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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER
VIA ZOOM**

**EMERGENCY OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an emergency meeting at the Little River Band Government Center Conference Room on November 4, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said sorry he was on a phone call that carried over. Champagne said um, they are here for an emergency work session called by the Ogema um, in regards to looks like a Rental Purchase Agreement he doesn't have the title in front of him. Champagne said it is a one item request emergency meeting. Champagne said online is himself, Citizen & Director Lewis, also Councilor Guenthardt, Councilor Lewis, DLN 8906 and can they please identify themselves.

Diane Kerr stated her name and employed with the Utilities Department.

Speaker Champagne thanked Diane Kerr. Champagne said they have Councilor Champagne coming in. Champagne said um, 231 398-6823 can they please identify themselves.

Ogema Romanelli identified himself.

Speaker Champagne thanked Ogema Romanelli. Champagne said 231 887-9856.

Councilor Wever identified herself.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Wever. Champagne said it looks like two or five or six. Champagne said so they have a lot of Council Members on.

I. Call to Order

The emergency scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Speaker Champagne said ah, with that being said he will call this meeting to order. Champagne said Madame Recorder please do a roll call.

II. 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.

Recorder Wolfe said nine are present a quorum has been established.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

III. Open Session

1. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Equipment Rental Agreement

Speaker Champagne said they do have the one item on the agenda here today. Champagne said so he wants to turn it over to um, Tribal Ogema, Mr. Romanelli, and Director Lewis. Champagne said the floor is theirs gentlemen.

Ogema Romanelli said he will turn it over to Director Lewis. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said to Mr. Lewis that he is on mute.

Gary Lewis, Director of the Utilities Department, said sorry about that. Lewis thanked Ogema Romanelli and Council for this emergency work session. Lewis said so the casino is taking power down at the casino and that is going to affect the Casino Lift Station. Lewis said um, they won't have power there so they need a backup Generator on site so the Lift Station for that time period. Lewis said um, they had everything set up, the Purchase Order, on October 19th he believed it was set to go and then he just found out that they had a Rental Agreement through them. Lewis said once he read the Rental Agreement he realized it was out of his scope of authority to sign that. Lewis said his understanding when talking to Wolverine Power is normally they wouldn't even bring that Rental Agreement until they actually drop off the Generator so they can fill out the paperwork then identify what Generator they are giving the customer. Lewis said so likely they got a couple.....like a couple days ago. Lewis said he got this work session together um, and thanked Rebecca Liebing as well, so basically what they want to do is identify whether or not they can sign the Rental Agreement. Lewis said the dollar amounts may change a little bit based on the hours and usages that they have but they do have funding in the Budget to cover those expenses. Lewis said that is it.

Speaker Champagne said he thinks Madame Recorder that for housekeeping this is a Tribal Council Meeting. Champagne asked is that their housekeeping item.

Recorder Wolfe said correct, that is what she just put it for the record for people and she will change it later. Wolfe said it is an Emergency Open Meeting.

Speaker Champagne was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said to Director Lewis um, so with that being said does that conclude his presentation sir.

Gary Lewis said yes.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne asked any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne asked any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said seeing no Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time they can open it up for discussion. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza first in the queue, Madame Recorder second in the queue, and third in the queue himself.

Councilor Di Piazza asked so this Lift Station at the casino is the main feed out of town.....feeding his.....his Utilities Department.

Gary Lewis responded it is probably the most critical station they have. Lewis said it comes from the township up through the casino, collects the casino, government, and all that so um, it is a pretty critical Lift Station.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, no, that is his understanding. Di Piazza said without it they are going to have some backup problems.

Gary Lewis said yeah, there is no way that the.....accept the septic haulers that they would usually use in a circumstance like this. Lewis said the well is too deep for them to pull anything out and the vac truck there is no way they could be fast enough to keep up with the flow back and forth. Lewis said so the backup Generator will have power on site.

Councilor Guenthardt said no scuba diving.

Councilor Di Piazza said Tommy Guenthardt.....

Tribal Councilors were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne thanked Mr. Di Piazza. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said so this is for them they will be dropping off the Generator tomorrow and the reason that this is budgeted and approved in his program

dollars. Wolfe said the only reason it is coming before Tribal Council is because of the execution of the agreement.

Gary Lewis said correct, and so they would have took it out of Equipment or Regular Maintenance so funding is there. Lewis said they are real with the understanding that the dollar amount may change a little bit based on their usages of the Generator and that was the original quote they got from them so. Lewis said that is what they went with as far as Purchase Order and then just signing the Rental Agreement so.

Recorder Wolfe said they are expected to only have it for five days.

Gary Lewis said he thinks they are going to have it for seven days so.

Recorder Wolfe said okay.

Gary Lewis said because they have some other work they may need to get from there to the Well House as a backup so.

Speaker Champagne said the floor is still hers, Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe said those were her only things that it is already approved then there is no funding allocation it is just the ____ agreement because it requires a signature.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Speaker Champagne said the next in the queue is himself then Councilor Champagne. Champagne said Mr. Lewis it did shock him when he seen Emergency Tribal Council Meeting because he is one of their Directors who always likes to have all the "I's" dotted "T's" crossed everything in perfect order. Champagne said so he was wondering, they know, why this was coming forth in an emergency. Champagne explained it was due to this last minute of wanting to have an agreement signed like a warranty in case ah, in case their machine is lost, stolen, or broken. Champagne asked things of that nature is that it.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Speaker Champagne said he was unaware of that until they.....they notified him.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Speaker Champagne said a couple of days ago.

Gary Lewis said they had the e-mail there actually and he got a chance to look at it, pulled it up, he thinks he got it like two days ago. Lewis repeated he had a

chance to look at it yesterday, pulled it up, then said wait a minute he can't sign this.

Speaker Champagne said okay, so he does want to make for the record to determine this is a just cause for an Emergency Meeting. Champagne said he thinks Councilor Di Piazza was alluding to that as well. Champagne said without this it would cause irreputable harm to their businesses and resources of the Tribe and so that would fall under an Emergency Meeting. Champagne said as he mentioned, they know, mistakes do happen and it is not major. Champagne thanked Gary Lewis for bringing this up, it is just signing the agreement, and.... and going that route. Champagne said um, that is his only comment. Champagne said he does want to make note that they don't ever see him requesting an Emergency Meeting so, they know, all his items are always put in on a timely basis. Champagne thanked Gary Lewis again. Champagne said next in the queue is Councilor Champagne then Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Councilor Champagne said she took her name down simply because um, the Speaker basically asked Mr. Lewis the same thing she was going to ask because she knows she has been sitting on Council only a short period of time but since then he has brought everything forward in a timely manner and not as an Emergency or because he forgot about it so. Champagne said she was curious as to what happened. Champagne said she thanks him for his explanation to the group.

Speaker Champagne said they are not talking about crab legs at the Buffet this time so that is a good thing. Champagne said Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe said she wants to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1104-270;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF EQUIPMENT
RENTAL AGREEMENT; by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Champagne asked discussion on the motion. Champagne asked discussion on the motion from Tribal Councilors or Citizens. Champagne repeated discussion on the motion from Tribal Councilors or Citizens. Champagne said seeing no discussion on the motion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #1

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 resolution is passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

IV. Adjourn

Speaker Champagne said that was the only item on the agenda. Champagne thanked them. Champagne said next they will be requesting to adjourn this meeting., Champagne said Madame Recorder is raising her hand very quickly so she wants to get out of here and he is going to call on her. Champagne said he is guessing she is going to make a motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF TRIBAL COUNCIL; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne said all right they got support by ah,.....they are pointing at each other so he is not sure if that is shooting or what is going on. Champagne said they are going to go with Councilor Wittenberg as support. Champagne asked discussion on the motion. Champagne asked discussion on the motion from Tribal Councilors or Citizens. Champagne said see no discussion from Tribal Councilors or Citizens. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

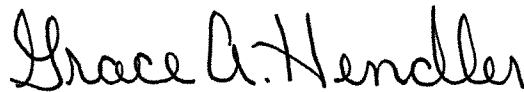
Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Emergency Meeting is adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Julie Wolfe,
Tribal Council Recorder