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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022
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 August 10, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on. Wolfe said Tribal Council will need to unmute. Wolfe said she can't hear anything on this end.

Speaker Crampton said he was just saying welcome everybody to the um, Wednesday, 2022 August 10th Meeting and they are going to start today off with a prayer. Crampton said he asked Councilor Wittenberg to do the Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaganaash.

We thank you for this day and all of our relations.
We ask that you be with us today.
Guide our hearts and our minds.
Help us to get to where we need to go and turnaround and put Principle before Personalities.
We say Chi Miigwech for all we have and all we don't have.
Aho. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Aho.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order.

Recorder Wolfe said they need to identify Participants online for record keeping.

Speaker Crampton said the only ones he is seeing is Grace, Karl from IT, um, Kim Hinmon, Karol Chabot and Sandy Mezeske. Crampton said oh, he is sorry, and Jolene.

Recorder Wolfe said she has Sara Agosa, Councilor Champagne, she has phone number 231 215-2739.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, those are just coming up now. Crampton said um, can they identify themselves, 231 215-2789. Crampton said 2739, he is sorry.

Karen Love said #2494.

Others Present in Person: Bill Willis, Officer Patrick Gilles.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said okay, with that then they will start with General Business and Call to Order ah, um, ah.....

Recorder Wolfe said Call to Order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said um-hum.

Recorder Wolfe said then he asks for Roll Call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said Karen can she please mute her phone and Tom can he make sure when he is speaking that his microphone is on. Wolfe said nine are present quorum is established.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion. Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 10, 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - 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 agenda is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Crampton said they have none submitted at this time.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Approval of Budget Modification MB-2022-__; Authorizing a modification to the Older Americans Act Title VI Budget in the amount of \$14,670**
Approval of Modification.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis thanked them. Willis said as he explained in Agenda Review ah, they are basically asking to move all the funding in this particular grant that isn't currently in Client Services.....into Client Services. Willis said this grant ends September.....the end of September and so this is an attempt to spend out as much of the funding as they can particularly towards the purchase of meals and stuff like that so just need to modify the Budget.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0810-144;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2022-27;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE OLDER
AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$14,670; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton said he will open it up for discussion for the Council. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none, seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - 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 Crampton thanked them.

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2022-__; Authorizing a modification to the Strategic Gaming Budget in the amount of \$820,449

Approval of Budget Modification.

Speaker Crampton said this is also Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them again. Willis said as was....been discussed over the course of the last couple of weeks ah, there is taxes.....summer taxes due on the Fruitport Township Properties. Willis said those properties has historically been....those taxes for those properties has historically been paid out of the Strategic Gaming Fund 8300. Willis said those taxes for summer 2022 are currently about \$177,413. Willis said there is currently a deficit in the Tax Line Item and so in discussions with the Ogema and the Council an agreement he believed has been made to just modify the Budget to cover the current deficit in taxes plus the current taxes that are due and also clean up a couple of other deficits....Line Item deficits. Willis said when that is said and done they will have roughly \$37,911 left in that Budget for other activities or other expenditures. Willis said again, this is just an attempt to clean up the current Budget and pay the existing taxes.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any questions from Council. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Recorder Wolfe said Councilor Champagne has her hand raised.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry he can't see her.

Councilor Champagne said yes.....can she speak.

Speaker Crampton said yes, go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said yes, Bill why do they have deficits. Champagne asked what are the deficits that they have that he is wanting to shuffle this money around.

Bill Willis said ah, he believe he included that in Council's packet. Willis said there is currently a deficit of \$21,848 in Client Services, deficit in taxes of \$57,277 and then a rather large deficit in Capital Outlay of \$563,910 um, but there is many other Line Items that have adequate funding....um, positive funding and so um, he guessed he can't explain the particular reasons why there is deficits um, he didn't bring any of that information with him but um, just trying to clean up the....they know these deficits should have been taken care of previously, they know when these expenses came through that caused the Budget to go in those particular Line Items. Willis said that wasn't done, he doesn't know why, just trying to clean it up now so.

Councilor Champagne said she guessed that was her question. Champagne stated why would they be having deficits if the bills came in and they paid them on time. Champagne said okay. Champagne thanked him.

Speaker Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said ___ Councilor Champagne she thinks there shouldn't be deficits. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton asked are there any other questions. Crampton said ah, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0810-145;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2022-28;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE STRATEGIC
GAMING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820,449; by Lewis;
supported by Johnson.**

Recorder Wolfe asked did she say the resolution number.

Speaker Crampton asked what's that.

Recorder Wolfe asked was the resolution number read into the record she didn't hear it.

Councilor Lewis repeated 22 0810 145.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked does she still support it.

Councilor Johnson said yes.

Speaker Crampton said okay....okay then he has a motion by Councilor Lewis supported by Councilor Johnson. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any more discussion from Council. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none and seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two against resolution is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton said seeing none listed.

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report ☐ May 2022

Speaker Crampton said there is none. Crampton said that brings them to New Business.

Recorder Wolfe said they have the Financial Report for May 2022 for acceptance.

Councilor Wever was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording. Other Council members were also talking in the background.

Speaker Crampton said his is not filled out okay, they do have in Old Business they have the Financial Report for May 2022 for acceptance. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2022; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none and seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe asked did Tom Guenthardt respond yes, she didn't hear.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes.

Recorder Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said eight in favor and one against report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Continued Support of the Implementation of Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction

Previously known as Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction. Tribal Council continues to support the implementation of expanded criminal jurisdiction against Non-Natives for crimes as reauthorized in VAWA 2022.

Speaker Crampton said this is Elise.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Mc Gowan-Cuellar thanked him. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Mno Kizeph everybody. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said she apologizes for her tardiness. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so today she is asking for Tribal Council support in expanding the grant that they already have Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction um, in March of this year the Act...the VAWA was reauthorized um, and there will be a number of changes included that will increase their ability to provide um, justice for Tribal members to ah, Domestic Violence committed against them. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so one of the largest changes to this grant and why she is asking for Tribal Council's reauthorization and continued support is because it will no longer be call Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction it will be Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction um, and it builds on VAWA's 2013 Tribal Jurisdiction provisions including additional categories of criminal conduct that could be prosecuted against Non-Indians um, including sexual violence, stalking, sex trafficking, child violence, obstruction of justice and assault against ____ *there was silence on the recording happening here....* all the

wonderful things she just said on the recording that was not recorded. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said she is just kidding so if there is any questions um, regarding what this means she is here for questions.

Speaker Crampton said ____.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, if she doesn't mind could she elaborate a little bit on the expansion.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said yeah, so....yeah, so during the 2002....22 expansion or reauthorization, she apologizes, it expands and includes those crimes that she just listed um, it also includes um, ah, removing existing requirements under VAWA 2013 which limited Tribal Jurisdiction to those Non-Indians who live or work in Indian Country of the Tribe or qualifying relationship with a member of the Tribe or Non-Member Indian Resident which they also call Substantial Ties so um, with these changes um, it will also include the defendant has to file in writing a Habeas Corpus Petition and it codifies the requirements of the defendant must assess the Tribal Court remedies before seeking Habeas and also includes the increase of ah, funding to support implementation so.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked her.

Recorder Wolfe said she just wanted to add a comment also that um, these amendments take effect October 1, 2022.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, now he forgot what he was going to ask. *Crampton started laughing here.* Crampton said ah, what was he going to ask....oh, jurisdiction now he was reading through this and it was kind of fuzzy on the actual jurisdiction he means what is the actual jurisdiction.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so that....so currently they don't have jurisdiction over Non-Natives because they are working towards implementing that and when they get to that point they will have trainings for Law Enforcement and Leadership to help find and explain that based on what the Federal Law is.

Speaker Crampton said okay.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said she apologizes because she can't provide her a sufficient definition at this time.

Speaker Crampton said well, ____ that is because some of the wording it looks like they are ramming up to and what he kind of likes to see is that um, it kills off some of their member based jurisdiction so if they have somebody outside like the Reservation that they get in trouble, a member.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said that is the dream if they go to any of these meetings that is the old font fix that would allow Tribes to prosecute Non-Natives who commit crimes against them um, but the Supreme Court and the current Federal Law only allows them to do it on Reservations so Indian Lands on Reservation all those definitions all that they will get that cleared up in time for implementation so.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her again. Crampton asked are there any other questions from the Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said okay, hearing none he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Wever started to say....he gots Cindy....

Recorder Wolfe said Councilor Champagne has her hand raised again.

Speaker Crampton said Cindy go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she has a concern with this because um, right now Mr. Romanelli claims that he is in charge of the Justice System...the....in charge of everything. Champagne said he gives the orders so when they have one man who is claiming to have control over everything she has a concern with expanding his power so that he has control over even more people then he currently claims he has so yes, this concerns her that they are expanding this.

Speaker Crampton asked is that it.

Councilor Champagne said yes.

Speaker Crampton said well....*stammered a little here*.....correct him if he is wrong but he just....at this stage it is not being implemented is it.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said correct, this grant is to help them get everything ready to implement.

Speaker Crampton said and develop.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said correct.

Speaker Crampton said they are just in the developmental stages with this so he doesn't think there is any implementation yet. Crampton said he just wanted to clarify that. Crampton asked are there any other questions from Council or the membership. Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0810-146;
RESOLUTION OF CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL TRIBAL CRIMINAL
JURISDICTION; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Wever can be heard laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from the membership. Crampton said hearing none and seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one against resolution is passed.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 17, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he has no updates at this time. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton repeated there are no updates at this time.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have any Legislative Affairs Updates. Crampton said oh, he is sorry, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa she has a question for the Ogema.

Speaker Crampton said he is on Legislative Affairs Updates right now he is sorry about that.

Sara Agosa said okay, she can wait. Agosa thanked him.

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said okay, they will move down to Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have Public Comment. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said her question is for the Ogema about the Budget Meeting taking place on August 13th. Agosa asked will the meeting be livestreamed. Agosa said that is her question. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said no it will not. Romanelli said they are staff shortage, etc. so nope it will not be. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, did she have another question, Sara.

Sara Agosa said she would like to make a comment that she doesn't think that is fair to the Outlying Membership that they won't have access to this meeting. Agosa said they should have equal rights and she doesn't feel an excuse um, to say that there is not enough staffing justifies omitting them from this meeting. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked are there any other comments in Public Comment. Crampton said okay, seeing none, Council is going to be moving into Closed. Crampton read the following statement:

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

Speaker Crampton said with that he will entertain a motion to close Open at 10:22.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is there any support.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - 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 they are adjourned from First Open.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone.

XI. Open Session

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - 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 they are in Second Open at 10:48 a.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't think they have anything to move. Crampton asked does anyone have any issues.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to End Second Open.

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN; by Wittenberg; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

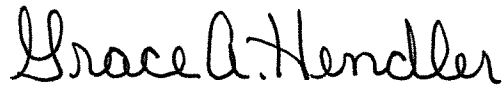
Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said they are adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Julie Wolfe,
Acting Council Recorder