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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
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 January 11, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said he wants to welcome everybody here to ah, the January 11th at 10:00 Council Meeting and what he is going to do first is go through the names that he has here. Wittenberg said ah, Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said #0890.

Recorder Wittenberg said Angela Rabb.

Angela Rabb said Accounting Department.

Recorder Wittenberg said Angela Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt said she is the Mental Health Counselor for Be Da Bin.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Associate Judge La Porte.

Judge Caroline La Porte said good morning everybody this Judge La Porte here in the Tribal Court.

Recorder Wittenberg said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Recorder Wittenberg said Jamie F. Wittenberg repeated Jamie F. Wittenberg said he knows that is Jamie Friedel. Wittenberg said Jamie F.

Jamie Friedel said sorry about that guys, Food Distribution. Friedel thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg said no problem. Wittenberg thanked him. Wittenberg said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said Tribal I.D. #3866

Recorder Wittenberg said where the heck is he at here. Wittenberg said Laurie Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276. Echelbarger thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Recorder Wittenberg said Michael Ceplina.

Michael Ceplina said good morning, #0692.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, where at here. Wittenberg said Misty Silvis.

Misty Silvis said #2488. Silvis thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg thanked her. Wittenberg said ahhh, let's see Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Recorder Wittenberg said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said good morning, #3727.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, he does believe ah, he went through all the names that are here so. Wittenberg said he will turn it over to him, Speaker Crampton at 10:04.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will call this meeting to order at 10:04 and Councilor Wittenberg if he would offer a prayer he would be greatly appreciative.

Recorder Wittenberg said prayer first okay, his bad. Wittenberg thanked them.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for all these things that we have today.

We ask that you guide us, be with us from within and out.

Help guide our hearts and minds.

Help put things in a good way so that we may walk in a good way.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said if he will do a roll call for attendance.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have quorum.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11th WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III 2 REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000; III 3. IS REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -2023 NUTRITION EDUCATION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500, III 4. IS REMOVED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,604; III 5. IS REMOVED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,608; III 6. IS REMOVED, APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2023-__ -1st QTR TO FUND FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP WINTER PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,706.24; by Lewis.

Councilor Wolfe made comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear what she said.

Councilor Lewis asked is it on there. Lewis said oh.

Speaker Crampton said motion by Councilor Lewis does he have any support.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "What the hell is wrong with this," but there was no way to tell who said it or where it came from.

Councilor Lewis was saying something about the Closed Session Minutes but the ZOOM recording only picked up part of it.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he is sorry but if there is support.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11th WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III 2 REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000; III 3. IS REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -2023 NUTRITION EDUCATION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500, III 4. IS REMOVED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,604; III 5. IS REMOVED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,608; III 6. IS REMOVED, APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2023-__ -1st QTR TO FUND FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP WINTER PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,706.24; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked any discussion from Council. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said at this time he would just like to if anybody out there has their mic's on and is not talking please mute their mic. Crampton said hearing nothing from Council please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor agenda has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 12/14/22 12/21/22

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

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 12/14/22 AND 12/21/22; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes from 12/14 and 11/21/22 has passed. Wittenberg said huh? Wittenberg said oh, his bad ah, 12/21/22 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said that takes them down to the next bit of business which is the Oath of Office being administered to their new.....newly elected ah, Election Board Officers and for that he is going to turn this over to he presume that is why the judge is here so that is why he is going to turn this over to the judge. Crampton asked Susan if she had a question.

Susan Thull said no she had a statement um, that she would like to give before the Swearing In.

Speaker Crampton said um, yeah, if it's not disruptive, please. Crampton said yes, go ahead.

Susan Thull said well she always tries not to be disruptive. Thull said she just wanted to say that um, that she feels that their elections are so very important and they do have to um, abide by ah, an ethical standard um, and ah, this election was conducted with three Election Board Members. Thull said two of them that were um, had a Conflict of Interest and should have recused themselves ah, so she just believe that um, the membership should be aware that ah, their election was conducted with really with one person that was ah, not had no conflict as far as she knows. Thull said um, and she would just like the membership to know that. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he understands that but this is not...he hardly is....it is quite possible that is not the place....this is not the place to bring that up and he...it kind of taints the issues that is going on with today so. Crampton said if they could refrain from that. Crampton said that would be greatly appreciated and he apologize for letting that happen. Crampton said he will turn this over to Judge La Porte at this time.

Judge Caroline La Porte thanked him very much.

Kathy Gibson said hey um, Speaker Crampton....stated her name and that she was the Election Board Chair. Gibson said if she can on behalf of the Election Board make a comment seeing that a Tribal member was able to make a comment regarding the election.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes for letting that happen if she would make this brief and please do not make this.....he means he understands there is two sides of this issue but there is also proper forum and that was totally his mistake for allowing that to happen so if she could please just um, if she wanted to reply to that comment yes, go ahead.

Kathy Gibson thanked him. Gibson said she will make it brief. Gibson said just um, to clarify it on behalf of the rules and regs of um, the Tribal Council, and the meeting um, she just wanted to say there was no Conflict of Interest um, there was no impropriety. Gibson said this election was done solely the way it was supposed to. Gibson said they hired an Election Board Vendor....the vendor did their job and therefore she just wanted to state that and um, there was no as she reiterate impropriety, there was no biased um, on the election, the Election Board Members do not count ballots. Gibson said the Election Board Company takes care of those issues so. Gibson thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, now before they proceed he would just like to make a statement that um, the Election Board does not decide the election is fair or the membership's do not decide if the election is fair or ah, that goes to the court to decide. Crampton said there has been nothing, no stay put in place for Council so Council has removed themselves from the process last year in the last Council so

they have nothing precluding this and nothing substantiates any of those claims. Crampton said Judge La Porte please proceed.

Judge Caroline La Porte thanked Speaker Crampton so much. La Porte said um, if she could get Lee Ivinson. La Porte thanked Lee. La Porte said she would ask that she speak as clear as possible so that those that are participating online can hear. La Porte said if she could raise her right hand for her.

Lee Ivinson said Julie had mentioned that Janine was first.

Kathy Gibson said Speaker Crampton just to note on the agenda they have Janine Sam first so should they correct that.

Lee Ivinson said the agenda as stated.

Recorder Wittenberg said so she doesn't have to be back here signing her name. Wittenberg said sign that but....

Judge Caroline La Porte said can she raise her right hand also loving the Ribbon Skirt by the way. La Porte asked can she raise her right hand for her. La Porte thanked her. La Porte said just repeat after her.

**E. Oath of Office Administered
Election Board**

- Janine Sam

I, Janine Sam, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and to carry out my responsibilities as a member of the Election Board with utmost care and professionalism.

Judge Caroline La Porte thanked her so much. La Porte said this sworn before her on the 11th day of January 2023 and if she will sign her name and she will sign it as well. La Porte said congratulations.

Janine Sam said Miigwech.

Judge Caroline La Porte said and Lee. La Porte said all right Lee raise her right hand and repeat after her.

- Lee Ivinson

I, Lee Ivinson, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa

Indians and to carry out my responsibilities as a member of the Election Board with utmost care and professionalism.

Judge Caroline La Porte said okay, sworn before her on this 11th day of January 2023 and if she will affix her signature there and she will sign it. La Porte thanked her so much. La Porte said congratulations.

Lee Iverson thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked Judge La Porte. Crampton said congratulations to their new Election Board Members. Crampton said that is going to take them down to um, Budget Modifications. Crampton said oh, he is sorry, Continuing Business, Grants & Contracts and Budget Modifications. Crampton said first one is acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department Bureau.Interior of. ...Bureau of Indian Affairs. Crampton said oh, excuse him, what.

Kathy Gibson said Speaker Crampton she is sorry if they could just take two minutes to um, honor the two new Election Board she would appreciate that if he would be so gracious to allow her to do that.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "yes," but didn't identify themselves and it couldn't be determined who said it.

Speaker Crampton said he is sorry he wasn't informed that there was going to be a ceremony, go ahead, proceed.

Kathy Gibson thanked him. Gibson said so the Election Board on behalf of the Election Board um, they welcome the two new members. Gibson said they are excited and energetic to start working together. Gibson said it will be a big bonus to have two more to the Election Board currently as they are aware there are only three. Gibson said both of them come up they have a gift for them on behalf of the Election Board to welcome them.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said again, congratulations to their newly elected um, members to the Election Board.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$946,184.80**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Mr. Speaker. Willis said there was some lengthy discussion at Agenda Review on Monday in regards to these funds actually being funds that were technically awarded in 2021. Willis said the Tribe didn't receive them until this year um, he knows there was some he thinks one request by Council that the Tribe basically be reimbursed for expenses that were incurred in 2021 in regards to um, Bureau Programs. Willis said he knows that um, the CFO reached out to the Auditors to see if that was problematic and has since also reached out to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to their Contracting Officer and they are still awaiting a response. Willis said and so he is not sure where this item stands right now in terms of they know, formally accepting the money um, so. Willis said he doesn't know if Brad has anything to offer, they know, he has been in contact with the CFO as well.

Speaker Crampton said he is not sure on how to proceed if he is the one presenting the issue and he is not sure of it....

Bill Willis said what...if he might add that what he said on Monday was that these funds ah, because they weren't received until now would end up in deferred revenue which is the common practice, they know, under Accounting principles um, and then would be they know, utilized for allowable expenses for those Bureau Programs specifically under their Governance Compact. Willis said that is basically what he said um, they can go back and apply unless their Auditor says they can't to prior year expenses because those books are already closed and so it becomes an audit issue if...if some request is being made that is out of the ordinary. Willis said that's all and so if Council's comfortable with proceeding, they know, accepting the money and amending the Operating Budget and applying these funds as they normally would then that would be his request. Willis said if not then they either would have to postpone the item or remove it. Willis said that is Council's call so that's all.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Speaker Crampton ah, he believes Julie Wolfe....
Councilor Julie Wolfe raised her hand.

Speaker Crampton said ah, he anticipated that please proceed Julie.

Councilor Wolfe said she wants to make a motion.

MOTION TO POSTPONE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIR AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-__ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$946,184.88 BASED ON COMMENTS BY MR. WILLIS THAT DID NOT HEAR BACK FROM THE BIA ABOUT HOW THEY CAN ALLOCATE THIS FUNDING; by Wolfe; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said seven in favor ah, the item has been postponed.

- 2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-Behavioral Health Initiative and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$170,000**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said he believed it has been revised. Crampton said this is Amanda....he's sorry.....Miss Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt, Mental Health Counselor, represented this agenda item. Schwandt said this grant would allow them to provide Tele-psychiatric Services to their Tribal citizens in the nine county service area. Schwandt said um, these services would be provided by a contracted psychiatrist from Pine Rest which was approved by resolution back in August. Schwandt said these services would um, the medication would be sorry....the um, psychiatrist would provide medication review, medication management and um, different psychiatric consultations. Schwandt said this grant would also um, provide funding for an additional Mental Health Counselor.

Speaker Crampton said okay, does anybody have any questions for Miss Schwandt from Council. Crampton said forgive him because he can't see any hands please catch them Mr. Recorder.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Julie Wolfe has her hand up he knows it is hard to see on the screen.

Speaker Crampton said please proceed Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said Angela she is saying that grant was applied for in August and the resolution number that they have in her adjusted ah, revised resolution doesn't match that. Wolfe said she was saying that they only approved submission

for her grant application and it doesn't have the correct resolution number or is she in error. Wolfe said resolution number in the resolution that she has before them for adoption says #22-0112-003 she mentioned that they applied for it in August so that would need to be corrected.

Angela Schwandt said they know....she....that's a mistake on her part they ah.....the resolution for the contract with Pine Rest was approved back in August um....yup.

Councilor Wolfe asked so what is the resolution number when the grant application was submitted. Wolfe asked is that correct in the resolution.

Bill Willis said ah, yes, if he might add ah, at Agenda Review on Monday there was some ah, indication by Council that they wanted additional things added to the resolution. Willis said one was, they know, when they applied for the original grant. Willis said he went back and pulled the resolution off the website. Willis said it is the correct resolution that's in this particular revised resolution so it was December or January of 2022.

Recorder Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton asked anything further from anybody on Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on this item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0111-001; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Cindy Champagne she is on mute on her end. Wittenberg said okay, Cindy Champagne is absent. Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0111-01.....001 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them and Miss Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt thanked them.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-2023 Nutrition Education and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$27,500**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said he believed this is Mr. Friedel. Crampton asked is Jamie here. Crampton asked do they have representation on the issue.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis said um, Mr. Speaker this him and he would be more than happy to represent this item. Willis said he is not sure Jamie may have gotten wrapped up with some, they know, some issues at the Distribution Center so.

Speaker Crampton said totally understandable please go ahead.

Bill Willis said um, as he...they mentioned on Monday this is ah, some additional Nutritional Education Funding that the Tribe has received for their USDA Food Distribution Program in the amount of \$27,500. Willis said in Agenda Review on Monday ah, likewise ah, there was a request for additional information to be added to the resolution um, outlining how the funding was used, etc. and so those changes have been made to the resolution. Willis said again, just need to ah, accept the money and amend the Operating Budget ah, \$7,500 of the money is going to Small Equipment and the balance of \$20,000 is going to Supplies.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does Council have any questions at this time. Crampton said okay, he is not seeing any. Crampton asked is ah....

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Julie Wolfe has a question.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said so it's not actually a question she just wanted to add a comment for the benefit of membership. Wolfe said this initial allocation was \$17,500 based on what was submitted by their Commodity Program. Wolfe said they got an additional \$10,000 so she just wanted to congratulate and thank them for their work on that. Wolfe thanked them.

Councilor Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza asked there is no Tribal Match on this correct.

Bill Willis said ah, no there isn't.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said okay, are there any further questions from Council um, if there are none he will entertain a motion on this item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTON #23-0111-002;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-2023 NUTRITION
EDUCATION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$27,500; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain.

Councilor Johnson said that was Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked Mrs. Wolfe is going to abstain.

Councilor Wolfe said she made the motion to support the item.

Speaker Crampton said oh he...he is sorry. Crampton repeated the motion maker and the supporter. Crampton said Wever again.

Tribal Councilors started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Wever said well they both have the W.

Councilor Wolfe said motion made by Councilor Lewis supported by Councilor Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton thanked her twice. Crampton said he apologizes it's his confusion. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said ummm, is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked is anything else from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0111-002 has passed.

4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$11,604**
Acceptance of funds.
5. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$5,608**
Acceptance of funds.
6. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2023-__-1st QTR to fund Fruitport Charter Township Winter Property Taxes in the amount of \$78,706.24**
Approval of Supplemental Appropriation.

Agenda Items #4, Item #5 and Item #6 were removed from the Agenda.

7. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2023-__-1st QTR to fund Artic IT Contract in the amount of \$384,410**
Approval of Supplemental Appropriation.

Speaker Crampton said that is Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Mr. Speaker. Willis said ah, as he indicated in Agenda Review ah, he was not involved in the submission of the request to approve the contract. Willis said ah, but in...in...in part of that contract approval actually required that the Tribe, they know, appropriate money to pay for the contract and so that piece got missed. Willis said so um, once he got the resolution that indicated the contract had actually been approved he realized this part got missed and so he is just bringing forth the request to ah, fulfill, they know, the monetary part of the contract. Willis said so Artic IT obviously can't do any work until they have money to pay them so.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said um, he sees Mike Ceplina.

Mike Ceplina said yes, he was just wondering ah, where does this IT Department come from and if its so far away how is it going to be efficient to ah, service the Tribe.

Andrew Jeurink asked Bill Willis if he wanted him to answer that.

Bill Willis said he didn't know he was on the call, Drew, yes please ah, he has all the details related to this vendor so please.

Andrew Jeurink said so this vendor is going to be supporting more on the technical level and also um, partially on the administration. Jeurink said they are based off in Alaska from his understanding they are a Native owned um, company they have met all the standards that Purchasing needs. Jeurink said um, the services their not looking to replace any IT in-house what this is going to be doing is hopefully getting them back to where they should be due to the lack of staffing they've had in the last four years.

Mike Ceplina thanked them very much.

Speaker Crampton asked him if he was good Mr. Ceplina. Crampton said okay, is there any further discussion from the Council?

Recorder Wittenberg said he has a question on this and he sees if they don't mind approving the supplemental that is where they are on now for IT because he was going by what he has on his....and it talking.....*whispered are they on four now.*

Councilor Di Piazza said they were all removed.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, so down to ah.....revised....revised. Wittenberg said okay. Wittenberg said he is sorry he is turned around.....went all the way down. Wittenberg said okay...he will scratch that out....that is 03. Wittenberg said he has it straighten it out on his end. Wittenberg thanked them so much for being patient.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked anything further from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on this item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0111-003;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2023-01-1st
QTR TO FUND ARTIC IT CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$384,410; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is anything further from the membership. Crampton said once more for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0111-003 has passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton noted he doesn't see anything.

IV. Old Business

A. Operations Report

November 2022

Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge room at 10:39 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is anything from the membership. Crampton said once more for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, he will come back.

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 10:40 a.m.

Recorder Wittenberg repeated Councilor Di Piazza's name. Wittenberg said Operations Report for November 2022 has been accepted.

B. Binojeeuk Commission Report November 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion on that as well.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wever.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said the Binojeeuk Commission Report for November 2022 has been accepted.

C. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report November 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion on that.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for the Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for November 2022 has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked the Recorder.

V. New Business

Speaker Crampton noted that he sees nothing.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 18, 2023

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

There was a long silence at this point with no one talking.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes. Crampton asked do they have anything for the Ogema's Weekly Status and Business Update.

Recorder Wittenberg said he is talking for a second and he is coming up now. Wittenberg thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes....he apologizes.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he had a request just as he was coming up. Romanelli said first he wants to congratulate the two Election Board Members they are now Elected Officials. Romanelli said congratulations and thanked them. Romanelli said hopefully they will do a great job but there is always questions with the elections. Romanelli said "thank you," so much for putting their names forward. Romanelli said a couple of things that he wanted to address. Romanelli said there is a lot of talk going around about a couple things. Romanelli said first off Tribal member Sara Agosa from his understanding asked an employee if the Shoreline Commission was ah, dissolved. Romanelli asked is that correct.

Recorder Wittenberg said not to his knowledge.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said the second thing is ah, there has been a lot of talk about the Enrollment Audit again. Romanelli said his understanding is that there was a work session he thinks last week. Romanelli asked is that correct.

Recorder Wittenberg asked come again.

Ogema Romanelli asked if there was a work session on the Enrollment Audit that happened last week or the week before.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, he believed.

Ogema Romanelli said ah, he was not notified of that and something to that magnitude that has that much weight within the Tribe he would think that the Tribal Ogema would automatically get invited to something like that so. Romanelli said just for their information most work sessions, not that he can attend them all, but he just believes that he should be invited to key issues like that and he would ask that the Council include him in the future.

Recorder Wittenberg said well he thinks, excuse him may he comment on that. Wittenberg said ah, on this and a lot of the things that are going on for the agenda and things like that does have his name up there on there Ogema Romanelli and with work sessions going through the week he would have thought he or himself, his ones that relates whatever messages to him would say, "*oh hey, we got this and...*"

Ogema Romanelli said but normally that happens. Romanelli said normally he would get something in this case he thinks it is Venus Wilson normally would send him a Work Session Notice and he either accepts or ah, say possible or deny.

Recorder Wittenberg said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said in this case he didn't get it and this is kind of a big issue so. Romanelli said he just asks in the future that anything that is controversial or that takes __ that he would as well and that he would get notice.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, well yeah, okay, he will see what he can do. Wittenberg thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, no problem. Romanelli said the last thing that he has to talk about is there is rumors of the Council getting raises and ah, yeah, he knows shock...shock huh.

Recorder Wittenberg said he got his out.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, right. Romanelli asked ah, so there is not truth to that.

Recorder Wittenberg said for.....

Ogema Romanelli said getting raises for the Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said the question is who told him that.

Ogema Romanelli said well, the Council....it's on Face Book....somebody posted on Face Book.

Recorder Wittenberg said well, if it's on Face Book like they say it's got to be believable.

Ogema Romanelli started to laugh at this point along with others on Tribal Council.

Recorder Wittenberg said himself when he turns around and sits here it is not only on Face Book but if he hears another person talking he doesn't think that is written in stone.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Recorder Wittenberg said he knows, but that's a....but no he hasn't heard that either.

Ogema Romanelli said that and the concern that he has is if the Council is to get raises that they need to include the Ogema or the Judges which are their other Elected Officials. Romanelli said as they know the Constitution calls for every Council to review and set the wages or salaries for the Judges and the Ogema so. Romanelli said okay, if there is no truth to them and he has no further information today so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said before he goes to Sara Agosa and he doesn't want things to get argumentative um, he just wanted to make sure that everybody understands. Crampton said yes, ah, the Council will extend sometimes courtesy to the Ogema to attend but there are three separate Branches and there are times that the Council will meet that the Ogema will not be privy to. Crampton said that will just happen that is the course of action. Crampton said um, secondly ah, he is setting up a Compensation Committee and the last couple of times that the Ogema got a raise and the Judges got raises the Council was not included. Crampton said that has been a sore point ...he doesn't think the Council has had a raise since 2005 or 7 something around there and um, they are willfully inadequate. Crampton said all the salaries, reports and studies show the Council is way behind. Crampton said actually he thinks they ranked like \$10,000 in 2016 but it would be more appropriate to create a Compensation Committee made up of members that would determine what appropriate pay for all the Elected Officials would be based on Wage Studies. Crampton said so no there is no truth to the rumor that Council is giving themselves a raise.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, then he would like to respond. Romanelli said first off he doesn't expect to be notified of all work sessions. Romanelli said he understands there is work sessions regarding contracts that are privy only to ah, the Tribal Council however the Tribal Ogema is supposed to sign and negotiate all contracts so he would still make the request that he is notified of all work sessions. Romanelli said regarding the time that the Ogema got a raise and the

Council didn't that was basically a makeup time because of the fact in 2008-2009 Tribal Council got raises and the Ogema didn't. Romanelli said if they go back to the start of when Council started getting salaries and the Ogema and they take a percentage they will see that the Ogema is behind and was behind the percentage wise. Romanelli said he would think that in fairness they would do the same thing for the Judges and the Ogema percentage wise increases as they do for the Tribal Council. Romanelli said as they also know the Tribal Council doesn't list in the Constitution to even be paid a salary. Romanelli said ah, it was stipends....it started out as stipends and it went to salary and because the Constitution doesn't allow the Ogema to set their own salary or the Judges to set their own salary it seems a little odd that the Council would set their salary. Romanelli said it is not a big talking point at this time he doesn't want to get into a lengthier argument but in fact he believed the Constitution put it that way so that someone isn't setting their own salary. Romanelli said this comes out time and again and he just wanted to make sure they are all of the same understanding so. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome. Crampton said just a couple of points of clarification. Crampton said they tell them to raise the Judges and the Ogema's salary in the last Election but not the Council.

Ogema Romanelli said he is sorry he can't hear very well.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he is going in and out so....the Council did not raise their pay last time but they raised the Ogema's pay it was like he thinks \$10,000 over the suggested limit. Crampton said so the Ogema is way over right now. Crampton said he just wanted to clarify that.

Ogema Romanelli said, "he thinks that they.....his apologies"....the rest of his comment wasn't clear enough to understand what he said on the ZOOM recording.

Ogema Romanelli said also when this Ogema came into Office the prior Ogemas also got more PTO than this Ogema did and he was reduced back in the day as well ah, as far as the number of weeks of PTO so. Romanelli said ah, he doesn't know what the conversation was so he can't really answer it. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Recorder Wittenberg said in the background on the ZOOM recording that, "he can't really hear them."

Speaker Crampton said he was saying that the Wage Study that came out that they just....the last Wage Study they had had the Ogema ah, around 70 and the Council around 65. Crampton said the Council's wasn't raised and the Ogema's was raised to 90 so it's way over.

Ogema Romanelli said he is sorry if that is a question he can't answer it he can't understand.

Speaker Crampton said it's not a question, it's a statement, it's a fact. Crampton said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said Sara was before her.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry, Sara Agosa. Crampton said Sara Agosa please proceed.

Sara Agosa said her question is to the Ogema. Agosa said she is just....she is not clear why the Ogema referenced her name to a question directed to Council. Agosa asked can she please get clarification on that she is just not following the line of logic. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said that question or that remark was not to the Council it was actually to the membership. Romanelli said it was an update that he gives to the membership and to the Council. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, that...is she good Sara.

Sara Agosa said no she's not. Agosa said she doesn't understand and she would like clarification as to why her name was brought up to the membership in his Weekly Status Update. Agosa said she just.....she doesn't understand.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he can answer that as well. Romanelli said he didn't want to get into a "back and forth" here too much. Romanelli said the fact is when....there are incorrect statements that are made and they happen to employees. Romanelli said they can create some um, confusion within the Tribe. Romanelli said he means this is a problem that they have continually ah, with some incorrect Face Book postings, etc. Romanelli said so an employee talked to him about the situation and when that happens ah, again, a lot of confusion goes on and the Shoreline Committee as they know, has been working on the Muskegon Project so when he couple that with the fact that he doesn't get invited to every work session there may be a work session that did in fact do so. Romanelli said so that is why he had to clarify that to the Tribal Council to make sure that was still in effect. Romanelli said so he will leave it at that.

Speaker Crampton said well, now he needs to ask some questions because yesterday he was in a meeting with two members of the Shoreline Task Force and he asked them when the last meeting was. Crampton said nobody has been working and the Shoreline Task Force has not been working on this. Crampton said so that is a false statement. Crampton thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said the last meeting he did notify both of the Tribal Councilors of a meeting and they have in fact another meeting coming up that all Council is involved so. Romanelli said from the last meeting that they had as a Shoreline that met with some of the group members. Romanelli said um, one of the Council members showed up, that being Julie Wolfe, and one did not because they didn't get the information in time. Romanelli said from that meeting they decided it would be best to bring this information to Tribal Council Closed Session and they recently requested that.

Speaker Crampton said he thinks that is a request he is going to turn that down and he thinks that all the further information should go through the membership and should be public. Crampton said the Shoreline Task Force was created to keep the propriety information on-going for the application. Crampton said that period is over there is no purpose for the Shoreline Task Force at this time. Crampton said he knows as well as he does that that property is going into um, trust for non-gaming purposes. Crampton said so let's just stop the charade. Crampton said he is bringing forward a dissolution of the Shoreline Task Force.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks he should stop some of the remarks of continuing charades of the remarks that he made. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him for his opinion now they are moving on. Crampton said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said this is to ah, the Ogema and she would like some clarification. Thull said um, normally she does research but she hasn't been able to um, research this and ah, get a satisfactory answer. Thull said um, Ogema she knows that in the Constitution one of his duties is to negotiate the contracts and that ah, Council ratifies those contracts however um, she is not sure about all contracts. Thull said ah, she knows that the Election Board...she believes that the Election Board they know contracts with a lawyer um, they contract with a um, vendor for the performance of the Election um, she doesn't know if they do a contract for, they know, background checks and that type of thing. Thull said um, also the contracts that um, ah, were negotiated for the Shoreline Task Force now she doesn't know that there were contracts but she is assuming that there, they know, may have been for demolition and that sort of thing um, also EDC's so she guessed she is just wondering if he could clarify um, for her whether all contracts no matter, they know, where they arrive from um, does he negotiate all contracts and Tribal Council ratifies those.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, for the most part yes, the Ogema negotiates all contracts. Romanelli said there are times where he has staff members that will do that such as the attorney at his direction and what they need to do. Romanelli said so sometimes there are other people that are involved with negotiating on behalf of the Tribal Ogema but yes, if there is a misunderstanding ah, they do have Legal _____ and he thinks she could direct those questions for answers to the Council

Representatives might be helpful as well. Romanelli said they have had some court ah, things have happened, some court cases that have addressed it and they have had work sessions, etc. Romanelli said so if she is still unsure maybe direct them to Tribal Council Representatives.

Susan Thull said so...so in essence he does all contracts either him or she means she would assume that he would have legal advice on all of them that there is Legal Review but no matter...even though the Election Board is a...supposed to be a, they know, a separate entity he would do those...he would review those contracts or have them reviewed by his legal and been um...they would have to be ratified through the Council and that would be true for Shoreline also because she is looking at what's in the news right now for um, the Sault Ste. Marie and they know, they are being hit with these huge amounts of money saying that they are responsible, they know, for paying those contracts and so forth. Thull said she is wondering do they have contracts out there that they are unaware of um, they know, because it's, they know, at least with...with um, through Council they see those agendas and they see in Closed Session that he was um....that they are approving a contract just...for example just now with Artic um, IT, they know that had been in Open it was um, removed from Open, put in Closed con....she is assuming that he negotiated that contract ah, and Council approved it. Thull said she never...she doesn't recall seeing contracts um, for everything at Shoreline Task Force.

Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 11:01 a.m.

Susan Thull continued her question is...is do...are they in contracts that they are going to be ending up in...to...in a similar situation that's scary um, that Sault Ste. Marie is. Thull asked do they have cont....open contracts out there that maybe the membership's not aware of that they are going to have to fulfill. Thull said that's just her question.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, in answer she said the Ogema signs and negotiates all contracts that happens historically and they should change that probably to the Ogema should sign and negotiate all contracts. Romanelli said that is something they are still going through because there has been some things in the past as a matter of fact he is going ah, he is meeting with the EDC later this week because there were some issues that were brought that he is trying to clarify with the EDC. Romanelli said as they know the EDC Commission, or Committee or Board is under the Tribal Council ah, he thinks they need to relook at that forming document that formed the EDC or Little River Holdings and have some clarity there so that they protect the Tribe and the membership and he thinks that is a

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 11:02 a.m.

Ogema Romanelli continued as for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe yes, they were fined heavily like \$80 thousand...\$80 million for some attempts at a casino. Romanelli said he doesn't believe they face any other types of situations.

Susan Thull said she is happy to share that um, and she agrees she thinks that ah, a lot of their things are um, they know, its not well stated, it doesn't cover everything and being a young Tribe, they know, they have to look back constantly to make sure that they have all of the laws in place and that it's spelled out um, so that there is no misinterpretation but she thanks him for clarifying that for her. Thull said she just hopes all these contracts have been...have had a Legal Review and she would hope that they did go through all the um, correct channels. Thull thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said as does he.

Speaker Crampton asked Sara Agosa if she had anything further.

Sara Agosa said yes she does. Agosa said there is still articles circulating online that mislead the public including outlying Tribal members that the Tribe is actually working on a second chance at this project. Agosa said there are a few news articles there are others possible casino in Fruitport Township getting second chance on News Radio Wood 1300. Agosa said Little River Band received second chance at building Fruitport Township Casino Fox 17 Online. Agosa said Little River Band could get second chance at Fruitport Township Casino Pachanga.Net. Agosa said there are several other websites that have the same article and she would just like to ask the Ogema why he has not given the press accurate info and when these articles will be taken down.

Ogema Romanelli said he has addressed that.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Sara he said he has addressed that. Crampton said okay is there anything further.

Sara Agosa said she doesn't recall him addressing misleading news articles.

Speaker Crampton said he just doesn't want to exacerbate the situation at this point. Crampton said they have had a good meeting um, if he doesn't want to reply he cannot compel him to.

Ogema Romanelli said part of what Miss Agosa stated is incorrect and he is not going to go back and forth on this information and trying to address this information. Romanelli said so he will leave it at that.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay if there is nothing further at this time they are going to move onto Legislative Affairs.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said he apologizes to his colleagues he can't see all of them there so if anybody has anything please go ahead. Crampton said okay, hearing nothing for Legislative Affairs um, that is going to take them down to Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton said and he sees Sara Agosa's hand. Crampton asked Sara if she had something for Public Comment.

Sara Agosa said yes, she does. Agosa said she would just like to express concern that Tribal Council and the Ogema do not seem aligned on the Fruitport Shoreline Project and the status of this project and that really concerns her because they already lost between \$30-40 million although membership hasn't even been provided an audit yet. Agosa said so she would like an accountable response why there are newspaper articles circulating and this project is dead and there isn't any alignment and why these articles have not been taken down. Agosa said that is an incredible amount of money. Agosa said they are in an economic downturn. Agosa said they have their next generations to think about it's not just about them it is about the next generations and replanting seeds to rebuild their nation and in respect and honor for their ancestors. Agosa said this Tribe is an absolute mess. Agosa said there is no excuse they are all adults and number one is to manage their finances in a way that is balanced that is inclusive of all Tribal members and that they uphold their laws, that they're fair, and that they run this Tribe democratically. Agosa said she has been attending these meetings for 3 to 4 years now and literally feel like she is back at square one and why even bother. Agosa said she only shows up honestly for the next generations. Agosa said she often feels very hopeless and that's when she references the past and the future, it's not just about them. Agosa said so she would like Tribal Council and the Ogema to get aligned especially in public as to what information their disseminating to them, they deserve it, their voting members it's just absolutely unacceptable. Agosa said thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he would like to say that he finds that kind of unacceptable because Council does not make the statements that the ah, ah, ah, Executive Office does and he has explained this many times and here are facts. Crampton said....any facts....any member....any member in the meeting today can kind of verify it. Crampton said there is a process for taking land into trust. Crampton said all the other Tribes in the area have to be notified when that application/notification goes forward so there is no secret squirrel meeting with the Governor, the Governor has already said she is not going to do anything until she hears about the recognition of Grand River that is scheduled for FebruaryFebruary so there are no secret squirrel meetings, the land is being taken into trust for non-gaming, these are facts, verifiable facts. Crampton said the story in

the paper was most unfortunate, the source was Mr. Romanelli, now they can check out everything he just said it's easy to do. Crampton said there is no agreement....the Governor if she said yes today doesn't mean a hill of beans, she can't do anything under the determination until the Interior gets her a timeframe to do so. Crampton said that timeframe has passed, the first application is null and void. Crampton said all these are verifiable facts they can pick up their phones and find out within 10-20 minutes. Crampton said now Jolene O'Signac.

Ogema Romanelli said he wants to answer. Romanelli said so what he just stated.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said there is no question to him Mr. Romanelli and he already recognized Jolene O'Signac. Crampton repeated Jolene O'Signac.

Ogema Romanelli said put him in the queue please.

Jolene O'Signac thanked Shannon. O'Signac said um, as a point of information for the membership she just wants to make them aware that she is part of an um, lawsuit against the current Election....it just happened as well as the one coming forth. O'Signac said um, the Hearing is set for January 20th and while this does not reflect on any way the um, people that were elected it is dealing with um, the irregularities that have happened in their Ele.....their Elections. O'Signac thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he apologizes Jolene he should have said this before is anything that is arguing about the Election at this time is not the forum, okay. Crampton said so going forward please refrain from that um, and Jolene does she have anything further.

Jolene O'Signac said no.

Recorder Wittenberg said he was in the queue next.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks that some of this they should refrain from as well speaking about the Muskegon Project. Romanelli said as the Speaker just stated the Governor has stated that she can't make a decision until February that tells them that the project is not dead. Romanelli said he just met with the Governor three or four weeks ago and so when they have Tribal members out there saying the project is dead....it is not dead.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he said the project is dead and no he did not say that the Governor is not going to make a decision until February she said she can't do anything until February when the decision was made on the determination for Grand River and in that timeframe her ___ to make a decision concluded.

Ogema Romanelli attempted to make a comment but Speaker Crampton started his comments and the comment was lost in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said the first application is dead.

Ogema Romanelli said he heard the last part and yes, the first one is dead. Romanelli said the second one the possibilities are still there. Romanelli said so he will leave it at that. Romanelli said hea.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said there is no second application for gaming that is not true.

Ogema Romanelli said he is done.

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said her first comment is that "thank you Shannon," for that information who they can call but her question is they went to Tribal Council.....

There was a person in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "Good morning," but it was not known who was speaking or where it was coming from. The comments were coming from someone's connection online.

Sara Agosa continued....and ___ being paid so she would like to see all of Tribal Council to step into.....

The person in the background was still talking on the ZOOM recording but it was not known who was speaking or where it was coming from. The comments were coming from someone's connection online.

Sara Agosa continued....learn the truth in this information....

That same person was talking to someone else in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not known who was speaking or where it was coming from or even what was being said.

Sara Agosa continued....she thinks often times personally she feels.....she was still speaking but none of her comments were understood clearly because of the background interruption.

Speaker Crampton said ah, Recorder can they shut that person down.

That same person kept talking in the background and was getting louder on the ZOOM recording but it was not known who was speaking or where it was coming from. The comments were coming from someone's connection online.

Sandy Mezeske said that is Michael Burmeister.

Speaker Crampton said shut that mic down. Crampton said okay, please proceed Sara.

Sara Agosa said um, like she was saying that she feels often times Tribal Council basically please step up and respectfully do their job so they're given accurate information especially when it comes to millions of dollars and enforce their laws. Agosa said also enforce when Elected Officials are being dishonest. Agosa said she will just leave it at that. Agosa said her final comment is that she would just like to caution the Ogema and Tribal Council that they have Constitutional Rights and to please respect Freedom of Speech. Agosa said she feels like sometimes these meetings are getting too restrictive they absolutely have a right to express their concerns she doesn't understand why the elections that should be covered under Freedom of Speech and most definitely the Shoreline Project. Agosa said that is all she has to say. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, before he proceeds he would just like to point out that this is not the forum there is nothing being disrespected by telling her that is not the forum to bring that up in. Crampton said there is court now the Constitution clearly defines that court as the um, justifier. Crampton said not the....no determination can be made by the Tribal Council or the Ogema's Office. Crampton said so him saying this is not the forum....

Part One of the First Open Session recording ended at 1:17:50 and 11:15 a.m.

Speaker Crampton continued....okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, he would just like to remind everybody this is not only a government this is a Tribe. Crampton said recently he was invited to attend some meetings over the weekend virtually....eh, ah, over the internet. Crampton said the first thing that struck him was those that were conducted were very, very appropriately inline with the teachings. Crampton said if somebody looked sideways they were gone and it was a respectful atmosphere. Crampton said some of the questions that are coming forward here he understands the passions on both sides of the issue just as clearly state that this is not the issue. Crampton said they have people coming in to celebrate a win maybe that's not their win maybe that's not their truth but it was tainted. Crampton said it shouldn't have been tainted even if it wasn't anybody he didn't like, they didn't like or anybody likes this is the forum where everything should be as their teachings present. Crampton said so when he asks them just to be respectful saying this is not the forum he is not chastising them they can go ahead and be just as disrespectful as they want he will have to remove them but all he can do is remind them. Crampton said and please keep in mind this is not just a government this is also a Tribe and he understands about being respectful and everything. Crampton said please, please, please keep that in mind.

Crampton thanked them. Crampton said and with that in mind um, please Sara go ahead.

Sara Agosa said she thought that was in their teachings truth and honesty is paramount.paramount and also paramount to ensuring a healthy community. Agosa said that is all she has to say. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said oh, no, his issue.what he was trying to state was that um, she brought up an issue and then there was two answers given. Crampton said they were conflicting; the first one was the Executive and the Council and then she came back and lumped them both together and she said everybody be truthful. Crampton said if there are two sides to the story one is truthful and one is not then she lumped them all back together that's the only.he.he apologizes. Crampton said he is just going to move on because he doesn't want to exacerbate the issue. Crampton asked does anybody else have any Public Comment at this time. Crampton said if not he would just like to congratulate the winners of the election and welcome to the Election Board. Crampton said and at this time the Tribal Council will be moving 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 he would like to thank Judge La Porte for her participation and he will entertain a motion to conclude the First Open.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton said they will be ending the meeting at what.11:23. Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the issue. Crampton asked any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor at ah, 11:23. Wittenberg said motion to end First Open Session.....

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Recorder and that everybody else have a good day.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wittenberg called the meeting quorum lost and the Second Open Session was not conducted.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



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Ron Wittenberg,
Tribal Council Recorder