



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021
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 August 4, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said to Speaker Champagne that the recorder is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they are here today it is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Champagne said they are at Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Headquarters. Champagne said located here in beautiful Manistee, Michigan. Champagne said again, they are here for and Emergency Meeting of Tribal Council, and Open Meeting, slated for 2021 at 3:00 p.m. ah, via ZOOM and in person. Champagne said this meeting was called by the Executive, Mr. Romanelli, in accordance with Article IV, Section 6c of the Tribal Constitution, the business to be transacted at this Emergency Open Meeting shall be limited to the specific purposes stated below. Champagne said with that being said.

I. Call to Order

The emergency scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Speaker Champagne said roll call please.

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said eight are present and one absent quorum is established.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder and that he appreciates that. Champagne said as he mentioned this is an Emergency Meeting called by the Executive underneath the Article IV, Section 6c of the Tribal Constitution, the

business to be transacted at this Emergency Open Meeting shall be limited to the specific purposes stated below.

III. Open Session

Speaker Champagne said in this Open Session they have:

Approve CARES Act Funds Grant for COVID-19 Mitigation at the casino for replacement of two Intelpak roof top units not to exceed \$1,515,000 and that the Ogema execute a Contract with Temperature Control. Temperature Control has a Master Agreement with the casino, they already installed two other roof top units that were not funded with CARES Funds and they are familiar with the Electronic Monitoring Systems controlling the units. Delay in approving this expenditure due to the build time of the units (12 Weeks) and subsequent need for them to be installed before the end of the year necessitate an Emergency Meeting to gain approval

Speaker Champagne recognized Mr. Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, ah, he would like to make a motion to postpone to a work session so he can look at it more thoroughly himself.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE PENDING A WORK SESSION; by
Wittenberg; supported by Champagne.**

Speaker Champagne said discussion on that motion. Champagne said first they go to the Councilors.....seeing no discussion. Champagne recognized Mr. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Champagne. Romanelli said that this was brought forward as an Emergency situation is because there is a limited amount of time to spend this CARES Act Funding. Romanelli said it is a significant amount of money as they know it is well over a million dollars ah, there is also a timeframe, a very short timeframe, for doing the work of installing these air quality um, ah, units. Romanelli said part of that is for the safety of their patrons over at the Resort. Romanelli repeated that is part of the reason. Romanelli said the other thing is because of costs either they will need to be replaced anyway ah, this will save Tribal money and ah, have it Sole Sourced talk to this company that has already done work and installations for them so. Romanelli said that is the reason he would ah, actually suggest that they don't postpone it anymore because of the very, very limited timeframe. Romanelli said he has two representatives here that.....to represent the item. Romanelli said the Grants person and then their CFO are here both. Romanelli said he respects the idea of going to a work session um, he cautions against it because of the time. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said so in the queue citizen Miss Sara Agosa also Miss Champagne then himself. Champagne said the item for discussion is the motion for going into ah....a work session and so if they can limit their scope to that. Champagne said citizen Agosa she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she would like to say that she fully support moving this to a work session because she has several questions as a member. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Sara Agosa for that comment, ma'am. Champagne said Miss Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said um, Mr. Romanelli how long has.....has the government had the \$1.5 million in their coffers.

Ogema Romanelli said not sure he thinks that the two Representatives could answer that or possibly try and answer it.

Speaker Champagne said so.....

Councilor Champagne continued did they just get it or has it been in the coffers for a while.

Ogema Romanelli said he believed it has been in there for a while.

Speaker Champagne said okay, he would.....

Ogema Romanelli said he believed original CARES Act money that was said to expire back last December but then it was given an extension. Romanelli said so that is the money they are talking about.

Speaker Champagne thanked Ogema Romanelli. Champagne said he was going to ask similar questions so it does seem.....so according to recollection of Federal Policy on that it was extended out for entire another year originally came back in September Tribes didn't receive probably allocation until probably April of 2020. Champagne said so he is understanding on that. Champagne thanked Ogema Romanelli for already answering that.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Speaker Champagne asked any other discussion on this motion. Champagne said seeing no....oh....Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said um, so these monies are coming out of the CARES Act and not coming out of the Casino Budget so the units are 20 years old to begin with and in need of replacement and they have to budget \$1.5 or so to replace

these is it going to come out of the ____ and put in the overhead at the casino which is....which will affect distribution.

Speaker Champagne said if they could limit their discussion um, if he wanted to tailor his comment into how.....on this motion on the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he believed the item....the item probably needs to be done.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Champagne said he still has the floor, sir.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he is all set.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza again. Champagne asked any other discussion. Champagne asked again any other discussion. Champagne said Miss Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she is not comfortable moving this item forward since they just got it today and she hasn't even had a chance to look at anything. Champagne repeated she is not comfortable on voting for something that was just dropped on their desk.....she thinks it was dropped last night but they didn't get it until this morning so um, she insist on a work session too so.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Champagne. Champagne asked any further discussion. Champagne said seeing no further discussion. Champagne asked is there any abstentions on this item. Champagne said there are no abstentions being noted. Champagne said Madame Recorder....Madame Recorder roll call please. Champagne asked Ms. Wever was she in.....

Councilor Wever said no, she.....

Speaker Champagne said he just wanted to be respectful if he didn't see her.....

Councilor Wever said no, she was waving at her daughter.

Some Tribal Councilors started laughing.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said six in favor, two against and one absent the motion to postpone has passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

IV. Adjourn

Speaker Champagne said as this was the only item they were allowed to be discussed at an Emergency Meeting; Madame Recorder will schedule that work session in an expedited fashion. Champagne said he believed they heard the Executive that they move this along. Champagne said so he will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne asked is there any discussion on that. Champagne said seeing no discussion Madame Recorder roll call please.

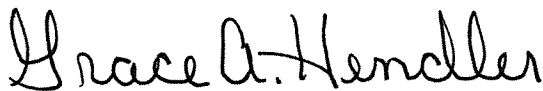
Roll Call #2

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

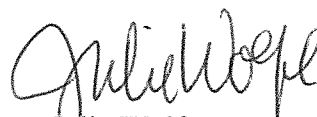
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent they are adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder