



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an Emergency Meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 12, 2024.

Speaker Burmeister said good morning everyone. Burmeister said they are here this morning for an Emergency Open Meeting it is Friday, January the 12th, 2024. Burmeister said um, it is 10....10:02 and she would like to start the meeting with roll call. Burmeister said so Recorder Johnson please do roll call.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call at 10:02 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Johnson said they do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Recorder Johnson. Burmeister said now she is going to have the people on ZOOM identify themselves if they are a Tribal citizen please state their name and Tribal I.D. Burmeister said if they are an employee please list the department that they work in. Burmeister said first on the list is Shannon....Councilor Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Shannon Paul Crampton, Outlying Tribal Council Rep, #1747.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Misty Silvis please identify herself.

Councilor Silvis said Councilor Misty Silvis, #2488.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Tina Bray please identify herself.

Tina Bray said Tina Bray, #3287, Human Resource Manager, Little River Casino.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Gary L. please identify himself.

Gary Lewis said Gary Lewis, Utilities Department, #1980.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him *Burmeister whispered to Pam if she can see who this is because she can't see the online.* Burmeister said phone number 231 215-2739 please identify themselves.

Karen Love said Karen Love, #2494.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sandy Mezeske can she please identify herself.

Sandy Mezeske said Sand Mezeske, #0018.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Jim La Porte please identify himself.

Jim La Porte said Jim La Porte, #3383.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Shawna Gonzalez please identify herself.

Shawna Gonzalez said Shawna Gonzalez, #4700.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Melinda Smith please identify herself.

Melinda Smith said Melinda Smith, Tribal #5222, HR Specialist for LRBOI.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Grace Hendler please identify herself. Burmeister repeated Grace Hendler please identify herself. Burmeister said she's just.....

Councilor Wolfe said she doesn't have a microphone, Tammy.

Speaker Burmeister said yes, she just said that. Burmeister thanked Councilor Wolfe. Burmeister said ah, Grace Hendler does not have video she just has a microphone. Burmeister said she is Tribal Council um, Admin so. Burmeister asked Pam if she could down the list.

Recorder Johnson said just a sec.

Speaker Burmeister said Antonio Romanelli please identify himself.

Antonio Romanelli said Antonio Romanelli, #3954.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Tina Mclellan-Payment please identify herself.

Tina Mclellan-Payment said Tina Mclellan-Payment 2197.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Keegan Bordeaux please identify himself.

Keegan Bordeaux said Keegan Bordeaux, Legislative In-House Counsel.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Staci Cheney please identify herself.

Staci Cheney said 192.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sara Agosa please identify herself.

Sara Agosa said Sara Agosa 4478.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Venus Torres please identify herself.

Councilor Metzger left the Meeting Room.

Venus Torres said her name and Tribal number in Anishinaabemowin. (1102)

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe please identify herself.

Councilor Metzger re-entered the Meeting Room.

Councilor Wolfe said Julie Wolfe Tribal Council At-Large.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said they have....its identified as 0ev 8806 could they please identify themselves.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah that would be Ogema Romanelli.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Laura Echelbarger could she please identify herself. Burmeister said Laura Echel.....

Laura Echelbarger said Laura Echelbarger 2276.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said ah, phone number 231 215-2739 please identify themselves.

Karen Love said that would be her Karen Love. Love said she already told her that.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said their screen is not listing everybody at one time so....it's being goofy. Burmeister said so she doesn't know if it has to do with an update. Burmeister thanked her for saying that. Burmeister asked did she get everybody.

Chelsea Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Chelsea. Burmeister said Martha Howell please identify herself.

Martha Howell said she just did 3635.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister whispered there's ca.....she can....Karol Ann please identify herself.

Karol Chabot said 3742 Karol Ann.

III. Open Session **Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY 2024**

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said so they are moving down on the agenda. Burmeister said it's Open Session there's only one item on this agenda. Burmeister said um, they are not going to have discussion they have beat this topic to death so um, with that much discussion....Israel.

Councilor Wolfe said she needs to read the disclosure on why she is having the meeting.

Israel Stone said ah....

Councilor Crampton said now wait a minute the Speaker just said there is no discussion then Israel overrode her. Crampton said this is interesting.

Speaker Burmeister said okay. Burmeister said she has to read the disclosure. Burmeister read, "*In accordance with Article IV, Section 6 c of the Tribal*

Constitution the business to be transacted at this Emergency Meeting shall be limited to the specific purpose stated below.”

Israel Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said he has respectfully, Madame Speaker the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ Constitution states that members shall have the opportunity to comment on any matter before the Tribal Council for consideration. Stone said it is a constitutional mandate so....

Speaker Burmeister said it is.

Israel Stone continued..... to not ___ that opportunity is a violation of their constitutional rights respectfully.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said and it is not a Closed Item. Burmeister said okay so she is going to read the item. Burmeister read, *“Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2024.”* Burmeister asked will they be anybody abstaining from this item. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah he has a question about her statement prior that there is going to be no discussion. Metzger asked is she overturning her ruling.

Speaker Burmeister said yes. Burmeister said she misspoke.

Councilor Metzger thanked her.

Speaker Burmeister repeated so will there be any Tribal Councilor abstaining from this item.

Councilor Crampton said ah, she recognized Israel Stone there is another member that has their hand raised.

Speaker Burmeister said yeah, she sees those hands um....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said she is not recognizing them because they are not Israel.

Speaker Burmeister said don’t interrupt her Councilor Crampton please let her finish what she was going to say. Burmeister said yes she did recognize him and she is going to recognize Councilors first and then Tribal citizens. Burmeister said so any Tribal Councilors have any questions. Burmeister said Councilor Wolfe go ahead please.

Councilor Wolfe said um, she wants to state for the record that she um, is being compelled to vote under duress. Wolfe said the TC Officers have failed to obtain any legal advice for the body before calling this meeting. Wolfe said she feels

targeted and threatened no person whether acting under the color of the law or otherwise shall intimidate, threaten, coerce or attempt to intimidate, threaten or coerce any person especially an Elected Official for the purpose of interfering with the right of such person to vote or....or to vote as she or he may choose or causing such person to vote for or not vote for any reason therefore she is abstaining.

Speaker Burmeister said okay and thanked her. Burmeister said Councilor Crampton go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton loudly thanked the Speaker. Crampton said he can't be more direct he feels that he is under threat and duress in direct violation of the Separation of Powers in that their judge doesn't really know what they are doing has overstepped her bounds. Crampton said um, he feels that they are being without....what are they have today represents a threat. Crampton said he is only here on duress. Crampton thanked Julie for reading the statutes so he doesn't have to. Crampton said um, he already contacted the Federal Agencies and he will be filing a legal threatening meeting. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Councilor Di Piazza he had his hand up next.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to make a motion.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yes is this discussion time. Metzger asked is he correct. *Metzger made another comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording clearly to understand.*

Speaker Burmeister said yes, he can ask a question.

Councilor Metzger said he would like to know that the Recorder just said please.

Recorder Johnson said..... she had asked for abstentions.....most of what she said cannot be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Metzger thanked her for that clarification he will wait for discussion then.

Ogema Romanelli said Speaker Burmeister will she put the Ogema in when its proper.

Speaker Burmeister said yes. Burmeister asked will there be any other Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger he had his hand up for question go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger said its not a question its an opinion in the thought processes that they just went through. Metzger said ah, they are here today ah, to accept or approve the Ogema's ah, 2024 Budget that even a partial of it right now. Metzger said ah, with the recent information that he received ah, concerning the shortfall of the casino. Metzger said the projected ah, revenue was way, way shortfall he means they only pulled in nineteen five. Metzger said their projected income was close to 20....24 he believed in the beginning they did a reforecast it came back 22. Metzger said ah, right there that in itself is a four million dollar shortfall and now they are asking for another four million dollars on top of that supplemental on the ah, Ogema's ah, Budget now they are looking at close to an eight to nine million dollar ah, shortfall. Metzger said and that eight million....eight to nine million dollar will be coming out of the General Fund. Metzger said he would just like to ah, the members to know that that its not as clear as it seems to be. Metzger said their casino is not doing as well as some may have said. Metzger said look at the paperwork look at the numbers and that's what he is doing he is looking at the actual numbers. Metzger said now like he said the casino has almost a six million dollar shortfall so please consider that. Metzger said they're not looking at just a four million dollar supplemental they are looking a an eight to possibly a ten million dollar supplement that's coming out of the General Fund. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said next in the queue is Ogema Romanelli go ahead please.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he understands that there are two Councilors that are wishing to abstain. Romanelli said he would just ask the Council to please make sure to follow the constitutional requirements in abstentions as these are serious issues that people abstain from and he thinks that Council is by duty ah, required to follow the constitutional requirement for something like this. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said next in the queue is Sara go ahead please.

Sara Agosa said her question is why is this item coming forward again when the resolution to continue the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget was approved yesterday in Tribal Council Meeting. Agosa said her second question is she thought Ogema Romanelli was supposed to be back on January 19th and Speaker Burmeister that is what she shared with the public. Agosa said so that is her second question. Agosa thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said Speaker Burmeister he can answer the second part.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, the Ogema has the right to take PTO when they decide to do so. Romanelli said he has the right to take it when he decides to go and when he decides to come back and that is no issue for the Tribal members whatsoever. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Ogema Romanelli. Burmeister said Councilor Crampton he abstained so um, he cannot.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he never....he never said....

Speaker Burmeister continued....speak on this issue.

Councilor Crampton continued....he never claimed that he was abstaining. Crampton repeated he never said he had.....

Speaker Burmeister in the background on the ZOOM recording can be heard saying, "He abstained."

Councilor Crampton said he never said he abstained them guys are lying. Crampton said he said he feels under duress he never said he abstained.

Councilor Wolfe said he did not use the word abstain.

Councilor Crampton said he did not abstain. Crampton said don't be trying to.... them guys are already trying to....

Speaker Burmeister said thanks for clarifying that.

Councilor Crampton said them guys are not going to cheat him.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Crampton for caring.

Councilor Crampton said listen when she called on him what he was going to tell them is....

Speaker Burmeister said he is not in the queue right now. Burmeister said she was...who is in the queue right now is Chelsea so she is going to let her go and there is other ones and she has him in the queue. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said go ahead Chelsea.

Chelsea Densmore thanked Madame Speaker. Densmore said Chelsea Densmore 3225. Densmore said um, okay so she has a couple of comments but she wants to start off first by saying when she had called into the meeting yesterday she....she thinks it was Pam that was the Speaker at that point. Densmore said she done this too where them guys was doing this thing like first goes all the membership at once then there is Council. Densmore said traditionally them guys have done it for

a very long time and up until yesterday, they know, them guys were previously doing it that way as well. Densmore said is that yes they would give Council maybe the opportunity to speak first then they would go with the membership but they wouldn't necessarily cut off Council while the members were speaking, right, a lot of the times when they have questions they want them guys to respond and want them to be involved in the conversation, right, so like cutting off the Councilors from being part of the discussion until later is not helpful because they want to be hearing from them guys that's why they are getting involved and why they are talking is because they want to have an active conversation. Densmore said its not supposed to be a one-sided comment where they just say it and them guys ignore them they want to hear their actual thoughts and opinions. Densmore said so she would appreciate if when they are going through, right, the first opportunity to speak makes sense but when they go into discussion don't cut off the Councilors and make them wait for 20, 30, 60 minutes until they can speak is not helpful, right, that is not productive to this. Densmore said um, for the comment she wanted to make she....she finds it very unfortunate that they are looking at this Budget again only because as Councilor Metzger had said the four million dollar extra that they are trying to pull out of their fund which she thought Julie had said was probably 12 and she knows she can't be part of this discussion and she doesn't know if anybody else is going to say it but Julie is the only one that answers her so there they are. Densmore said um, but she had wanted to say that she like 12 or....million dollars that was um, even she wants to say they can even access. Densmore said if they are looking at taking four million dollars out of it and even if they are looking at doing the supplemental today and she thinks that somebody said yesterday this would just buy them an extra 45 days discussion or whatever that's still an extra million dollars, right, that they are putting for what like if they already have a deficit of six million dollars that Al had just said then why are they looking at having an unbudgeted Budget when their already in the hole pulling them more in the hole using more of their safety net for what. Densmore said what is their plan or justification to bring about more revenue to supplement this instead of using their....their safety net and their extra funds, right, she heard them guys years ago complaining about how they didn't want to do the, they know, 50 percent for the Per Cap and they didn't want to do the ah, supplemental money during COVID and all this. Densmore said oh, they don't want to use their safety net.... oh, they don't want to use their safety net, right, but look like where is it now. Densmore asked where is that anger now when its talking about before when it was angry when it was going to the members, right, but that is uncalled for now all of sudden when it is just going toward Government Operations and all this extra stuff in suddenly their....their willing to justify four million dollars, right, that's crazy. Densmore said those that are willing to...to approve this what is their plan to make up that four million dollars and they are already projecting a six million dollar deficit. Densmore said she would appreciate a response before they went to a million other topics and got lost in the chaos.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah after listening to Miss Densmore, they know, like he said earlier they are looking at a nine maybe ten million dollar ah, coming out of the General Fund. Metzger said that's 25% of what they have in the General Fund. Metzger said let that sink in a little bit. Metzger asked is that the purpose to deplete the General Fund so if stuff in Washington fails, if BIA gets shutdown, if they end up not receiving grant funds they have to survive on after this 30 million dollars so let's think about the real actual numbers. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Metzger. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton loudly said well onto Chelsea and this is what it is and he has told them since he walked into this place. Crampton said there is a certain group in Manistee and most of them are sitting in that room who eat up their money. Crampton said it was so bad that when he first started that it was horrible and he told them about it and that's why their Per Cap never goes up. Crampton said Larry never asked for more than 22 or 24 and never comes in more than... well they see how it comes in. Crampton said um, that's why it is kept this way it's been this way it's horrible it's been horrible for years. Crampton said now they are to a point where they got...they got to go after the other to support that is how bad its getting. Crampton said their business is so bad their business management is so bad that now they have to go after their savings and Al is right it is going to get worse. Crampton said take a look at the people in those room he means they call themselves experts and that is a horrible job they should all be fired. Crampton said all...every single one of them. Crampton said he got a call from a reporter yesterday. Crampton said some of their members have actually talked to a reporter down in...in ah, Muskegon and she called him wanting to know if it was true on what they were doing with the members. Crampton said she was laughing. Crampton said he had thought about...he had told her he wasn't going to comment. Crampton said he is going to call her back tonight and he is going to comment because this is laughable. Crampton said these...these are the business people that they think are running that casino they should be wearing dunce caps on their heads and sitting on a Fortune 500 Magazine for everybody to see.

