



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on July 20, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said welcome everyone to the Wednesday, July 20, 2022 ah, meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said joining them they have.....can somebody identify them. Crampton said 231 215-2739 please identify themselves.

Karen Love said #2494.

Speaker Crampton thanked Karen. Crampton said they have Al Metzger, Andrew Jeurink, Antonio phone guest, he is assuming that is Mr. Romanelli. Crampton said um, Chelsea Densmore, Frank Beaver, Grace Hendler, Jolene Ossiginac, Laura Echelbarger, Martha Howell, Sandy Mezeske, Sara Agosa, Staci Cheney, Susan Thull, Valerie Mc Donnell, and Venus Wilson. Crampton said they have Fire Tablet guest can they please identify themselves.

Recorder Wolfe said their audio is not connected.

Speaker Crampton said so how would they identify themselves.

Recorder Wolfe said she has got her camera on.

Speaker Crampton said oh, okay.

Karol Ann Cabot said her name.

Speaker Crampton said oh. Crampton thanked her very much. Crampton said and guest.....er..... Crampton said who just....somebody.....who just joined.

Recorder Wolfe said Corey Wells.

Speaker Crampton said okay, and Corey Wells. Crampton said okay, with that he would ask for an Opening Prayer....for the meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shaganaash.

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for all we have and all we don't have.

We ask that you be with all brothers and sisters out there.

We ask for our relations.

We say Miigwech for the Grandfathers and the Grandmothers that sit in those directions.

We say Chi Miigwech for Mother Earth.

Forget all the things that we need and ____.

We ask that you be with us today and help guide our hearts and our minds so that we can walk and think in a good way.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberger.

II. General Business

Recorder Wolfe said if the Participants online could mute their phones.

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not noted.

Speaker Crampton asked can she please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Present | P. Johnson - | Present |
| S. Crampton - Present | G. DiPiazza - Present | S. Wever - | Present |
| R. Wittenberg- Present | J. Wolfe - Present | S. Lewis - | Present |

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said eight present, one absent quorum is established.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 20, 2022
WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III A.1. MOVED TO
7/27/22 AGENDA, B.2 REVISED RESOLUTION AND X D.3. IS AN
ADD; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion on the issue. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent agenda has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 7/6/22 ☐ 7/13/22

Speaker Crampton asked do they have those.

Recorder Wolfe said yes.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion. Crampton said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 7/6/22
AND 7/13/22; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent minutes have been approved.

III. Continuing Business
A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of MOA with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network for treatment of Invasive Species on Tribal Properties

This MSA continues LRBOI's collaboration with the Invasive Species Network to treat Invasive Species on Tribal Properties and in the Ceded Territory near Tribal Properties to decrease the spread of Invasive Species and create habitat opportunities for Native Species.

Speaker Crampton noted this item was moved to the next meeting.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$270,744

Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said ah, good morning. Willis thanked them. Willis said this particular funding is from.... come....came through as part of their 2022 Self-Governance Compact with IHS. Willis said the money is being earmarked to offset the expenses associated with the ah, Muskegon Clinic Buildings. Willis said the Budget that was ah, approved as part of the overall Operating Budget for 2022 anticipated ah, that the expenses would be in total estimated obviously about \$136,000 and they planned on offsetting those expenses with grant revenue and so this money is part of those grant dollars that offset those expenses with. Willis said so need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Council. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Recorder Wolfe said need a motion first.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry he will entertain a motion. Crampton said Sandra Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0720-128;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO**

THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2022-22 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,744; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody who is going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent resolution is passed.

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2022-__ in the amount of \$417,513.20**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said this is Mr. Willis also.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them again. Willis said ah, this particular award is made....is awarded as part of their 2022 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said it is kind of ah, ah, the total funding \$417,513.20 is made up of three different pools of money if they will. Willis said um, \$18,975 is being dedicated to ah, Fund #4380 which is BIA Self-Governance Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which is already in the Budget. Willis said ah, \$239,123 is money that is coming through....ah, under the Consent Decree or Great Lakes Assessment. Willis said lastly, \$159,415.20 is being dedicated to Fund #4068 which is BIA Inland Natural Resources. Will said so, as usual they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said he will open this up for questions. Crampton said discussion.....any discussion. Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said just to note for the membership the revision on the resolution just identified after the NOW THEREFORE IT IS each dollar amount and each program that the funding was going into. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said ah, he will entertain a motion. Crampton said Councilor Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0720-129;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2022-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,513.20; by Lewis;
supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked are there any questions from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent resolution is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton said none.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Crampton said he just wanted to kind of explain that from the Tribal Council's side there is a clause he has been looking it over last night to where ah, Councilor Wolfe had mentioned it where there is kind of ah, a catch 22. Crampton said where most of the reports don't get in until the third quarter of the month and ah, he doesn't think this is the Ogema's fault.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** ☐ June 2022

Speaker Crampton asked are they going to accept these all at once.

Recorder Wolfe said each individually.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton said he needs a motion.....he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said make it.....he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION
REPORT FOR JUNE 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is anybody.....does anybody have questions or discussion. Crampton asked any questions or discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor and one absent the report has been accepted.

B. Enrollment Commission ☐ April 2022

Councilor Wittenberg said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION
REPORT FOR APRIL 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said he will open it up for discussion from the Council. Crampton said seeing none he will open it up for discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anybody from the membership. Crampton said all right hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent report has been accepted.

C. Gaming Commission ☐ June 2022

Councilor Wittenberg said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION REPORT
FOR JUNE 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the Council. Crampton said seeing none is there discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -No | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor, one against and one absent report has been accepted.

D. Health Commission

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Crampton said there is none submitted. Crampton asked do they have a Liaison for the Health Commission.

Councilor Johnson made comments in the background but there were not picked up on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton said good, he wanted to get the members some kind of explanation.

Councilor Lewis said and they do need like some people on that, yeah.

Speaker Crampton said so now would be a good time to advertise. Crampton said they need people on the Health Commission so people out there that would like to get on a commission that would be one.

E. Housing Commission

☐ June 2022

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT FOR JUNE 2022; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion from Council. Crampton said seeing none is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent the report has been accepted.

F. Natural Resource Commission ☐ May 2022

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NATURAL RESOURCE
COMMISSION REPORT FOR MAY 2022;** by Wittenberg; supported
by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said he will open it up for discussion from the Council. Crampton said seeing none is there any questions or discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent the report has been accepted.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ None Submitted**
B. Biskaabiiyang Committee ☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business-None Submitted

Speaker Crampton noted there is none submitted.

VIII. New Business-None Submitted

Speaker Crampton noted there is none submitted.

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 27, 2022**
B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said this past week they have been working on again, job descriptions and Budgets. Romanelli said they have their yearly Budget Meetings with the membership for August 13th he believed it will be at the Aki Community Center. Romanelli said just a reminder that their Membership Meeting is coming up on October 8th of this year. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton asked nothing. Crampton said okay, the ___ is done....oh, sorry.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, himself he would like to say Chi Miigwech to all the people that came out for the Children's Dance ah, Friday and then the many that came out for their Pow Wow ah, on Saturday and Sunday was a good time and ah, himself it was little warm but ah, not too hot like it was on some of its time. Wittenberg said so again, he would like to say Chi Miigwech to everybody ah, that came. Wittenberg said Miigwech, Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked is there any public comment. Crampton said all right, seeing none he will move into ah, he will entertain a motion to close this Open Session Meeting and they will be moving into Closed.

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.

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to close.

MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion from Council. Crampton asked is any discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said eight in favor, one absent they are adjourned First Open at 10:24 a.m.

XI. Open Session

The Second Open Session did not appear to have any audio so the following minutes was taken from the Roll Call Sheets.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg .

Roll Call #11

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Champagne; supported by Wittenberg.

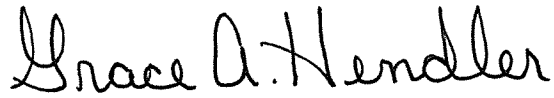
Roll Call #12

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| T. Guenthardt -Absent | C. Champagne -Yes | P. Johnson - | Yes |
| S. Crampton - Yes | G. DiPiazza - Yes | S. Wever - | Yes |
| R. Wittenberg- Yes | J. Wolfe - Yes | S. Lewis - | Yes |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace A. Hendler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Wolfe". The script is cursive and fluid.

Julie Wolfe,
Tribal Council Recorder