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General Tribal Council



Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, January 20, 2020
Three Clans Ballroom, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

Minutes

1 *The General Tribal Council of the Oneida Nation met Monday, January 20, 2020, at a duly called meeting*
2 *with 1,725 registered tribal members in attendance.*
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ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

5 Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Secretary Lisa Summers,
6 Treasurer Trish King, Council members: Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Kirby Metoxen, Ernie
7 Stevens III, Jennifer Webster;
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I. WELCOME (00:00:02)

11 *John Breuninger brought in the colors. The colors were retired. Chairman Tehassi Hill provided the*
12 *opening.*
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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL MEETING TO ORDER (00:08:54)

16 *Chairman Tehassi Hill called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.*

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17 III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:13:16)

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19 Motion by Debra Powless to adopt the agenda in the following order: item V.A. *Oneida Golf Enterprise –*
20 *Ladies Professional Golf Association final report* to be first on the agenda; item IV.A. *2020 annual*
21 *Treasurer's report* to be addressed next with an update (written or verbal) on the Oneida Hemp Project;
22 and to allow the auditors, Mr. Corey Topp and Mr. Ryan Hirsch from RSM US, LLP, into the meeting for
23 the audit presentation. Seconded by Gina Buenrostro. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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25 Amendment to the main motion by Gina Buenrostro to allow the auditors, Mr. Corey Topp and Mr.
26 Ryan Hirsch from RSM US, LLP, into the meeting for the audit presentation. Seconded by Kathy
27 Mauritz. **Amendment withdrawn**

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29 Amendment to the main motion by Madelyn Genskow that if we have not completed the agenda, we
30 will recess at 10:00 p.m. and reconvene in 60 days; and that when we recess, the health people stay
31 seated and the people with canes and walkers, and the people that accompany them, exit first.

32 Seconded by Kathy Mauritz. **Amendment carried by show of hands**

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34 Amendment to the main motion by Nancy Barton that the minutes to the previous GTC meetings not
35 included in this packet be included in the next GTC meeting packet (tentatively scheduled for March
36 16, 2020) or when this meeting reconvenes. **Amendment ruled out of order by Chairman Tehassi**
37 **Hill; topic not noticed in accordance with the Oneida General Tribal Council Ten Day Notice**
38 **Policy and if the next meeting is reconvened in 60 days, per the prior amendment, the agenda**
39 **cannot be changed**

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41 Amendment to the main motion by Mike Debraska to table this until those minutes are provided to
42 GTC. **Amendment ruled out of order by Chairman Tehassi Hill; all the materials are available**
43 **today in order to make a decision, there is no missing information**

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45 *Item V.A. is addressed next.*

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46 IV. REPORTS

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48 A. 2020 annual Treasurer's report (02:09:48)

49 *Introduction provided by Treasurer Trish King*

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51 1. FY-2019 Financial overview presentation (02:16:36)

52 *PowerPoint presented by Larry Barton, Chief Financial Officer.*

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54 a) Oneida Hemp Project verbal report¹ (02:26:50)

55 *Verbal report provided by Pat Pelky, Division Director/Environmental, Health, Safety &*
56 *Land*

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58 Motion by Nancy Barton that any expenditures from the OTIE/CDPC budget of 6 million dollars need to
59 come before GTC for approval. **Motion rules out of order by Chairman Tehassi Hill; there is no**
60 **OTIE/CDPC budget of 6 million dollars**

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62 Motion by Debra Powless that the Treasurer to identify the authorizing body for approval decision of the
63 Hemp Project, its founding resolution, identification of the source of all funds disbursed (to include the
64 budget line item name/identification/timeframe) for the Hemp project; that a follow up report by the
65 Treasurer include full minutes of the Hemp Project, the Executive Summary, and its initial projections
66 used to justify funding of the Hemp Project; that the follow up report include the projection of profit, actual
67 return on investment of the Hemp Project and timeline of events (approval to current scenario); and
68 that the follow up report be provided to GTC within 30 calendar days as an addendum report by mail-out
69 and publication in the Kalihwisaks. Seconded by Ben Cannon. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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71 Motion by Gina Buenrostro to direct the Business Committee prepare for the legalization of marijuana in
72 the State of Wisconsin; that the Business Committee consult with experts and bring back a business
73 strategy; and that the business strategy be brought back to GTC at the 2020 semi-annual GTC meeting
74 agenda. Seconded by Stacy Grignon. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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76 Amendment to the main motion by Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies that the business strategy include the
77 banking impacts, IGRA impacts, and any other regulatory impacts. Seconded by Gina Buenrostro.

78 **Amendment carried by show of hands**

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80 Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the 2020 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Debbie Danforth.

81 **Motion carried by voice vote**

¹ This topic, related to the Treasurer's report, was added at the adoption of the agenda.

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82 **2. FY-2019 Comprehensive Financial Audit report by RSM US, LLP. (03:22:07)**

83 *PowerPoint presented by Mr. Corey Topp and Mr. Ryan Hirsch from RSM US, LLP.*

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85 Motion by Nancy Barton to accept the FY-2019 Comprehensive Financial Audit report. Seconded by
86 Terry Cornelius. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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88 Motion by Gina Buenrostro to address item VII.B. 2020 General Election Date next. Seconded by Debra
89 Powless. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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91 *Item VI.B. is addressed next.*

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93 **B. 2020 annual Land Acquisition report²**

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95 *Items from this agenda that were not addressed were forwarded to the November 15, 2022, virtual*
96 *General Tribal Council meeting*

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98 **C. 2020 annual reports**

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104 **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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106 **A. Oneida Golf Enterprise – Ladies Professional Golf Association final report (00:37:46)**

107 *PowerPoint presented by Eric McLester, Business Compliance Analyst*

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109 Motion by Debra Powless that the OBC be directed to provide a financial strategy to replace those funds
110 lost due to mismanagement and incorrect projection of profit within 30 calendar days as an addendum
111 report to the GTC, by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks, and GTC packet report; with a
112 [subsequent] special GTC meeting called for the purpose of further review and decision of the GTC; and
113 to identify the difference between the general fund and the executive contingency account and the
114 amounts of each account, identified by fiscal years [2017-2019], be provided [as amended]. Seconded by
115 Cathy L. Metoxen. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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117 Amendment to the main motion by Alexis John that the financial strategy requested in 30 calendar
118 days be deferred to the 2020 semi-annual GTC meeting; and that there be no subsequent GTC
119 meeting. Seconded by Terry Skenandore. **Motion carried by hand count: 755 support; 352**
120 **opposed; 111 abstained**

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122 Motion by Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies that any economic development or financial strategy be reviewed
123 and vetted by an independent 3rd party for appropriate due diligence; that the strategy include any and all
124 pertinent assumptions; that the strategy be presented to GTC for review and approval; and that the
125 independent 3rd party be present at the GTC meeting to answer any questions. Seconded by Mike
126 Debraska. **Motion carried by show of hands**

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128 *Item IV.A is addressed next.*

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129 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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131 **A. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation Dissolution update³**

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133 *Items from this agenda that were not addressed were forwarded to the November 15, 2022, virtual*
134 *General Tribal Council meeting*

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136 **B. 2020 General Election Date (03:42:41)**

137 *Introduction provided by Chairman Tehassi Hill*

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139 Motion by Susan House to set the 2020 General Election on July 4, 2020. Seconded by Tina Danforth.

140 **Motion carried by hand count: 761 support; 421 opposed; 37 abstained**

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142 Amendment to the main motion by Tina Danforth that there be public notice within 30 days of today of
143 the caucus date and primary date. Seconded by Terry Cornelius. **Motion carried by show of**
144 **hands**

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146 Motion by Terry Cornelius to recess at 10:06 a.m. Seconded by Barry Skenandore. **Motion carried by**
147 **voice vote**

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150 **VII. ADJOURN**

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MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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I. WELCOME (00:00:02)

TEHASSI HILL: Good evening. It's 6:00. I'll ask John Breuninger to come forward for the posting of the Color Guard.

JOHN BREUNINGER: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Before we all stand, in recognition of the veterans of the United States military, the reservists, and any veteran, please stand and be recognized. These are our veterans of the Oneida Nation. [applause] Thank you all for your service. This evening the Colors are being presented by the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee. Carrying the Eagle staff tonight is Kenneth House, United States Air Force and United States Navy; carrying the Oneida Nation flag is Jerry Cornelius, United States Army; Dale Webster, United States flag; Art Cornelius is carrying the Wisconsin flag. He was in the Air Force; the POW flag is carried by Barry Skenandore, United States Army. All rise that can, please. Color Guard, ten hut. Order, colors. Forward, march. Present colors.

[National Anthem]

JOHN BREUNINGER: Color Guard, order colors. Right face. Forward march. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the Color Guard.

TEHASSI HILL: I will give this evening's invocation, and we'll do our announcements, and then we'll get this meeting started. [Prayer recited in Oneida]

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL MEETING TO ORDER (00:08:54)

TEHASSI HILL: All right, take a seat, and we'll go over the announcements and get this meeting started. All right, good evening. Welcome. I would just like to start this meeting out by taking a moment of silence. Again, there has been a lot of loved ones lost since our meeting, so please indulge in a moment of silence for those who recently lost loved ones. All right, thank you, and then again, we pass on our condolences and our love to all those ones who have family members who lost loved ones, so again, it's always a tragic time when losing a family member, and we seem to have a lot of that the last couple of years, so just keep those families in your minds. General announcements--Secretary Summers and Councilman Webster will be going to the overflow room. Time keeper is going to be Brooke. This is the first meeting under the new resolution, GTC Resolution 12-2-19A established rule regarding presentations of speakers, setting time limits. The following time limits shall be applied:

- Upon calling the meeting to order, any member calling for a privileged question or point of order is excluded from the rule.
- Speakers--Upon calling the meeting to order, members are limited to 3 minutes per person. A member may make all comments -- must make all comments and questions asked and make any requested motions within the 3 minute time period, once per topic.
- Upon calling the meeting to order, members are limited to speak once per topic until all interested parties have had the opportunity to speak and may be recognized one additional time. A topic is defined as discussion period, the main motion, and any amendments, so a person may have a chance to speak four times.

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- 200 • Presentations--Upon calling the meeting to order, presentations are limited to 15 minutes per
201 presenter.

202 Again, this is a meeting of the General Tribal Council of the Oneida Nation. Please remember these
203 meetings are confidential. At the General Tribal Council meeting on March 17, 2019, GTC adopted
204 resolution entitled "Reconfirming the Declaration of Confidentiality of General Tribal Council meetings."
205 Through this resolution the General Tribal Council reaffirmed its declaration that GTC meetings are
206 confidential meetings for members only and not subject to public access regarding documents and audio
207 and video recordings without specific permission from General Tribal Council. If there are any non-tribal
208 members in the room, please leave now. This is a closed meeting for citizens of the Oneida Nation only.
209 I'd like to remind everyone that these meetings, we operated under the adopted Rules of Decorum. The
210 Rules of Decorum are GTC meeting attendees shall treat each other with respect; GTC meeting
211 attendees shall not use profanity, interrupt others, heckle or threaten others, disrespect property, exhibit
212 behavior that disrupts the meeting or endangers the safety of other attendees, be under the influence of
213 alcohol or illegal drugs, have a weapon on their person in violation of any applicable law, take action that
214 violates any law of the Nation. This is your meeting. The behaviors that violate the Rules of Decorum are
215 disruptive to everyone attending. Should you witness any of these behaviors, please raise this issue
216 during the meeting so that they can be addressed. Go to the mic or notify security so that they can be
217 addressed immediately by this body. Again, at the end of the meeting, please remember to pick up your
218 garbage and put your packets in the recycling bins, and please be respectful to our elders and let them
219 line up and exit first. Again, with the adoption of the agenda, we would also need to include in the motion
220 for adoption of the agenda to include Corey Topp and Ryan Hirsch from RSM, the auditing firm, for them
221 to make their presentation to General Tribal Council for that section. So with that, I'll call this meeting to
222 order. Looking for a motion to adopt the agenda with Corey Topp and Ryan Hirsch to be in the General
223 Tribal Council meeting.

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226 **III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:13:16)**

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228 TEHASSI HILL: All right, as usual, I'm going to start at microphone A, and go to B, then C, so we have a
229 person at microphone A. Please state your name for the record.

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231 DEBRA POWLESS: Debra Powless. Okay, I move to approve the agenda in the following order: The final
232 report, Oneida Golf Enterprise, Thornberry Creek Tournament '17, '18, and '19, Resolution OBC 10231C
233 as first item on the agenda regarding the \$12.5 million loss. I further move that the Business Committee
234 be directed to provide a financial strategy to replace those funds lost due to mismanagement and
235 incorrect projection of profit within 30 calendar days --

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237 TEHASSI HILL: Excuse me, but we have to adopt the agenda before we can take any action on the items
238 on the agenda.

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240 DEBRA POWLESS: I am adopting that, the agenda, with these following amendments.

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242 TEHASSI HILL: This is a bit out of order. Again, we adopt the agenda, and then we go -- if you want to
243 change the arrangement of the agenda, please do so. If you want to have the LPGA presentation first,
244 that's perfectly fine, but if -- it's out of order to be making motions on an item that we haven't gotten to yet.

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246 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay, I move to approve the agenda in the following order: The Oneida Golf
247 Enterprise, Thornberry Creek '17, '18, '19 as first item on the agenda, and I move to also for second item

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248 on the agenda the 2020 Annual Treasurer's Report to provide a verbal report or written on the Oneida
249 Hemp project.

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251 TEHASSI HILL: We'll wait for the motion to get recorded. All right, does the motion look correct to you?
252 They just put it on the screen.

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254 DEBRA POWLESS: Yeah. Yes.

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256 TEHASSI HILL: And then just for clarification, your question on the hemp project would probably be more
257 in order in the annual reports section of the agenda. Does it matter where that is addressed?

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259 DEBRA POWLESS: What I've done is I've made a motion for the Treasurer's report to come in second
260 and in there to the first item of report is to have the hemp report discussion.

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262 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, so -- because what the Treasurer's report, that's a presentation of the numbers,
263 and then in the actual -- the Annual Reports, that's where the section is where the discussion could be
264 had about the hemp project.

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266 DEBRA POWLESS: Well, in the Treasurer's report, that's not just discussion. Well, it's discussion on the
267 financial activities of the Tribe, and the hemp is a financial activity of the Tribe that's been conducted, and
268 there's been no forwarding reports provided to date.

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270 TEHASSI HILL: All right. So the motion -- who's the seconder? Oh, yeah, and also to clarify that we --
271 someone needs to make an amendment if not included in this motion to allow the two auditors in the
272 meeting to do their presentations. All right, so Gina Buenrostro seconds the motion and she makes an
273 amendment to the main motion to allow Corey Topp and Ryan Hirsch into the GTC to make their
274 presentation on the annual audit. Is there a second to that motion? Kathy Mauritz seconds. All right, just
275 hang on. We'll wait for that to get up on the screen. So we'll vote on the amendment first to allow the
276 auditors into the meeting for their presentation. All right, there's room for one more amendment. Please
277 state your name and your amendment.

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279 MADELYN GENSKOW: Madelyn Cornelius Genskow. I'd like to make an amendment that in
280 consideration of those who are not very healthy who have gathered here tonight that if we have not
281 completed the agenda, that we will recess at 10 p.m. and reconvene in six days and that when the
282 meeting is recessed or ends, that the healthy people will stay seated while the people who have canes or
283 walkers will leave first with the people who have accompanied them. You always have -- you have one
284 place for those people with canes and walkers and there's a log jam there, and the healthy people are
285 moving really fast out all the other doors, and so you've got all those people who are not very healthy all
286 jammed up in one door, so that's my -- you know, that's why I made that motion.

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288 TEHASSI HILL: All right, we'll wait for it to get on the screen. You can check it over to make sure it's
289 worded properly.

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291 MADELYN GENSKOW: That is correct.

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293 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so Madelyn makes the second amendment to the main motion. Is there a
294 second to that amendment? Kathy Mauritz seconds the second amendment. We have a point of order I
295 hear from somewhere. There's a point of order in the overflow room. Please come to the mic and state
296 your name and your point of order.

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298 NANCY BARTON: Mr. Chairman, my name is Nancy Barton, and normally in these meetings, we follow
299 the succession of microphone A, B, and C, and what you just did was you recognized the main motion
300 and the amendment without going in the order that you normally should, so now there's a main motion, an
301 amendment that was not recognized at the microphone, and a second amendment without calling on
302 microphone C, so I'm calling a point of order on your adopting the -- recognizing adopting the agenda.
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304 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, so a point of order on, I guess, essentially myself. I did start at microphone A, and
305 as I noticed in the part of the announcements that we needed to have a motion to allow the auditors to
306 come into the room to do their presentation, and we -- and I did announce it again and we did have a
307 person that was seated so move that, and so I guess in the process to expedite getting the agenda
308 moving, I did recognize a person out of order, but the next person that was waiting in line was at
309 microphone B and also did have a chance to -- did have a chance to make her amendment, so I guess at
310 this point, if we want to go ahead and start back after the main motion, it's probably not a good idea at
311 this point. If you don't like the amendments that are before you, you can decline those. But I do recognize
312 that I did take that first amendment out of our normal working order of microphone A, B, and C. A
313 privileged question at microphone B first, and then there's a privileged question at microphone C.
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315 MADELYN GENSKOW: Why can't you have the original motioner, Debbie, ask her to include that in her
316 motion.
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318 TEHASSI HILL: That, again, is really up to the motioner and --
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320 DEBRA POWLESS: Are we talking about the auditor inclusion?
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322 TEHASSI HILL: The auditor inclusion.
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324 DEBRA POWLESS: That's fine.
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326 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so we are doing a little bit of changing up here on the fly to try to keep things in
327 order, so the main motioner agrees to include the language for the auditors to be present in the room to
328 make their presentations.
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330 DEBRA POWLESS: Yes.
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332 TEHASSI HILL: --and then so that brings us back into order. There is no amendment by Gina, seconded
333 by Cathy, for -- I'll try to address Gina and do you withdraw your amendment? Okay, that amendment is
334 withdrawn. There is no action needed for that, seconder concur? Kathy Mauritz, do you concur with Gina
335 withdrawing her motion? Okay. Her amendment. All right, so that brings us back to a main motion and
336 one amendment by Madelyn Genskow and we are having discussion, so I'm going to go to microphone C
337 because there's -- we have a member at microphone C, so if you have an amendment please say so.
338 Please state your name and your discussion of your amendment.
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340 NANCY BARTON: My name is Nancy Barton, and in the process of adopting this agenda, there are no
341 minutes regarding all of our previous past GTC meetings for the last six months or year, and normally that
342 should happen at the annual and semi-annual meeting, and I'm looking for an explanation why they're not
343 included in here. We have the minutes that are cut and pasted in this packet regarding the LPGA, but we
344 do not have the minutes from the previous GTC meetings, and so I'm looking for an explanation why and

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345 my second amendment includes at that next meeting if we do not finish all of the business that those
346 minutes be included in the packet. That's my amendment.

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348 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just wait a second. Can you restate your motion and make sure we're getting it
349 recorded properly?

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351 NANCY BARTON: My motion, my amendment, the second amendment to my motion is that the minutes
352 to the GTC meetings, previous GTC meetings were not included in this annual packet. I'm looking for an
353 explanation why, and my amendment includes that at the next meeting, that all of those minutes be
354 included in that packet, and I believe our next meeting is on March 9th, or if this meeting reconvenes with
355 unfinished business, whichever comes first, I guess.

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357 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Nancy, so --

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359 NANCY BARTON: It's not up on the screen in here so I can look at it. Okay -- the second part of that
360 should say, "At the meeting on March 9th or if this meeting reconvenes."

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362 TEHASSI HILL: All right, we'll have to make a clarification on --

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364 NANCY BARTON: Yes, I'm looking for the clarification in the parentheses if that is the correct date for the
365 next scheduled GTC meeting.

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367 TEHASSI HILL: That is the date for the next tentatively scheduled GTC meeting.

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369 NANCY BARTON: Okay, thank you.

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371 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so with the motion on the screen, I'll have to make a ruling that the -- I'll read the
372 motion: The minutes to the previous General Tribal Council meeting not included in this packet be
373 included in the next GTC meeting packet, tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2020 or when this meeting
374 reconvenes, so with that motion, I'll have to rule it out of order General Tribal Council at this point,
375 because General Tribal Council is adopting the agenda today, so all we can talk about is the stuff that's in
376 this packet. Excuse me. If the first amendment passes and we have to recess at 10:00. It's a recess,
377 which means we reconvene this very same meeting and we don't adopt the agenda, we don't have
378 additional information included in the packet. It's just to finish up what's before us today. So that is the
379 process that we follow, and again, this is the annual meeting, so under normal circumstances, if we
380 recess or adjourn this meeting before we complete the agenda, normally these items will go to the semi-
381 annual meeting in July, but there is an amendment today that would change that to make it sooner than
382 July. Just so everybody's aware that that's the normal succession of an annual and semi-annual meeting
383 agenda items. They just carry over to the next agenda, but if we go through this process and make these
384 amendments to the agenda and the scheduling, then those items will go to a special meeting, and we
385 won't be able to change the agenda at all. It's just going to be what we adopt here today and that's all the
386 information before us, so at this point, I'll have to call that second amendment out of order because we
387 wouldn't be able to add through our own rules for getting information in front of General Tribal Council. It's
388 not possible.

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390 NANCY BARTON: Well how unfortunate that GTC has not been provided accurate information on a
391 timely manner. We came here, I got the packet hoping that I would get the minutes from the last
392 meetings. We hire an outside source to record our meeting minutes. I don't understand how you are
393 looking at this as a complete agenda without all of the information. I guess, you know, this meeting then

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394 would be -- should be ruled out of order because the minutes are not included in the packet, and this is
395 not the first time this has happened.

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397 TEHASSI HILL: Nancy, okay, we get your point and the minutes not included in this packet is not -- the
398 minutes included in the annual report packet is not a requirement to hold a meeting. I'm sure -- we've got
399 Secretary Summers standing behind you. If you would allow, we could have this brief discussion about
400 the minutes and -- all right, there's a call for the question at microphone A, so that prompts us to vote on
401 the -- or the amendment. The first amendment to the main motion. So if we could get that amendment on
402 the screen, I will read it again, and we will vote on that amendment to the main motion by Madelyn
403 Genskow, seconded by Kathy Mauritz. If we have not completed the agenda we will recess at 10 p.m.
404 and reconvene in 60 days and that we recess for the health of the people -- the healthy people stay
405 seated and the people with canes and walkers and the people that accompany them exit first, so that is
406 the first amendment to the main motion. That's what we are voting on right now, so if you support this
407 motion, please raise your hand. If you support this motion, or amendment, please raise your hand. If you
408 support this amendment. We're voting. There's no discussion. If you oppose this amendment, please
409 raise your hand. If you oppose this amendment. Please raise your hand. If you abstain from this motion,
410 please raise your hand. If you abstain, please raise your hand. All right, with a vote by show of hands, the
411 amendment passes. So now we're moving back to the main motion which is still under discussion unless
412 we go to a vote, but at this point, we're still under discussion of the main motion now, unless there's a
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415 MIKE DEBRASKA: Mr. Chair, has only one amendment been made to the main motion?

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417 TEHASSI HILL: Only one amendment to the main motion has been made.

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419 MIKE DEBRASKA: Then I'd like to make a motion -- an amendment to the main motion to table.

420 TEHASSI HILL: Hang on. I need to go around. You're at microphone C. So I'm going to go to microphone
421 A -- no microphone B. I'm looking around -- all right, back to Mike Debraska at microphone C.

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423 MIKE DEBRASKA: Yes, I'd like to make an amendment to the main motion that we table this until those
424 minutes are provided to General Tribal Council. This continues to happen with every piece and every
425 meeting we have. We're given bits and pieces of information and expected to make rational sound
426 financial decisions.

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428 TEHASSI HILL: Mike, if you're making a motion to table, there's no discussion. There's no discussion on
429 a table, we just go to a vote.

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431 MIKE DEBRASKA: Great. Let's go to a vote, then. Thank you.

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433 TEHASSI HILL: All right, we're going to a vote. Mike -- all right, clarification on the motion to table. Again,
434 I try to do my best with remembering all the rules around tabling, and I was reminded again that tabling is
435 only in order if there is missing information that needs to be presented, and at this time, the record is
436 complete. All the information that has been presented to General Tribal Council is in the packet, and
437 again, I state that the meeting minutes are not a requirement to hold a General Tribal Council meeting. So
438 at this point I am going to rule the tabling of this -- the tabling of the meeting is out of order at this point.
439 We have another privileged question at microphone B. Please state your name and your privileged
440 question.

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442 MADELYN GENSKOW: I would like to make a motion that the minutes will be presented in that March
443 meeting which has not been mailed out yet. Can I do that? There's only one amendment on the floor.

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445 TEHASSI HILL: That's not a privileged question.

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447 MADELYN GENSKOW: No, the question is, can I do that?

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449 TEHASSI HILL: I know, but you said you had a privileged question so I went to you.

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451 MADELYN GENSKOW: Yeah. That's the question.

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453 TEHASSI HILL: And that's not a privileged question is what I'm telling you.

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455 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, a privileged question is about what's going on in the process.

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457 TEHASSI HILL: The process, correct. If I am not -- me or someone in this room isn't following the
458 process, then you can ask for a privileged question or point of order to get things back on track, but you --

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460 MADELYN GENSKOW: Can someone do that? That's the question, privileged question.

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462 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so again, your question is out of order.

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464 MADELYN GENSKOW: I don't know how you come to that conclusion.

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466 TEHASSI HILL: Because we just left microphone C in the overflow room so it goes back to microphone A
467 and you attained acknowledgement from the chair to speak at microphone B, out of order, because you
468 asked for a privileged question which is stating that we are --

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470 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, maybe I'm not making a motion but I'm asking if anybody can do that.

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472 TEHASSI HILL: And that's not a privileged question. All right, so we have a call for the question, and at
473 this point, we're back to the main motion. Motion by Debra Powless, seconded by Gina Buenrostro, to
474 adopt the agenda in the following order: Item V.A., Oneida Golf Enterprise Ladies Professional Golf
475 Association Final Report to be first on the agenda; Item IV.A. 2020 Annual Treasurer's Report to be
476 addressed next with the updates written or verbal on the Oneida Hemp Project, and to allow the auditors,
477 Mr. Corey Topp and Mr. Ryan Hirsch from RSM US LLP into the meeting for the audit presentation. That
478 is the motion. If you support the motion -- the question has been called for. We're in the middle of voting,
479 so if you support the motion, please raise your hand. If you support the motion, please raise your hand. If
480 you are opposed to the motion, please raise your hand. If you are opposed to the motion, please raise
481 your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand. Those abstaining. All right. Thank you
482 very much. We have an adopted agenda by show of hands, and by the main motion, we are starting off
483 with the LPGA report, so if I could have Eric McLester --

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485 V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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487 A. Oneida Golf Enterprise – Ladies Professional Golf Association final report (00:37:46)

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489 ERIC MCLESTER: Good evening, everyone. I've got a short presentation. It's a duplication of some of
490 the information that was provided before, and then some summary information, some updated information
491 so I'll just begin with my slides and when we get through, I'll answer any questions. This is a close-out
492 report. The mailer that went out was the close-out report for the three year tournament of the LPGA
493 Classic Tournament. Just some history on Thornberry Creek at Oneida. On September 21, 2015, the
494 Oneida Golf Enterprise presented to General Tribal Council a proposal to be title sponsor for the
495 Thornberry Creek at Oneida LPGA Classic. The presentation projected revenues of \$18.8 million with a
496 total cost of \$16 million and a profit of \$2.8 million. GTC voted 1,090 in support of the tournament and 156
497 opposed. Also, just historically, there was \$2.8 million that was done to make improvements to the
498 property in preparation of the tournament, and this information was gathered from the information that
499 was sent out in the packet and the appendix. Just highlights from our information performance from the
500 first year, attendance was approximately 62,000. The casino, hotel, Wingate, Oneida retail, all saw slight
501 increases in the revenues and their occupancy, \$5.5 media impressions with an estimated viewership
502 value of \$13.7 million was realized, the economic impact estimated at \$7.2 million to Oneida and the
503 surrounding area, estimated \$83,000--there was an estimate when the presentation was made of \$83,000
504 charitable fundraising and the actual amount raised was \$42,000 for the indigenous games and other
505 Oneida youth sports. At the time of the original presentation the estimated sponsorship sales were \$2.7
506 million each year and the first year the actual sales were \$1.08 million. The performance from year two--
507 attendance was just over \$28,000. Again the casino, Radisson, Wingate, and retail all saw slight
508 increases from the first year. The economic impact estimated to be \$2.8 to Oneida and the surrounding
509 area. The estimated viewership value was over \$12 million. Again, estimated charitable contribution was
510 estimated at \$83, and the actual amount was \$30,000 for the indigenous games and other Oneida youth
511 sports. The estimated sponsorship sales, again, were \$2.7 million and actual sales were \$1.2 million, a
512 slight increase from the previous year. In year three, performance was just over 31,000 visitors, a slight
513 increase of 2,100 from the previous year, again, the casino, Radisson, Wingate, all saw slight increases
514 again. The economic impact was estimated at \$3.2 million to Oneida and the surrounding area. The
515 estimated viewership value from all TV, press, and digital medial coverage was \$9.8 million. Gulf Channel
516 viewership of \$1.6 million, \$4.5 million in digital views, \$7.4 million in social media impressions, and over
517 1,700 press articles were written during the week of the tournament. It was estimated again at \$83,000 in
518 charitable contributions, but the actual was \$37,000, again for the indigenous games and for other youth
519 sports. The estimated sponsorship sales again were estimated at \$2.7 and the actual sales were \$1.06
520 million. So just a summary of the three years of the tournament, capital improvements to the property
521 were \$2.84 million. This expanded the wedding and banquet opportunities out there, finished the locker
522 rooms, expanded the parking. They brought the course up to LPGA standards. There was a number of
523 upgrades to bring it up to code. New equipment, a lot of improvements done at the golf course in
524 preparation of the LPGA. Attendance is estimated at 100,000, over 100,000 for the three years. Total
525 viewership value of over \$35.5 million, charitable fundraising total over \$109,000, identification of
526 mismanagement and need to replace staff with an experienced sports management company was
527 realized and the change was made. Ongoing media presence and marketing value of almost \$5 million
528 going forward. The value of being an LPGA tournament host will help sell the golf course long into the
529 future, and then at the last meeting December 2, there was a request, a motion to accept the report as FY
530 only, as FYI only, and then there was four questions that were asked, and those questions were part of
531 the mailout but the four questions were how will the money be -- money loaned for the LPGA event be
532 paid back? Who voted for the loans for the LPGA event? Where's the authority for the Business

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533 Committee to supersede a General Tribal Council directive? And where did the money come from that the
534 Business Committee authorized to be loaned to the LPGA event? On that first question, I'm going to go
535 back to -- the first question was about how will the money loaned for the LPGA be paid back, and each
536 year--2017, 18, and 19, the tournament did not meet its expected goals for sponsorship and revenue. No
537 repayment had been made had been possible each year of the tournament as expenses exceeded
538 revenues; \$12,500,800 in '97 of debt owed to the Tribe by the Oneida Golf Enterprise was written off as
539 an uncollectible liability as there was no way it could be paid back and had been in default since year one.
540 Who voted for the loans for the LPGA? There was GTC action on September 21, 2015, presentation was
541 made and GTC voted to adopt GTC Resolution 09-21-15A. This action authorized the Oneida Business
542 Committee to authorize loaning funds to the Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation. This action approved
543 the OGE to enter into a contract with the LPGA for a three year commitment to host the tournament with
544 fixed costs of \$4.5 million each year. The Oneida Business Committee meeting on February 8, 2018--
545 there were two motions that happened in that meeting. The first motion was to convert \$2.84 million
546 regarding the capital improvements from the GTC09-21-15A OGE loan, to convert it from loan to capital
547 contribution. The second motion at that meeting was to increase the GTC09-21-15A OGE loan by \$2.2
548 million to cover the financial gap noticed to General Tribal Council at the September 21, 2015 meeting.
549 The next question is where is the authority for the Business Committee to supersede a GTC directive?
550 The original presentation estimated the cost at \$16 million to fund the tournament. GTC approved for the
551 BC to make a loan of \$8.86 million to the OGE. The presentation to the GTC on September 21st identified
552 that the remaining \$8 million would likely be made up through sponsorships and Tribal contribution.
553 Where did the money come from that the BC authorized to be loaned to the LPGA event? All money
554 loaned to the Oneida Golf Enterprise for the LPGA tournament came from the Tribe's general funds'
555 proceeds. No funds from the executive contingency account were used for this. And that concludes the
556 presentation. I'll ask if you could open up the questions now.

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558 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, so that was the presentation portion of the LPGA final report. Now we're opening
559 up for discussion. We'll go to microphone A. Please state your name for the record and you have three
560 minutes. Thank you.

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562 GINA BUENROSTRO: Good evening, General Tribal Council, Business Committee. Okay, so I had a
563 couple of questions, I don't think they're really for you, Eric. You were never involved in this. You're kind
564 of like, you know, a filter as I would recognize -- you're a filter because the Business Committee are the
565 ones that are directly responsible for this, so let me say this. I have no questions for you.

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567 ERIC MCLESTER: Okay.
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569 GINA BUENROSTRO: But I do have for the Business Committee. So one thing, in the last meeting that
570 we were in and we talked about this, and I do recognize everyone in the overflow room and the main
571 room, this is like a pain where a pill can't reach. It really is, this LPGA and the money that we spent or that
572 was misspent or what had you, so the thing that really bothers me and disturbs me is that we're kind
573 of glossing over it. However, in the last meeting, our Chief Financial Advisor, Terry Cornelius, made
574 comments that we made all this money. Gaming had their best years. They had their best years, it didn't
575 have nothing to do with the LPGA. The one thing that you said and you stated that really stuck in my
576 mind, Terry, is that we didn't have anything to measure the revenue like Green Bay did. Green Bay said
577 they made \$17 million. You made statements at the mic saying we didn't have measurements in place,
578 and so I'm thinking when you're all about the money and you're saying that we committed \$16 million to
579 this even that we had no measurements in place to measure the revenue that was coming in, going out,
580 expenditures, so forth, so on, and I think that's very negligent if we're going to spend that kind of money,
581 millions of dollars, and we didn't have any measurements in place. As being in the financial area, you

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582 guys are all the experts, you got your master's degrees, doctor degrees, all kind of degrees, but we didn't
583 have no measurements in place. That sounds ridiculous, so the other thing I want to say is in the real
584 world, in the business world people that run businesses, IBM, Starbucks, whoever, if their top people
585 misspend a million dollars, you best believe someone's getting reprimanded or held accountable, so in
586 this case, \$12.5 if not more has been misspent or we lost, and all you're saying is "we're writing it off."
587 Well, I don't remember GTC giving you the directive to say it's okay to write it off. Don't you think you
588 should have asked General Tribal Council first? We want to write this debt off. You should ask us. That's
589 our money, and a lot of us are very upset, we're very angry that we just misspent it and it's just -- we feel
590 like you guys are just blowing us over. But the last thing I want to say, I'll make it quick, is I do think each
591 one of you, all nine of you sitting up there, that you owe us an explanation, and if nothing else, you owe
592 us an apology, for withholding this information from us for three years. Year after year after year we have
593 to beg you to tell us about this. Give us the financials, disclose everything so at least we should get an
594 apology. Thank you.

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596 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your questions or your comments primarily. And again, this item
597 has been on the agenda for General Tribal Council several times throughout the year since 2015 with
598 reports provided, and noticed that they were not meeting projections, so again, there was no intent to
599 keep information from you. We tried up here to make sure that the information is given to you, General
600 Tribal Council, in the most timeliest manner which is at these GTC meetings and even provided additional
601 mailouts that were not a part of a GTC meeting just to keep General Tribal Council apprised of all the
602 information and all the movements going forward with this action that General Tribal Council approved.
603 So again, these are decisions that were made and the Business Committee is charged with carrying out
604 the directives of General Tribal Council and so the previous committee and this committee, that was our
605 marching orders--to complete this project that was undertaken. We will now go to microphone B. Please
606 state your name for the record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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608 MADELYN GENSKOW: Madelyn Cornelius Genskow. I remember back when we voted to -- \$60 million in
609 that golf course, and our Chair at the time, Tina Danforth, said that the Chairman of Hobart seemed to be
610 happy about that. Well, I guess -- am I the only one that thought why would he be happy about that? So I
611 investigated and what I found out is that when we bought the golf course, Rick Hill, a former Chair, had
612 signed away the sovereign immunity, so of course, they're happy about that. We'll be paying taxes to
613 them -- to that forever, and I have a question. Do they also have control over it?

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615 TEHASSI HILL: What do you mean by "control over it"?

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617 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, like the liquor license, all that stuff.

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619 TEHASSI HILL: There is -- there is liquor licenses applied for, both through the Oneida and Hobart.

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621 MADELYN GENSKOW: So we do have to get approval from Hobart to get that?

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623 TEHASSI HILL: No, not necessarily. There was a change in state law when this was up for -- an issue
624 with Thornberry Creek and Hobart, and so the state law was changed that Thornberry, if need be, could
625 go through the state to get a liquor license instead of Hobart.

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627 MADELYN GENSKOW: However, we will be paying taxes on that property, correct?

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629 TEHASSI HILL: Correct.

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631 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, I think that -- you know, you should have told us that before we were voting
632 to stick in \$60 million, and I don't know why I'm the only one that thought about that. Why would he be
633 happy about that? When your adversary is happy about something -- when you're going to spend \$60
634 million, you should be suspicious about that.

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636 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your comments. We're going to move to microphone C in the
637 overflow room. Please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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639 Mike Debraska: Thank you. Mike Debraska. I've got a couple of questions here. One, my first question is,
640 now we've hired a management company to take this over as I understand it? What is that contract going
641 to cost us now because according to the resolution 9-15-21A or whatever that is, hold on, I'm going to
642 bring it up here on my phone, it states here on page 2, that -- it says, "If selected to host the Oneida
643 LPGA Classic, OGEC will be obligated--obligated to pay approximately \$4.5 million annually for the LPGA
644 in associated pro-am purses, LPGA/TB sanctioning and event management fees." So my question -- my
645 first question to you guys is what's this management company going to cost us to do all this, to manage
646 this? And then additionally, it was my understanding, because I was at that original meeting, my
647 understanding was that GTC approved 8.5. You guys elected yourselves to loan them another \$8 million,
648 and I want to know where that 8 million came from because GTC only approved 8.5, not 16 as you're
649 stating.

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651 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Mike. I'll call on Eric to answer the management cost for the KSM.

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653 ERIC MCLESTER: Yes. Last year there was -- the forensic audit done at the golf course and it was
654 determined that one of the best course of action would be to hire a management company to take over
655 the management of the course, and pretty much rein in some of the concerns and issues that was
656 identified in the audit. The Business Committee and several members of the Tribe put an RP together.
657 They went out in search for a company to hire. They went through their screening process and selected a
658 company that currently manages about 115 other golf courses. We made the decision to contract with this
659 company to come in for a five year contract to manage the golf course and bring the expenses in line, get
660 the --

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662 MIKE DEBRASKA: And how much is it costing us? It's a five year contract. How much is that contract
663 costing us?

664 ERIC MCLESTER: I don't know. Is it okay to share that information?

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666 MIKE DEBRASKA: It's our money.

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668 ERIC MCLESTER: I have to take direction from counsel.

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670 TEHASSI HILL: Chief Counsel.

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672 MIKE DEBRASKA: Oh, so now we're not going to -- now we're --

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674 TEHASSI HILL: Mike, please.

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676 JO ANNE HOUSE: The Business Committee engaged OGE to operate the course. OGE has hired
677 Kemper Sports Management to manage the course itself. That contract contains confidentiality clauses in
678 order for OGE to obtain the best price and the best management company to operate that course. There
679 have been multiple occasions where information presented to the General Tribal Council has ended up in

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680 the newspaper that should have been maintained confidential. I would suggest that this is one of those
681 areas. We negotiated for the best price in that contract with KSM. If we release that information, we are in
682 violation of the contract. General Tribal Council is the governing body of this Nation when it's in order. I
683 believe that you can release that information. I believe that you should not release that information.

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685 MIKE DEBRASKA: May I just real briefly respond to that?

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687 TEHASSI HILL: No, Mike, your time has expired and according to the rules presented by General Tribal
688 Council elected --

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690 MIKE DEBRASKA: You allowed others to speak on my time.

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692 TEHASSI HILL: You allowed us to answer on your time. If you had additional questions --

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694 MIKE DEBRASKA: Now I got to tell you to stop?

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696 TEHASSI HILL: I read the rules, Mike. I read them right in the beginning that for you to answer all your
697 questions and get your motions in order in your three minutes, so --

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699 MIKE DEBRASKA: Thank you, you lying lumps.

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701 TEHASSI HILL: Your time has expired. And again, name calling is inappropriate. We are here to try to
702 conduct the business of the General Tribal Council and we're trying to get the information to you as best
703 as possible.

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705 LISA SUMMERS: Mr. Chairman, we need a point of order in the overflow room. I'm going to ask the body
706 to please settle down and pay attention to the presentation. You've been asking for a lot of information.
707 We are doing our best to provide it, and the heckling and the name calling and the noise that's going on in
708 this room right now is inappropriate and it hinders our ability to be able to provide the information. Now, I
709 know that everybody's not happy with the answer, however, we need to continue on and there needs to
710 be order in this room, and Mr. Chairman, there is still not order in this room, and I'm going to ask for you
711 to postpone continuing until the room settles down in here.

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713 TEHASSI HILL: All right, please bring the overflow room to order. Again, this is a meeting of the General
714 Tribal Council. We're here to provide information and for General Tribal Council to ask their questions,
715 and if there's continued disruptions and shouting out, that hinders the ability for other people who want to
716 hear that information that have requested this information from receiving it. So, again, please have order
717 in both the rooms so that the information can be relayed to every member that wishes to hear it. If you do
718 not wish to hear it, you don't have to listen, but the person next to you might want to hear it, so please do
719 not be disruptive. Eric?

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721 ERIC MCLESTER: If I could just say what some of the benefits of having a management company at the
722 golf course bring to the golf courses, they bring national brand. They've got, like I said, over 113, I think it
723 was the last time they notified me, that they manage, so they have a ton of buying power, both with food
724 and beverage, with all the golf course amenities, all the golf course equipment. They have their pricing --
725 there's a normal price and then they have their own corporate price that we get a discount for because of
726 that. They've got their own software system which was a major issue out there and one of the biggest
727 issues in the audit finding was the lack of accountability and the lack of a good structured accounting
728 system out there. This company brings in their own software and we're getting monthly reports with

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729 accurate information on a regular basis so the communication has improved, and the cost of this
730 management company is less than some of the people that we replaced out there when the changes
731 were made over the last year or two.

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733 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you, Eric. We're moving on to microphone A. Please state your name for
734 the record, and you have three minutes.

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736 Debra Powless: Debra Powless, and I make a motion -- is this where I can make the motion now? I make
737 a motion that I further move that the Oneida Business Committee be directed to provide a financial
738 strategy that will replace those funds lost due to mismanagement and incorrect projection of profit within
739 30 calendar days as an addendum report to the GTC by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks and
740 the GTC packet with a special meeting called for the purpose of review -- of further review and decision of
741 the General Tribal Council, and the funds for this loan that the general fund proceeds be separated out
742 from the executive contingency account and those amounts be identified in the report for each category.

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744 TEHASSI HILL: All right, please wait while we get the motion recorded. All right, can you read it again?

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746 DEBRA POWLESS: Me?

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748 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, can you read the motion again please? Thank you.

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750 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay. I move that the Business Committee be directed to provide a financial strategy
751 to replace those funds lost due to mismanagement and incorrect projection of profit within 30 calendar
752 days as an addendum report to the GTC by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks --

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754 TEHASSI HILL: Can you slow down a little bit? If you look at the screen, that's all they got recorded.

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756 DEBRA POWLESS: Why don't I just give you this because I've got an extra copy.

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758 TEHASSI HILL: Give it to Debbie.

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760 DEBRA POWLESS: Now, how is my time being treated with this little --

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762 TEHASSI HILL: You've got 45 seconds.

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764 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay. So roughly if you take it between the \$12.5 million plus that's been lost and
765 attempt to write it off, that potentially represents at least 24 homes that could have been bought for Tribal
766 members, etc., etc., and we are in no way in a financial situation to be consorting to fluff type activities
767 that only benefit a few.

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769 TEHASSI HILL: If you could clarify your last part. You were talking about separating the --

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771 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay. The last part is to identify the difference between the general fund proceeds
772 and the executive contingency account and identification of the full amount of each account. To identify
773 the difference between the general fund and the executive contingency account and the amounts of each
774 account be provided, identified by fiscal year. It's good.

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776 TEHASSI HILL: Is your motion --

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778 DEBRA POWLESS: Yes, it's good.

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780 TEHASSI HILL: Your motion is recorded correctly, okay. So at this point, I'm going to have to call on the
781 Secretary to verify the possibility of holding a GTC meeting in 30 days.

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783 DEBRA POWLESS: It's not a meeting; it's for the report to be mailed out and any subsequent meeting
784 from that point.

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786 TEHASSI HILL: So you're not specifying a date for the meeting to be called? Just the information be
787 mailed out in 30 days?

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789 DEBRA POWLESS: Right. Thirty calendar days, GTC by mailout and publication. GTC packet report with
790 a special meeting called for the purpose--that's where the Secretary would determine what would be
791 allowable in terms of timeline. All right, now I believe Cathy Metoxen was the second to that motion. All
792 right, clarification, Trish?

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794 TRISH KING: I'm sorry. On the second part, or would it be the third part, "to identify the difference
795 between the general fund and the executive contingency account and the amounts of each account
796 identified by fiscal year," how far back are you looking?

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798 DEBRA POWLESS: To coincide with the --what is it -- the 17, 18 and 19 of the LPG tournament
799 timeframe.

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801 TRISH KING: Okay, thank you.

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803 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so there is a motion by Debbie Powless, seconded by Cathy Metoxen, that the
804 Oneida Business Committee be directed to provide a financial strategy to replace those funds lost due to
805 mismanagement and incorrect projection of profit within 30 calendar days as an addendum report to GTC
806 by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks and GTC packet report with a subsequent special GTC
807 meeting called for the purpose of further review and decision of General Tribal Council and to identify the
808 difference between the general fund and the executive contingency account and the amounts of each
809 account identified by fiscal years 17, 18, 19 to be provided, so that is the motion that we're currently on
810 the table.

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812 DEBRA POWLESS: Call for the question.

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814 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, so I guess we're going to ask the CFO to kind of weigh in on this motion to try to
815 help clarify the intent and what is the possibility of getting this report completed.

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817 LARRY BARTON: I would like to say that I respect the motion. I don't have any judgement as such, only
818 that we have a single party transaction. We can't perfect a loan because the course of the transaction
819 would only come from the general fund, so it's just basically taking one hand, the dollars, and putting it
820 within the Tribe--one hand to the other, so there's not a third party source to extract assets to perfect a
821 liability. It's further noted that we did write the loan off. We did make that formal recommendation. That
822 correspondence is in the packet, and it is governed by accounting standards and rules as much. We
823 respect the membership wanting to have accountability for purpose of a loan and the expected
824 performance of the event, but as Eric mentioned, the results are what they are. The only means of which
825 conveyed by Ralinda, I'll acknowledge Ralinda, is if we would sell the assets, the building and the land
826 which I am not so sure we would be interested in liquidating not only the land but certainly the club house

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827 and all the assets therein. We would need to appraise the property. We did have \$10.75 million originally
828 on the books with the acquired value. We've since liquidated that loan. We disclosed that to the
829 membership. I respect the motion but again, we would be basically taking the liability and moving it one
830 hand to the other as a single party transaction, so I'm not sure how we would navigate around liquidating
831 the loan as a practical matter, holding a third party accountable, either by legal means or other. So we
832 hold the paper. We wrote it off. There's no other means of which to extract perfecting that liability,
833 respectfully.

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835 LINDA DALLAS: Point of order.

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837 TEHASSI HILL: There's a point of order being called in the overflow room. Please state your name and
838 your point of order.

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840 LINDA DALLAS: My name is Linda Dallas. My point of order is--can you put the motion back up, please? I
841 think that maybe there's a misunderstanding or maybe I'm misunderstanding what the motion says. It
842 says that the BC be directed to provide a financial strategy to replace those funds lost due to
843 mismanagement and make correct projection, a profit within 30 calendar days. The General Tribal
844 Council was directing you to find a way to do it, create a financial strategy. I don't know if you don't have
845 the knowledge and experience to do that or the education that we talked about at the last meeting, but
846 we're directing you to create the financial strategy and bring it back to the General Tribal Council for
847 review and consideration. We're not saying take what we have and liquidate it. Anybody could do that.
848 You have to use your brains; you have to use your knowledge and your experience and your education,
849 create a financial strategy, bring it back to us, and then we'll consider -- you need to do something to
850 correct what you did wrong. That's my point of order, and that's not intended for Larry or for Ralinda.
851 That's for the Business Committee.

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853 TEHASSI HILL: Thank you. That's not a point of order, though, so we're not going to recognize that
854 comment as a valid point of order at this point. We are having deliberation about the motion, and again,
855 this is an action of General Tribal Council to authorize this event, and again, it was the duty of the Oneida
856 Business Committee to carry out that action taken by General Tribal Council and so, again, as we're
857 talking here today, you know, there really -- what you're asking for, I guess, is a business plan for
858 expanded growth in revenues, and so as you know, we basically we have gaming and we have retail and
859 hospitality and some engineering and banking, what we do right now currently, and so if General Tribal
860 Council wishes to expand upon what we do, then that means also another investment. It doesn't -- it's not
861 free to start up another business or to invest in another business, to invest in the stock market--that all
862 takes money, as well, and again, all these different markets have different risks, and generally, our
863 decision-making here is relatively risk averse, so we don't like to start new businesses. We don't like to do
864 large scale investments and stuff that we're not that sure about. So again, this is a directive from General
865 Tribal Council to the Business Committee as I understand it that this would be requesting essentially, like
866 I said, a business plan to expand our revenues, and that, I guess, is not something that I would take
867 lightly or I don't believe the Business Committee would take lightly or the GTC should take lightly. If we're
868 looking to really grow, then it's going to take -- it's going to cost money and just like this, you never know
869 if it's going to be a profit or a loss in the end when it comes down to it. You know, we've had a long history
870 of investments into different types of businesses like technology with Einstein and all these different
871 things that just didn't work out in the past, you know, so I'm just here reminding you that GTC has made
872 these types of decisions in the past and the Business Committee has made these decisions in the past,
873 and they have not worked out that great in the most instances. But again, these are the risks that you
874 take when we get into business is sometimes they work out and a lot of the times they don't, you know. If
875 you get a business that lasts longer than five years, they're pretty much considered successful. Anything

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876 short of that five year mark, that was a business failure, so you know just reminding all of us that there
877 has been a lot of action taken in the past to try to diversify the Tribe's revenues into different areas and
878 they've not worked out the greatest, but there is some shining stars like the acquisition of OTIE, the
879 engineering firm, and the hotel in DC. Bay Bank is continuing to grow, so there is some successes that
880 we've faced over the years, but again, it's few and far between, and I know this has been a discussion,
881 even though we've been with Seven Gens which is another report for later tonight, so there's a lot going
882 on, and I'm just trying to make sure to remind General Tribal Council that these are big decisions and I
883 guess I don't foresee a problem with trying to develop a plan and bring it back to General Tribal Council,
884 but I believe that's going to take more than 30 days if you want a viable plan on how we're going to
885 increase our revenues in the years to come, and just reminding that our primary revenue source is
886 gaming, and our management of gaming does a great job year over year trying to increase those profits
887 and making sure that our marketing is done in the correct way and cutting wasteful spending and that
888 also goes with the program side, as well, how we try to make sure that we're running as efficiently as
889 possible when we're spending that revenue from gaming and retail essentially, So, you know, that's just
890 my two cents on this whole motion, so we will go ahead and continue with discussion at this point. I left at
891 microphone A which was Debra Powless, the motioner, so I'm going to go to microphone B. Please state
892 your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

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894 DEBRA POWLESS: Excuse me, I think you did do B, and you went to C, and now it's back to A.

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896 TEHASSI HILL: No, the privileged questions and those things don't count in the rotation.

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898 DEBRA POWLESS: But Madelyn was microphone B and she had her whatever, and then you went to C.

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900 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, you're at microphone A, so Gina started off the discussion at microphone A, then it
901 was Madelyn Genskow at microphone B, then Mike Debraska had his comments at microphone C, and
902 then you were up at microphone A and you made your motion that spurred all this discussion and
903 clarification, so now we're going to microphone B. So please state your name and you have three
904 minutes. Thank you.

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906 TINA DANFORTH: Tina Danforth. I'm not as short as Madelyn, by anyway, so with all due respect, there's
907 a lot of financial dysfunction, neglect, mismanagement that's occurred with this project, and yes, I did
908 support the LPGGA. That's true. I supported it four years ago, 2015/16, under certain conditions, and one
909 of those conditions was that you were going to stay within the parameters of the directives of the General
910 Tribal Council to expend \$8 million, not \$12 million, not \$12 million plus, so that's a huge mismanagement
911 of the General Tribal Council directive's funds, and to take it out of the general fund is mismanagement
912 and negligence and it is inappropriate, and there should be some accountability to the General Tribal
913 Council by the people, the Business Committee, who took action to do so. There's no way around that.
914 Those facts do not change, because they're in the literature that you sent us, very blatantly, so one of my
915 first questions is so the \$12 million that we wrote off, was that in addition to the \$2,841,000 that was
916 converted to capital? So is that in addition to that, or did that include that? That was your specific action.
917 Please answer it.

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919 TEHASSI HILL: Eric?

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921 ERIC MCLESTER: The \$2.84 million was converted from loan to a capital contribution. So it is in addition
922 to --

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924 TINA DANFORTH: In addition to the \$12 million that was written off?

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926 ERIC MCLESTER: --- it's in addition to the \$12.5, yes.

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928 TINA DANFORTH: So that's a very important fact that you should have told us rather than me having to
929 ask that you spent \$12 million plus another \$2.8 million. Very important information.

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931 TEHASSI HILL: The information is in the packet.

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933 TINA DANFORTH: So thank you, Eric, for clarifying that. Thank you. Please do not interrupt me. Please.
934 I've only got 3 minutes; you've got all night.

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936 TEHASSI HILL: Well, I have to correct misstatements while they happen.

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938 TINA DANFORTH: Well, you allowed Eric to answer, so own that. So the cost of the management
939 contract, we did not get an answer to that, okay? Eric did not specifically answer that question. Jo Anne
940 said yes, you could answer that, and I think you shouldn't answer that is what she literally said at the end
941 of her statement, so we are to be provided an answer that management contract that exists, and what is
942 the term of that contract? But don't answer me till my 3 minutes is up, because it's almost up. So my
943 problem is that what was the term of the loan to begin with? You didn't give them an opportunity to even
944 start to attempt to pay off the loan of the \$12 million, and granted Audit, and granted CFO said "write it
945 off". Yeah, write it off. Let's have clean books. Isn't that what we've been priding ourselves on this past
946 year? Well, let's have clean books and no debt, but let's have some financial irresponsibility with that. But
947 that's not good. That's not a good way to manage money. It's not a good way to manage business, and
948 that's from many years of experience that I speak from with the information that was provided to me, so
949 please answer the question about the management contract and the term of it and how much it was for
950 because we are entitled to that information. We definitely are.

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952 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your questions, your comments. Your time has expired, and then,
953 again, from the Parliamentarian about the ruling about the contracts that you could disclose it but she
954 would advise against it, and I personally don't recall what the amount was. I don't know if you want to give
955 a ball park range, and it is a five year contract.

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957 ERIC MCLESTER: The contract was entered into in February of last year, and the total contract is for a
958 five year term. The Proforma from the management company is that, and I think just some additional
959 information, the golf course has not made money. There's always been a Tribal contribution to the golf
960 course since its existence, so our expectation for the management company is that they would get that
961 golf course to at least break even. In 2021, it's the expectation that that golf course would be at least
962 break-even. After 2021, the golf course would then begin to make profits--not a lot of profits, but it would
963 be at least on the positive side and there would no longer be need for capital contributions.

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965 TINA DANFORTH: The cost of that contract.

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967 ERIC MCLESTER: It's less than \$100,000.

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969 TINA DANFORTH: Less than \$100,000 per year? For five years?

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971 ERIC MCLESTER: Per year. Per year.

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973 TINA DANFORTH: So we're going to spend another half a million dollars on a management contract, but
974 we probably didn't hold the people accountable who mismanaged the money to begin with which was in
975 the forensic audit which you would not disclose.

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977 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Tina. Your time has expired. You don't have time at the mic anymore.

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979 TINA DANFORTH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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981 TEHASSI HILL: I know you know the rules very well, but you continue to do this, and it's --

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983 TINA DANFORTH: Thank you. I said thank you.

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985 TEHASSI HILL: You're welcome. And so again, as has been identified in the report, the information was
986 provided to General Tribal Council about the amount of the loan write-off, the \$12 million, \$12 plus million,
987 and also in almost the very same paragraph also talks about the conversion from the loan to the capital
988 infusion for the property itself. So there is no trying to hide the information. It was in the same paragraph.
989 If you read the packet, the information is there. Again, this information on the LPGA has been presented
990 to General Tribal Council several times, you know, as this whole packet right here is what has been
991 mailed to General Tribal Council, almost this entire packet, probably about 200 or more pages, has been
992 the reports to General Tribal Council throughout the years. It's 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13, you know,
993 there's 13 items in this appendix, and the vast majority of those are the actual reports to General Tribal
994 Council over the years. So there is no attempt to hide this from anyone. GTC has continuously asked for
995 reports, and we continuously provide them--both in GTC and in a separate mailer that we mailed out in
996 April which went into great detail on how this essentially, you know, was not a very profitable endeavor,
997 and that the Business Committee took action to not support this going into the future. So, you know, this
998 information has been here before and we continue to have the same questions over and over. Again, I
999 stress to you, the answers are in this packet, and even in the smaller packet that everybody got in the
1000 mailout. The four questions were in there with a quick answer, and if you want the detailed answer, it's in
1001 this packet here that was also available to all General Tribal Council members, so at this time, we were at
1002 microphone B. We are now going to microphone C in the overflow room. Please state your name for the
1003 record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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1005 ALEXIS JOHN: Hi, Alexis John. I'm not --

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1007 TEHASSI HILL: Can you repeat your name, please. We couldn't hear you.

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1009 ALEXIS JOHN: Alexis John.

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1011 TEHASSI HILL: Alexis John.

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1013 ALEXIS JOHN: I'm not sure if we're able to make an amendment to the motion at this point or if it's just
1014 going to be considered a comment, however, I believe if we want to maximize any of our profits or any
1015 kind of revenue that we have with this, we have money invested that we had already lost, so if we want to
1016 create a better plan, I don't believe that's a reasonable time to do it within 30 days. So I think if we
1017 postpone it to the July meeting with the semi-annual meeting, not only will we give time to consider a
1018 better business plan, but also we'll be saving money with not giving money more out for the GTC meeting
1019 that they wish to have, as well. Thank you.

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1021 TEHASSI HILL: Is that your amendment, then, to the main motion--to delay the report until the semi-
1022 annual meeting? Excuse me, I have the mic and it's my determination. She still has two minutes to make
1023 that so moved motion or to make the motion itself. She asked initially at the beginning if she could make
1024 an amendment. She wasn't sure, and I was just simply clarifying so thank you very much, and it's up to
1025 Alexis if she wishes to make an amendment to the main motion or not.

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1027 ALEXIS JOHN: Yes, I would like to make an amendment to the main motion, that the -- sorry, can you put
1028 the motion back up? That a directive to provide a financial strategy to profit within 30 calendar days is not
1029 reasonable, so that it be postponed to the semi-annual meeting, and that we do not have a subsequent
1030 special GTC meeting, as well, only because if we have another GTC meeting, the money that we
1031 originally lost of the \$12.5 million, we are now investing more money into the members and spending
1032 more money again on this issue, so why can't we postpone it to the semi-annual meeting?

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1034 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just hang on till we get your amendment to the main motion recorded. Okay,
1035 does your motion look correct?

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1037 ALEXIS JOHN: Yes.

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1039 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so Alexis John made the motion that the financial strategy requested in 30
1040 calendar days be deferred to the 2020 semi-annual GTC meeting and that there be no subsequent GTC
1041 meeting. That's the motion, or the amendment to the main motion. Is there a second to that main motion?
1042 I need a name for the second. Terry Skenandore seconds the amendment to the main motion. All right,
1043 thank you for your added discussion. Councilman David Jordan has some comments.

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1045 DAVID P. JORDAN: Good evening, everybody. I understand everybody's frustrated with this whole
1046 situation, and I understand why, but remember, this group of nine people up here do not vote for this
1047 alone. The last council did not vote for this alone. It was the body of the General Tribal Council and it was
1048 1,090 votes against 151 that opposed it. Fifty-seven abstained. I know you want to point fingers and
1049 blame just the Business Committee for this, that, and the other, and I understand we're trying to keep
1050 people -- to hold them accountable, but also, we, as a body, need to be holding ourselves accountable,
1051 as well. We signed into a contract for three years. It was disclosed it was going to cost \$16 million. Yes,
1052 the loan was only approved for 8, but when we went to resign that document that we were in it for three
1053 years, we had to go to three years otherwise -- we knew we could have ended it after the first year, but
1054 we would have still been tied to paying that money anyhow, so I just wanted to make sure that you guys
1055 are all clear that we -- even if we would have canceled it after the first year, we would have still been
1056 liable for paying the whole amount out for the three years because we signed into that three year
1057 contract. I just wanted to make that clarification to everybody. Thank you.

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1059 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you. Please state your point of order.

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1061 LINDA DALLAS: My point of order is that there's an amendment on the floor, so let's talk about the
1062 amendment, not the main motion, so we can get it taken care of.

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1064 TEHASSI HILL: All right. What's your privileged question?

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1066 LINDA DALLAS: And my privileged question is the last statement on that amendment is inappropriate.
1067 You can't, right now, determine that there won't be a subsequent GTC meeting. That's something that we
1068 would decide when we're in session.

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1070 TEHASSI HILL: Yes, that is something that will be decided by GTC if they vote for this amendment.
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1072 LINDA DALLAS: You can't restrict the General Tribal Council right now before we even go into session.
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1074 TEHASSI HILL: I'm not restricting anybody. GTC is going to take action--either support this amendment
1075 or not.
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1077 LINDA DALLAS: Why would you allow that?
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1079 TEHASSI HILL: Why would I not allow it? GTC is the one who makes the decisions here. I just help
1080 facilitate the questions.
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1082 LINDA DALLAS: So you're going to have them vote on a motion and restrict them and then not really
1083 knowing what they're going, and then we get into session to discuss, and then you're going to say, oh, at
1084 the last meeting you approved that motion so you can't have subsequent GTC meetings. Is that what
1085 we're going to do?
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1087 TEHASSI HILL: I don't even understand what you're trying to say. The amendment up there is pretty
1088 simple. It is kind of striking out the language for having the information presented to GTC in the 30
1089 calendar days and holding a subsequent meeting. It simply states that we will not have that meeting and
1090 we will go to the semi-annual meeting and have hopefully a much better formative plan to be presented to
1091 General Tribal Council.
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1093 LINDA DALLAS: Then that motion needs to be rewritten, because with it at the end, it looks like when we
1094 got into General Tribal Council at the semi-annual meeting that there won't be any subsequent GTC
1095 meeting allowed after that one, and that's inappropriate.
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1097 TEHASSI HILL: That's not a -- we can get the amendment maker up here to clarify that that's not the
1098 intent and then that it's set and it's on the record that that is not her intent, but we can clear that up really
1099 quick if I could have Alexis John come to one of the mics to clarify her intent with the last sentence of her
1100 amendment.
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1102 ALEXIS JOHN: Will you put the motion back up?
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1104 TEHASSI HILL: Make sure you speak into the mic. It's hard to hear.
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1106 ALEXIS JOHN: Sorry. Yeah, so basically what I'm saying is that we don't have -- if we vote on my
1107 amendment that there be no subsequent GTC meeting specially for the 30 calendar day financial
1108 strategy. If there's a better way you could write that --
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1110 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, thank you for that clarification, and again, the amendment is clarified, again at this
1111 point, that it's saying that there will not be a special meeting to address the LPGA report, that this report
1112 that is being requested be given at the semi-annual meeting in July.
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1114 ALEXIS JOHN: Correct.
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1116 TEHASSI HILL: And that is corrected, so it is worded fine, and that is the clarification that GTC has now,
1117 that this is what is the intent of this amendment. Thank you. So now we are going -- we just finished up at

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1118 microphone C, so we're going to go to microphone A. Please state your name for the record, and you
1119 have three minutes. Thank you.

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1121 DEBRA POWLESS: Debra Powless. Okay, so this subsequent amendment makes no sense, but what it
1122 does, what will result with it, is prolonged delay of not making a decision, and people -- not only that, but
1123 what I've heard you say up there at the BC is that you need a business plan, you need liquidation, you
1124 need this--nobody -- the motion doesn't even address any of this. All I'm saying is put your brains
1125 together and think about what happened and what's another option because there's none. But I know
1126 basically what I'm saying is that there's a lot of options that could be considered, but the biggest piece of
1127 all is your economic strategy is BS. You guys have not -- sure, you've gone into ventures and you've
1128 gone into debt for \$40 million, \$20 million, and every one of them have failed, and you did an excellent
1129 job, whoever was on the council a couple of years ago, to try and pay that debt, but here we have a
1130 situation again where you have \$12.5 and growing potentially, almost \$15 million of debt and you write it
1131 off, so what is the consequence in terms of your thinking? What stops you from doing that again? There
1132 needs to be a consequence, and all I'm asking for is that you guys put your brains together and talk about
1133 it. What's the option? Example, one of the economic strategies is to invest in ongoing businesses that the
1134 Tribe has no expertise in. A computer plant, for example. The Japanese exceed that, and you don't see
1135 them with big computer plants. There we go. We did a computer plant and lost millions of dollars. We
1136 didn't even have Tribal members trained for those positions. The better economic strategy, for example,
1137 is to start small. You develop various economic going existing businesses, let's just use an example, you
1138 buy that little coffee shop by Walmart to train kids on customer service, but it's still a going business. It's a
1139 profit. You buy out the pancake place on Oneida Street and military. It doesn't equate to gaming, but it
1140 does show a revenue stream potentially, and let's say each one of these businesses have a million dollar
1141 revenue stream, a profit. Now you have 10 businesses and it's bringing in \$10 million of profit. Then you
1142 can start going into these big ventures and acting like they're big capital -- venture capitalists. But the
1143 Tribe did it different. They wanted to play the big deal and their whole strategy was backwards in terms of
1144 developing an economic foundation, so here we sit today, wanting to take a look at this, and everybody's
1145 saying, "Oh, we can't do it, we can't do it, we're going to have to liquidate." Well, for example, on Highway
1146 29 corridor, there is the closest McDonald's is roughly 20-30 miles away. We could have put a
1147 McDonald's franchise there or a Tim Horton franchise and I can tell you we'd be generating more revenue
1148 than whatever the current occupant is paying rent on. You have a whole economic development
1149 department that you fund millions of dollars, but there's nothing coming back. Nothing but broken
1150 ventures or thinking.

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1152 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you. Your time is up.

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1154 DEBRA POWLESS: Call for the question.

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1156 TEHASSI HILL: There is a point of order being called. Please come to the mic and state your point of
1157 order.

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1159 CATHY L. METOXEN: My name is Cathy L. Metoxen, and I've been standing here since before Debbie
1160 made her first motion. I've been standing here, and you called on Debbie three times now and have not
1161 followed your process that you set up from the very beginning. I don't know if it's because you don't like
1162 me or what your problem is, but I've been standing here --

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1164 TEHASSI HILL: Cathy, that has nothing to do with it.

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1166 CATHY L. METOXEN: I've been standing here for a long time.

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1168 TEHASSI HILL: If you're standing there for a long time, then you need to ask the person who is in front of
1169 you to move because they already spoke. Every time I came back to the mic, Debbie was the one that
1170 was standing there.

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1172 CATHY L. METOXEN: Excuse me. You got your little list there where you put your names down in the
1173 order they're sitting, and I know how you play your games. I've been to many meetings.

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1175 TEHASSI HILL: No, there's no playing games. It's simply A, B, and C. Cathy, please stop. If you're at the
1176 mic -- please shut microphone A off. Please shut microphone A off. Again, this is the process that I tried
1177 to do my best to follow A, B, and C, and if the Business Committee have questions or comments or
1178 clarifications, I sprinkle them in where I can, and at this point, you know, Cathy's claiming to be standing
1179 up here for 30 minutes, but every time I came around the mic, Debbie was the only one standing at the
1180 mic, so if there is an issue with a person who just spoke not moving to the back of the line, you need to
1181 make that known--that, you know, you've been standing here and this person already spoke, to let you go
1182 in front of them, but I cannot police all these mics all at once and keep track of who's in the line where. I
1183 try to keep track of when they spoke and what mic they were at to keep track of only once per item, but
1184 that's just how it is, and I don't know where Cathy's coming from at this point saying that I've been
1185 ignoring her standing at the mic. If she's standing at the back of the line, there's nothing I can do about
1186 moving her to the front unless she raises a question that it's not proper. There was a call for the question,
1187 as well, I believe. Debbie Powless had made that, so I address the point of order so now we're going to
1188 vote on the amendment, amendment to the main motion. Alexis John, seconded by Terry Skenandore,
1189 that the financial strategy requested in 30 calendar days be deferred to the 2020 semi-annual GTC
1190 meeting and that there be no subsequent GTC meeting, and that was clarified by the motioner. All those
1191 in favor of that motion -- the amendment, please signify by raising your hand. All those who support that
1192 amendment, please signify by raising your hand. All those opposed to the amendment, please raise your
1193 hand. All those opposed to the amendment, please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote,
1194 please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand. All right, thank you
1195 everyone. The amendment passes, and that brings us back to the main motion again. Point of order at
1196 microphone C. Please state your name and your point of order.

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1198 NANCY BARTON: My name is Nancy Barton, and I'm in the overflow room at microphone C, and I'm
1199 requesting a hand count due to the fact that no one in this room voted for that amendment, and so I'm
1200 asking for a hand count.

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1202 TEHASSI HILL: All right, there's been a hand count by membership done in a timely fashion before we've
1203 moved on, so we're going to entertain the hand count, so I please request the Election Board to get into
1204 position to do the hand count. We're in the process of voting, so I don't entertain any questions or
1205 comments at this time. Okay, Election Board is ready. All those who support the amendment by Alexis
1206 John that the financial strategy requested in 30 calendar days be deferred to the 2020 semi-annual GTC
1207 meeting, that there be no subsequent GTC meeting, please signify by raising your hand to be counted. All
1208 those who support the amendment, please raise your hand to be counted. Thank you. Okay, overflow
1209 room. All right, all those who are opposed to the amendment, please raise your hand to be counted. All
1210 those opposed to the amendment, please raise your hand to be counted. Thank you. All those abstaining
1211 from the vote, please raise your hand. All those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand to be
1212 counted. Thank you. All right, please report your numbers from the overflow room.

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1214 ELECTION BOARD: 119 yes, 213 no, 39 abstain.

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1216 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you. All right, the requested hand count, there was 1,218 votes cast. Yes
1217 votes 755, no votes 352, and 111 abstentions, so the amendment passes. Thank you for all those who
1218 were voting. We are now back to the main motion and continued discussion, and again, we were last at
1219 microphone A with DEBRA POWLESS, so we're going to microphone B. Microphone B, please state your
1220 -- okay, microphone B, please state your name, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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1222 MADELYN GENSKOW: Madelyn Cornelius Genskow. I'm in favor of this -- Debbie's motion, and I really
1223 feel like you guys handle our money like it's Monopoly money, and for some reason, the General Tribal
1224 Council seems to tolerate that. They say you deserve the government you get, and I don't know about
1225 you, but I think if they handle your personal finances that way, I don't think you would like it, but this is
1226 your money. This isn't -- you can't -- they can't pay per capita. They can't build homes for our homeless
1227 people when they throw the money around like it's Monopoly money. But you have to hold them
1228 accountable, and what you could do is make a motion that, you know, all these contracts will not be
1229 secret. You could do that. Like all these managers sitting up here and lawyers--their contracts are all
1230 secret. You know, if I was -- if you go to any city you can get all the information of what those people are
1231 paid, but for some reason you people don't -- you're General Tribal Council; you don't demand that. You
1232 have the right to demand that, but you don't, so it's not Monopoly money, but you know, if you don't really
1233 -- you don't want more per capita, if you don't want more homes built for our people, well, I guess I can't
1234 help you. nobody can help you. Even God himself couldn't help you. So I'm in favor of Debbie's motion.

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1236 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your comments. We're moving to microphone C in the overflow
1237 room. Please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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1239 WYATT FREE: My name is Wyatt Free. Ever since like -- I've only attended two GTC meetings thus far,
1240 so I'm kind of noticing a pattern here, and a lot of business decisions have been made that are really bad.
1241 Now, I'm, by no means, a businessman, but when you invest into another company you know nothing
1242 about and when you're still in debt, say like the numbers have been thrown around--\$20, 30 million--
1243 you've got to make sure you're financially stable before you're investing into other companies. Now, that's
1244 a big problem considering it's all our money, and I believe we should know -- have a right to know why
1245 you're doing this or have like some reprimands or something like that in order to prevent you from doing
1246 that.

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1248 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Wyatt, does that conclude your comments or do you have more.

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1250 WYATT FREE: That is it for the time being.

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1252 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your comments. Call on -- Brandon has been waiting on his
1253 chance to speak. Brandon, you have three minutes.

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1255 BRANDON STEVENS: Hello, hello? Okay, thank you. I'd like to thank the last young man for his
1256 comment. It does take a lot to get up in front of the membership and sometimes have a popular opinion
1257 and unpopular opinion, but I'd like to thank these young adults who are coming up, but I would like to just
1258 talk a little bit about what he just said and about what Debbie said. It's difficult that a nine member
1259 Business Committee at that time all unanimously said "we like this venture, but we need General Tribal
1260 Council support," and we got the same information that General Tribal Council got, and we delivered that
1261 information, and we had all the expectations we wanted, as you guys wanted. We wanted this to be a
1262 fruitful event, as well, and so we cut a lot of costs, as well. This new incoming committee did as much as
1263 they could, as well. We did a lot of things to reduce expenses through this knowing that this isn't going to
1264 pan out like we presented, and there was a lot of overhead costs that were just going to be -- we're not

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1265 going to meet those, but I wanted to make sure that, you know, I am in favor of this motion, but to be a
1266 little more specific, how do we do business ventures in the future? We ask General Tribal Council, you
1267 say yes. Something goes bad, you say, "You guys' fault." And so how do we vet those before it gets here,
1268 and I think that's the process we need to talk about, and so what I hear, Debbie, is kind of alluding to that
1269 fact is how do we vet out ventures so we're just not focusing on gaming? How do we buy pancake places
1270 and Quick Trips, I think is what her examples were. So how do we vet those out? And so GTC needs to
1271 help us with that, so if we're going to do other ventures out in the community or out internationally, what
1272 does that look like, and so we're all held accountable. So we're only talking about the nine members here
1273 right now, but also remember those nine members that voted for this to bring this to the General Tribal
1274 Council and I don't want to be the guy, you know, next year that I'm not on council anymore and say, hey,
1275 look at that Business Committee, look at what they did, and I was the guy. So I want to be very consistent
1276 in how we talk about this, and so we want to talk about stuff with -- what Debbie's saying is how do we
1277 bring that -- and so that's why I'm in favor of this motion and the amendment so it gives us time to talk
1278 about and present how are we going to propose those -- that process to bring ventures or anything that's
1279 going to create economic opportunities for us so General Tribal Council can be comfortable with us doing
1280 that in the future, and so that's what I wanted to say is that I apologize, Debbie. We made a -- we all
1281 made a bad decision together.

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1283 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for your comments. We're moving to microphone A. I'm going to take
1284 this point of order and then there's a call for the question from the back of the room for everybody's
1285 notice. Point of order, please state your name and your point of order.

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1287 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies. The individual at microphone A has
1288 already spoke on this issue, and I believe it's one time per topic.

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1290 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you, and I'm just going to verify in my notes that we are back at the main
1291 motion which Debbie did make that motion and she did speak on the amendment, so we are back to the
1292 main motion.

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1294 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: I would like to make a second amendment.

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1296 TEHASSI HILL: I'm sorry. I just want to make sure we are following the rules here so we were just at
1297 microphone C, and I was about to go to microphone A, and you asked for a point of order which the
1298 person at microphone A has spoken on this particular topic, making the motion, and so I would still be at
1299 microphone A, but the next person behind her but I did recognize --

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1301 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Who also spoke.

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1303 TEHASSI HILL: But I did also recognize that there was a call for the question from the back of the room
1304 before I dealt with the point of order.

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1306 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Privileged question.

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1308 TEHASSI HILL: Privileged question.

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1310 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: If there is -- if the call for the question is allowed, would I be able to
1311 make a subsequent motion that is very important for General Tribal Council to hear and take into
1312 consideration?

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1314 TEHASSI HILL: Again, the time window for making a subsequent motion is relatively short, but it is
1315 possible that as soon as we complete the vote, but you would have to be at the microphone that's going
1316 to be recognized which would be microphone A in which both -- there's two people at one and two that
1317 spoke on this issue already, and there is a third person who has not spoke on this particular issue also
1318 waiting in line at microphone A, so again, I'm trying to lay out the process as best as I can in case
1319 whatever happens with the call for the question, so with that call for the question, we are going to go to a
1320 vote on the motion by Debbie Powless, seconded by Cathy Metoxen, that the Business Committee be
1321 directed to provide a financial strategy to replace those funds lost due to mismanagement and incorrect
1322 projection of profit within 30 days as an addendum report to GTC by mailout and publication in the
1323 Kalihwisaks and GTC packet report with a special GTC meeting be called for the purpose of further
1324 review and decision of GTC and to identify the differences between the general fund and the executive
1325 contingency accounts and the amounts in each account identified by fiscal years '17 through '19 be
1326 provided. And, again, notice to GTC that this motion has been amended by vote that the information
1327 would be presented at the semi-annual meeting, so nothing that this motion has been changed by the
1328 amendment that this report would be due to the semi-annual GTC meeting in July. So all those in favor of
1329 the main motion, please signify by raising your hand. All those in favor of the amended main motion,
1330 please signify by raising your hand by raising your hand. All those opposed to this motion, please signify
1331 by raising your hand. All those opposed. All those abstaining, all those abstaining from the vote. All right,
1332 motion passes by show of hands.

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1334 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Chairman, I'd like to make a subsequent motion.

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1336 TEHASSI HILL: Subsequent motion is being requested at microphone A. Please state your name and
1337 your subsequent motion.

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1339 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Good evening, General Tribal Council. My name is Ralinda Ninham-
1340 Lamberies. I would like to make a subsequent motion because I feel it's very important that we all be
1341 informed on any business venture. I think the important thing that we need to take away from this, the
1342 learning lesson, is that it's very important for General Tribal Council to understand the assumptions that
1343 are presented in any economic development venture. Therefore, my subsequent motion would be that
1344 any economic development or financial strategy be put together -- be reviewed and vetted by an
1345 independent third party for appropriate due diligence, that the strategy include all the pertinent
1346 assumptions, that that strategy be presented to General Tribal Council for review and approval, and that
1347 the third party be present at the meeting to answer any questions.

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1349 MIKE DEBRASKA: Second that motion.

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1351 TEHASSI HILL: Seconded by Mike Debraska. Just hang on, I want to make sure it's recorded properly
1352 and we'll take the vote. Question has been called for, so I want to make sure the subsequent motion is
1353 recorded properly. All right, Ralinda, does that look correct?

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1355 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: If I could have it say "any and all pertinent assumptions". Yes, that
1356 would be accurate.

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1358 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, and the seconder was Mike Debraska and the question was called for, all right, so
1359 we're going to take a vote on the subsequent motion by Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies, seconded by Mike
1360 Debraska, that any economic development or financial strategy be reviewed and vetted by an
1361 independent third party for appropriate due diligence, that the strategy include any and all pertinent
1362 assumptions, that the strategy be presented to GTC for review and approval, and that the independent

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1363 third party be present at the GTC meeting to answer any questions. That is the motion we are voting on.
1364 The question has been called for, so I'm sorry, the person at microphone C, but we are going to a vote. I
1365 did recognize the call for the question. All those in favor of the subsequent motion, please raise your
1366 hand. All those in favor of the subsequent motion, please raise your hand. All right, those opposed to the
1367 motion, please raise your hand. Those opposed to the motion, please raise your hand. Those abstaining
1368 from the vote, please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand, and again,
1369 by overwhelming support, this motion passes. All right, thank you everyone.

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1372 **IV. REPORTS**

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1374 **A. 2020 annual Treasurer's report (02:09:48)**

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1376 TEHASSI HILL: We're now moving on to the next item, the Treasurer's report. Thank you, Eric. I'll turn it
1377 over to the Treasurer and the Finance team, and then I would ask Pet Helky or someone from his division
1378 be read to briefly discuss the hemp project. Thank you.

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1380 TRISH KING: Trish King, Tribal Treasurer. That was a pretty hefty discussion; took two hours, but I think
1381 the end result is all about moving forward and how do we better -- how do we do better what we need to
1382 do in order to preserve the Tribal financial status, as well as stabilize our economy. Again, we stated it
1383 several times tonight, but I have to say it again that the financial statements and any information related
1384 to the finances of the Nation are strictly for the General Tribal Council and not to be shared in any
1385 outsource or any other sources including the Kalihwisaks reports. There are two presentations tonight
1386 that are listed underneath the Treasurer's report. The first presentation is in regards to an economic
1387 overview and fiscal forecast for 2020 and risk attribution consideration for future fiscal cycles. This is
1388 given as part of the Treasurer's report in an effort to look forward. Usually all of our reports are about
1389 looking backwards--whether it be a year, three years, five years, so we kind of want to be able to assess
1390 our trending and also look forward at the same time to what are some of the economic conditions that we
1391 need to be apprised of. So I've asked CFO Larry Barton to put that economic information before us, and
1392 as we -- because we are currently in fiscal year 20 and we will be -- we're also planning for our fiscal year
1393 21 budget.

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1395 TEHASSI HILL: There's a point of order.

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1397 DEBRA POWLESS: Yeah, my original motion is that the first item of business was the golf tournament
1398 issue. The second order of business is the hemp project, to be done by the Treasurer, and she's not
1399 following that agenda. She's following what was prescribed in the mail packet, but GTC has already voted

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1402 TEHASSI HILL: All right, can you please pull up the motion to adopt the agenda? Yeah, it clearly states in
1403 the motion that the annual Treasurer's report, to address the next -- with an update, written or verbal, so
1404 that's what I'm saying is included in the Treasury report, so they're going through the Treasurer's report,
1405 and we have Pat Pelky up here to discuss the hemp project, so it's a part of the Treasurer's report. I tried
1406 to ask you if you wanted it down in the operational reports where it kind of more succinctly belongs, but
1407 you wanted it with the Treasurer's report, so that's where it is, so they're going through the Treasurer's
1408 report now and that will include the hemp report as part of that.

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1410 DEBRA POWLESS: Report to be addressed next with an update, so it's next. So we're on the next item;
1411 we're not on the overall Treasurer's report. We're on the hemp.

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1413 TEHASSI HILL: The annual Treasurer's report and then to address next with the update.

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1415 DEBRA POWLESS: Correct.

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1417 TEHASSI HILL: So it's the Treasurer's report.

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1419 DEBRA POWLESS: Well, next is the hemp report in the Treasurer's report is what the intent was.

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1421 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, you just said it's in the Treasurer's report so they're giving their report, and as a
1422 part of that is going to be the hemp discussion.

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1424 DEBRA POWLESS: So when is she going to start that report? Is it after --

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1426 TEHASSI HILL: As soon as they get through their information, then Pat Pelky will come up and present
1427 on the hemp.

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1429 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay.

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1431 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you. Please continue. Sorry.

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1433 TRISH KING: Okay. The Treasurer's written annual report and the donation report which I'm directed to
1434 do are found in the 2020 annual report booklet that was mailed out to those members who asked for that
1435 report. It's also posted on the website, the Oneida Nation, or, I'm sorry, Oneida.nsn, and it's made
1436 available at the Oneida library, the treasurer's office, and the Finance office. So as we're looking at -- this
1437 report also looks back a year, and it provides an overview of the financial areas of the Nation and
1438 includes a status update on the overall Nation's budget. The enterprise areas, the goals of our investment
1439 portfolios, our business investments, as well as finance area and overall Tribal budget. The financial data
1440 given in this report is to the best of our ability, and it is considered unaudited at that time prior to the
1441 printing. There's a little bit of a change up in that the details will be given through the audit because in
1442 actuality we give the audit and then we recap it again with the financial data that's just repeating the same
1443 information that the audit gave, so in order to save time and consolidate these reports, we provide the
1444 economic report, the annual report is written, and then our second presentation will be the auditors. I've
1445 asked that -- and then after that, then the hemp discussion, but I would ask that the reports be approved
1446 individually, meaning the Treasurer's report with the economic status for fiscal year 20 is one report, the
1447 audit is one report, and the hemp is information update for acceptance, so there will be three motions that
1448 we will ask after this. At this point, I'll turn it over to the CFO to review the economic strategy or economic
1449 update.

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1451 **1. FY-2019 Financial overview presentation (02:16:36)**

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1453 LARRY BARTON: Thank you, Trish. I will be expedient with my presentation, and I wanted to focus on
1454 what our challenges are relative to our risks and make sure we disclose that so the members are certainly
1455 informed relative to making future decisions--whether it's adopting the budget, we certainly are in the last
1456 year of our per capita plan so we do have to present our plan at some juncture, if not this summer, early
1457 next year, to adopt a plan on a go forward basis, so in the balance of that, it's good perspective to know
1458 we have finite resources, certainly not an infinite amount of resources to meet all the responsibilities

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1459 expected for you as our constituents in the community. Real quickly we'll talk about an economic update.
1460 I think that's always pertinent going forward, especially since we are embarking on a new year. Quick risk
1461 assessment, conclusion, and guidance. I did attend a session in Chicago last week, Friday. Brett Trotman
1462 was with me, and we had three economists from the University of Chicago which really gave us timely
1463 information, so I'll cite that source as to giving guidance of what we're expecting for our economy going
1464 into 2020. The central question is is there a recession coming. It's not expected was the general
1465 consensus of the esteemed academic panel for purposes that there's not enough, if you will, momentum
1466 upward or downward, no boom or bust environment. We have a sideways growth pattern near stall
1467 speed. That's good news in one sense, not so good in another sense. Certainly the economy is not robust
1468 right now, but it mitigates risk that causes recessions such as asset bubble which we had in 2007, 2006
1469 going back a decade in relative terms to mortgage debt. There's not that lurking, if you will, foreboding
1470 that's out there in the economy right now. Some would speculate the private equity bubble could expose
1471 the economy to some upheaval, but we're not seeing it just now. Student debt, negligible, albeit in a
1472 campaign year, it gets a lot of press. Certainly we have geopolitical risks. If you pick up the newspaper,
1473 5:00 news, you're aware that central to that is the trade conflict principally with China is a big deal right
1474 now, putting stress in the agricultural sector. And then if there's any disruption with energy, those of you
1475 old enough to know the oil embargo back in the early 70s, that was a huge catalyst, if you will, leading us
1476 into recession. We don't see that right now in spite of the disruption in the middle east. Energy prices are
1477 pretty stable. So we always have an asterisk disclosure that there might be an unforeseen risk out there;
1478 we just can't see it visibly that could cause a recession. So a little bit of a disclosure. Quickly, federal
1479 policy--fiscal policy, not monetary policy--those are different, of course. A very deep problem with about
1480 \$22 trillion in debt. If we added back all the entitlement programs--Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security
1481 obligations--really gave a true listing of the liabilities of our federal treasury, that deficit morphs from \$22,
1482 23 million arguably up to about \$80-100 trillion, so Uncle is borrow-poor, and our reliance upon those
1483 federal grant dollars presents a lot of risk. The federal spending is not a current burden on our economy,
1484 but there's caution in terms of future years being able to carry that debt. We have a low rate environment
1485 which helps that in the debt issuance of our federal government, but if rates move, it's really problematic,
1486 so it's important as a central, if you will, expression of risk we rely heavily on grant dollars. Those could be
1487 constrained if the federal government undergoes some distress with its financial condition. And then, of
1488 course, we have our three central financial obligations that we all enjoy benefits from poor service
1489 delivery, certainly our mandates, General Tribal Council mandates, and also meeting payroll each and
1490 every week. We do have, in terms of a risk assessment, our gaming operation that's undergoing digital
1491 and demographic transformation. Gaming leadership's vigorously trying to combat market saturation and
1492 remain competitive and certainly the leader in that industry. Retail is still robust in terms of profitability, but
1493 we know that tobacco longitudinally is declining, the consumption is declining, and our business model is
1494 no different than that, and then with that, we rely heavily not only on the enterprises but if federal grant
1495 dollars are constrained, we then proportionally have to claw back into the enterprise system to fund
1496 programs, mandates, and certainly our payroll. Our core expense obligations are labor by a factor of
1497 about 3:1. Facility maintenance, of which DPW does a great job trying to keep up with all our building
1498 maintenance, we have technology spend, and certainly unmet social need in the community is always a
1499 challenge. So those expense factors, we always have to reconcile our sources from the enterprises and
1500 grant dollars with certainly the uses when we roll up our budget, and then just a real quick risk
1501 assessment, globally we know that this economy has expanded now 12 years. It's the single largest --
1502 excuse me, single longest economic expansion since 1900, arguably 120 years of economic history. At
1503 some point, we will have a recession. It is not likely say the economists in 2020, but the probabilities are
1504 continuing to increase as time goes on. Normal economic cycle is 3 years expansion, 1 year arguably,
1505 about 18-19 months of downturn, and we're way past that by a factor of about threefold. Slow growth is
1506 holding off a recession. That's a good thing. We're not seeing above average GDP growth, so that's a
1507 good thing in a sense. We have strained foreign relations, of course. I won't give any tenor to that, read

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1508 the paper, so to speak, watch the news--you'll get a flavor of that, of course, but there's always a chance
1509 of military conflict escalating which could lead us into recession. Am I over time? I'm sorry.

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1511 TEHASSI HILL: There's a point of order.

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1513 Mark A. Powless, Sr.: Mr. Chairman, we were asking for a Treasurer's report, and the opinions of the
1514 CFO are being expressed here and if you could bring that slide back up that was just up there. Now, I
1515 don't know how many people in this room understand it. Bring that slide back up, please. If you talk about
1516 market saturation, retail, federal grant dollars, expenses, labor, facilities, technology, unmet social needs
1517 and all that--I'm sure those are all important things, but I would say that I'm not an educated man so I
1518 don't understand half of the stuff that's up here so I'd be more interested in some financial statements
1519 relative to the opinion of the CFO.

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1521 LARRY BARTON: Appreciate that. I will speed it through the presentation. Our auditors will provide that
1522 very financial information shortly, so I will conclude the presentation quickly and respect that, Mark, but I
1523 do want to apprise again the membership the risks that we do face as a community and when we roll up
1524 our budget, the background in terms of resource allocation, again, given endless need and finite
1525 resources. I do quickly have a global risk assessment. Some of these, if you will, dimensions of risk face
1526 every organization, every community. I've shared this particular chart with our divisions so there's some
1527 incumbency of knowledge that we don't live in a vacuum. Most certainly our gaming operation and retail
1528 operations, let alone federal grants, are subjected to an external environment and want to have some
1529 notion or knowledge of that for you as our constituents. So in conclusion, our forecast for 2020 is slow
1530 growth which, of course, affects our gaming revenues directly. Risk for recession has been identified.
1531 Impacts in terms of forming our fiscal policy, we'll have another challenge in 2021, meeting all the
1532 demands, the needs, and certainly our three primary obligations financially, and again, we did identify the
1533 risks that face the Nation, and also internally and externally. Thank you, and if it might be timely, Mr.
1534 Chair, do you want to have the auditors at this point?

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1536 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, we can go ahead and -- well, this was the Treasurer's overview? We've actually
1537 got to do the hemp as a part of the Treasurer's report. In the adoption of the agenda was for --

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1539 LARRY BARTON: You're going to do the hemp.

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1541 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah.

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1543 LARRY BARTON: Okay, my apologies.

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1545 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah, we'll do the hemp and then RSM is next on the agenda.

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1547 a) Oneida Hemp Project verbal report (02:26:50)

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1549 PAT PELKY: Good evening. I do have just a verbal update for the hemp project, so this last year we
1550 worked on the pilot program for hemp. As you know, there's been a lot of excitement within the news, the
1551 state of Wisconsin, and so what we wanted to do is really kind of find out through a hemp project is take a
1552 look at the different varieties of hemp and then -- such as CBD, grain for hemp, industrial hemp, and
1553 then the fiber itself, so when we did the pilot, we actually looked at could we grow the different seed
1554 types, could we find the different seed types to bring them in as certified seed, could we cultivate it, could
1555 we grow it, could we then begin to make sure that it came in at the right THC levels, so that's kind of --
1556 was really how the pilot was set up to make sure that we looked at these different varieties to make sure.

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1557 We had a pretty good idea where might be the best place to spend a lot of time in the future within the
1558 hemp, the different varieties. So we did have field selections. We had 10 acres that we put in fiber. We
1559 had 20 acres we put in for grain, and then we had 1 acre that we did for CBD, and then we also did 50
1560 CBD plants that we started from seed in our greenhouse at Tsyunhehkwa and then we raise those in a
1561 root house. Now, with the overall cost of the project, the pilot program was about \$36,800. The majority of
1562 that went to seed costs and fertilizer but we also tracked part of the labor cost within that \$36,000. The
1563 key thing to remember, the majority of that cost went to CBD so the CBD basically is the highest value
1564 that you can get for the product, but it's also the hardest to grow, the most labor intensive, and it also is
1565 where it brings in the most risks about going about the THC levels in order to be legally harvested and
1566 then sold. We also had another \$12,000 to the project, but that was more for replacement of equipment at
1567 Tsyunhehkwa that was aging, so we actually could really look at good equipment as we did plant those
1568 different varieties at those sites, so that was a rotovator, and then we used that, then, for other things
1569 within NGS, within Tsyunhehkwa's programming such as muni gardens, the white corn. We use that for
1570 the sunflowers that you might have seen out on Riverdale Drive. As you know, it was a very wet year, so
1571 that did cause a lot of problems for us which was all part of the pilot, to really understand how, as the
1572 climate change changes for us, what type of varieties will do best in these kinds of conditions. The big
1573 point that we came away with is that really this past year was a terrible year for crops as farmers could
1574 attest to that, mostly because last year was a record rainfall and it has never rained more than it did last
1575 year, and this year, we broke the record. So part of the problem is we planted late in the season because
1576 it was too wet to plant, and then we had to change locations at the green at the last day, so we had it --
1577 because we couldn't get into the field, so it really provided us a lot of opportunities but we did a lot of
1578 learning about what products, what seed selection, where should we buy it from and then also what does
1579 better on particular type of soils. I think other parts that gave us a lot of challenges -- the weed
1580 management. It was too wet to get the cultivators in there, so -- and then also for grain, with it being so
1581 wet out there and with the field selection we just didn't have a good germination and if we don't have
1582 good germination, the weeds come in, so we couldn't do the cultivating because it was also too wet, so
1583 throughout the state, we did kind of investigate what grain had come back. This was something that we
1584 wanted to investigate around the food product where the cannery was going to look at different products
1585 and that, but they had a lot of problems the last two years with mold, also, so we were trying to find better
1586 ways of planting grain, maybe bigger growth spaces and planted further apart, so these are all things that
1587 we're trying to look through a pilot. The CBD--fantastic looking plant, I mean, we had an acre of it out
1588 there that ranged from one foot bush to has high as six foot bush. Some of that was so thick that came in
1589 you couldn't put your hand around it, it was so thick and strong. One of the things we did notice with the
1590 CBD, you know, like I said, we were able to keep the weeds down because we hand-weeded. Very labor-
1591 intensive, but three years ago in Canada, they were getting between \$20-40,000 an acre for CBD. Since
1592 then, because the market is really out there now, it's definitely got to be a less product. Every year it gets
1593 less and less. As I look at the overall numbers, when -- this year there was about 17,000 growers that got
1594 into the hemp market which is going to have 500,000 acres throughout the -- for nationwide. Wisconsin
1595 alone had 16,000 acres that they signed up to plant. They were only able to plant 4,900 acres. The CBD
1596 plants that were processed, the majority of those, 92 percent of all the plants were planted were from
1597 CBDs. Eighty-six percent of them did come through with the TH levels. Unfortunately, our plants came in
1598 too hot, so what I mean by too hot, they came higher, and at that point, 3 percent, so we did have to
1599 destroy the product, but what we found out, we could grow a very good quality product, especially in the
1600 hoop house and we could harvest it, we could dry it, we just couldn't sell it because it was too hot. A lot of
1601 that probably had to do because we bought the seed from Oregon. That was the certified seed from
1602 Oregon area. So I don't think that the team was really going to recommend doing CBD in the future, but
1603 we're still analyzing that, and mostly because it's so labor-intensive. So the things that we think that
1604 worked out really well as grain, right now -- not the grain but the fiber, we had a 10 acre field of that.
1605 About 7/10 acres did very well, averaged about 6 foot height. The biggest problem with fiber right now, we

