



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 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 15, 2024.

Speaker Burmeister said good afternoon everyone. Burmeister said they are here this afternoon for an Emergency Open Meeting of Tribal Council. Burmeister said um, it is 3 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Speaker Burmeister said let's see here she will call the meeting to order. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Councilor Wolfe entered the Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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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 her. Burmeister said she is going to go down the list of ZOOM callers if they could please identify who they are and their Tribal I.D. if they are a staff person please identify which department they work in. Burmeister said first one on the list Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, Tribal Council.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Al Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said Outlying Representative Tribal Council.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said ah, let's see here 231 233-4280.

Councilor Wittenberg said Ron Wittenberg Tribal Council.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Keegan Bordeaux.

Keegan Bordeaux said Keegan Bordeaux Legislative In-House Counsel.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said Misty Silvis.

Councilor Silvis said Councilor Misty Silvis 2488.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said 0018.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Outlying Tribal Council Representative Shannon Paul Crampton.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said phone number 231 690-3498. Burmeister repeated phone number 690-3498 please identify themselves.

A sound from the ZOOM recording was heard but didn't come through clearly.

Speaker Burmeister said they couldn't hear them.

Councilor Wolfe said that was Mike Burmeister that said something not that phone number.

Speaker Burmeister said oh.

Councilor Wolfe said put them in the Waiting Room.

Recorder Johnson asked did she do it three times.

Speaker Burmeister said no she has to do it one more time. Burmeister said um, 231 690-3498 please identify themselves. Burmeister said moving down to 231 887-9856. Burmeister asked what Pam.

Recorder Johnson said they unmuted.

Speaker Burmeister said 231 887....

Councilor Wever said sorry about that. Wever said Shirley Wever Tribal....yup.

Speaker Burmeister thanked her. Burmeister said 231 794-0066.

Michael Burmeister said Michael Burmeister 0945.

Speaker Burmeister said she said the other one tried to...they did unmute themselves.

Recorder Johnson said they did and had noise every so often and hit the green button but nothing.

Ogema Romanelli said it is the Ogema.

Recorder Johnson said oh, okay.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said she believes that's...that's everybody.

III. Open Session

1. Ogema v. Housing Commission Court Case #23-258-HA

Speaker Burmeister said first item on the agenda is number one. Burmeister read the title into the record. Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister asked any discussion from Tribal Council. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yeah at this time he would like to think they should withhold from discussion because now they are talking about litigation. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister asked any Tribal citizens have questions or comment. Burmeister asked any Council Members with any further questions or discussion. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well if there is no further questions he will make a motion.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE HOUSING COMMISSION IN CASE #23-258-HA; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Burmeister said Recorder Johnson.

Recorder Johnson asked what Outside Counsel is he specifying.

Councilor Wolfe said he said outside counsel.

Councilor Di Piazza said Pitchlynn.

Speaker Burmeister said Pitchlynn.

Recorder Johnson said okay.

Speaker Burmeister said she thought he said Pitchlynn.

Recorder Johnson asked can he restate his motion again.

Councilor Di Piazza said certainly. Di Piazza said he makes a Motion to Authorize Outside Legal Mr. Pitchlynn to represent the Housing Commission in Case #23-258-HA.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE OUTSIDE LEGAL MR. PITCHLYNN TO REPRESENT THE HOUSING COMMISSION IN CASE #23-258-HA; by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg.

Recorder Johnson said okay.

Councilor Wittenberg said in the background support. Wittenberg said by Ron.

Speaker Burmeister thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Burmeister asked any further discussion. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do roll call please.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said nine in favor it's been accepted.

2. Ogema v. Tribal Council Court Case #24—010-GC

Speaker Burmeister said moving down to the second item on the agenda. Burmeister said read the title of the agenda item. Burmeister asked will there be any Tribal Councilors abstaining from this item. Burmeister said asked any Tribal Councilors with questions or comments. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said ah, yes as in the last case ah, he request that they no longer have discussion....open discussion because there are now in litigation. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Burmeister thanked him. Burmeister said any citizen with a comment or a question. Burmeister asked any further comments from Council. Burmeister said with no further questions she would like to entertain a motion please. Burmeister said um, Councilor Metzger.

Councilor Metzger said he forgot to put his hand down.

Speaker Burmeister said she just wanted to make sure.

Councilor Metzger said but ah, he will entertain a motion.

Speaker Burmeister said okay.

Councilor Metzger said if there is no further questions or comments he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO ASSIGN OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENT THIS COURT CASE #24-010-GC EITHER FRIAS OR PITCHLYNN; by Metzger; supported by Wolfe.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Burmeister said let her know when she is ready Pam. Burmeister asked who would like to second that motion.

Recorder Johnson said Julie did.

Speaker Burmeister said okay, Councilor Wolfe. Burmeister asked any further questions...comments from Council. Burmeister said Recorder Johnson can she do a roll call please.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said five in favor and four against the motion is passed. Johnson asked okay.

Speaker Burmeister said um-hum.

IV. Adjourn

Speaker Burmeister said moving down to adjournment. Burmeister said she would like to entertain a motion to adjourn. Burmeister said go ahead Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS EMERGENCY MEETING; by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Johnson said they are adjourned at 3:13.

Speaker Burmeister thanked everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Pam Johnson,
Tribal Council Recorder