



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING
THURSDAY, August 8, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

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**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a emergency meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on, August 8, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister: Good afternoon, everyone, we are here this afternoon because I called a special emergency meeting. Um Recorder Johnson can you do roll call to establish quorum please

I. Roll Call

Roll Call: 1

T. Burmeister - Present	M. Silvis - Present	P. Johnson - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- absent	J. Wolfe - Present	A. Metzger - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Johnson: 8 in favor,

Councilor Wever: 8 in favor, 8 here

Recorder Johnson: 8 here, 1 absent; but

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you! Ok we are here this afternoon regarding the correction of the Black Bear regulation booklet. Councilor DiPiazza has brought this item forward; so, Councilor DiPiazza the floor is yours.

Councilor DiPiazza: It was brought to my attention Saturday that there was some problems, one is the booklet we did approve had opening date for Saturday in September which were made at September 7th unfortunately, the state opens on the 11th. It pushes us five days opening earlier which is a dilemma with the Inland Consent Decree. Um, yeah, I don't other than it needs to be, two things need to be fixed and baiting is 31 days prior to the first day of Black Bear hunting season which would place that August 2nd.

Speaker Burmeister: Ok, thank you. Will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item? Any Councilors with questions? Go ahead Councilor Metzger

Councilor Metzger: Thank you, Madam Speaker, has there ever been a legal review done on this by a qualified attorney? Take that as a no, thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Who's bringing this forward the changes, the Natural Resource Commission or the Natural Resource Department?

Councilor DiPiazza: Department

Councilor Wolfe: Do the Commission review the booklet, and have they had a meeting and brought forward a resolution that they agree?

Councilor DiPiazza: No, that has not happened.

Councilor Wolfe: Didn't that happen last time? That's why we had them on an emergency late add because the Commission needed to approve the changes in the booklet. And just because you had a booklet behind regulation doesn't remove it from the APA process of a 30-day public comment. That hasn't happened either. So its missing a lot of agenda items, so I cannot support it, or not agenda items It's missing a lot of actions that need to happen before it makes it to the agenda; and why does this qualify for an emergency meeting? And if you found out on Saturday why was not placed on Wednesday's agenda as a late add not in support of this item.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: No questions, I'll make a motion to approve resolution 24-0808-134 **corrections of the Black Bear regulation booklet** Corrections.

Councilor Wolfe: I see Shannon have his hand up.

Speaker Burmeister: Oh, he must put it up.

Councilor DiPiazza: oh, my apologizes.

Speaker Burmeister: go ahead Councilor Crampton

Councilor Crampton: Yeah, the APA is a big one. So I'll be challenging that, this one action because that cannot happen. And we already have rulings that Tribal Council has had on that issue. So just so we have it on the record and for all the members that to be aware that you are knowingly violating a law, the APA requires certain procedures to hand if you go in with this and Tribal Council or the directors cannot write the regulations. We delegated that authority to a Commission also in the APA. They have to

write it, not us. So, these are going to be two illegal actions. I cannot support this, and I will be filing. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Councilor DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: I made a motion; you want me to repeat it?

Speaker Burmeister: Please

Councilor DiPiazza: Yeah, I'll make the motion to approve resolution 24-0808-134
Correction of the Black Bear Regulation

Recorder Johnson: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Any other questions or comments from Tribal Council, Tribal Citizens, back to Tribal Council Go ahead Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Yeah, I'm curious, how and what I hear on Saturday is when they come up and with a late add and that would have in my mind that would have gave us plenty of plenty of time. But now we're sitting here with an emergency and those are my thoughts on there. Thank you.

Speaker Burmeister: Thank you. Any other questions? Recorder Johnson can you do roll call please.

Roll Call # 2

T. Burmeister - Yes	M. Silvis - No	P. Johnson - Yes
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever - No
R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe - No	A. Metzger - No

Motion carried (3-6-0-0)

Recorder Johnson: 3 in favor, 6 against its failed

Councilor Crampton: See you guys at three. That was the only thing on the agenda for the emergency meeting. Nothing else can be discussed. See you at three.

Speaker Burmeister: We have to adjourn first, Recorder Johnson

Recorder Johnson: Just a *mumbled something*

Speaker Burmeister: Ok, who's going to support that.

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Speaker Burmeister: Recorder Johnson, can you do roll call for adjournment please.

Roll Call # 3

T. Burmeister - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	P. Johnson - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder: 9 in favor, we are adjourned.

Councilor Wolfe: Tammy my hand was raised before you recognize Pam.

Speaker Burmeister: Go ahead Julie.

Councilor Wolfe: you ignored me

Speaker Burmeister: I didn't even

Councilor Wolfe: I was gonna make the motion to adjourn, but you did not recognize me, and you recognized Pam and disregarded my hand; Thank you.



Pam Johnson,
Transcribing and Recorder