Speaker Burmeister said okay stop.

Councilor Crampton said okay whatever.

Speaker Burmeister said Shannon....um, Councilor Crampton please stop with the derogatory remarks.

Councilor Crampton shouted that is not derogatory that's the truth.

Speaker Burmeister said yes it is he's....he's....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said that's the truth.

Speaker Burmeister said she means it stop.

Councilor Crampton said it's the truth.

Speaker Burmeister said stop.

Councilor Crampton repeated it's the truth.

Speaker Burmeister said stop, please put him in the Waiting Room.

Councilor Crampton asked loudly are they kicking him out of the meeting that he was ordered to be at. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said go ahead he'll take that to court in five seconds.

Speaker Burmeister said she asked him very politely to please stop with the derogatory comments. Burmeister said they are moving along.....

Councilor Crampton said then she stops with derogatory comments.

Speaker Burmeister said um....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said stop with her lies.

Speaker Burmeister said is ___ she is sorry.

Chelsea Densmore interrupted. Densmore said she is sorry Speaker can she follow up for one second.

Speaker Burmeister said ___ is still in the queue.

Chelsea Densmore said all she was trying to ask was just for someone that was voting for it. Densmore said it sounds like the people that commented voted against it. Densmore said she was just looking for Councilors to speak who were agreeing with voting on this. Densmore said she is not and doesn't appreciate Crampton speaking but have yet to hear from those willing to vote for this as to their justification. Densmore said that was her only comment so still trying to get an answer. Densmore thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said Speaker Burmeister can she please put the Ogema back in.

Speaker Burmeister said yes she will. Burmeister said um, she has Israel

Stone that is up, she has Councilor Di Piazza, Ogema Romanelli and Sara Agosa. Burmeister said so Israel he has the floor.

Israel Stone thanked Miss Speaker. Stone said Israel Stone 1735. Stone said Dunc #1 he guessed he doesn't know. Stone said um, that said ah, he has particular issues with that kind of behavior occurring week after week after week in these Chambers. Stone said they are citizens....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said telling the truth yeah they have a problem telling the truth.

Israel Stone asked why is he being allowed to interrupt him. Stone said they know what it must be nice to be a coward and hide behind a computer.

Speaker Burmeister said Israel they are going to keep this on topic so please.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton shouted he is not the one who called for a Protective Order he did.

Speaker Burmeister continued.....to the item on the agenda.

Israel Stone said that being said ah, it gets old. Stone said he sat here today and listened to Council Members misrepresent the finances of the Tribe to the citizens in this room and everybody that is on ZOOM. Stone said that is....that is not the number.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Al told the truth.

Israel Stone said they have to consider Online Gaming Distributions and Sports Book.

Councilor Crampton interrupted again. Crampton said he's lying.

Israel Stone said why is he continuously interrupted by this guy. Stone said every time he says something Mr. Crampton speaks up.

Speaker Burmeister said continue.

Israel Stone said when they moved to Online Gaming this Tribe was well aware that there was going to be cannibalization of the brick and mortar business and that number is much higher. Stone said if the Tribe would do the right thing instead of putting that in their little personal kitty and use that money those tax dollars to fund the Government Budget there wouldn't be any shortfall in fact there would be a major access of funding.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said that money is for the members.

Israel Stone said okay again.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton please quit interrupting and let him finish what he has to say. Burmeister thanked him.

Israel Stone said just like they misled them about the Constitution says obviously because the courts held that they do have to follow the Budget & Appropriations Act. Stone said they are trying to mislead them about the finances of the Tribe. Stone said they are trying to create an emergent situation and that their in dire straits. Stone said that is a lie. Stone asked how many millions of dollars have they received in Online Gaming Tax Revenue. Stone asked how many millions of dollars. Stone said let's be honest about that and by the way that is a bigger issue because finances of the Tribe in this government are confidential privileged information. Stone said they are in a public session and them guys are spewing out inaccurate numbers but numbers in a public meeting that are considered privileged and confidential numbers. Stone asked how is that being allowed to happen and they continue to go through this process and now the courts are liars and their wrong and their idiots and...and their....their....whatever the comment was. Stone said the reality of the situation is if they are going to talk about the picture they have to tell the whole story not just the pieces that suit the way they want to vote today. Stone said and it gets sickening to him that they have to keep coming to this point where they have to file in court. Stone said they didn't compel them not to follow their own laws they chose not to follow their own laws. Stone said it was a decision, a choice they made forcing citizens and Government Officials to go to court because that is their only ah....ah, recuperation they have their only avenue they have. Stone said the law is clearly written they don't get to choose what's constitutional and what's unconstitutional only the courts get to determine that it says that in the Constitution. Stone said if it's the current law in place they must follow the law. Stone said so whoaest them that somebody is forcing them to do their jobs in accordance with the laws and the Constitution of this Tribe. Stone said but they know what it's the way it should have been done in the beginning...from the very beginning. Stone said the Budget & Appropriations Act they covered that in the last meeting. Stone said it says they must pass a Budget so them guys have the ability to amend the Ogema's submission. Stone said he has the ability to veto that. Stone said if he vetoes it they have the ability to override it. Stone said if they fail to override it it becomes the Budget as originally presented. Stone said at that point the next section refers to what happens next. Stone said the only way they have a Continuing Resolution is if they failed to establish a Budget by December 31st. Stone said then they can kick in a Continuing Resolution. Stone said if they do have a Budget it says they must by December 31st do a First Quarter Appropriation and it is on a quarterly basis. Stone said its in black and white the laws that were adopted by this Tribe and people are getting mad at the citizens and calling them names, why, because they held them accountable how dare them hold the Council accountable. Stone said then they have to be here every week subject to that kind of treatment. Stone

said and those of them that sit there and are allowing it to happen and going along with it that's shameful because it wasn't a couple of weeks ago that they sat at the same table to exchange thoughts and ideas concepts do they know the missing person from that equation was what....do they know what the missing person from that equation was....the person....how much what....

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said it was 61 million that they tried to take.

Israel Stone asked 61 million they tried to take.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, let's get back on topic okay because there are others in the queue.

Israel Stone said here they go.

Speaker Burmeister said he has a minute....a minute left Israel.

Israel Stone said he can be smug and make his comments because the reality is they are just one election away from not having that seat and being humble again. Stone said remember that.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said ohhh.

Israel Stone said this is....this is unacceptable for an Elected Official to act in this manner. Stone said them guys took an oath swearing to uphold the Constitution and the laws of this Tribe. Stone said and they continuously violate them and they talk down to their citizens that they are here to serve. Stone said they call themselves humble they call themselves teachable. Stone said that is how he tries to live that is how most of them try to live. Stone said and they look....they sit up there and look down at them down the tip of their nose and talk to them like they are less than them. Stone said that's not acceptable. Stone said it is not acceptable to be talked to in the manner that Mr. Crampton talks to them on a regular basis. Stone repeated its not acceptable. Stone said them Council Members have an obligation to stop that behavior every one of them.

Councilor Wever said she agrees.

Israel Stone said they have an obligation to their citizens to make sure that doesn't happen because shame on them for speaking up and speaking their minds. Stone asked is he mad....yeah he's mad because he doesn't appreciate coming in here week after week....

There was some disturbing loud noises in the background on the ZOOM recording interrupting Israel Stone's comment from a participant that didn't have their connection muted.

Israel Stone continued.....he doesn't appreciate coming in here every week hearing their Speaker talked down to their Recorder talked down to.

Speaker Burmeister said his time....

Israel Stone said everyone talked down to.

Speaker Burmeister said Israel.....

Israel Stone thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister said Israel he are done. Burmeister said the next person in the queue is Councilor Di Piazza.

Sandy Mezeske said in the background on the ZOOM recording that they are all dunces and someone replied who. Mezeske said all of LRBOI and Shannon. They were having a conversation and it can be heard because they were not muted.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton asked is that the one who had her daughters in the Tribal ____.

Councilor Di Piazza said motion to.... Di Piazza said he was in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said Gary was in the queue next.

Councilor Di Piazza said in the queue. Di Piazza asked are they in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said yes he is.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay then he will wait for them to get done.

Speaker Burmeister said they have several people in the queue um, next....yeah motion has been made um, there is time for discussion for that motion. Burmeister said so go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make a motion:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-0112-003;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
FIRST QUARTER OF FY2024; by Di Piazza; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Burmeister asked okay is there further discussion. Burmeister said she sees all kinds of hands up so she will go down the list that she has written down for people in the queue. Burmeister said Ogema Romanelli he is next please.

Ogema Romanelli thanked her. Romanelli said he thinks Israel covered some of what he was going to say. Romanelli said but he has to say he was off for several weeks and to come back to listen to these comments continually. Romanelli said they know instead of saying lying they could say this was incorrect information. Romanelli said ah, to the dunce caps that is the same thing they hear all the time. Romanelli said that is insulting to the hard working staff of their casino and of their government that he has to listen to on a regular basis is uncalled for. Romanelli said the continual interruptions by certain individuals is unprofessional and he believes that the Council as a whole has a duty to hold other Councilors accountable. Romanelli said and they have two officers there that keep getting interrupted and picked at and he believes those officers have the duty and has the responsibility to remove certain individuals continually. Romanelli said he can't.....he doesn't know why they keep putting up with this. Romanelli said they know why they are here today because there was a court order. Romanelli said the court ordered this Council to take some action. Romanelli said the court also understood that the Council acted inappropriately and they.....also understood that this actions of the Council that put them to this point. Romanelli said they put this Tribe at great risk not only the Tribe, the members and the different departments and the services to their Elders and other people of the Tribe. Romanelli said and to keep listening to this stuff is just absolutely ridiculous to him. Romanelli said he didn't come back he didn't run again to listen to this continually. Romanelli said he thinks a stop has to be put to it immediately....

There was still some background noise from an unmuted participant on the ZOOM recording that can be heard.

Ogema Romanelli continued....said he's done.

There was continual background noise from an unmuted participant on the ZOOM recording that can be heard.

Speaker Burmeister said please whose ever is coming through please mute their phone. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister thanked Ogema Romanelli. Burmeister said next on...in the queue is Sara go ahead please.

Sara Agosa said she didn't get a response to her question why this item is being brought forward if a resolution to continue to the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget that was approved yesterday in a Tribal Council Meeting.

The background noise from an unmuted participant on the ZOOM recording can still be heard.

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said technically that was supposed to be done in December.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton shouted Speaker why did she let him jump queue. Crampton said there is a queue.

Sara Agosa said Speaker Burmeister....

Councilor Di Piazza said well somebody needed to answer.

Sara Agosa said it is not appropriate for Councilor Di Piazza to respond.

Speaker Burmeister said she recognized him Sara he was responding to her question.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton shouted what if they wanted to respond.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton please.

Sara Agosa said that inaccurate and she is allowing him....

Speaker Burmeister said he was in the queue.

Sara Agosa said she is allowing him to convey information that absolutely inaccurate she vetoed....she vetoed the Continuing Resolution and in December so Councilor Di Piazza is absolutely wrong and incorrect. Agosa said so she would like someone else to respond with accurate information.

Speaker Burmeister said Sara she us moving along she has other people in the queue. Burmeister said Councilor Metzger go ahead please.

Councilor Metzger thanked her. Metzger said yes he...he...he was reading the Constitution of the Little River Band of Odawa Indians and no where in there does it say anything about financial presentations being presented to the Tribe. Metzger said no where. Metzger said it does talk about Closed Meetings and what can be discussed at Closed Meetings and as a majority of them know its personal matters and business matters involving consideration of bids or contracts which are privileged or confidential and claims by and against the Tribe. Metzger repeated no where does he see anything about presentations being Closed and actually if they go back to what the responsibility if they go back to what the responsibility of the Recorder under Section V B, number 2 keep the members informed as to the status of the activities of Council and all matters affecting the Tribe and its members. Metzger said since the Recorder refused to keep the members abreast with the information he took it upon himself to do that because he feels that that number that was presented to them yesterday is an accurate and very believable number because he believes the person truly. Metzger said what she stated was that they only pulled in 19 five. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said um, Councilor Wittenberg he was next in the queue. Burmeister said go ahead please.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah Miigwech as long winded here ah, talks about personally himself and agrees in the old building that ah, if it was....if he had the power he would turnaround and cut this whole thing down so when they are not sitting so high that sit down along with everybody else. Wittenberg said nobody is sitting higher or lower that is the way he feels on it. Wittenberg said and so himself he is hearing the numbers being spoke he has a ah, he doesn't agree with this and turnaround and they get a little bit in the fund and they want to keep dabbing, dabbing, dabbing in it and ah, he doesn't think that is right it would be more clearer on this. Wittenberg said he understands past practice or what it is going by and he thinks and strongly feels that needs to be changed. Wittenberg said maybe it will in the coming ah, year. Wittenberg said but that's ah, he respects everybody he doesn't put people down or things like that. Wittenberg said things are what they are as he is who he is. Wittenberg said one can't change one person no more than the other person can change that person. Wittenberg said and so that is the way he feels on that. Wittenberg said he wants to say Miigwech ah, for everybody that is here and thoughts and prayers for that ones that aren't. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she just wanted to remind everybody that they need to stick to the topic that's on the agenda that has to do with appropriating funds for expenditures during the first quarter of FY2024. Burmeister said they are getting off track so um, the....the people that the citizens and they have a Councilor please stick to that subject. Burmeister thanked them. Burmeister said the next person in the queue is Councilor Crampton. Burmeister said go ahead please.

Councilor Crampton thanked the Speaker. Crampton said his comments are going to be just like everybody else's that she let go. Crampton said and this is what the members are upset about. Crampton said they have Mr. Stone up there talking about people down there he is talking about the people online that he watches every Wednesday get abused by the Speaker and the Recorder.

Speaker Burmeister okay Councilor Crampton what does that have to do with the agenda item please get to the point.

Councilor Crampton said she...she...she keeps muting him please stop.

Speaker Burmeister said please stick to the agenda item.

Councilor Crampton said have the big discussion with everybody else now he is going....that is what Mr. Romanelli just said. Crampton said please quit muting him. Crampton said please Mrs. Johnson stop it is very unprofessional now he also has members and constituents Mr. Romanelli just talked about how he

got...feels. Crampton said he feels horrible when he comes here and watch the mismanagement that goes on here daily. Crampton said and he supports everything Councilor Wittenberg and Councilor Metzger is telling them.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton excuse her for interrupting....

Councilor Crampton shouted she can't...listen she can't interrupt him she didn't...

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Metzger was talking about the Budget and...*the rest of her comment couldn't be heard due to Councilor Crampton interruption and over talking her.*

Councilor Crampton said Mr. Stone was not....and so was everybody else. Crampton said please its obvious what she is doing. Crampton said quit trying to eat his time up.

Speaker Burmeister said he is being disrespectful to her and she is being respectful of him and asking him to please stop.

Councilor Crampton said okay he is in the queue.

Speaker Burmeister said but she is asking him to please stick to the agenda item that is all she is asking.

Councilor Crampton said she is trying to eat up his time. Crampton said she doesn't to hear him....

Speaker Burmeister said she is asking him to stick to the agenda item.

