



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 October 27, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne thanked Madame Recorder again. Champagne said sorry about his untimeliness his computer decided to ah, apparently be a little slow this morning. Champagne said his apologies. Champagne said they are here for their regular scheduled Tribal Council Meeting at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center via ZOOM. Champagne said it is Wednesday, October 27, 2021; it's 10 a.m. Champagne said um, the agenda has been posted um, with a mild modified agenda on the title item. Champagne said they will go through to see who is online first. Champagne said they have himself, Nitumigaabow Champagne. Champagne said it looks like citizen ___, Allison Smart from Natural Resources, Elder and Legislative Assistant Ms. Grace Hendler, citizen Mr. Robert Mc Caslin, they also citizen Miss Chelsea Densmore, citizen Miss Sandy Mezeske, um, Mr. Bob Sanders, Councilwoman Lewis, Miss Lucas, citizen Miss Sara Agosa, Councilwoman Miss Champagne, Counselor Mc Gowan, Accountant or Little River Casino Resort Representative Miss Memberto, Counselor...Legal Counsel Miss Rebecca Liebing, citizen Miss Nikki Nelson, telephone number 231 398-6837 can they please identify themselves.

Brad Pringle said Comptroller General. Pringle thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked him sir. Champagne said they also have 231 215-2739 can they please identify themselves. Champagne said does he just want to ___ Mr. Pringle.

Karen Love said.....

Speaker Champagne said Miss Love. Champagne thanked her for her ____.
Champagne said 231 398-6816.

Bill Willis said Budget Coordinator.

Speaker Champagne thanked him sir. Champagne said Mr. Pringle is he 6823 or 6837, he means he called it off but his screen jumped here.

Brad Pringle said 6837.

Speaker Champagne said okay, they are going to go with 6837.....oh, okay. Champagne said they will go with 231 398-6823 please identify themselves.

Ogema Romanelli said Ogema's Office.

Speaker Champagne thanked Mr. Romanelli. Champagne said he is going to see if he missed anyone else. Champagne said let's see he has citizen and head of Purchasing Miss Michelle Lucas. Champagne said citizen Miss Connie Waitner he sees also joined the call. Champagne said with that being said Madame Recorder he finds that everyone appearing online um.....,

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker they have one call she doesn't think 231 886-0701.

Speaker Champagne thanked her. Champagne repeated 231 886-0701 can they please identify themselves.

John Grocholski stated his name.

Speaker Champagne thanked him for joining them. Champagne thanked Madame Recorder for her assistance. Champagne said he does find that um, everyone who is on the call is on the call um, and eligible to be here. Champagne said in person it appears that they have nothing but Councilors in the room. Champagne said with that being said the first order of business is Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Speaker Champagne said as they know a lot about Seven Generations and thinking about their children and they know that as more and more Boarding Schools their families have went through and identified remains continues to be a heartbreaking moment for many of their families reliving that trauma. Champagne said today for just a moment of silence if they can think about all their relatives past and spirits in the future who are what they will be thinking about today and actually think about every day on how to be able to help and assist them. Champagne said just a moment of silence today. Champagne thanked them. Champagne thanked them for the moment of silence.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not noted. The Roll Call Sheet notes the time as 10:11 a.m.

Speaker Champagne asked Recorder Wolfe for a roll call please to establish a quorum.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Councilor Wever is laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

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

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Champagne said at this time he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 10 A.M; by Wittenberg.

Recorder Wolfe said he has to note the one revision.

Councilor Wittenberg said oh, he is sorry he didn't see that.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 10 A.M, AND THE REVISION IV F, RESTRICTING ONLINE GAMING TAX REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND; by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said discussion for the motion on the floor from Councilors or citizens. Champagne said discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent the agenda is approved.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Champagne noted none are submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Amendment to Master Service Agreement with Custom Sheet Metal & Heating for HVAC Services

Current Contract expires 12/31/21. Original Contract awarded through RFP process with option to extend the Agreement for an additional years upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Speaker Champagne said that was the language of the original contract. Champagne said this item is sponsored by the Tribal Ogema, Mr. Romanelli and the representee listed is Miss Michelle Lucas. Champagne said either one of them the floor is theirs.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor, represented this agenda item. Lucas said good morning. Lucas said um, the Tribe's current Master Agreement for HVAC Services with Custom Sheet Metal & Heating expires on December 31, 2021. Lucas said um, there is a clause in the agreement that extends the agreement for an additional two years upon mutual agreement of both parties. Lucas said she did reach out to all affected departments um, just to more or less see how their services were. Lucas said prices for the contract have not changed so she is pursuing the additional two years um, for the Master Agreement with Custom Sheet Metal.

Speaker Champagne thanked her. Champagne asked does that conclude her presentation.

Michelle Lucas said it does.

Speaker Champagne thanked her again. Champagne said with that being said any Tribal Councilor wish to abstain from this item. Champagne repeated any Tribal Councilor wish to abstain from this item. Champagne said seeing no Tribal

Councilors wishing to abstain from the item. Champagne said he will open it for discussion at this time for this item. Champagne repeated discussion from Tribal Councilors on this item. Champagne said Miss Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said um, so Michelle if....if this is....will this also include the extension of ah, the services how this contract has the extension also include..... will the approval of this also extend that.

Michelle Lucas said she apologizes she doesn't understand the question.

Tribal Councilors started laughing at this point on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Johnson said she knows she caught that she is sorry. Johnson said she had mentioned that there is an extension to this ah, the current contract that they have.

Michelle Lucas said correct that is why she is seeking approval for. Lucas said the current contract with Custom Sheet Metal was for two years and began 2020 and expires on December 31st of 21.

Councilor Johnson said correct.

Michelle Lucas said plus an additional two years.

Councilor Johnson said so um, this current contract has the extension as long as they are good with their services and satisfied so what is this just to renew that ext.....oh, good lord.

Michelle Lucas said correct it is to approve the additional two years.

Councilor Johnson said okay, so it's not they are doing a totally new contract.

Michelle Lucas said no, the pricing is the same.

Councilor Johnson thanked her.

10:1:9

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1027-255;
RATIFICATION OF ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER HVAC
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOM SHEET METAL &
HEATING, INC; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

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 -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
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.

2. Approval of Amendment to Master Service Agreement with Temperature Control, Inc. for HVAC Services

Current Contract expires 12/31/21. Original Contract awarded through RFP process with option to extend the Agreement for an additional years upon mutual agreement of both parties.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1027-256;
 RATIFICATION OF ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER HVAC SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TEMPERATURE CONTROL, INC;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

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 -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
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.

3. Ratification of Ixom Watercare, Inc. Contract

Current mixer for the Water Tower has failed. This mixer is needed to keep the water from freezing in the Water Tower.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1027-257;
 RATIFICATION OF IXOM WATERCARE, INC. CONTRACTS;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

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 -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
			Yes

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

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

B. Budget Modifications

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 -Absent	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.

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 -Absent	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.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

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 -Absent	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.

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 -Absent	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.

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 -Absent	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.

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 -Absent	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.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 3, 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 -Absent	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 recording is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they are back here um, they finished up Closed Session they are now in Open Session. Champagne said the only remaining Agenda Item is Items Moved from Closed to Open Session at this point and time. Champagne said he will entertain a motion to enter into Second Open.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Champagne said discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne asked any discussion from Councilors. Champagne said there no discussion noted Madame Recorder Wolfe roll call please.

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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor motion to go into Second Open at 3:28 p.m.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they are in Second Open for Agenda Item A.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Champagne said at this point and time he would entertain a motion by any Councilor who wishes to move ah, one item into Open Session. Champagne said the item is the contract for Marketing Resource Group Acquisitions, LLC. Champagne repeated that he would entertain a motion for any Tribal Councilors who wish to move one item from Closed Session to Open Session which is Marketing Resource Group Acquisitions, LLC; their contract.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

Councilor Wever started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead, sir.

**MOTION TO MOVE FROM CLOSED TO OPEN C.1;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF FIRST
AMENDMENT IN MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP
ACQUISITIONS, LLC; by Wittenberg.**

Councilor Wittenberg asked is that the one.

Recorder Wolfe said that is not correct.

Speaker Champagne said Mr. Wittenberg if he would like to do that but he would also have to include the original contract.

Councilor Wittenberg said oh.....

Councilor Wever said hummmm. Wever said she doesn't know.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay, that's.....

Speaker Champagne asked Mr. Wittenberg would he consider amending it to have the original contract part of his motion as well, sir.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he would like to reconsider it.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead, sir.

Councilor Wittenberg asked Councilor Wever this one first.

Councilor Wever said yeah.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MARKETING RESOURCE ACQUISITIONS, LLC FOR THE WORK ON THE MUSKEGON PROJECT; by Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg asked is he on tune this time.

Councilor Wever said yeah, she guessed but do they need a number.

Recorder Wolfe said she is not sure.

Councilor Johnson said she is not sure either.

In the background on the ZOOM recording there was a sound of a dog whining but not determined where the sound was coming from.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, what.....

Speaker Champagne said yeah, what was that.....making a motion to have the contract moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP, LLC FOR WORK ON THE MUSKEGON PROJECT; by Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg asked is he on tune this time.

Councilor Wever said support.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP, LLC FOR WORK ON THE MUSKEGON PROJECT; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.

Councilor Wever said that's it. Wever said she is sorry.

Speaker Champagne said discussion on the motion on the floor. Champagne said it is requesting from his understanding to have both the original contract and the proposed amended contract to be moved from Closed to Open Session. Champagne said um, at this point and time he believed that is the motion on the floor.

Recorder Wolfe said so.....

Speaker Champagne asked any discussion for the motion on the floor.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't know what they are moving she is lost on this one on what to write down and how to move forward with this. Wolfe said because they are moving the motion, roll call.....they are moving resolution, motion and roll call and contract....what.....what are they moving.

Speaker Champagne said from his understanding from Councilor Wittenberg was the motion was to move the original contract um, over to Closed to Open Session and then he also added on the amendments of the.....proposed amendments from Closed to Open Session.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Councilor Wever said sounds good. Wever said support.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe asked is he ready for roll call.

Speaker Champagne said okay, he just wanted to make sure.

Recorder Wolfe said she is lost she has original contract and amendment, right.

Speaker Champagne said and to move the proposed amendment item from Closed to Open is what he heard but he is not the person to make the motion. Champagne said discussion on the motion, um, Madame Johnson....Madame Johnson.

Speaker Champagne and Councilors Johnson and Wever were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said he was trying to clarify the motion from what he heard um, if they're going to discussion on the motion, Miss Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said so they didn't....she is just a little confused because he had asked in Closed and nobody made the motion to go forward can they still do that in Open.

Speaker Champagne said it can only be done in Open. Champagne said they can discuss in Closed but that way they can have discussion without giving terms like she was saying, "I oppose this because it says this, this and this." Champagne said that way it would not be a part of.....they are not violating confidentiality of Closed Session. Champagne said so their discussion really should be on, they know, the motion at hand and not the terms in the language of the contract or

anything propriety.....anything in Closed Session currently. Champagne asked does that make sense.

Councilor Johnson said she is still fuzzy on it so she ah.....yeah. Johnson said um....

Speaker Champagne said they should really have an Agenda Item he believed at the end of their thing having a discussion around items proposed to move from Closed to Open Session um, they do that at the very end and then they make the motion at this point and time. Champagne said he can't make any motions as the Speaker and so he just seeks to entertain. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza discussion on this motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he can't.....he shouldn't make any motions but when he lead the Councilor into making them motions now he is describing it. Di Piazza said he doesn't really know what he is moving here because it's really not clear but to be honest he is kind of leading the discussion even though he is not making the motion he is making the motion because he is telling him how to make the motion. Di Piazza said that is all he is going to say about it.

Councilor Wever asked how would he even help.

Speaker Champagne said well, he definitely has the ability to seek out to entertain a motion um, which is what he called for so ah. Champagne thanked him for his input. Champagne said at this point and time it is Mr. Wittenberg's motion. Champagne said the motion is on the floor supported by Councilor Wever. Champagne asked any further discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne repeated any discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne said seeing none Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No	
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	No	S. Lewis -	No

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said four in favor and five against motion has failed.

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

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne asked is there any other items Tribal Council for items moved from Closed to Open Session. Champagne repeated any other items Tribal Council for items moved from Closed to Open Session. Champagne said seeing no other items moved from Closed to Open Session.....

There was a loud noise in the background on the ZOOM recording that sounded like a moan.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Champagne said he ___ items to adjourn this meeting. Champagne said it was a pleasure having this meeting today with all of them um, he would seek at this time, not to lead, um, but would entertain a motion to adjourn if that is misleading or leading Madame Recorder he sees she wants to make a motion of her own dependence and free will.

MOTION TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne said discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion at hand Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one against they adjourned Second Open at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

Julie Wolfe,
Tribal Council Recorder