Crampton said so they presented....this isn't 2022.....this isn't the '22 Budget they are working on.....this isn't \$25 million from '22.....this is '23 he is saying.

Ogema Romanelli said this is for '23.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he believed.

Speaker Crampton said okay, because its looking.....it is looking like these are '22 numbers and there was an appropriation that was done by the Tribal Council that was \$27 million and it looks like there is one that the same.....this is from May that was.....

Ogema Romanelli asked can he send that to him.

Speaker Crampton said yes, he can.

Ogema Romanelli said great. Romanelli said all right. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he had another question. Crampton said it was about the Gaming Distribution for the Online Gaming. Crampton said he was going over those numbers too because they were just looking about doing something with that and it looks like before the resolution that was passed by Tribal Council restricting the funds that there was Labor Costs taken out of the Online Gaming. Crampton asked is that true.



Ogema Romanelli said he would assume so, yes.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he just wanted to clarify.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does anybody have any further questions.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Crampton asked anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he wanted to remind everybody that the Hunter Safety Youth for youth which includes Tribal members and descendants is October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, they can pre-register. Di Piazza said get a hold of Officer Brown at 231 398-2238 to get pre-registered. Di Piazza said the only other thing is ah, Roundabout is almost done so. Di Piazza said they took the rumble strips out. Di Piazza said yaay.

*Speaker Crampton laughed.* Crampton said those were a pain in the butt. Crampton asked anything else.

Councilor Di Piazza said nope, that's it.

Speaker Crampton asked anyone else for Legislative Affairs.

### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Crampton said okay, public comment. Crampton asked is there anything for public comment. Crampton said okay, he has 231 794-0066 he thinks that is Mr. Burmeister.

Michael Burmeister said it is. Burmeister thanked Mr. Speaker. Burmeister asked is there a plan going ahead for.....is there anything going on with getting the Rapid River News and the Currents back up and running. Burmeister said it's been since January since anybody seen anything. Burmeister thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said yes.....

*Martha Howell laughed loudly in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton asked what was that. *Crampton laughed at this point too.* Crampton said okay, um, yeah, there is a plan to get this up and running. Crampton said all the equipment was ordered. Crampton said for a while there he

thinks since January until what was it October they didn't have the equipment it wasn't ordered. Crampton said he kind of inherited the situation but the ah, target point is for October 1<sup>st</sup> for something to be out to the membership. Crampton said um, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said let's see, she doesn't know really what to say about this but she will say about this much. Howell said she was hired to do a job by Tribal Council and she was not able to do that job. Howell said over the course of time that she was there she submitted about 16 stories for publication to the Recorder's Office and she was told her work wasn't good enough, they don't need a Photographer ah, she calls this news um, anyway she was insulted repeatedly about her intelligence, she was told she should continue to write cookbooks and focus on getting recipes from Tribal Elders and not focus on current events. Howell said so when someone is telling them that they're going to get the newspaper going they are lying. Howell said there is no intent to put out any information. Howell repeated there isn't. Howell it will not go out anywhere. Howell said is she surprised the Tribal Website does not work, no, because it is probably sabotaged on purpose. Howell said they don't want them to know anything. Howell repeated they don't. Howell said they don't want any information out there whether it's good or not. Howell said all she had reported on was good stories and she was repeatedly put down, told it wasn't good enough, what is she doing, by people who do not know anything about informational news gathering or how to run a newspaper or do anything journalistic. Howell said so that is about all she has to say about that but if they are telling them they are going to get it up and running or they are going to have it out by October they are lying they have absolutely no content other than malicious gossip to talk about people. Howell said that is all she wants to say about that. Howell thanked them for giving her time to speak.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked did she file a complaint.

Martha Howell asked did she file a complaint.

Speaker Crampton said that was the question.

Martha Howell asked with who....with who.

Speaker Crampton said there is a Fair....

Martha Howell said he was the one who said go focus on getting recipes and that was some of the most sexist shit she has ever encountered in a job so no.

Speaker Crampton said recipes.....

Martha Howell said okay, she is going to stop now because she is getting pissed off so she is done. Howell said the membership knows it's on record that them

guys are not going to get out any information out and most likely their website was sabotaged because they don't want them knowing anything. Howell asked isn't it convenient that it is just at Election time. Howell said so think for themselves, Tribal members, think....think for themselves like the only job Martha Howell ever wanted to do was work for the Tribal Newspaper. Howell said ever. Howell said that is what she went to college for....for that specific reason to come back and bring them local town news about what is going on in their Tribe. Howell said she wasn't allowed to do that by the Gatekeepers so they figure it out because if things were going well there she would still be in there. Howell said so think about it and if anybody wants to ask her about it call her.

Speaker Crampton asked did she file a complaint was his question.

Martha Howell said she is asking him with who, Shannon, because there is nobody to file any complaints with and no one listens to anybody about anything. Howell said it is worthless. Howell said it is a joke. Howell said that is all she is saying, she is done, no more, she is not answering no more questions.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Mike did he still have a question. Crampton asked is he still up there. Crampton said okay, he is down. Crampton said okay, just for the record, no, that is absolutely a lie almost everything she said was a lie and um, Council is putting out a paper by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Crampton said so they will see on October 1<sup>st</sup> but if she didn't file a complaint then there is really nothing other than hearsay that she is saying today so, no, he doesn't support anything she said, he doesn't believe anything she just said....

Martha Howell said don't f\_\_king gaslight her....excuse her language....do not do that, okay, she has personal experience she is not a crappy person. Howell said they are all are just.....

Acting Recorder Lewis said she muted.....she is muted.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said no, that was absolutely incorrect there is a process if there is no complaint in HR which is under the Ogema's Office then he is sorry. Crampton said yeah, there is a process, there is a Fair Employment Practices Code, that was designed by Councilors in 2005. Crampton reiterated they have a process to follow. Crampton said he didn't see Miss Howell do anything since he got here for three....probably two months but drink coffee. Crampton said sorry, anything else for public comment. Crampton said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske asked wasn't Martha Howell um, under Tribal Council.

*Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording can be heard talking but it was so low that it couldn't be made out clearly.*

Speaker Crampton said yes, he does believe so she was hired before he got here.

*Councilor Wever answered, "yes," in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Sandy Mezeske said so if she had a complaint she could file it with the Speaker or the Recorder, correct.

Speaker Crampton said yes, and she could do that she could also file with HR. Crampton said there is no complaint though.

Sandy Mezeske said well, they know what she has a good sense that she is right. Mezeske thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked any other public comment.

*Someone can still be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording talking but it was so low that it couldn't be made out clearly or who they were.*

Speaker Crampton continued....said seeing no public comment.....no further public comment. Crampton said oh, Drew.

*Andrew Jeurink started talking before he got to the podium and his comments were hard to make out clearly what he was saying. Jeurink was saying something about the website being down....*

Speaker Crampton said can he go up there, sir, so members can hear.

*Someone was coughing loudly in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Andrew Jeurink introduced himself.

*Tribal Councilors were laughing.*

Andrew Jeurink said he was going to make a statement that um, his understanding was....there was some complaints about the website status right now. Jeurink said it went down yesterday um, they reached out to the vendor. Jeurink said their website is hosted and outsourced since 2016 from his understanding, okay. Jeurink said so they are working through it um, they also have submitted ah, the IT Department has submitted with the Ogema Office ah, for some work sessions and they will see where that comes so they can do some more development on the website. Jeurink said at this time he does not believe that it was sabotaged or ill willed con.....intent. Jeurink said the only people that have um, any type of access would be the vendor itself....

*Someone sneezed in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Andrew Jeurink continued.....IT cannot even bring it down um.....

Speaker Crampton asked what is the process for posting.....he means because Council.....

Andrew Jeurink said to submit a helpdesk ticket ah, for posting um, for the news and everything and his staff does the posting for that.

Speaker Crampton asked does Council have any independent um, ability to get on there.

Andrew Jeurink asked for the news part or for the.....

Speaker Crampton said for the website.

Andrew Jeurink said well yes, he means they have tons of Council....he thinks they have.....

Speaker Crampton said he is talking about controlling it.....getting on there. Crampton said they always come to him to post everything.....she is saying they sabotaged.....

Andrew Jeurink said they do post.....they do post everything in Legislative as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Speaker Crampton asked does Council have the ability to sabotage the website.

Andrew Jeurink said they can only damage their own site on the Legislative end not the entire website.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, anything further.

Andrew Jeurink said no, he just wanted to give Council a status since it was brought to his attention at the beginning of this meeting.

Speaker Crampton thanked him again. Crampton said all right, is there anything else for public comment.

*Someone in the background said something about Cindy on the ZOOM recording.*

Sandy Mezeske said Shannon she does.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Sandy, please go ahead.

Sandy Mezeske said um, ah, from what Martha said um, and to the rest of Council were....she means was the rest of Council aware of any kind of complaints from Martha.....

*Someone was still talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it sounded like a television and not an actual person.*

Sandy Mezeske continued.....that would be addressed to Tommy, Ron, Sandy, Shirley.

Councilor Wever said no. Wever said no, she had no idea what was going on. Wever said she thought she.....she was gone for three days and she thought she was home working. Wever said she had no idea what was going on until she learned that she was gone.

Sandy Mezeske asked anybody else.

Councilor Guenthardt said he didn't know either.

Acting Recorder Lewis said no.

Sandy Mezeske said Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said he knew when it happened yes.

Sandy Mezeske said Ron.

Councilor Wittenberg said right, he didn't know when she was gone...he didn't even know he thought maybe she was out for a few days or something but ah, then afterwards he found out that she wasn't here anymore so he didn't know anything. Wittenberg said sorry about that.

Sandy Mezeske said Shannon did she.....did she quit....address him and the Recorder that she was leaving.

Speaker Crampton said no, he was not here. Crampton said it was on a Monday and it was ah, Julie he came in the next day and ah, found out she had tendered her resignation but he will say that when he got here um, he thinks it was a month and a half almost two months that he noticed that there wasn't anything going on in that office and he asked what the delay was and she gave him a list of things she had ordered that she wasn't getting. Crampton said he took it to IT the order was made he thinks it was the day that everything came in and that there would be no more excuses for not going that she tendered her resignation.

Martha Howell said huh, she didn't give any excuses for why she didn't get anything done. Howell loudly said them guys didn't let her get anything done....

*There was an electronic ping in the background on the ZOOM recording. Tribal Councilors were also talking amongst themselves at this point.*

Speaker Crampton said no, no after she swore she is not going to do that. Crampton said if they get on here and swear this is a circle this is the Tribal Council this isn't.....

Councilor Wever said she didn't hear her swear.

Sandy Mezeske said no she....Shannon she didn't hear her swear she did hear her swear earlier.

Speaker Crampton said she did apologize for swearing, okay, well listen this circle....this is a Tribe.....

Sandy Mezeske said no, she did hear her swear, okay, then they muted her, okay, and she is back and hopefully she's.....

Speaker Crampton said no, she is not getting back on.

Sandy Mezeske continued.....calmed down, okay, but....

Speaker Crampton said no, it's.....

Sandy Mezeske continued.....they know, again, they can't pick and choose who they are going to mute because there has been times that they.....

Speaker Crampton said she violated the rules and she got muted.

*Someone or their television can still be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording talking but it was so low that it couldn't be made out clearly or who they were.*

Speaker Crampton said it is pretty simple rules.

Sandy Mezeske said they don't pick and choose who they are going to mute. Mezeske said that is what she is saying.

Speaker Crampton said choosing Sandy they are going to stop here this is getting redundant because she keeps....she doesn't get the fact if they swear they are not going to be talking here. Crampton said sorry. Crampton said Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech. Densmore said hi. Densmore said she is so sorry she is kind of jumping in the middle of something and she wasn't here earlier so she just wanted to apologize for that. Densmore said but she had a couple of questions about the Membership Meeting. Densmore said she knows

that is normally under the Ogema um, she assumed he didn't make any comments because she knows the last couple of weeks he hasn't. Densmore asked did they....did he make any comments.

Speaker Crampton said the Ogema made.....he gave his Weekly Status and Business Update.

Chelsea Densmore said oh, no, she is so sorry, she wasn't mad about the Membership Meeting. Densmore said she just.....she has a couple of questions. Densmore said she was just wondering if it was going to be livestreamed this time um, if Council was going to attend in person. Densmore said she knows like last time some did and some didn't. Densmore said she just didn't know if them guys had any updates about that and she just had another one but do they have any answers to those.

Speaker Crampton asked her who is she asking.

Chelsea Densmore said Council.

Speaker Crampton said Council um, he knows that Council didn't attend last time. Crampton said the meeting is actually the membership's meeting if they look at it its under the Constitution under Membership Powers. Crampton explained the Ogema is the MC and officiates it. Crampton said um, Tribal Council probably won't be attending that day but he is looking....he is trying to ah, get something other.....maybe they can do a Meet and Greet the night before and do Financials but there should be really.....at the Membership Meeting....there should really be nothing but questions and answers given to the members. Crampton said he doesn't want the distraction of what keeps going on.....it's like a carnival putting the Council on stage and having them attacked over things that sometimes are not even their problem.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, and....and her last question was and again, she doesn't know if they can answer this. Densmore said um, but obviously COVID is still a big deal blah, blah, blah um, like her family personally they've been amazing this whole Pandemic and then for the first time like they have gotten caught up in it. Densmore said she thinks it has definitely increasing again is there anything extra that is being done this time before the Membership Meeting to prevent that or are them guys encouraging masks or any of that stuff. Densmore asked do they happen to know.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't know, no.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, she will just try and follow up with an email with the Ogema. Densmore said Miigwech.



*Speaker Crampton was heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "She is talking about COVID."*

Ogema Romanelli said oh.

Speaker Crampton said for the meeting.....doing preparations for COVID.

Ogema Romanelli said well, they will have the standard protocols in place for the Membership Meeting which right now is masks are optional if they need to be used. Romanelli said depending on the state of COVID at that time ah, they may have to change it one way or the other but ah, that is what they are going from.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech, Ogema Romanelli she didn't realize he was there. Densmore asked does he know if it is going to be virtual again as well.

Ogema Romanelli said it will be livestreamed. Romanelli said there will not be ah....

*Someone again sneezed in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Ogema Romanelli continued....open ah, ability for questions and answers through the livestream. Romanelli said it will be livestreamed people can email their questions in advance they will take questions and answers from the floor of the people that are attending and answers those questions. Romanelli said it is a Membership Meeting it is the Member's Meeting ah, the Tribal Ogema officiates the meeting however the purpose of the meeting is to answer questions to provide basic information on what is going on with the Tribe. Romanelli said while the Ogema officiates all Elected Officials are invited to be there and actually believed should be there to answers questions from the people in attendance.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, any other conversation from the.....or public comment he is sorry. Crampton said okay, then Tribal Council will be going into Closed Session. Crampton read the following statement:

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

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

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

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

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said she's there but she's muted.

*Councilor Wever was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.*

Acting Recorder Lewis said Cindy she is on mute.

Speaker Crampton said they are ending the meeting. Crampton asked what is her vote Cindy.

Acting Recorder Lewis said yeah, she is still on mute.

Speaker Crampton said either a thumbs up or put her hand up.

*Speaker Crampton said that was called twice.*

Acting Recorder Lewis said they have adjourned First Open and the time was not noted but the clock on the wall read at 10:33 a.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone.

**XI. Open Session**

Speaker Crampton said okay, now that they are back he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open at 11:36.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:36;** by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

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

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said they are in Second Open.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

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

Acting Recorder Lewis said none.

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

**XII. Adjourn**

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone have any issues. Crampton said seeing none he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 11:37.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:37;** by Wittenberg; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any abstentions or discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

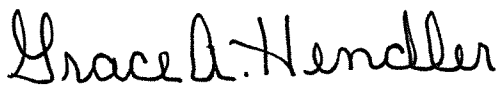
**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton said they are adjourned at 11:37 a.m. Crampton said have a good day everyone. Crampton thanked them.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sandra Lewis,  
Acting Council Recorder