Councilor Crampton said she doesn't want him to hear....

Speaker Burmeister said if he keeps doing this he will be put in the Waiting Room. Burmeister said so please....stick to the agenda.

Councilor Crampton interrupted. Crampton said please stop Mrs. Burmeister please stop and give him the....give him the....

Speaker Burmeister said she is asking him to please stop.

Councilor Crampton said he is in the queue now quit trying to eat up his time. Crampton said um, he supports everything that Councilor Metzger said it is horrible how they mismanaged this place if they noticed what is going on.

Speaker Burmeister said okay that has nothing to do with appropriations um, Councilor....

Councilor Crampton continued to speak. Crampton said she is scared of an Enrollment Audit...they see what Councilor Burmeister is doing....

Speaker Burmeister said please put him in the Waiting Room.

Councilor Crampton said she is scared of an audit because she helped corrupt it. Crampton said her name was Tammy Carter....

Speaker Burmeister said stop. Burmeister said he is totally off topic. Burmeister said Councilor Silvis she is next.

Councilor Silvis said she would just like to call the question please.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said the question has been called. Burmeister said pardon her. Burmeister said they have one person who has joined them. Burmeister said Jolene can she please identify herself.

Jolene O'Signac said Jolene O'Signac 3866.

Councilor Crampton said he was just cut off and thrown out of the room by Mrs. Burmeister.

Speaker Burmeister said the question has been called. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson please do roll call.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't care she is the most unprofessional thing that ever walked the face of the earth.

Speaker Burmeister said Councilor Crampton...

Sandy Mezeske said shut the hell up Crampton.

Speaker Burmeister go ahead Recorder Johnson.

Councilor Crampton said eat shit and called her a drunk.

Councilor Di Piazza said excuse him.

Recorder Johnson said that was inappropriate. Johnson said he does not have a right to.....

Councilor Crampton shouted they heard what he said. Crampton said he done with them guys...he is done with them guys cutting him off.

Antonio Romanelli said he needs to be thrown out.

Councilor Crampton said throw him out...throw him out....throw him out...throw him out.

Sandy Mezeske said step down....step down from his seat.

Speaker Burmeister said she would appreciate it if her fellow Councilors who are Elders would stop and....

Councilor Crampton shouted he is an Elder...he is an Elder and she keeps cutting him off. Crampton shouted she keeps cutting him off.

Recorder Johnson said he knows the point of question has already been called.

Councilor Crampton shouted she cut him off when he was speaking.

Recorder Johnson said already said already stated.

Councilor Crampton shouted she didn't like what he was saying like he was talking about the mismanagement supporting Councilor Metzger.

Recorder Johnson said stick to the topic. Johnson said it doesn't matter.....

Councilor Crampton said that is what he is talking about he was supporting what Councilor Metzger said.

Speaker Burmeister said Pam wait...wait....this has got to stop.

Recorder Johnson said he is....he knows just what....

Councilor Crampton shouted them guys are too....

Councilor Wever said mute Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton shouted ou...ou...ou...ou.

Antonio Romanelli said please put him up for removal.

Councilor Crampton shouted please everyone can see what them guys are doing.

Councilor Wever said that is not professional.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson do the roll call.

Councilor Crampton said she is robbing the membership.

Speaker Burmeister said let him run off because it is all being recorded.

Councilor Crampton shouted yes she is robbing the membership. Crampton said she is robbing the membership and she has no business ethic whatsoever. Crampton said she doesn't.....

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

Councilor Metzger said given the reasons that he stated before he is voting no. Metzger thanked them.

Councilor Crampton laughingly said no.

Recorder Johnson said five in favor, three against and one abstention it is passed.

Speaker Burmeister thanked everybody for people that are in attendance and everybody that is online.

IV. Adjourn

Speaker Burmeister said go ahead Recorder Johnson.

MOTION TO END; by Johnson; supported by Wever.

Speaker Burmeister asked Recorder Johnson if she can do roll call please.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Wolfe said no because she sees two members with their hands raised and others were in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said adjournment per the procedures.

Speaker Burmeister said no comment during adjournment. Burmeister said go ahead Recorder Johnson.

Councilor Wolfe said she just said no.

Recorder Johnson asked what did she say.

Speaker Burmeister said she said no.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know she sounded like she had a mouthful of peanuts.

Recorder Johnson said six in favor and three against they are adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned and no time was noted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder