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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting via Teleconference on July 1, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Absent
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Speaker Pete said please notify the, Gary if you are here if you are on the line.

Others Present: Ogema Larry Romanelli, Shanaviah Canales, Jason Cross, Steve Wheeler, Connie Waitner, Dr. Daryl Wever, Laura Eichelberger, Tara Bailey, Steve Parsons, George LeVasseur - IT, Al Metzger – 890, Caitlin Carey – ULD, Rebecca Liebing – ULD, Yvonne Parsons – Education, Valerie Chandler, Chelsea Densmore – 3225, Jamie Friedel, Dory Carns, Sandy Mezeske, Brad Pringle, Kathleen Bowers

Gary DiPiazza asked if we missed anybody. Continue on Ron.

Speaker Pete said thank you Gary, thank you everyone.

C. Approval of Agenda

Pete said on to approval of agenda.

DiPiazza said I will make that motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2020, WITH NO CORRECTIONS; by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked if there is any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yes, this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said go ahead Shannon.

Crampton said yes, I would like to agenda, or when we reviewed this before there were objections brought up to Item B. under New Business. — Posting the Adoption of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act — we don't post adoption. We vote on adoption. Also, under advisement from Council, we also objected to saying that this once again was trying to impact the case that was open and before the courts. It was not appropriate to keep voting on this item for either side. So I would object to as the inclusion of this on the agenda also and I will be voting against the adoption of the agenda with this on it.

Pete said okay but right now I have a motion on the floor and I also have support for the adoption of the agenda so I got to go with that one first.

Crampton said well you could also . . . friendly amendment too and also obtain amendments by the motion maker given the, given the points that were raised. You could also do that.

Pete said Gary, do you have any, Gary, do you have any points to what the, the point that was raised by Councilor Crampton or do you want to keep it the way it is?

DiPiazza answered that I will keep it the way it is. If you want to postpone it or remove it when you get to that item or if you want to change the header of it.

Pete said okay. And is there any further discussion? Not seeing any, Gary, do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -No	D. Corey -	Absent
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

R. Wittenberg- No	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	No
Motion failed (4-4-0-1)				

Recorder DiPiazza said approval of the agenda has failed.

Pete said okay so are we finished now because there is no approval of the agenda?

Someone said we're done.

Councilor Crampton said unless there is an amendment by the motion makers yes.

Pete said okay Gary, I will ask you one more time if there is an amendment by the motion maker.

DiPiazza noted like I said, that could have been done when we got to the item.

Councilor Crampton said this is Shannon Crampton.

Pete said go ahead.

Crampton said I would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA REMOVING ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS, REMOVING ITEM B.; by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said okay I think we already voted on that right there so I don't know if that is an amendment that we can actually do right now because this amendment was rejected and I really don't feel . . . I would like to get some weighing in from ULD if we should be able to do that.

Crampton said please do because my amendment was different, my motion was different than yours so yes, please do get advice from the ULD.

Pete said okay I know, is there anyone from ULD that can give me some advice on this because the way the amendment, or the way the agenda was not approved it seems to me that we don't have a Council meeting.

Rebecca Liebing said you need a motion to reconsider that.

Pete said so I need a motion to reconsider which one? The original motion?

DiPiazza said yes, you need a motion to reconsider.

Crampton said no, the motion to reconsider would be brought back by the prevailing side and but in this case the prevailing side would be the ones that voted no. I just made a motion to adopt the agenda removing New Business Item

B., which is a motion to reconsider and now the Speaker is supposed to _____ that it is a motion to reconsider and ask if there is a second.

Someone said something in the background but it was inaudible.

Pete said okay, so alright, no, once again, I know that I'm, that ULD is on the phone so what I want to know is that an appropriate motion for us to make right now to reconsider because it wasn't reconsidered the original motion on the agenda.

Liebing said okay, the way you are framing your question is a bit confusing. Here is what I will say. I'm not going to opine on whether or not the prevailing side is the winner or the loser because that particular vote was a tie, right. The motion did not carry. You will now, you can put forward a motion to reconsider it. You have to vote on the motion to reconsider it, then when you reconsider it you can either amend your motion or not. I apologize if that is confusing. I am a little bit confused as well. As you know, we don't like to give a bunch of legal opinions in open session so.

Pete said I know that. I'm, I'm . . .

Liebing said _____ from the agenda review.

Pete said I think it could have been worked out on the agenda review but it wasn't worked out so you know the only way I can say is I don't like for you to opine in open session. I prefer that you opine _____ on something like that but this is, I'm really caught between a sticky wicket here. So we have one Councilor that wants to do it and another Councilor that doesn't want to it, the one that made the original motion. So, um, just a moment, if it would be that we would, there are some things on here that we probably should approve. It would be that if we could take this thing and reconsider this thing right now. I'm not going to approve that right now but Shannon go ahead.

Crampton said well, I will opine on what side had absolutely won because if the vote actually turned into a no, what the result was that the agenda was not approved and the no votes would prevail. I'm sorry but that's exactly how it would read out. Now, on the prevailing side, I am making a motion to reconsider right now. It needs a second. My motion is:

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE AGENDA MINUS THE REMOVAL OF ITEM B. UNDER NEW BUSINESS; by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Pete said you've made that motion. I don't think I'm being, I don't think I'm going to be exactly fair to the other side but you made that motion. Is there going to be anyone that seconds that motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

Pete said so we have Shannon making the motion and Ron Wittenberg supported it. Is there any further discussion? Gary, do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey - Absemt
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete - No
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)


Recorder DiPiazza said that motion has failed.

Speaker Pete said okay so the prevailing side this time would be the no votes that Shannon Crampton explained would be. So, I'm considering that this, that we have no approved agenda so this Council meeting is over. Thank you very much for joining us and we will take some of this stuff up at the next Council meeting. Thank you have a great day.

The meeting ended at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Executive Assistant


Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder