



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 18, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said to Speaker Champagne that the recording is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said good morning. Champagne said they are here today um, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ah, Reservation here also regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 10:01 a.m. Eastern Standard time. Champagne said they are located online and also at their Lodge in beautiful Manistee, Michigan.

I. Opening Prayer

Speaker Champagne said they gave the sema to Councilor Wittenberg to do the Opening Remarks this morning.

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

We say Chi Miigwech for this day.
We thank you for all you have gifted us.
We ask that you be with us, speak to us and help us.
In our way and in our daily routine.
So that we may make the right choices.
We ask that you be with those that come down with hardships in their lives.
And the women and children and the families and the many that are out there.
I ask that you be with them and be your will and not ours.
We say Chi Miigwech.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.
Aho.

Speaker Champagne thanked Mr. Wittenberg for the Opening Remarks.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. at the beginning of the meeting.

Speaker Champagne called off the list of Participants to identify themselves: J. Johnson (Waiting Room), 231 215-2739 (Karen Love #2494), 231 398-2261 (Kelly Maser-Gaming Commission Executive Director), 231 730-2010 (Michelle Romanelli), fij2282 (Waiting Room), iphone (Waiting Room), Ginger Wiseman(Parent of NGLC)..... Champagne said at this time there does appear that they have quite a few non-Tribal citizens and he looks to their Constitution for guidance. Champagne said in the guidance the Constitution does specifically lay out how their meetings are to be conducted and what Public Meeting means. Champagne said Article IV, Tribal Council Section 5.....he means Section 6, Meetings of Tribal Council, D, Open Meetings, Closed Sessions; all meetings of Tribal Council shall be open to Tribal membership. Champagne said their Constitution and their ordinances specifically state their Public Meetings are meant for Tribal Citizens only. Champagne said at this point and time there seems to be some non-citizens attending their meeting they are not culturally ah, politically affiliated, and they are not employed by them. Champagne said he will be asking them to please leave online or in person here in the Chambers. Champagne announced all non-citizens he is asking if they can please leave online or in person here in the Chambers. Champagne said if they are an employee and have an item on the agenda or Commissioner he would encourage them to stay if they have an agenda item. Champagne said these are the laws vested into their Constitution by the people of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Champagne said they are not in Public Comment, sir. Champagne said IPN News are they a Tribal citizen. Champagne said Madame Recorder please put them into..... Champagne said Miss Marie Helio can she please identify herself. Champagne said all right, Mr. Tim K. can he please identify himself.....Rebecca can she please identify herself. Champagne said he assumed it is Rebecca Liebing but he would ask Miss Rebecca.....user handler Rebecca please identify herself. Champagne said Miss Rebecca last call.....he is asking her to please identify herself. Champagne said Madame Recorder please put Miss Rebecca into the Waiting Room. Champagne asked do they have any other.....

Recorder Wolfe said no, just clarification of how to.....

Speaker Champagne said Miss Holly Karlsen with NGLC um, he is assuming she is the Director for an agenda item today.

Holly Karlsen replied that is correct.

Speaker Champagne thanked Holly Karlsen.

Speaker Champagne commented to Recorder Wolfe very low in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly.

Recorder Wolfe said Karen Love and um.....oh, Kelly Maser.

Speaker Champagne said okay, all right. Champagne thanked them. Champagne said now that they went through the housekeeping aspect of the meeting they are calling this meeting to order. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt - Absent	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.

Recorder Wolfe said eight present and one absent quorum is established.

Speaker Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Champagne said they have an agenda in front of them.

Recorder Wolfe asked she needs to do it? Wolfe said she wants to make the motion to approve the agenda and she wants to add one edit to um, under Section New Business, Item D, specifically to the resolution. Wolfe said she wants to add one sentence in there if that's um, so on the resolution....Emergency Restriction for General Funds the Next Generation Learning Center and establishing citizens as priority first under the NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED she wanted to add that sentence at the very end except for one month Operating costs while NGLC Sustainability Plan is being prepared not to exceed \$25,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne asked is there any further discussion. Champagne asked is anyone going to abstain. Champagne asked Recorder Wolfe 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 Di Piazza said the agenda for , 2021 is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
 - 1. Operations Report** None Submitted
 - 2. Financial Report** None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

A. Binojeeuk Commission July 2021

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)

- B. Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** July 2021

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)

D. Health Commission July 2021

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)

E. Housing Commission July 2021

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
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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)

F. Natural Resource Commission July 2021

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)

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report July 2021

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)

VII. Old Business

A. Enrollment Commission May 2021

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)

B. Health Commission June 2021

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)

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. The Tribal Ogema requested that this item be postponed pending a Work Session so that he can submit further information for discussion.

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)

VIII. New Business

A. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for COVID-19 General Welfare Assistance Program

Accepting the Internal Audit Results.

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)

B. Authorization to Post Notice of Intent to Repeal the Enforcement of Tribal-State Tax Agreement Ordinance #05-100-09

Section 2.03 and 4.03 encode notice requirements for changes to ordinances and it is consistent with that legislative intent that before the appeal of an ordinance Tribal Council shall Post a Notice of Intent to Repeal the Ordinance two weeks prior to such action. The Tribal Council upon advice from and consultation with Tribal Tax Officer finds there are redundancies in the enacted ordinances and regulations that could be addressed by repealing the Enforcement of Tribal-State Tax Agreement Ordinance and moving the relevant and necessary provisions to either the Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance or the Tribal Tax Regulations as appropriate.

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)

C. Next Generation Learning Center Emergency Plan for Establishing Citizen First Priority

Approve Next Generation Learning Center Emergency Plan for
 Establishing a Citizen First Priority.

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)

D. Emergency Restriction of General Funds for Next Generation Learning Center & Establishing a Citizen First Priority

Emergency Restriction of General Funds for Next Generation Learning Center & Establishing a Citizen First Priority warranted to prioritize the Tribe's limited resources to ensure adequate response and programming to address the COVID-19 Pandemic and without such reallocation the health, safety and general welfare of the Tribe is at risk.

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)

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 25, 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	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at : a.m.

XI. Open Session

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT; 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)

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 ADJOURN THE MEETING; 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 : p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder