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1606 know that's going to be for the future because with fiber, you can do -- it's called "hemcrete" that could
1607 replace cement. They can do for clothing. It could be a food source. It could be for bio diesel gas or fuels.
1608 So there's a lot of things that could happen, even knives, forks, and spoons that you see in our casino
1609 used throughout the state of Wisconsin. But these are all emerging markets right now. We want to be
1610 able to get ready. That's the reason why we did the hemp project, to take a look at all those test pots just
1611 in order to say we want to be ready if the market really expands, but we feel that where it's going to be
1612 expanding in the future more long term will be in the fiber. Wisconsin used to be the second largest
1613 producer of hemp. Later it was replaced with cotton, but there's still hemp out there in the fields yet from -
1614 - that grows wild just from the past, so Wisconsin definitely has -- could still be a hemp state, but this was
1615 the reason why we're so excited about the hemp project pilot. We did find some numbers just to throw out
1616 there per acre for the fiber was about \$887 per acre, so you plant and cultivate. Grain came to about
1617 \$410 per acre, but hemp came to about \$18,400 per acre, so you can really see the difference between
1618 the studies there, and like I said, a lot of it had to do with labor. So actually there's going to be an article
1619 this Thursday in the paper, the Kalihwisaks, so our team wrote an article and that's when they think it's
1620 going to be published, so they submitted it last week, so that's kind of the high version, real quick version
1621 from a verbal presentation, but I'm not sure if I'm going to stay here for questions or --
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1623 TEHASSI HILL: Yeah. We can entertain some questions, I guess, on the Treasurer's report, but please
1624 remember that we still have several more items on the agenda, and one of the important topics, last item
1625 is setting the date for the General Tribal Council for the elections come July, so we just wanted to make
1626 sure that -- give you advanced notice that's something that we need to have General Tribal Council
1627 tonight select the date for the elections in July, but all right, we'll go to questions on the Treasurer's report
1628 and the hemp project. I left off at microphone A, so I'm going to go to microphone B. Please state your
1629 name for the record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.
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1631 NANCY BARTON: Hello, my name is Nancy Barton, and I think it's important for General Tribal Council to
1632 know and understand that the money that was originated for this project has been designated for the
1633 community development planning committee to decide where that money will be spent. The amount of
1634 that money equals \$6 million, and that was the money that we borrowed OTIE in order -- when the
1635 company was changing hands and the Tribe took over on that. So that -- what I previously did and it's in
1636 this blue book was I previously made a motion that there needed to be an agricultural strategy brought
1637 back to GTC for approval because the strategy included him, and that report was never presented to this
1638 body for approval. So where my concerns are and I also have a motion so I'd appreciate not to be cut off
1639 is that we ran a science experiment. Hemp is very labor-intensive, yet there were no job postings for
1640 individuals to apply to be employed by the Tribe to take care of this crop. I know that a team was formed,
1641 and I attended many business committees where this discussion came forward and you know they
1642 include individuals from Little Bear. They include Laura Manthe from the herb board, and Gene Schubert,
1643 and those people, you know, I'm not sure if they're the ones that went out there and helped weed, but you
1644 know, where in their job description is that included? Where my concern is is that we didn't get a strategic
1645 plan with no implementation schedules. There were no skills, expertise and experience by the individuals
1646 who brought this project forward. Where my concern is is that you're saying \$48,000 of that money from
1647 the OTIE money from the community development budget, because there is \$6 million in there, that that
1648 money's gone, and we have nothing to show for it, and so I'd like to -- just for one more additional
1649 comment, is to say we struggled growing our white corn, our sacred hull corn, and it's been a struggle
1650 every year, and until we get that under hand, how can you take on another project? And so I'd like to
1651 make a motion that the entire OTIE CDCP budget of \$6 million, all the proposals for the spending of that
1652 money, be brought back to this body before another project is started and we spend that money and have
1653 nothing to show for it.
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1655 TEHASSI HILL: All right, please wait while we get the motion recorded properly. Can you please restate
1656 your motion?

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1658 NANCY BARTON: That no expenditures from the OTIE money, the CDCP budget of \$6 million, any
1659 expenditures and projects need to be brought back to this body for approval, because there's a number of
1660 projects under that committee --

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1662 TEHASSI HILL: Can we just get your motion recorded first, and your time has expired for discussion, so
1663 I'm just asking you to clarify your motion.

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1665 NANCY BARTON: I guess I'll stop there.

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1667 TEHASSI HILL: All right, is the motion recorded correctly on the screen?

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1669 NANCY BARTON: I'm looking for the information, the strategies, the plans, the implementation, the
1670 schedule because there are a lot of plans that go with this money that I don't think General Tribal Council
1671 would agree with.

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1673 TEHASSI HILL: Nancy, your time has expired. I'm just asking you to clarify that we have your motion
1674 recorded properly.

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1676 NANCY BARTON: I guess.

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1678 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, the motioner agrees that the motion is recorded properly. Trish did have a
1679 clarification that she wanted to make, and then there's some other privileged questions I need to address
1680 also. Trish?

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1682 TRISH KING: Just for purposes of clarification, CDPC stands for the Community Development Planning
1683 Committee which is a subcommittee of the Business Committee. That committee does not have a budget,
1684 nor do they have oversight of the Community and Economic Development fund. The Community and
1685 Economic Development fund was created from the interest dividends, if you will, from the OTIE or I
1686 should say OESC, Oneida Engineering -- it's OESC, okay. So that amount in that fund is dividends
1687 coming in from the Nation. That's one of the ideas that I was going to propose with Debbie's
1688 recommendation as -- I mean, with her discussion that we had before. The response that I'm trying to say
1689 is that first of all, there's not \$6 million in that. It's more like 4-something. Without looking at the budget, I
1690 don't know exactly how much it is. The process that was created by the Business Committee was that our
1691 development division director develop an economic division director has the responsibility to research and
1692 recommend to the Business Committee whether or not he feels that a project that we're putting forward is
1693 appropriate to be funded with those funds. The Business Committee gets legal input, financial input from
1694 the division director to determine whether or not we should move on a project. As far as the -- I just want
1695 to kind of outline the process so you know that there is a process there, that it's -- if the Business
1696 Committee approves and supports the concept, then it has to go through the Business Committee
1697 agenda and be a resolution, so it's all public and apparent, I mean, public and transparent. So I just
1698 wanted to bring that clarification. I do like the idea of -- you know, like what I glean from what the prior
1699 discussion was was an economic model, a strategy on how to utilize our funds or make determinations. If
1700 the hemp project, or if there was a certain dollar amount that's assigned to come before the General
1701 Tribal Council, that would be more productive. As you all know, business decisions have to be made
1702 quickly. Investments not so much, but we have to do the third party review. We have to do the transparent
1703 review, and the financial considerations whether we're not going to make money, return on investment.

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1704 So I think it's very simply put that way, but for a start-up project, I think what we use the funds for now are
1705 feasibility studies or developing that first level of review, possibly the second level, just to make sure that
1706 our business ideas are working. We haven't used very much of it since we received it. The community
1707 development planning committee, again, does not have a budget, and they don't have the oversight that
1708 is a responsibility of the Business Committee in coordination with development division director, as well
1709 as the Chief Financial Officer.

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1711 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so thank you for that clarification, Treasurer. So at this point, I guess I would
1712 have to call that this motion be out of order because there is no CDPC budget of \$6 million so the motion
1713 is out of order. And again, as we continue with discussion, there's opportunities for other people to make
1714 motions, but there was, I believe, a privileged question over here. Was there a privileged question?
1715 Please state your name and your privileged question at microphone A.

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1717 CATHY L. METOXEN: Mine was about the \$6 million, too, but Trish clarified. There is a budget there that
1718 -- she said \$6 million, you clarified and said it's like \$4 million, correct? So I support it because it makes
1719 sense to me --

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1721 TEHASSI HILL: What's your privileged question though. That's how you gained the mic.

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1723 CATHY L. METOXEN: I wanted the correction more clearly because it was confusing, the \$6 million.

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1725 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, it's been clarified so thank you for your privileged question. We left off at
1726 microphone B so we're going to microphone A. We go in order, Mike, I just left off at microphone B. You
1727 have a general question you have to wait till you're called on in order. Otherwise, if you have a privileged
1728 question or point of order you can jump the line, and that's the way it's been. It's not that interesting. I'm
1729 sorry. Microphone A. Please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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1731 DEBRA POWLESS: Debra Powless. I make a motion that the Tribal Treasurer identify the authorizing
1732 body for approval decision of the hemp project, its founding resolution, identification of the source of all
1733 funds disbursed to include any budget line item, name, identification, timeframe for the hemp project, a
1734 follow-up report by the Treasurer to include full minutes of the hemp project, the the executive summary,
1735 and its initial projections used to justify funding, and a follow-up report to include the projection of profit,
1736 actual return on the investment of the hemp project, and timelines of events, beginning to current
1737 scenario, again, the report within 30 calendar days as an addendum report to GTC mailout, publication in
1738 the Kalihwisaks and future GTC report.

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1740 TEHASSI HILL: All right, please wait till we have the motion properly recorded.

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1742 DEBRA POWLESS: While I'm waiting, what is the actual total investment of the hemp project to date? Is
1743 it \$48,000 or is it more?

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1745 TEHASSI HILL: Pat, what's the answer to the question?

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1747 PAT PELKY: It is about \$48 when you take in to account the rotovator that we bought for Tsyunhehkwa
1748 so it was originally bought to do -- initially to do the work, but we didn't want to just buy the equipment just
1749 for one-time use, so we replaced some of the aging equipment at Tsyunhehkwa so depending on how
1750 you view that purchase, but it is centered around \$36,000, that's including the labor costs. We didn't bill
1751 that against that, but we kept track of what it took to actually carry out this pilot, so --

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1753 DEBRA POWLESS: Okay, so it's not in the millions. We haven't hit the million mark?
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1755 PAT PELKY: Oh no, no. This is a small pilot project.
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1757 DEBRA POWLESS: Just for the record, I'm not opposed to it, but again, trying to get this information is
1758 like pulling teeth, so --
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1760 PAT PELKY: Yeah, we did have two articles in the paper so far about trying to update it, and then we did
1761 have a community meeting last year, and then we had had it at every farmer's market for the last two
1762 years just to try to develop interest and knowledge, and we'll continue that interaction, too.
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1764 DEBRA POWLESS: Well, the piece here that keeps missing is that the General Tribal Council has a role
1765 to play in some of this decision-making, and so if the Business Committee would make it part of their
1766 ongoing process to provide this information in total and ask for support, I mean, that's part of the
1767 transparency that everyone claims, and the community meetings and the whatever, whatever--what GTC
1768 needs to do is be able to support this, but in order to support it, they need to have factual information and
1769 total dollars, and that's the piece that keeps missing.
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1771 PAT PELKY: We do have the report that we submitted to the Business Committee. It probably has most
1772 of that information that you requested, so we will just make sure that we get some of the things that we
1773 might have missed in your resolution to the Business Committee so it won't take us long.
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1775 DEBRA POWLESS: Thank you.
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1777 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you. Your time has expired, and they're still working on getting the motion
1778 recorded. All right, Debbie, can you just -- are you ready to verify the motion?
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1780 DEBRA POWLESS: That the Treasurer to identify the authorizing body for the approval decision of the
1781 hemp project, its founding resolution, identification of the source of all funds disbursed to include the
1782 budget line item name, identification, timeframe for the hemp project, then a follow-up report by the
1783 Treasurer to include full minutes of the hemp project, the executive summary and its initial projections
1784 used to justify funding of the project, the follow-up report include projection of profit, actual return on
1785 investment, and timeline of events, that the follow-up report be provided to GTC within 30 calendar days
1786 as an addendum report by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks. Correct.
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1788 TEHASSI HILL: All right, then I'm just going to request Pat as kind of the person representing the team
1789 here this evening is that a report that you think is able to be prepared in time?
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1791 PAT PELKY: Yeah, I think so. Like I said, there will be an article this Thursday again, so but we certainly
1792 can follow-up with all this. I don't -- like I said, some of this is already done in the draft form so it won't
1793 take us long.
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1795 TEHASSI HILL: All right, and then I did hear a second, but I don't recall who said it. Was there a second
1796 to the motion? Ben Cannon seconds. All right, question has also been called for, so I will read the motion
1797 and then we'll vote by show of hands. Motion by DEBRA POWLESS, seconded by Ben Cannon that the
1798 Treasurer to identify the authorizing body for approval decision of the hemp project, its founding
1799 resolution, identification of the sources of all the funds distributed to include the budget line item, name,
1800 identification, timeframe for the hemp project, to -- or that a follow-up report by the Treasurer to identify
1801 full minutes of the hemp project, the Executive Summary and its initial projections used to justify funding

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1802 the hemp project, that the follow-up report include the projection of profit, actual return on investment of
1803 the hemp project and timeline of events, approval to current scenario, and that the follow-up report be
1804 provided to GTC within 30 days as an addendum report by mailout and publication in the Kalihwisaks.
1805 Question has been called for. All those in favor of that motion, please signify by raising your hand.

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1807 DEBRA POWLESS: Point of order. Take out the second "the source" of the third sentence because it's
1808 just a repetitive statement.

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1810 TEHASSI HILL: All right, there's just a clerical edit of the motion, but nothing changes the substance,
1811 there's just a second "source" listed, so again, I'll start this over. I'm not going to read it again, but it's
1812 basically the same thing. There was just an edit typo, motion by Debbie, seconded by Ben, all those in
1813 favor of the motion, signify by raising your hand. Again, all those in favor of the motion, signify by raising
1814 your hand. All those opposed to the motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed to the motion,
1815 please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the motion, please raise your hand. Those abstaining,
1816 please raise your hand, and again, by overwhelming support by show of hands, the motion passes. If
1817 there is no other discussion on the Treasurer's report, we'll move on to the -- all right, there is a question
1818 still on the Treasurer's report or the hemp project. We just left microphone A, so I'm going to microphone
1819 B. Please state your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

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1821 MADELYN GENSKOW: Madelyn Genskow. You know, this OTIE thing, I -- OTIE is a Vietnamese guy
1822 who's using -- wants to connect with an Indian tribe so he could get military contracts around the world,
1823 and to me, you know, if they're getting military contracts around the world, money should be coming in
1824 hand over fist. We know how much money the US government budgets for military, and I don't know. It
1825 don't appear to me that the money's coming in hand over fist the way it should be, and I'm getting tired of
1826 other people using my tribe, like that Chinese guy that was sending the cards to China. So anyway, also, I
1827 know that the Tribe got a humongous diabetes grant, and any of you that have diabetes, you should be
1828 getting your teeth cleaned every three months down on the doctor's end at the health center where that
1829 woman really knows how to clean your teeth without hurting you. I want to talk about grants, okay?

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1831 TEHASSI HILL: Madelyn, there's a point of order being called, so keep your comments towards the
1832 presentation.

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1834 MADELYN GENSKOW: You're using up my time. Well, you talked about federal grants, okay? Federal
1835 grants. Also I know that federal grants could be in danger because we don't use them properly. I know
1836 that, and I can document that one time there was a federal grant that went to the health center and here it
1837 was used to put a new floor in the long house. I can document that. I want you to stop that, so you don't
1838 hurt our granting process. That's going to catch up to us, and you are hurting us by allowing that. You
1839 know, also this -- I hear that there was \$15,000 --that the cannery purchased \$15,000 worth of equipment
1840 to make hemp butter when we don't have hemp. What are you doing? Aren't you scrutinizing these
1841 budgets they submit? And the land--oh, my God, the land. These -- these people are ripping us off hand
1842 over fist with the land. Millions and millions of dollars of stupid land investments, and I'm tired of making
1843 DeCaster and Jusa rich on my dime. I have documents where those people are on two -- documents
1844 where, in one case, land went up several million dollars in one day and changed hands and it ended with
1845 us buying the land. I'm tired of that.

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1847 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Madelyn. Thank you for your comments. Your time is up, and so that was just at
1848 microphone B, so we're going to microphone C in the overflow room. Please state your name for the
1849 record, and you have three minutes.

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1851 MIKE DEBRASKA: Mike Debraska. Thank you. I have several questions surrounding this. Trish, earlier
1852 you had stated that from a business perspective, when you guys get together you also invite members of
1853 management and you take a look at the business plan and several other things go on, but I noticed the
1854 one body that continually keeps getting deleted is General Tribal Council. Never is GTC ever involved in a
1855 lot of these processes. Then you bring us information and oftentimes that information is lacking, and then
1856 we're expected to make sound financial decisions on some of that stuff, and it's just completely
1857 impractical. Also, you had mentioned that when Nancy Barton made her motion earlier, that there wasn't
1858 \$6 million, there was \$4.5 million, and that was in that economic development fund if I remember that
1859 correctly. Well, I sat in that BC meeting, and as I understood it, there was \$1 million used to pay off a
1860 Seven Generations bridge loan from that \$6 million. So essentially money is being utilized to pay off from
1861 one corporation to another corporation's debt. That's how I understood it. So I would like some
1862 clarification on that if you can, please, but not until my time's run out because I have a couple other
1863 questions and comments. In addition to this, it's my understanding that this hemp project, we've spent
1864 close to \$100,000 yet again, and what do we have to show for it? Oh, we've learned a lot. Really? I've
1865 learned that you can burn \$100,000 like nothing.

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1867 TEHASSI HILL: Mike, it was \$42,000.

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1869 MIKE DEBRASKA: Forty-two, a hundred, whatever. It's all Monopoly money to me. That's how it sounds
1870 and seems like to you guys. Now, let me get to the aspects of this. So my one question with Trish is about
1871 that bridge loan being paid. The next set of questions I got are for all of you with respect to the LOC. We
1872 keep talking about why GTC keeps getting stung in all of this stuff, and it's because we find out last
1873 instead of finding out first, and I think the thing that would help correct a lot of that are corporate laws.
1874 Where are those corporate laws? I've been asking for the better part of 10 years, and I keep getting told,
1875 "Oh, it's being worked on. It's being worked on." Instead, we've got things coming forward like the flag
1876 law, the curfew law and other things, but I look at it and say, "Are those really impacting our money?" No.
1877 Why don't we have corporate laws? That's my second question to you guys, and then are they going to
1878 be worked on and drafted up so GTC can approve them because I think that'll stop a lot of these
1879 misadventures and mismanagement because it's time to start holding all of you accountable. Thank you.

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1881 TEHASSI HILL: Thank you for your questions and comments, Mike. I'll call on the Treasurer to answer --
1882 clarify some of the questioning. Trish?

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1884 TRISH KING: You are correct in regards to the -- some of those funds being used for a bridge loan for
1885 Oneida Seven Gens. But I would like to clarify that it was a bridge loan which you will hear later in the
1886 presentation for the close-out of the Seven Gens dissolution. General Tribal Council gave us that
1887 directive. We carried it out to every aspect that we could. We had a ton of litigation and the report will be
1888 finalized tonight, provided we get to it. So again, I appreciate the request for transparency. I truly
1889 appreciate that, and it does hold the committee accountable, but we're not the only ones that need to be
1890 held accountable. We all need to be held accountable for everything that we decide upon, and I just feel
1891 that constant accusations to the Business Committee, not properly doing due diligence, if you were to sit
1892 in these seats you would know what that due diligence is. It's constant, and we report out. There's many,
1893 many areas we report out in the General Tribal Council. In the reports, you get multiple reports that are
1894 considered on the same item over and over and over and over again, LPGA being one of them, and the
1895 reports, the minutes are transparent. They're all in the Kalihwisaks. Our reports that we feel that are
1896 necessary that are going to take considerable financial investment also comes to the General Tribal
1897 Council. You ask for stuff, we give it to you, and then the next meeting, you ask for more information, we
1898 give it to you, and then again -- and it just continues. So I'm sorry that it doesn't report out succinctly. We
1899 get stuck in our processes, I agree. If we could actually have one item on the agenda until it's closed, that

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1900 would be awesome, but I just don't think that the constant accusation that this body at this table is being
1901 disrespectful, inconsiderate, untrustworthy--those are all the things that we're trying to -- that we've been
1902 trying for this body, especially, for the last three years to improve, and I think we've done a considerable
1903 improvement to that. Communication is always our problem, and it's not the types of communication
1904 because we do put communication out. I guess it's really the one-on-one interactions, but people don't
1905 want to come to our meetings that we schedule for you on your behalf for this information to be received
1906 and understood. I don't know how to change that behavior, and if we're not going to be responsible
1907 ourselves as individuals ourselves, then I just can't answer that. I apologize. I'm doing the best that I can,
1908 as well as the rest of the committee, and all of the people that are working in our operations that are trying
1909 to work for the betterment of the Nation, they're not individually provoked. And so I think we should all
1910 take that into consideration. We're trying to work for a Nation together. That means you have to help us,
1911 and we have to help you understand. I put General Tribal Council meetings, I mean budget meetings for
1912 your input, and some of these reports that you're asking for are given at those meetings. We put triennial
1913 plans together so you could see what we're planning today and into the future for three years, at least
1914 three years. We should be planning 50 to 100 years. We can't seem to get to that goal, so it's really
1915 imperative that if you have the questions, come to the meetings, understand the issues, ask where you
1916 can find more information, learn how to use the website, become technology savvy--I don't even know
1917 how to do half of that some of the time, but I do my best in trying to find the information, so that's all I
1918 wanted to say. I apologize if we can't give you everything every single time. You have to look back, and
1919 you have to look forward, and a lot of our information is already given to you--all of these questions.
1920 Thank you.

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1922 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you, Trish. MIKE DEBRASKA also did have a question to the LOC so I'll
1923 call on the LOC Chair to answer the questions of corporate law discussion.

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1925 DAVID P. JORDAN: Yes, we do have some corporate laws on the active files list, but there's other
1926 priorities that are taking precedence because it's up to the LOC of our priority list. So they're on active
1927 files list, but they're not -- it's not in the highest priority right now, and it should be, but I guess if it was
1928 directed by the General Tribal Council that would make a change and a lot of -- well, not a lot of them, I
1929 mean, we also have to deal with the petitions that come in.

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1931 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you, David. All right, concluding those remarks we were just at
1932 microphone C, so we're going to move to microphone A. Please state your name for the record, and you
1933 have three minutes.

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1935 GINA BUENROSTRO: Thank you, My name is Gina Buenrostro, and I know this is going to sound a little
1936 crazy, and I would like General Tribal Council to indulge me a little bit. We were talking about hemp and
1937 things of that nature, and I was talking to my mother sitting here and she said, "When you want legal
1938 advice, get an attorney. When you want medical advice, get a doctor." So if you're growing to grow hemp
1939 or something of that nature, you get the expert. That's what you do in business, so this is a suggestion. I
1940 may make it into a motion, but one of my comments I had was, and I've been saying this on Facebook, so
1941 I may get a lot of you that may disagree with me, however, in the state of Illinois and the state of
1942 Michigan, the surrounding states are approving legalizing marijuana, okay? So my opinion on Facebook
1943 is that we need to be in front of the 8 ball on this as a Tribe--whether it's a consortium with the other 11
1944 Tribes in the state of Wisconsin or whether we take that leadership role and venture out there, so I really
1945 want -- I was hoping that you guys were staying on top of the legislature and the referendum in the state
1946 of Wisconsin. Wisconsin is already going in that direction that was approved on a referendum, and I'm not
1947 a legislator. I'm not a lobbyist, I'm not one of you guys where I'm on top of all the legalities of everything,
1948 but I would be trying to stay in front of the 8 ball, and for this reason--and I'm not looking to appease a

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1949 certain population--whether it's the young people, old people, because I know there's a lot of people on
1950 this reservation that smoke a little marijuana, so my comment is this--that we should be in front of that 8
1951 ball because other Tribes that have already engaged in the state of Washington, California--they are
1952 making more revenue selling legalized marijuana than what their casinos are bringing in. Now let me say
1953 that again--they are making more money and bringing in -- generating more revenue than what their
1954 casinos are bringing in. Casinos bring in billions of dollars. Okay? Can you guys imagine that? Can you
1955 imagine that? So I want to make an amendment to Debbie's original motion that the Business Committee
1956 start taking this direction, to look at what we would have to do to get into that business. Now, I know
1957 maybe there's some older generations here might not like it. However, it's the future. The future. All these
1958 states are approving it, legalizing marijuana, so there's options. You can do a consortium with the other
1959 tribes, but the one thing I would stick out there is get experts that know the business. Don't try to just jump
1960 into the water without knowing what you're jumping into. So I would like to make that an amendment to
1961 her motion is that you guys seeks the information, get the experts, so that we can look progressive and
1962 evolve and get into this business of legalizing marijuana. That's my motion.

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1964 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just to clarify that, it's just a motion; it's not an amendment.

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1966 GINA BUENROSTRO: I'm sorry, it's an amendment. That's what I said during the comments.

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1968 TEHASSI HILL: We already voted on --

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1970 GINA BUENROSTRO: Oh, you did? So then it's a motion. Sorry.

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1972 TEHASSI HILL: It's a motion.

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1974 GINA BUENROSTRO: It's a motion. I need someone to second that one.

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1976 TEHASSI HILL: All right, hang on. We're going to make sure we're recorded the motion properly. And
1977 again, as a reminder that we do have other items on this agenda that we need to for sure take care of
1978 tonight. One is the audit from the McGladrey report and the other one we have to take care of is the
1979 election date. Those need to be taken care of tonight. The other items can be moved. All right, can you
1980 restate your motion because you got kind of --

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1982 GINA BUENROSTRO: I know, I said a lot. Okay, so we need to go into the -- well, she has "production
1983 business", but okay so, we need to be prepared, so what I want the Business Committee to do is to bring
1984 back information, seek out the experts, and what we need to do to prepare for this. Do not do it on your
1985 own. Get the experts involved, and bring us back a plan of action once Wisconsin legalizes marijuana, a
1986 plan of action of how we could successfully get into that business because so far everyone else has been
1987 successful.

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1989 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just make sure we get your motion recorded.

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1991 GINA BUENROSTRO: Okay, legalization of marijuana in the state of Wisconsin on how we can
1992 successfully get into that business. The Business Committee look at what we need to do to go and to
1993 prepare. The Business -- okay, my -- motion is to direct the Business Committee to prepare for the
1994 legalization -- okay, I said it better before. Let me see here. That's kind of -- that is, but I want also in the
1995 motion that they consult experts in the business, so -- and then bring -- I want to put a timeframe on this
1996 because it's already kind of like in the legislature now, so maybe -- get expert opinions -- yeah, get -- I
1997 need some help with just the wording. I know you guys are up there laughing about it. Go ahead, laugh,

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1998 but other tribes are making billions of dollars, so I don't know who you're laughing out, but other tribes are
1999 making a billion dollars, bro. That's what they're going, so -- okay. And bring back the opinion or the
2000 expert's opinion, a report, something of that nature, that tells us how much money we need to invest, the
2001 equipment, the experts, blah blah blah. I would say, here comes JoAnne, but I would say 90 days, 120
2002 days--at least we'll know. I'm not staying start planting the marijuana seeds; I'm saying let's look at what it
2003 would cost and to be in front of the 8 ball--whether it's a consortium with other tribes or whether we just
2004 do it on our own. I don't know how you put that in a motion.

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2006 TEHASSI HILL: Gina, we really need to get this done --
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2008 GINA BUENROSTRO: Ninety days, I'm sorry, 90 days.
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2010 TEHASSI HILL: Not the report, but the motion itself because this really isn't that related to the Treasurer's
2011 report, so it could be called out of order, but I kind of want to entertain the motion, so GTC has a report in
2012 their hands of what it potentially take and what would have to happen, but we need to do this quickly.
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2014 GINA BUENROSTRO: Okay, I'm done, so I'm going to say 30-60-90, 120 days, 120 days, because I think
2015 90 days is --
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2017 TEHASSI HILL: Or is it reasonable enough to have it on the semi-annual report?
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2019 GINA BUENROSTRO: Well, if we could take action on it -- I know Jo Anne came up there to probably tell
2020 you she's out of order, but it's up to General Tribal Council if I'm out of order. They can overstep that little
2021 technicality --
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2023 TEHASSI HILL: Well, there's technicalities with setting a date of 120 days because I don't specifically
2024 know what dates we have available in this room, so the easiest way for me to process this going forward
2025 is to actually just have this on an already planned meeting date which would be the semi-annual meeting.
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2027 GINA BUENROSTRO: Okay, okay.
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2029 TEHASSI HILL: It's just the quickest way for me to process this.
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2031 GINA BUENROSTRO: So can we do that then? Put it on the semi-annual then? That's in July, right?
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2033 TEHASSI HILL: Yep, the July report.
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2035 GINA BUENROSTRO: Yes. Make it easy on you guys and make it more acceptable to General Tribal
2036 Council.
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2038 TEHASSI HILL: All right, I need a name for the second. Stacy Grignon seconds.
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2040 GINA BUENROSTRO: Overflow room, I need your support on this.
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2042 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: I have an amendment to the motion.
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2044 TEHASSI HILL: All right, there is an amendment to the motion. Just hang on a second. That was at
2045 microphone A, I just looked, there's nobody at microphone C, so I'm going to microphone B. Go ahead.
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2047 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: My amendment to the main motion is that that report include the
2048 banking impacts because it is still not federally bankable. It also needs to include the IGRA impacts
2049 because it is not allowable under IGRA, either. So there's more than just the financial impacts; there's
2050 also all the regulatory impacts and the impacts upon our current revenue source that we rely upon which
2051 is gaming.

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2053 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just wait to make sure we got your amendment recorded properly.

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2055 GINA BUENROSTRO: And I'll second that.

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2057 TEHASSI HILL: All right, it's a motion by Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies, seconded by Gina Buenrostro, for
2058 the amendment to the main motion include the business strategy, include the banking impacts, IGRA
2059 impacts, and other regulatory impacts. Question has been called for, so we are going to a vote on the
2060 amendment. Amendment to the main motion by Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies, seconded by GINA
2061 Buenrostro, that the business strategy include the banking impacts, IGRA impacts, and other regulatory
2062 impacts. All those in favor of that amendment, please raise your hand. All those in favor of that
2063 amendment, please raise your hand. All right, all those opposed to that amendment, please raise your
2064 hand. Those opposed to that amendment, please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please
2065 raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand. All right, thank you. The
2066 amendment passes with overwhelming support. Now we are back to the main motion. There is a call for
2067 the question. The question has been called for on the main motion, and again, I'm just trying to follow the
2068 rules as set, but you weren't recognized at the mic, so I'm sorry, but a call for the question at this point
2069 takes precedent, so I will read the motion and we will vote on the main motion by Gina Buenrostro,
2070 seconded by Stacy Grignon, to direct the Business Committee to prepare for the legalization of marijuana
2071 in the state of Wisconsin, that the Business Committee consult with experts and bring back a business
2072 strategy, and that the business strategy be brought back to GTC at the 2020 semi-annual GTC meeting
2073 agenda. All those in favor of that motion please raise your hand. All those in favor of that motion, please
2074 raise your hand. All those opposed to that motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed to that
2075 motion, please raise your hand. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand. Those
2076 abstaining, and again, we have overwhelming support for the motion. Motion passes. Thank you.

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2078 MADELYN GENSKOW: I'd like to make a motion pertaining to the budget and the report.

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2080 TEHASSI HILL: Madelyn, you had already spoke on the motion on the discussion of the Treasurer's
2081 report. So at this --

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2083 MADELYN GENSKOW: I can't make another motion.

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2085 TEHASSI HILL: You can't be recognized until everybody in the room has had a chance to speak once,
2086 and then it can come back to you.

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2088 MADELYN GENSKOW: I guess I was just hoping I could make a motion that we get a doctor's report on
2089 the damage to the brains of -- developing brains of our young people by using marijuana. We already are
2090 hurting our people with our cheap cigarettes.

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2092 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Madelyn, I guess at this point your request is out of order at this point following
2093 the rules as set, and if there is no other discussion on the Treasurer's report we can move on to the
2094 auditor's report. We still need a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. We're looking for a motion to
2095 approve the Treasurer's report. Brandon makes the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Is there a

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2096 second? I need a name for the second. Debbie Danforth seconds that motion to approve the Treasurer's
2097 report. Is there any discussion on the motion? Question has been called for. We are going to vote on the
2098 motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Brandon, seconded by Debbie. All those in favor signify by
2099 saying "aye". Those opposed, abstentions. Motion carries by voice. I forgot to do the show of hands. I'm
2100 sorry, but it was pretty overwhelming, so the report has been approved. Thank you for the indulgence as
2101 we try to move quickly.
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2. FY-2019 Comprehensive Financial Audit report by RSM US, LLP. (03:22:07)

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2105 TEHASSI HILL: All right, the next up is the McGladrey financial audit report, or RSM, I'm sorry.
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2107 LARRY BARTON: Okay, Mr. Chair, I am pleased to introduce again Corey Topp and Ryan Hirsch
2108 representing RSM, and they'll walk us through the audit. Thank you.
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2110 COREY TOPP: All right, thank you. My name is Corey Topp. I'm a partner with RSM, and with me is Ryan
2111 Hirsch. He's a senior manager. We're the two people that are responsible for the conduct of the audits
2112 that we completed for the September 30, 2019 audit. As you can see, this year we presented reports for
2113 the general purpose financial statements for the Nation as a whole, the gaming fund financial statements,
2114 we did a revolving loan fund --
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2116 LISA SUMMERS: Excuse me. We need a point of order. We can't hear the presentation in the overflow
2117 room.
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2119 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, thank you. Again, in the overflow room, please keep it down in there. People want
2120 to be able to hear the report. Thank you.
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2122 COREY TOPP: We also issued a report on the Oneida Seven Gens, and other reports are the minimum
2123 mix--what we call the mix, agreed upon procedures related to gaming activities. We also have the single
2124 audit related to your federal funds and state funds, and then also there was a report to the -- a letter to the
2125 audit committee. These financial statements -- one of the things we do as part of our process is that we
2126 just don't take management's numbers. We verify with third parties, with banks, investments, actually
2127 probably several of you got confirmations, requests from us. We use that third party verification in addition
2128 to all the procedures that we perform, and all these financial statements are presented fairly in all material
2129 respects, meaning it's a clean opinion, that the numbers that are in the financial statements can be relied
2130 upon, that Oneida follow the accounting rules appropriately, and that the financial statements are an
2131 accurate representation of the financial condition of Oneida. So looking at Oneida from 2018 to 2019, you
2132 ended the year with \$870,000,000 in assets. That is buildings, receivables, investments--all the things
2133 that you've -- all the programs, the gaming, sorry. There we go. All the things that you've purchased over
2134 the years to provide services, businesses, in your operations. Of that \$870 million, you only had \$46
2135 million of debt. That actually decreased by about \$20 million this last year because of the efforts that
2136 Oneida was doing to pay down its debt. So at the end of the year, you had \$823 million of net position.
2137 What that represents from the inception of the Tribe, the decisions that have been made by the prior
2138 Business Committees, by prior management and so forth, have generated assets and other things
2139 available for future generations of \$823 million. From a revenues and expenses standpoint, from an
2140 income statement standpoint, charges for services is your largest line of revenue. A lot of that is from
2141 gaming. You can see it went up \$9 million from last year. Half of that was from gaming, half of that was
2142 from your health clinic and the charges for services that are provided from third party billings. Overall for
2143 the year, you increased your net position by \$31 million, so you actually grew from 2018, you actually

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2144 increased more and have more resources available going into 2020 as a result of the operations from
2145 2019. As a result -- because of the federal dollars that you spend, and also your state dollars, we have to
2146 take a look at your processes that you utilize to ensure that the financial statements are prepared
2147 properly. We're not only looking at the design of those policies and procedures, but we're also testing
2148 those policies and procedures to make sure that they're operating effectively. As you can see from a
2149 government auditing standards, there are certain things that we have to report to you if there were
2150 deficiencies in those policies or procedures. There was no internal control findings, and there was also no
2151 compliance findings to report, so the policies and procedures were not only appropriately designed, but
2152 were also operating the way that management intended. As well, there were no compliance findings to
2153 report from a financial reporting standpoint. With respect to the federal awards, we looked at your self-
2154 governance compact, which is your HIS, your largest funding grant that you have, and also from a state
2155 standpoint, we looked at your kinship care and your family service. Those three programs we do more
2156 detailed testing on those specifically. In both cases, we had unmodified, clean opinions on compliance.
2157 Also, the controls that were used to ensure compliance with those programs were clean. There was no
2158 findings to report, so not only clean opinion from your financial report standpoint, but also from the federal
2159 programs and the state programs that you set out to perform, clean opinions there. So the next few
2160 graphs are things to look at historically from 2010. Where has Oneida been from a -- on several factors,
2161 and this first one is the overall assets, and this is where I said you were at over \$800 million in assets.
2162 You can see that top line relates to capital assets, so each year, you are continually putting in money to
2163 provide, you know, into buildings, roads, infrastructure that can provide future services for the members of
2164 the Nation. Cash and investments have continued to increase every year, and the only reason why there
2165 was a little bit of flattening in that green line was because of the pay down of the debt this year which
2166 actually saved the Nation probably around \$10 million in interest as a result of paying off that debt early.
2167 From a liability standpoint, that top line, which is the top yellow line correlates with your capital assets.
2168 Again, that's going to be used for future services. If you look at the bottom green line, that is your long
2169 term liabilities or that's a long term debt, and you can see in 2019, you're at zero, so where you're at back
2170 in 2011 at the \$100 million, 2012 \$100 million, you're now at zero for long term debt. From a revenue
2171 standpoint, your largest source of revenue, and this is from a governmental activities, so this does not
2172 include your gaming. Ryan will be covering the gaming in a second here. That top line is your grants.
2173 That's the money coming in from federal grants, state grants. The second line is charges for services.
2174 That is the -- the majority of that comes in from third party billings from insurance companies and so forth
2175 that use the clinic and your health care operations. The orange line, that's your investment income. As
2176 you can see, over the last four years it's been kind of an up and down with the way the market has been,
2177 but overall, the results here have continually increased each year. From an expenditures standpoint, 35
2178 percent from a governmental activities and the programs that you choose to spend, 35 percent of that is
2179 spent in health care, health and social services related. Eighteen percent is in education, so 53 percent of
2180 your dollars that are being used in programs are going to either cover health services for your members
2181 and education. When you look at your overall payroll, from 2015, it looks like that's a very large increase
2182 in the payroll costs. However, when you compare it to your overall expenses, payroll has been increasing
2183 at the same rate. Payroll for Oneida actually represents 31 percent of your overall expenses every year,
2184 so every dollar you spend in expenses, 31 cents is going towards payroll costs. This next slide talks about
2185 the cost of services, so that top line represents what you choose through your budgeting process to
2186 spend on governmental programs, and that is -- in this last year for 2019, you chose to spend \$176
2187 million on programs. The red line -- the blue line represents the costs after you take your federal grants,
2188 your charges for services and third party billings for state grants. So that is the amount that you need to
2189 come up with to cover the -- to keep the same level of effort for your -- for the services programs and so
2190 forth. The blue line -- or the red line is the amount that comes from gaming. So as long as the red line is
2191 above the blue line, you are growing. You're adding money to your net position for future programs. When
2192 the red is below blue, that means you've used some of the resources that you've built up in the past to

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2193 cover those programs in the current year, and you can see in this graph, 2014 and 2019 are the only two
2194 years where the gaming transfers have not covered the programs that you set out to achieve. So when
2195 you go back to the original or go back to the net position, overall, because you have \$823 million of net
2196 position available, your gaming has always been exceeding the amounts that you've been spending
2197 which means that it just provides more funding for you going forward for programs. This -- the next few
2198 graphs compare you to other tribes that we audit, and so from a benchmark standpoint, when you look at
2199 the general -- which is the green lines -- you can see that the overall -- a lot of other tribes have to come
2200 up with other money just to cover their general expenditures, where you've chosen to use the gaming --
2201 the amounts from gaming and so forth is more towards health and more towards education. Those are
2202 the areas that you decide to cover through your programs. From an expenditure -- for Tribal, you can see
2203 that the trends with the benchmark are very consistent, and from a where do your source of revenues
2204 come from or from federal, very consistent with the rest of the tribes that we audit.
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2206 RYAN HIRSCH: The next couple of slides depict the operations of the gaming fund, and the first one here
2207 is total revenue, net gaming revenue, total expenses and operating income, and you can see that they've
2208 all been in an upward trend over the past several years. Going into more detail, net gaming revenue
2209 increased 2.1 percent in 2018. The yellow bars represent the benchmark which consisted of
2210 approximately 75 casinos all over the country, so it's a good comparison to evaluate your operations
2211 against. Increase in total expenses was about 1.1 percent. We're seeing anywhere between 3 and 6
2212 percent this year, so you're under the average. Total payroll expense is at \$60.2 million, a \$700,000
2213 increase from 2018 which is pretty consistent with what we're seeing around the industry, about 1-3
2214 percent increase in payroll in 2019 compared to 1.1 percent. Your payroll expenses as a percent of total
2215 expenses is 54 percent. You are higher than industry as you have some -- you have less other expenses.
2216 A lot of other casinos have larger state compact fees so that's not necessarily a bad thing. Operating
2217 income as a percentage of total revenue is 53 percent, so for every \$1 of revenue from the gaming fund,
2218 you have approximately 53 cents left over to distribute to the Nation. Win per machine per day--every
2219 machine on the floor generates approximately \$259 in revenue in 2019 which has increased \$8 over prior
2220 year, and every table on the floor generated \$920 in 2018, a slight decrease from prior year, but still
2221 consistent with the industry.
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2223 COREY TOPP: So this last slide, what this represents, overall there's -- sorry, I can't read that -- yeah,
2224 304 tribes that actually file their audit results with the federal clearing house, which is a national
2225 repository. Within the first two quarters, only 12 percent of the tribes are able to file their financial results.
2226 Eighty-two percent of the tribes file in the third quarter, and eight percent don't even make the nine month
2227 deadline to file with the federal government. This last year, for 2018, which this data is based on, Oneida
2228 was the first tribe in the nation to file their audit results with the federal government, so the federal
2229 government knew before the quickest the results of the Oneida results. That is something that is very
2230 hard to achieve--the fact that when we talk about the results of the audit from an internal control
2231 standpoint, the compliance findings, all the things that are put in place help ensure that you are at that
2232 position. Of that 82 percent, or actually overall, there was 150 tribes that filed their results in the last week
2233 before the nine months. So you filed your results in the middle of the third month, so the fact that we're
2234 standing up here today, you know, has a lot to do with everything that management has done, Business
2235 Committee has done to ensure that the information that is presented to us to audit is verifiable and we
2236 would not achieve these results in an audit if those things were not in place. So with that, thank you for
2237 allowing us to present the audit results for 2019.
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2239 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you for the presentation. Again, if there's no questions or comments on
2240 the report, we're looking for a motion to --
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2242 MADELYN GENSKOW: I do. I have a question.

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2244 TEHASSI HILL: -- accept the report. There's a question at microphone A. Please state your name and
2245 your question, and you have three minutes. Thank you.

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2247 LARRY BARTON: Mr. Chair, if we could excuse the auditors, and Ralinda and I will answer any questions
2248 relative to the audit. Thank you Corey and Ryan.

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2250 MADELYN GENSKOW: They did the audit. Why can't I ask them?

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2252 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: They audited our records, therefore, we would have any information
2253 that you would need.

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2255 TEHASSI HILL: All right, Madelyn, go ahead. You've got three minutes.

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2257 MADELYN GENSKOW: You know, last year you told us we didn't have no debts. All of a sudden we got
2258 all these debts. I don't understand that. You said we had no debt. Everybody applauded.

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2260 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: What debt are you referring to, Madelyn?

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2262 MADELYN GENSKOW: All of a sudden you're saying we have debts.

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2264 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: What debt are you referring to, Madelyn?

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2266 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, the guy just said we have debts.

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2268 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: No, he didn't say we have debts.

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2270 MADELYN GENSKOW: What did he say?

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2272 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: He said that our financial position was increased based upon your
2273 decision to pay off the debt which saved us about \$10 million in interest.

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2275 MADELYN GENSKOW: Yeah, well, last year you told us we didn't have no debts then. Now all of a
2276 sudden we had to pay off a debt.

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2278 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Yes, Madelyn, what they presented was the fiscal year 2019 audited
2279 financial statements, so this was last year.

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2281 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, I'm wondering about the audit on the land purchase, the money we spent to
2282 purchase land. I have a document here that says that we tried to block Hobart from putting that
2283 interchange on 29 and it says in this article that the land we bought was --

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2285 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: I'm sorry, Madelyn, that wouldn't pertain to the financial statement
2286 audit.

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2288 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, it would be -- I would hope it would be --

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2290 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: That wouldn't pertain to the financial statement.

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2292 TEHASSI HILL: Madelyn, I'm going to have to stop you in a point of order. You need to talk about the
2293 reports.
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2295 MADELYN GENSKOW: That's why I wanted to talk to the auditors.
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2297 TEHASSI HILL: There is a Land Acquisition report on the agenda where that question would be more
2298 appropriate.
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2300 MADELYN GENSKOW: I would like to know if they audited our land fund because boy, are we being
2301 ripped off there. I would like that audited for sure.
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2303 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: As the auditors indicated, the audit is a reflection that the numbers
2304 contained in our audited financial statements are material and accurate in all respects.
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2306 MADELYN GENSKOW: I don't know why you would pay 63 times what some land is worth over by -- and
2307 then that interchange went through anyway.
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2309 TEHASSI HILL: Madelyn, we're not here to talk about --
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2311 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: Thank you for the question, Madelyn, however, that's not relevant to a
2312 financial statement audit.
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2314 MADELYN GENSKOW: It has nothing to do with our money?
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2316 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: It's not relevant to a financial statement audit. That's an operational
2317 audit.
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2319 MADELYN GENSKOW: Well, that don't make no sense to me at all.
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2321 RALINDA NINHAM-LAMBERIES: I'm sorry.
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2323 TEHASSI HILL: All right, thank you Madelyn. We're now going to microphone B which is empty, so we're
2324 going to microphone C in the overflow room. Please state your name for the record, and you have three
2325 minutes. Thank you.
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2327 NANCY BARTON: My name's Nancy Barton. I make a motion to approve the auditor's report. There's a
2328 motion by Nancy, seconded by Terry Cornelius. All right, so we have a motion on the table, on the floor,
2329 motion by Nancy, seconded by Terry to accept the fiscal year 2019 comprehensive financial audit report.
2330 Question has been called for, so we're going to vote. Sorry, the call for the question takes precedent. All
2331 those in favor of the motion by Nancy, seconded by Terry, to accept the 2019 comprehensive financial
2332 audit report signify by raising your hand. All those opposed to the motion, please raise your hand. All
2333 those opposed. Those abstaining, those abstaining please raise your hand. Okay, motion passes with
2334 very, very almost majority vote or almost all voting in support of the motion. Thank you.
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2340 VI. NEW BUSINESS

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2342 A. 2020 General Election Date (03:42:41)

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2344 TEHASSI HILL: I know time is running short, so I'm going to request a motion to move the agenda item
2345 2020 General Election Date to next. Motion by Gina Buenrostro, seconded by Debra Powless to move the
2346 election date to next. Again, this is a two-third vote. Call for the question is a two-thirds vote. All those in
2347 favor of the motion to move the election up next, please raise your hand. All those opposed to the motion,
2348 please raise your hand. All those abstaining, please raise your hand. Again, thank you for the passage. It
2349 was a almost unanimous vote in support of the motion, so next up is the election date selection by
2350 General Tribal Council. So on page 32 of the packet, Section 2.9, Election Process, Selection, A. Polling
2351 Place and Times of the Oneida Election Law. 2.9-1 states in part, "The election shall be held in the month
2352 of July on a date set by General Tribal Council. The General Tribal Council shall set the election date at
2353 the January annual meeting or at the first GTC meeting held during a given year, so there's a
2354 recommendation on behalf of the Election Board. They propose a date of Saturday, July 18, 2020, as
2355 their date proposal with an alternate date of July 11, 2020. We are entertaining discussion on the dates,
2356 and again, please everybody, have order in the room. We're going to have this item here we need to take
2357 care of and the motion passed by General Tribal Council was to allow people with canes and walkers and
2358 such to exit the room first, so if you're healthy, please remain seated. So again, if you're standing up in
2359 the back of the room waiting to line up, it's not appropriate at this time. We're looking for a motion for
2360 General Tribal Council to select the date for the election.

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2362 MIKE DEBRASKA: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, can you tell us the dates again? What was the first one?

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2364 TEHASSI HILL: July 18th and July 11th as the alternate as proposed by the Election Board. We left off at
2365 microphone C, so I'm going to go to microphone A.

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2367 SUSAN HOUSE: Hello, my name is Susan House. I'd like to make a motion to have the general election
2368 on July 4th.

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2370 TEHASSI HILL: All right, there is a motion--who seconded? Tina Danforth seconded the motion? Motion
2371 made by Susan, seconded by Tina Danforth, to set the 2020 general election on July 4, 2020. Is there
2372 any discussion on that date? Discussion at microphone B which would be the next microphone. Please
2373 state your name for the record, and you have three minutes.

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2375 RAE SKENANDORE: My name is Rae Skenandore. I just have a question on any of these dates. What is
2376 the timeline for the caucus?

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2378 TEHASSI HILL: I guess I don't have that offhand, but that's something the Election Board does once the
2379 date is selected. They do a reverse schedule of when the primary needs to happen and then back from
2380 that, to the election law how many days needs to be before that for the actual caucus. I don't know if the
2381 Election Board is prepared to have that date selected, but that will be noticed in the Kalihwisaks and
2382 usually a sample ballot at some point, as well. Sorry I can't answer your question. Is there any further
2383 discussion on --

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2385 TINA DANFORTH: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make an amendment.

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2387 TEHASSI HILL: All right, just a second. We were at microphone B. I don't see anybody at microphone C
2388 in the overflow room, so microphone A, please state your name, and you have three minutes.

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2390 TINA DANFORTH: Tina Danforth. Amendment to the main motion that there be a notice within 30 days
2391 for the caucus and the primary dates, 30 days so people can plan accordingly.

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2393 TEHASSI HILL: That there be a notice within 30 days with the --

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2395 TINA DANFORTH: Public notice, yes.

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2397 TEHASSI HILL: Thirty days from today or thirty days of the caucus?

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2399 TINA DANFORTH: Within 30 days of today, public notice, of caucus dates and primary dates.

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2401 TEHASSI HILL: All right, I need a name for the second. Terry Cornelius seconds. The question has been
2402 called for so I'll read the amendment to the main motion by Tina Danforth, seconded by Terry Cornelius,
2403 that there be a public notice within 30 days of today of the caucus date and primary date. The question
2404 has been called for. We're in the process of voting. Please raise your hand if you support the amendment
2405 to the main motion. Please raise your hand if you support the amendment. In the overflow room, please,
2406 again, we have not completely concluded this meeting. We will have 11 minutes, so please don't stand in
2407 the way for 11 minutes. Have a seat so we can conclude the --

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2409 LINDA DALLAS: Also I respectfully request that the elders and disabled please be allowed to leave first.

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2411 TEHASSI HILL: Yes, that is part of the adoption of the agenda. That is to happen, and I did notice it
2412 several times so I will announce it again after we conclude this vote, so everybody again, please take a
2413 seat so we can have a proper voting on the action. Again, this is an amendment to the main motion by
2414 Tina Danforth, seconded by Terry Cornelius, that there be a public notice within 30 days of today of the
2415 caucus date and primary date. All those in favor, please raise your hand. All those in favor of the
2416 amendment, please raise your hand. Those opposed to the amendment, please raise your hand. Those
2417 opposed. Those abstaining from the vote, please raise your hand. Anyone abstaining from the vote,
2418 please raise your hand. All right, the amendment carries. There is a call for the question for the main
2419 motion which was by Susan House, seconded by Tina Danforth, to set the date of the 2020 general
2420 election for July 4, 2020. All those in favor of that motion, please raise your hand. All those in favor of that
2421 motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed to that motion, please raise your hand. All those
2422 opposed. All right, all those abstaining? I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to ask for a hand count. It was too
2423 close to call, so please Election Board, get in position to do a hand count, and while they are getting into
2424 position, I will announce again that you, the General Tribal Council, did pass in the adoption of the
2425 agenda that -- to allow the elders and people with canes and walkers to exit first, so please, if you are
2426 young and you're healthy, please remain seated until these people can get in line and prepare to exit, and
2427 then the process usually happens pretty quick after that, so please remain seated if you can. It's a GTC
2428 passed motion. If you're healthy, you remain seated. All right, Election Board is ready and in place. Again,
2429 this is a hand count, so please raise your hand if you are in support of the motion for July 4th for the
2430 general elections to be adopted. Please raise your hand if you support the motion to be -- have the
2431 general elections on July 4th.

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2433 LISA SUMMERS: Mr. Chairman, this is Lisa from the overflow room. There is nobody in the overflow
2434 room counting.

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2436 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, I heard the comment from the overflow room. We need the Election Board ready in
2437 the overflow room to take the count of the vote.

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2439 LISA SUMMERS: Mr. Chairman, we also have people outside the doors already in the overflow room.
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2441 TEHASSI HILL: Well, if they're outside the doors, I'm sorry, but their vote doesn't count. They need to be
2442 present in the meeting, and as I noticed, there was still at the time 11 minutes left of General Tribal
2443 Council and I had requested everybody to take a seat so we can get a proper counting of these last
2444 items. There's still 8 minutes so people are going to be standing around for a while yet, so we're just
2445 trying to make sure we're doing this meeting and count properly.

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2447 LINDA DALLAS: Maybe the Election Board members are in line to check out.
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2449 TEHASSI HILL: Again, we're waiting for Election Board members to be present in the overflow room to
2450 count.

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2452 LISA SUMMERS: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, we do need people to be seated because the Election
2453 Board members are unable to count because of the crowds gathered around the exiting places.

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2455 TEHASSI HILL: All right, again, please -- our Tribal members who are in the overflow room area, please
2456 have a seat. It is very difficult to get the Election Board people in there to do the count. Again, please, the
2457 people around the overflow room, please have a seat so we can continue with the business of General
2458 Tribal Council.

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2460 LISA SUMMERS: Can we get security at the doors to ask the people to sit down so that we can take the
2461 count please?

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2463 TEHASSI HILL: All right, please have security report to the overflow area to escort people out of the
2464 doorways to have a seat.

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2466 LISA SUMMERS: We do need security across the back for people to sit down. Candace, are you ready
2467 over there? Overflow room is ready, Mr. Chairman.

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2469 TEHASSI HILL: Okay, so this is the "yes" vote for the overflow room only. The main room already was
2470 counted for the main motion to set the 2020 general election on July 4, 2020. Please raise your hand in
2471 the overflow room to be counted if you support the motion. If you support the motion, please raise your
2472 hand to be counted in the overflow room. Thank you. Who knows these guys standing in front of the
2473 camera in the overflow room? Come on, let's hear some names.

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2475 ELECTION BOARD: Overflow room is ready for the second count.

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2477 TEHASSI HILL: All right, so this will be those opposed to the main motion to select the 2020 election date
2478 as July 4th. Those opposed to that motion, please raise your hand in both rooms; those opposed to the
2479 motion, please raise your hand.

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2481 ELECTION BOARD: Overflow room is done. We're ready for the next count.

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2483 TEHASSI HILL: All right, all those abstaining from the vote, all those abstaining from the vote, please
2484 raise your hand. All right, we're just waiting for the total of the votes counted, and then we'll make the

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2485 announcements, and then we'll entertain a motion to recess. Okay, could we please have quiet for the
2486 overflow room report. Please quiet. Election Board please report the results for the overflow room.

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2488 ELECTION BOARD: 260 for yes, 107 no, and 18 abstain.

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2490 TEHASSI HILL: The checkout process has not started yet, so please remain seated. Follow instructions
2491 that you adopted in the adoption of the agenda. Again, I'll make the announcement while they are still
2492 tallying the vote that General Tribal Council tonight passed a motion during the adoption of the agenda to
2493 allow the elders and people with canes and walkers to exit first. So again, please refrain from getting up
2494 and rushing to the door. General Tribal Council voted for this motion which is you, so I would expect that
2495 you honor your own motion, so again, please refrain from getting into line early. They won't start checking
2496 people out anyway until the meeting adjourns or recesses, so there is no checking out early. All right,
2497 thank you everyone. There was 1,219 votes cast. We had 761 yes votes, 421 no votes, 31 abstentions so
2498 the motion passes. We now have a date for the 2020 election. At this time, I would entertain a motion to
2499 recess. Motion to recess by Terry, seconded by Barry Skenandore. All those in favor, say "aye". Those
2500 opposed. Those abstentions. All right, motion carries. Again, everybody please be mindful of your own
2501 action tonight to allow people with walkers and canes to exit first. The process happens quick. Don't --
2502 there's no need to rush. Please make sure you pick up the trash around you and deposit it and make
2503 sure if you have any paper materials such as packets that they go in the recycling bin. Thank you.

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