



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 18, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Crampton: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

T. Burmeister - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Absent	A. Metzger - Present
S. Crampton – Present	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 18, 2024 with the following corrections under II. D Add- Tribal Council Minutes 9/26/24 Emergency Meeting & 04/18/24. III. Continuing Business A.1.A. Updated- Approval to Un-restrict the remaining ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the cost of remodeling and replacing the roof of the LRCR. III.A.1.B Updated- Approval to release the remaining ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the cost of remodeling & replacing the roof of the Little River Casino Resort utilizing Hoekstra Roofing Company. III.B.1 Updated- Approval of Budget Modification MB2024__ ; Authorizing a modification to Elder Meals- Expand Public Health Workforce in excess of 10% of the total original program budget. V. Acceptance of Commission Reports E. Add- Housing Commission for November 2024. VIII. New Business B. Updated- Adopting the**

Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Government Operations Budget. VIII. New Business C. Updated- Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter FY2025. VIII. New Business D. Updated- Request the Secretary of the Interior Take Title into Trust for Non-Gaming Purposes and the Benefit of the Tribe 60 Acres of Land Shown in Exhibit A and Identified by Muskegon County, Michigan Assessor Parcels Number 61-15-115-300-0026-00; and Making Specific Findings of Fact in Support of the Request in Compliance with Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151.

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

ADD D. Tribal Council Minutes 9/26/24 Emergency Meeting & 04/18/24

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for 9/26/24 Emergency Meeting & 04/18/24**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Updated 1.A Approval to Un-restrict the remaining ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the cost of remodeling And replacing the roof of the LRCR. Tribal Ogema M. Shrader

Michael Shrader: Represented the item, then withdrawal his item from the floor

Speaker Burmeister:

Updated 1.B Approval to release the remaining ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the cost of remodeling & Tribal Ogema M. Shrader

**replacing the roof of the Little River Casino Resort
utilizing Hoekstra Roofing Company.**

Item withdrawn.

B. Budget Modifications

Updated 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2024__; Tribal Ogema
Authorizing a modification to Elder Meals- Expand V. Sam
Public Health Workforce in excess of 10% of the total
Original program budget.

Vicki Sam: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to postpone until Second Open Session**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema Tribal Ogema
1. Operations Report ☐ None Submitted
2. Financial Report ☐ None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

A. Binojeeuk Commission ☐ October & November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Binojeeuk Commission Report for October & November 2024.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Enrollment Commission

☐ None Submitted

C. Gaming Commission

☐ November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Report for November 2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Health Commission

☐ None Submitted

ADD E. Housing Commission

☐ November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Housing Commission Report for November 2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

F. Natural Resource Commission

☐ October & November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission Report for October & November 2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes
T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- Yes

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for November 2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Elders Committee

☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

**A. Establishing the schedule of Regular Meetings
For the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2025**

P. Johnson

Recorder Johnson: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-249 Establishing the schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council calendar Year 2025**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (4-5-0-0) FAILED

Speaker Burmeister:

**Updated B. Adopting the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal
Government Operations Budget.**

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-250 Adopting the amended fiscal year 2025 Tribal Government Operations Budget

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

Updated C. Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter FY2025.

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-251 Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter FY2025.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Adopting the Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance # 24-150-09

J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-252 Adopting the Biskaabiiyaang Commission Ordinance # 24-150-09

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger – Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes
P. Johnson- No	S. Wever - No	S. Crampton- Yes

M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister- No	G. DiPiazza- No
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Motion carried (4-5-0-0) FAILED

Speaker Burmeister:

Updated E. Request the Secretary of the Interior Take Title into Trust for Non-Gaming Purposes and the Benefit of the Tribe 60 Acres of Land Shown in Exhibit A and Identified by Muskegon County, Michigan Assessor Parcels Number 61-15-115-300-0026-00; and Making Specific Findings of Fact in Support of the Request in Compliance with Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151. P. Johnson

Recorder Johnson: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-253 Request the Secretary of the Interior Take Title into Trust for Non-Gaming Purposes and the Benefit of the Tribe 60 Acres of Land Shown in Exhibit A and Identified by Muskegon County, Michigan Assessor Parcels Number 61-15-115-300-0026-00; and Making Specific Findings of Fact in Support of the Request in Compliance with Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151 with adjustments removing the 16th whereas, and the 18th whereas remove number 1.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (3-6-0-0) FAILED

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-254 Request the Secretary of the Interior Take Title into Trust for Non-Gaming Purposes and the Benefit of the Tribe 60 Acres of Land Shown in Exhibit A and Identified by Muskegon County, Michigan Assessor Parcels Number 61-15-115-300-0026-00; and Making Specific Findings of Fact in Support of the Request in Compliance with Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151 with adjustments removing the 16th whereas, and the 18th whereas remove number 1.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes
S. Wever - No	S. Crampton- Yes	P. Johnson- Yes

T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Silvis- No
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Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 08, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business**
- 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: Reconsider Resolution #24-1218-249 Establishing the schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council calendar Year 2025

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0) RECONSIDERED/ PASSED

Councilor Metzger: Motion to end First Open Session at 1:38 p.m.

Councilor Crampton: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

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 Johnson: Motion to go into second Open Session at 3:19 p.m.

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

XI. Open Session

A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials Remain in Closed

1. Ratification of Maintenance Service Contract Renewal with HID Global Corporation in Amount of \$1413.00.

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-254 Ratification of Maintenance Service Contract Renewal with HID Global Corporation in Amount of \$1413.00.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 18

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

2. Authorizing Legislative Legal Counsel to Initiate an action In the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court to Obtain Extraordinary Relief and Declaratory Judgement Naming Larry B. Romanelli, Individually and as Tribal Ogema the Gaming Enterprise Advisory Group, in their Individual and Official Capacities, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission

Councilor Metzger: Motion to Authorize Legislative Legal Counsel to Initiate an action In the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court to Obtain Extraordinary Relief and Declaratory Judgement Naming Larry B. Romanelli, Individually and as Tribal Ogema the Gaming Enterprise Advisory Group, in their Individual and Official Capacities, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Metzger: Motion to rescind last motion Resolution #24-1218-254 because of error; accept Resolution #24-1218-255 Ratification of Maintenance Service Contract Renewal with HID Global Corporation in Amount of \$1413.00.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 20

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

- 3. Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes ☐ November 2024**

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes for November 2024

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 21

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

4. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ November 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for November 2024**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 22

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**Approval of Budget Modification MB2024__; Tribal Ogema
Authorizing a modification to Elder Meals- Expand V. Sam
Public Health Workforce in excess of 10% of the total
Original program budget.**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-256 Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-72; Authorizing a modification to Elder Meals- Expand Public Health Workforce in excess of 10% of the total original program budget.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 23

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to amend the agenda to add Authorizing Unrestricting of ARPA remaining fund for Implementation of supplemental payment of the 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program with Postage and Supplies for the supplemental 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program**

Councilor Crampton: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 24

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1218-157 Authorizing Unrestricting of ARPA remaining fund for Implementation of supplemental payment of the 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program with Postage and Supplies for the supplemental 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance Program

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 25

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to adjourn at 3:39 p.m.

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 25

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder