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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 01, 2022  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**EMERGENCY OPEN  
SESSION MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an Emergency Meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on April 01, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker: Good afternoon we're here for an emergency open meeting April 1st, 2022, at 3 p.m. This is an emergency meeting called in accordance with article IV section 6(c) of the Tribal Constitution, um, the business to be transaction at this emergency meeting, we shall be limited to the specific purpose stated on the agenda. Um all tribal council was notified of this emergency meeting and have received the documents necessary.

**I. Call to Order**

Called to Order at 3:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Councilor Lewis: Hello....Hello.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: We can hear you.

Acting Recorder Johnson: Quorum is established. Seven present one absent.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Okay that moves us to item

**III. Open Session**

**A. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Government Operations Annual  
Budget as Presented by the Tribal Ogema**

Um introduction to the item this is the 2020 Tribl Government Operations Budget final draft that was presented by the Ogema. Um on the date of 12/29/21 we have received the list of to the general budget. Budgeted *inaudible* revenue grants and self-governance dollars *inaudible*. I was going to read into the record's Fiscal year 2020 Tribal governance on \$43,304,764 with gaming decreasing estimated at \$27,307,840. Um that's my introduction to the item I'll ask for any abstentions from tribal council? any tribal councilors wish to abstain? seeing or hearing that I will open it up for discussion for tribal council. any comments by tribal council?

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Oops Ron had a comment hold on one second.

Councilor Wittenberg: yeah, I'm just curious because I was going through this and on one page it turns it around and said the request of postponed or purchased a new variable vehicle purchase has been removed from the budget but then I looked over here on the other it said where they and it talks about vehicle request the addition of a vehicle to the budget and well as engineered contract neither are present in this one budget funding to purchase vehicles already budgeted as \$25,000 in each individual budget under capital output total \$75,000 so I'm curious onto one it said it is not ah number 3 the Ogema in 102 request to postpone vehicle removed it and on this other it said funding to purchase a vehicle number five. oh, okay that's only retail. okay my bad I'm sorry. I just there's one to and I didn't read oh okay I'm sorry.

*Councilor DiPiazza and Wittenberg talking to one another. Transcribed conversation caught in ZOOM.*

Councilor DiPiazza: I think we just got one through Cares or ARPA truck. The truck

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, I believe in utilities like you said. Right in there

Councilor DiPiazza: ARPA or Cares remind me. ARPA, I think

Councilor Wittenberg: *inaudible*

Acting Speaker Wolfe: any additional comments or concerns by tribal council?

Councilor DiPiazza: *inaudible* Budget. I don't think

Acting Speaker Wolfe: I'm putting myself in queue just to note for the record that we did a lot of work on the budget I think this one is um brought forward and being presented as the way it is determined by the Willis versus tribal council declaratory judgment that was imposed on tribal council um it is in coordinates and it meets all the revenue allocation plans um looking at the budget and appropriations act or the projected revenue amount can be equal to or less than what is projected by the resort. so, that makes this budget in

compliance with that. I don't have any additional comments I just wanted those on for the meeting. Any additional comments by tribal council?

Councilor DiPiazza: thank you for mentioning that

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay um I'll entertain a motion

Councilor Wittenberg: and so, if you don't mind collaborating on compliance with the casino

Acting Speaker Wolfe: so, it was it was specifically noted that in the budget appropriations act to have an annual balance budget of the tribe. The projected revenues from the resort can be equal to or less than to make an annual balanced budget it doesn't have to be

Councilor DiPiazza: Dollar per dollar

Acting Speaker Wolfe: dollar per dollar yeah

Councilor DiPiazza: so, if you had 28 from the casino but still budgeted 27 the government budgets but or the government

Acting Speaker Wolfe: the government budgeted balance annual balance per government is budgeted

Councilor DiPiazza: What? Okay

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Okay I'll entertain a motion

Councilor Guenthardt: I'll make a motion

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay go ahead

Councilor Guenthardt: Make a

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0401-055; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS;** by Guenthardt.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: that's, that's not the right title Tom

Councilor Guenthardt: what was the right title

Councilor Wittenberg: adopting the fiscal year to my understanding 2022 federal government operation annual budget as presented by the tribal Ogema

Councilor Guenthardt: okay that one there

Councilor Wittenberg: you got to repeat it I'm sorry

Councilor Guenthardt: you wanted the 2022 operating budget Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as presented by the tribal Ogema

Councilor DiPiazza: you want somebody else to do it? Do you retract

Councilor Guenthardt: Yeah, go ahead

Councilor DiPiazza: Ask him if he retracts his

Acting Speaker Wolfe: you want to retract your motion

Councilor Guenthardt: yes, I'll retract my motion

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay so I'll entertain a motion for the item on the floor

Councilor DiPiazza: I'll make a

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0401-055;  
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE TRIBAL  
OGEMA; by DiPiazza; supported by Wittenberg.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: so, a motion on the floor by Councilor DiPiazza support by councilor Wittenberg it's again open for discussion with tribal Council? Seeing none or hearing none Pam please do a roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Councilor DiPiazza: We are going to have to work on it. It's going to be spelled in the minutes I'm telling ya.

Acting Recorder Johnson: Six for one against one absent motion has passed

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay with that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn

#### IV. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: I'll make a

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS EMERGENCY MEETING AT 3:13 p.m;** by  
Wittenberg; supported by Guenthardt

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Support on the motion?

Acting Recorder Johnson: Support

Councilor Guenthardt: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: so, we have a motion to adjourn by councilor Wittenberg supported by Councilor Guenthardt. any abstentions on the item? any discussion? Pam do a roll call

#### Roll Call #2

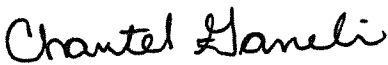
T. Guenthardt – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Eight in favor motion passed

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we're adjourned at 3:14.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,  
Transcribing Assistant



Pam Johnson,  
Acting Tribal Council Recorder