



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on August 11, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

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

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli,

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, 2021 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; by ; supported by .

Speaker Champagne asked is there any further discussion. Champagne asked is anyone going to abstain. Champagne asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said the agenda for , 2021 is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 6/4/21

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/4/21;
by ; supported by .

Speaker Champagne asked is there any further discussion. Champagne asked is anyone going to abstain. Champagne asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said Tribal Council Minutes for have been accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Apply to MDHHS for CITPS-2021 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Immunization Tribal Support 2021

Application for COVID Immunization Grant.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-0811-000;

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Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution #21-0000-000 is passed.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-__ in the amount of \$89,000**
 Acceptance of funds.

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution #21-0000-000 is passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business-None Submitted

V. New Business

A. Emergency Amendments to the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance, Ordinance #15-600-02

Emergency Amendments to address immediate need of Tribal members experiencing loss or gap in employment due to Global Pandemic or resultant economic conditions. These amendments shall be both adopted on an emergency basis and posted for Public Comment under the Administrative Procedures Act so that the proposed expansion of Preference will have immediate effect on employment practices including the hiring process for many key government positions that are currently posted. Amendments include clarifying application of preference scope of employment activities, clarifying the entities covered by the ordinance, amending the levels of preference application including the expansion of preference eligible classifications, updating definitions to assist in interpretation of the ordinance, and encoding a limited Waiver of Immunity with a limitation on timing and remedies for Tribal Court Review.

Speaker Champagne asked is there any further discussion. Champagne asked is anyone going to abstain. Champagne asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution #21-0000-000 is passed.

B. Amending the Shoreline Project Task Force Members

One current Shoreline Task Force member no longer serves on Tribal Council. This amendment to the Task Force fills that vacancy.

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution #21-0000-000 is passed.

C. Accepting Information Technology Restructuring Report Adopting the One IT Restructure to Improve Efficiency and Coverage of the System and to be able to Adequately respond the IT challenges due to COVID-19 Pandemic

To address emergent needs of the Tribe's IT Systems and Structure.

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution #21-0000-000 is passed.

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 18, 2021**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by ;
supported by .

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at : a.m.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recorder is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said it is 1:22 p.m. Eastern Standard time. Champagne said they are here in Tribal Council Chambers for the Second Open. Champagne said they have checked out in front there is nobody out.....online or in the Chamber. Champagne said one second.....ah, there is no one else present. Champagne said with that being said they have no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session. Champagne asked is someone willing to give a motion to close the Second Open.

Councilor Champagne said she will do a motion to Close Second Open.

Recorder Wolfe asked who does the motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said sorry about that.

Speaker Champagne said they have a motion by Miss Champagne to Close Second Open and support by Mr. Wittenberg.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't think that's.....they didn't do a roll call for going back in.

Speaker Champagne said he apologizes.....

Councilor Lewis said they have to go in Second Open.

Recorder Wolfe said so they need a motion to.....

Councilor Guenthardt made a comment but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Guenthardt said ___ is okay.

Councilor Wever asked is she.

Councilor Guenthardt said yeah.

Councilor Wever asked who was she.

Councilor Guenthardt said he doesn't know.

Speaker Champagne said for those here and online what Council heard was like a yell for help and so that is why they paused there. Champagne said they are in the Second Open Madame Recorder do a roll call please.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT; by ; supported by .

Roll Call #

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE; by ; supported by .

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

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

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ; by ; supported by .

Roll Call #

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R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at : p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder