



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Resolution #21-0210-033

Adoption of Amendments to the Tribal Council Procedure for Interactive Participation in Tribal Council Open Session Meetings and Tribal Council Work Sessions

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 6(e) to determine its own rules of procedure for meetings of the Tribal Council and those procedures shall provide for an opportunity for the General Membership to be heard on any question under consideration by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to adopt this procedure to clarify the process by which Tribal Members may participate in Open Session Meetings when they cannot physically attend the meeting in Manistee; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution requires that the Recorder of the Tribal Council submit a record of minutes of Tribal Council meetings, and make such reports available to the membership and such procedures are required to ensure that this constitutionally mandated responsibility is done so accurately; and


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council adopts the attached amendments to the procedure for interactive participation in Tribal Council Open Session Meetings and Tribal Council Work Sessions.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 10, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder



Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Interactive Participation in Tribal Council Open Session Meetings and Tribal Council Work Sessions

Authority: In accordance with Article IV, Section 6(e) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council hereby adopts by resolution this procedure for Interactive Participation in Tribal Council Open Session Meetings and Tribal Council Work Sessions.

Purpose: The purpose of this procedure is to set forth clear rules for the use of live streaming and interactive participation during Tribal Council Open Session Meetings and Tribal Council Work Sessions.

Operation: Tribal Council Open Session Meetings will henceforth be available for viewing as a live stream on the Tribal Government Website. Tribal Members wishing to view and/or participate in meetings remotely by asking questions or making comments to the Tribal Council, shall not be required to pre-register for those meetings every week. In the event of an emergency meeting or technical difficulties there may be an interruption of live streaming or insufficient time to enact interactive participation. Every effort will be made to avoid disruption.

Rules:

1. Participants shall identify themselves at the beginning of the meeting. This may be accomplished by either using a device that identifies your name, logging in with the video feature enabled for zoom, or stating your name during roll call. Failure to identify yourself when requested will result in removal from the meeting.
 - a. A Tribal Member utilizing Zoom will identify themselves with their name and tribal identification number.
2. Tribal Members shall address their comments or questions to the Speaker and wait to be recognized. No side-bar conversations are allowed.
3. Tribal Members shall identify themselves by name and enrollment number and state why they are giving testimony.
4. All communication in the interactive meeting shall be conducted in a respectful manner, without shouting or engaging in personal attacks or profanity.
5. Comments or questions shall be limited to the agenda item on the floor.
6. The Tribal Council Speaker shall refer unrelated comments/questions to the public comment portion of the agenda.
7. Tribal Members shall limit their comments/questions to five minutes.
8. No Tribal Member may delegate their time to another Tribal Member.
9. Failure to follow the rules shall result in the following actions:
 - a. A warning shall be issued to the Tribal Member that their conduct is “out of order”.
 - b. If disruptive behavior continues, the Tribal Member shall be disconnected from the Interactive Participation Meeting.
 - c. Repeated incidents requiring disconnection shall result in a “cooling off” period in order to protect the integrity of the meeting and encourage respectful communication for all participants.