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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**EMERGENCY MEETING
SECOND OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on Thursday September 26, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Call to Order

The Tribal Council Emergency meeting was called to order at 3:49 p.m.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder, Im sorry.

Recorder Johnson: Go ahead.

II. Roll Call

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call to establish quorum, please?

Recorder Johnson: Do you want the motion?

Speaker Burmeister: Yes. It was. Okay, it was you and Gary.

Recorder Johnson: Yep. I make a motion to go into open session.

Councilor DiPiazza: Anishinaabemowin (support)

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call, please?

Recorder Johnson:

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

Eight present, one absent. We are in open at 349.

III. Closed Session

**1. Ratification of Contract with Doeren Mayhew for
401K Audit**

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Okay um,

Open Session
Ratification of Contract with Doeren Mayhew for 401K Audit

So, um I would like to entertain a motion please.

Councilor Wittenberg: Mrs. councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Johnson: Councilor Wolfe has her hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe: I'd like to **make a motion to remove this item from being voted on.** We did not receive anything, and it puts the tribe at risk entering into it as presented. It's not our job to rubber stamp items for the executive.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Just let me know when you're ready, Pam.

Recorder Johnson: Almost there. Okay.

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for this item, please?

Recorder Johnson:

A. Metzger -Absent	R. Wittenberg – Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes
S. Wever – No	S. Crampton – Yes	P. Johnson -	No
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	M. Silvis -	No

Four in favor, four against, one absent. It's failed.

Councilor Crampton: Well, let's take the vote so it can fail, and we can get out of here.

Councilor DiPiazza: Get in the queue. I have my hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead.

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a **motion to approve Resolution 24-0926-179, ratification of master agreement of services for Doeren Mayhew for 401k audit for the 2023 at a cost of \$16,500.**

Councilor Wever: Support.

Speaker Burmeister: Is there going to be any tribal councilors that abstain from this item? Any councilors with questions? I'm not sure if there's citizens on, but any citizens with questions?

Recorder Johnson: No citizens.

Speaker Burmeister: Kay, back to tribal council. Any questions?

Councilor Wittenberg: Julie has her hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay. Go ahead. Go ahead, Councilor Wolfe. Thank you, Ron.

Councilor Wittenberg: Mm kay.

Councilor Wolfe: Moving forward on this item is not handling your fiduciary responsibility and your obligation as you were sworn to uphold. There is a risk to the tribe with the contradictory statements between the master service agreement and the engagement letter that's incorporated part of the master service agreement. Asking for that to be changed or corrected is not too much to ask. The title that Councilor DiPiazza read doesn't even make sense. The resolution title is inaccurate, but we're still going to push it through?

Speaker Burmeister: Other questions?

Recorder Johnson: Gary has his hand up.

Ogema Romanelli: This is the Ogema.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: Well, the closed session item was supposed to just come in the second or in the open and voted on. So, you divulged close session and confidential information presents a dilemma in itself. So, when you speak of righteousness, you need to watch what you're saying. So, I'm good. It just divulged closed session information in a public meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Ogema Romanelli: The Ogema.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli: Okay. I think the Tribal Council is doing their fiduciary responsibility. I think that uh delaying some of these things once they've been submitted also could pose a risk. I think you're absolutely doing what you need to do. It's taking a vote. It's looking at the situation, taking a vote, and doing what needs to be done. So, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Recorder Johnson: Shannon has his hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Okay, go ahead, please.

Councilor Crampton: I just want to clarify, this is still an emergency meeting, right?

Recorder Johnson: Yes.

Speaker Burmeister: Yes.

Councilor Crampton: Because then uh it was just violated by Councilor DiPiazza talking about something that wasn't on the agenda. And there wasn't anything divulged by Councilor Wolfe other than terms of what was stated. So, until he learns what he's talking about, please stop.

Councilor DiPiazza: Whatever.

Speaker Burmeister: Other comments or questions? Okay, with no further comments or questions, Recorder Johnson, can you please do roll call?

Recorder Johnson:

R. Wittenberg – No	J. Wolfe - No	A. Metzger- Absent
S. Crampton – No	P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever- Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes

Five in favor. Three against. One absent. It has passed.

Councilor Crampton: Congratulations, Doeren Mayhew.

Recorder Johnson: Gary has his hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead, Councilor DiPiazza.

Councilor DiPiazza: I make a **motion to end this emergency open portion.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support.

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson: I got Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister: Yes. Okay, Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for adjournment?

Recorder Johnson: Shannon Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Is there anybody going to inform, Doeren Mayhew, they don't have a contract?

Speaker Burmeister: Um you can't ask questions like that. It's a roll call.

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, but it was. Doeren Mayhew.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead recorder Johnson. Please continue

Councilor Crampton: All right, bye.

Recorder Johnson:

S. Crampton – No	P. Johnson - Yes	S. Wever- Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes
J. Wolfe- No	A. Metzger- Absent	R. Wittenberg- No

Five in favor, one absent.

IV. Adjourn

We are adjourned at 3.58.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder