



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on December 11, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Silvis: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:04 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday December 11, 2024 with the following corrections under II. General Business D Add- Tribal Council minutes o 09/18/2024 & 11/30/2023. III. Continuing Business A.1.A. Updated- Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 for the Elevate Technology Partners LLC for Advanced Enterprise Network Services In the amount of \$ 550,000.00. A.1.B Updated- Ratification of the Master Agreement for Services with Elevate Technology Partners LLC for Advanced Enterprise Network Services. III. C.1. Updated- Approval of Expenditure for Public Safety to purchase six Vehicles from Watson’s Manistee out of budgeted funds. IV.A.1 Updated- Approval the Un-restricting of ARPA funds 4996-000- 6100 for the purchase of a subscription to Bamboo HR. V. New Business B.1 Postponed- Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds**

4996-000-6100 For RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) In the amount of \$ 3,023,566. V. New Business B.2 Postponed- Enter into a Contract with RK Davis using ARPA Findings 4996-000-6100 in the amount of \$ 3,026,566.

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

ADD D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 09/18/2024 & 11/30/2023

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for 09/18/2024 & 11/30/2023**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Updated 1.A Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 for the Elevate Technology Partners LLC for Advanced Enterprise Network Services In the amount of \$ 550,000.00

**Tribal Ogema
B. Willis
G. Lewis**

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-236 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 for the Elevate Technology Partners LLC for Advanced Enterprise Network Services In the amount of \$ 550,000.00**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

**Updated 1.B Ratification of the Master Agreement for Services Tribal Ogema
With Elevate Technology Partners LLC for B. Willis
Advanced Enterprise Network Services. G. Lewis**

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-237 Ratification of the Master Agreement for Services with Elevate Technology Partners LLC for Advanced Enterprise Network Services with correcting the date to December 11 in the certification of adoption.

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Budget Modifications

**1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2024____ Tribal Ogema
In the amount of \$140,280 within ARPA fund 4996 K. Bowers**

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-238 Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-70 in the amount of \$140,280 within ARPA fund 4996

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

**2. Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-__ ; Tribal Ogema
Authorizing the return of funds from Health and K. Bowers
Human Services-2023 LIHEAP Supplemental award
in the Amount of \$6,962.35.**

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-239 Approval of Budget
Modification MB2024-71; Authorizing the return of funds from Health and Human
Services-2023 LIHEAP Supplemental award in the Amount of \$6,962.35 with
correcting the date to December 11 in the certification of adoption.**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

**Updated 1. Approval of Expenditure for Public Safety Tribal Ogema
To purchase six Vehicles from Watson's R. Medacco
Manistee out of budgeted funds.**

Robert Medacco: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-240 Approval of
Expenditure for Public Safety To purchase six Vehicles from Watson's Manistee out
of budgeted funds.**

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

IV. Old Business

**Updated A.1 Approval the Un-restricting of ARPA funds 4996-000- Tribal Ogema
6100 for the purchase of a subscription to Bamboo HR A. Goff
D. Reinhard**

Don Reinhard: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-241 Approval the Un-restricting of ARPA funds 4996-000- 6100 for the purchase of a subscription to Bamboo HR**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

A.2 Ratification of Agreement for Services with Bamboo HR

**Tribal Ogema
A. Goff
D. Reinhard**

Don Reinhard: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-242 Ratification of Agreement for Services with Bamboo HR**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Speaker Burmeister:

V. New Business

A. Adopting the Amendments to Membership Assistance Program Ordinance #06-700-04, Creating the Catastrophic Disaster Relief Assistance.

J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-243 Adopting the Amendments to Membership Assistance Program Ordinance #06-700-04, Creating the Catastrophic Disaster Relief Assistance.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to amend the agenda to un postpone items V. New Business B.1 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 for RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) in the amount of \$ 3,023,566 and V. New Business B.2 Enter into a Contract with RK Davis using ARPA findings 4996-000-6100 in the amount of \$ 3,026,566.**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

Postponed B.1 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 For RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) In the amount of \$ 3,023,566.

Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis
G. Walters
D. Kerr

Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-244 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 for RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) in the amount of \$ 3,023,566**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

Postponed B.2 Enter into a Contract with RK Davis using ARPA Findings 4996-000-6100 in the amount of \$ 3,026,566.

Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis
G. Walters
D. Kerr

Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-245 Enter into a Contract with RK Davis using ARPA findings 4996-000-6100 in the amount of \$ 3,026,566.

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor DiPiazza: Make a motion to reconsider Resolution #24-1211-243 Adopting the Amendments to Membership Assistance Program Ordinance #06-700-04, Creating the Catastrophic Disaster Relief Assistance.

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1) RECONSIDERED

Councilor DiPiazza: Reconsidered vote for motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-243 Adopting the Amendments to Membership Assistance Program Ordinance #06-700-04, Creating the Catastrophic Disaster Relief Assistance.

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Adopting the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Government Operations Budget.

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-246 Adopting the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Government Operations Budget.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

_Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (3-5-0-1) FAILED

Speaker Burmeister:

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday December 18, 2024

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

C. Legislative Affairs Update

- 1. Tammy Burmeister**
- 2. Pam Johnson**
- 3. Julie Wolfe**
- 4. Gary Di Piazza**
- 5. Shirley Wever**
- 6. Al Metzger**
- 7. Ron Wittenberg**
- 8. Misty Silvis**
- 9. Shannon Crampton**

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to end first open session at 12:10p.m.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

_Roll Call # 17

G. DiPiazza -Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes
J. Wolfe- No	A. Metzger – No	R. Wittenberg- No

P. Johnson- Yes	S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton – Absent
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Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

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.

Recorder Metzger: **Motion to go into second Open Session at 1:31 p.m.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 18

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

VIII. Open Session

A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials shall remain confidential.

1. Approval of Amendment Legal Services with Patterson Earnhardt Real Bird & Wilson LLP

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1211-247 Approval of Amendment Legal Services with Patterson Earnhardt Real Bird & Wilson LLP**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (3-5-0-1) FAILED

Speaker Burmeister:

2. Binojeeuk Closed Session Minutes ☐ October 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Closed Session Minutes for October 2024**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 20

M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza -Yes
A. Metzger – Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes

S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton – Absent	P. Johnson- Yes
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)		

Speaker Burmeister:

IX. Adjourn

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to adjourn at 1:35p.m.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 21

A. Metzger – Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes
S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton – Absent	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)		

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder