



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Gary DiPiazza: Mr. Speaker the recorders on.

Speaker Ron Pete: Okay thank you Gary. Welcome everyone to Wednesday, April 14th at 10 a.m., Tribal Council Meeting via Zoom. Gary, would you do our Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Creator, look after us as we go through these days let us be safe. Take your precautions as you go out and about or mask or hand sanitizer. And look after our first responders and our medical staffs that are out there helping taking care of us and the front-line employees that are serving you, if you happen to go out. Creator, hold us all in your healing and loving arms, keep us strong, keep us healthy, miigwetch, miigwetch, miigwetch.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

R. Pete: Call to order, it's being called to order at 10:01 a.m. Gary do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call #1

S. Lewis	Present	R. Wittenberg	Present	S. Crampton	Present
G. DiPiazza	Present	D. Lonn	Present	D. Corey	Absent
T. Guenthardt	Present	C. Champagne	Present	R. Pete	Present

Quorum Established

G. DiPiazza: Eight are present, one absent, we have a quorum.

Staff Present: Bradley Pringle, Comptroller; Grace Hendler

Others Present: Robert McCaslin 748, Sara Agosa 4478, Israel Stone 1735

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Guenthardt: I make the motion.

C. Champagne: Okay I would like to pull the Agenda item on the Agenda.

R. Pete: Okay just a moment Tom was in the queue first and then I'll get to you Cindy. Tom go ahead.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; by T. Genhardt; supported
by D. Lonn

R. Pete: Okay I got Tom making a motion to approve the Agenda, I've got um I'm sorry Diane um seconded it, okay is there any further discussion?

C. Champagne: Yes, I would like to take item, under item 5A, I would like to move the Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Government Operations Budget Reforecast to a work session. Since we never had any input into this and I don't think it's wise to put it on the Agenda for approval, so I would like to move this to a work session.

R. Pete: Okay thank you Cindy. Okay Cindy I can't do that right now because I have a motion that's to approve the Agenda and that's seconded, is there any further discussion, is anyone going to abstain? Gary do a roll call.

S. Crampton: I had my hand up.

R. Pete: Okay I'm sorry go ahead, Shannon. I didn't see your hand.

S. Crampton: Well actually per Robert's Rules of Order, what you're supposed to do once another Council member makes that request is to ask the motion maker if they would entertain it. Probably he will not, I'm just reminding you of procedure. But I do support Mrs. Champaign's suggestion to move this to a work session. There was never a work session, how can this, we place such importance in work sessions I mean it kind of seems like a little disingenuous on one side to talk about how important work sessions are and then to try to bring something as important as this without a work session kind of, I don't know, it seems really backwards. Thank you.

R. Pete: Okay thank you um. Okay Diane I'm gonna get to you just, real quick a minute. Okay Gary I want to ask you something, to Robert's Rules of Order, should I call up on Tom to see if he wants to ...

G. DiPiazza: You can ask Tom, usually what we've been protocols when you get to the item is when you want to take that action not during the Agenda, this is just to approve the agenda. When you get to the item, you can postpone, remove ...

R. Pete: Okay just a moment

G. DiPiazza: Do whatever you want.

R. Pete: Okay just a moment. Okay uh Tom do you want to entertain Cindy's motion or not?

T. Guenthardt: No.

R. Pete: No, thank you, done.

D. Lonn: Well in the last meeting we had Mr. Crampton, I asked him to bring forward his suggestion on item A, because he said he had a better plan, and he was going to call a work session, but I have yet to see a work session uh produced by Mr. Crampton.

R. McCaslin: I was wondering just in your budget in the educational part of the increase or the decrease upon that oversight in the American Rescue Plan Act and are you accounting the extra funds that are available to tribes and Tribal members? And I was just wondering if you were um considering that when you're approving this budget, that's all.

S. Crampton: Thank you well I wanted to correct Mrs. Lonn's statement because no, I didn't say I was planning a work session, I said I would take her up on her suggestion. Her suggestion was that if I had a better idea than Mr. Romanelli that maybe I should help him out and show them, everybody here, what I was talking about. What I said was I would accept. Well, that's a big task you have to look at everything. You have to look at the gross, the actual gross of the casino because what's being sold to the membership constantly is that somehow, we're getting 40% of the gross, we're not, we're getting 40% of the net, that's after expenditures. What's the total amount of gross? We need to sit down and have a work session, let the membership know what is exactly gross, what is the total dollar amount that's taken in every year, what is the amount of expenses. Let them go out and shop around and find out what comparable casinos are doing and what their expenses are. And they're going to find out a little something that I already know. So yeah, I would like to have this moved to a work session like Cindy and I'd like to have a correct statement on what I've said because there are minutes and there are meetings that hold this up. I didn't say I was planning an Agenda, I said I would take Miss Lonn up on her suggestion. Thank you.

S. Agosa: I fully support that this item is moved to a work session and also too one of my concerns is conflicts of interest. I would like to request that any Counselor who has a

family member working for the Tribe or casino abstains from voting on this item, which is also a mandate in the Constitution. And there have been numerous suggestions on how to reduce waste, all of which have been virtually ignored by some on Counsel and I don't feel it's just or fair to slash Member Services Programs when there are other options. And also, too members should have the right to review this proposal fully, not just in a Tribal Council meeting but the details. So, I ask that the fair thing is done and this is moved to a work session, thank you.

I. Stone: First and foremost, the Constitution doesn't say anything about Council members removing themselves if there's a family member. It's where there's personal gain for that individual, meaning that Council benefits directly uh from that decision. Secondly, aren't we just on the approval of the Agenda? We're not actually discussing the item yet and so it seems like there's a lot of conversation going on and I would like, when we get to the item, to ask some clarifying questions um but I just was confused as to where we were at in the Agenda, thank you.

R. Pete: Okay Larry I'm gonna go. Okay I'm gonna. I'm just gonna end this thing right now, because I got some major comments for Sara, but I will, I will push it later on. Okay Gary if there's no more comments then do a roll call.

G. DiPiazza: This is just to approve the Agenda.

R. Pete: This is to approve the Agenda.

G. DiPiazza: The item can be removed or whatever when we get to it, that's been the standard protocol.

Roll Call #2

R. Wittenberg	No	S. Crampton	No	G. DiPiazza	Yes
D. Lonn	Yes	D. Corey	Absent	T. Guenthardt	Yes
C. Champagne	No	R. Pete	Yes	S. Lewis	No

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

G. DiPiazza: Four in favor, four against, one absent, the Agenda has failed for today.

R. Pete: Okay so the next move is to what?

Several answered: Nothing we're done.

R. Pete: Okay I'm here so I'm going to need a roll call to end this Council meeting technically this is, go ahead Shannon.

S. Crampton: I'd like to make the motion to approve the Agenda removing the item Council Champagne requested be removed to a work session.

R. Pete: Okay excuse me Shannon go ahead and do it again will you please.

S. Crampton: I'm making a motion to support the changes counselor Champagne suggested, which is adopting the Agenda minus the items that she stated. Okay you've made the motion so can Councilor Champagne, do you still support?

C. Champagne: Yes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA REMOVING THE ITEM
ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS BUDGET REFORECAST; by S. Crampton; supported
by C. Champagne**

R. Pete: Okay I got a motion from Shannon, I got support from Cindy, is there any further discussion, Gary do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

R. Wittenberg	Yes	S. Crampton	Yes	G. DiPiazza	No
D. Lonn	No	D. Corey	Absent	T. Guenthardt	No
C. Champagne	Yes	R. Pete	No	S. Lewis	Yes

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

G. DiPiazza: Four in favor, 4 against, one absent that amended Agenda has failed.

R. Pete: Okay we don't have an Agenda. Okay this meeting is over with; however Tribal Council I am calling a Closed Session meeting at 3:50 today. It's going to be a Closed Session Meeting for Tribal Council only. We will meet at 3:50 today. Thank you very much, this meeting's over.

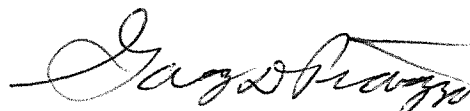
S. Crampton: There's rules for calling a Closed Session Meeting.

Council meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder