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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**EMERGENCY MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an Emergency meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on Monday March 10, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Good afternoon, everyone. We are here for an emergency open meeting. It is Monday, March the 10th, 2025. This emergency meeting was called by the Ogema. So, in accordance with Article 4, Section 6C of the Tribal Constitution, the business to be transacted at this emergency open meeting shall be limited to the specific purposes stated below.

I. Call to Order

Recorder. Oh. I'm calling this meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call please

Recorder Johnson:

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Moving down to

III. Open Session

**Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and
Energy (EGLE) Streambank Stabilization Grant Application
2026-2028**

Frank has brought this item forward, so Frank, the floor is yours.

Frank Beaver: Thank you, and thank you, Council, for entertaining and giving me some time this afternoon. We have before us; we've had a work session on this. This is a request um for from EGLE for non-point source streambank stabilization funding. And this is a uh requested amount of \$150,000 with a match minimum of about 25%, none of which the tribe will be paying. Our partners on this project are the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Corps. Council? Council. Yes, not Corps. Council. Sorry. And so, yes, too many acronyms. And so those folks will be providing the match. This will be

uh work for streambank stabilization along this river on private landowners, and the landowners will be providing their match, their share of match for um construction costs. The construction will be to prevent um erosion problems along the river. Erosion, of course, is a pretty bad impact for our fish habitat and our species where they like to spawn. So, we're working to correct that. They uh brought this um to us. It's uh on the Watershed Council. We've been working with on a number of kind of outreach issues for a little while now, but this is our first um actual pursuit for funding. Uh this is only the second year that the state funding has been available to tribes. The funds start with US EPA. And then for some reason on this, um for this funding source, it's given to EGLE, to the state of Michigan, who then distributes it out, and the tribes are now, um are, you know, we can be an applicant now. Normally, I would apply to EPA directly um for funds, but because they're going through the state now, we're limited, generally, with our non-void source funding to pretty small amounts, \$20,000, \$30,000 for an amount. And here we can ask for \$150,000 to do this project. The grant is due um tomorrow. Um I'm scheduled to be out of town tomorrow, so that's why I thank Council for giving me some time this afternoon to uh discuss this grant application. Um where we have an engineering firm that has given us some costs, and those are in the budget there. There's a little bit of uh staff time um that's an in-kind match for my time to manage the grant. The rest of the time will be from the Little Manistee Watershed folks. And uh this will be done over the next uh three years, should the application be successful. And I guess that's kind of my overview of the grant, but um I'm happy for any questions.

Speaker Burmeister: Any questions. Go ahead Councilor Wittenberg

Councilor Wittenberg: Frank, you said uh this is a grant.

Frank Beaver: That is correct.

Councilor Wittenberg: Application

Frank Beaver: yes.

Councilor Wittenberg: Okay. Thank you

Frank Beaver: Mm-hmm

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

Councilor DiPiazza: Do you have any word on the landowners yet or?

Frank Beaver: We have one from a the largest landowner, actually, we just heard this morning, which has the unfortunate name of the Indian Club. But they've been there for a very long time, and they're uh kind of a hunting and fishing club that owns land, and they have agreed um to provide the match and to have the project done. They're a major contributor um I might wish their club were named something else, but that's what we get

to deal with. So yeah, that's uh, I'm sure, not our first unfortunate name that we might run across out in the community.

Councilor DiPiazza talking while Frank is but not clearly on Zoom.

Councilor DiPiazza: So, are they lower than the weir?

Frank Beaver: So, we have a map that was sent out earlier. Let me take a look and see what our map looks like.

Councilor DiPiazza: Down below the weir. The weir in Little Manistee.

Frank Beaver: Are they? Um they could be. Let me take a quick look here. Here is our site map.

Councilor DiPiazza: Might have stumbled that

Frank Beaver: That might not have come through on our, I apologize. *Councilor DiPiazza talking while Frank is but not clearly on Zoom.* Yes, no, no, no, no. So, we have our sites, this map, boy, I thought for sure, I apologize, Council, I thought I sent that out because that was a question during the work session. Um so, everything here comes from upstream from the lake. You kind of see where the weir would be on that map Gary. There it is. So yes, it looks like all of the sites are identified. LM number 90 on up. Oops, my bad. I touched the screen. Everything is upstream of the of the weir. Yes, nothing is downstream of the weir.

Councilor DiPiazza: Okay

Frank Beaver: Yep, nothing from the weir down to the lake. It's all upstream from there and uh going up through the rest of the watershed.

Speaker Burmeister: Are you set Gary. Okay. Go ahead Councilor

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, you said what club is this that's on there?

Frank Beaver: The Indian Club is the name of the hunting and fishing group.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, my question is because they like to use that and uh, I'm curious, is this Red Dot Indians?

Frank Beaver: I think it's feathered. I think it is not dotted; I think it is feathered. If I heard NPR could classify the term Indian that way, then I don't feel too bad at saying it myself, but normally, yes, that's me. Yes, I understand.

Councilor Wittenberg: Miigwech

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Metzger

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

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead

Councilor Metzger: At this time, I'd like to make a **motion to approve resolution 25-0310-052. Approval nah just Michigan Department of Environmental Great Lakes Energy EGLE Stream Banks Stabilization Grant Application 2026-2028.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Any comments from tribal, or will there be any tribal councilors, I forgot to ask that. That'll be abstaining for this item. Councilor, questions? Citizens questions? Back to Tribal Council. With no further questions, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

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

(8-0-0-1)

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

Frank Beaver: Thank you very much. I will get the signatures and send that out immediately.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a **motion to close this meeting.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Councilor DiPiazza: First off, I thought it said-

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson can you do roll call for adjournment please

IV. Adjourn

Recorder Johnson:

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

(8-0-0-1)

Eight in favor, one absent. We are adjourned at 2:10

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chantel Gamelin". The script is cursive and fluid.

Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Johnson". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pam Johnson,
Tribal Council Recorder