



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 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 June 1, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Wolfe said good morning everyone. Wolfe said they are here for their Wednesday, June 1st 10:00 regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting in the Lodge and via ZOOM. Wolfe said um, when looking at this she will go over the List of Participants to make sure they are eligible to be here. Wolfe said when she reads their user handler please identify themselves with their name and Tribal I.D. or if they are participating as staff. Wolfe said for the list first in the queue they have 231 215-2739.

Karen Love said good morning and that would be her.

Speaker Wolfe said Alex Colopy. Wolfe said Alicia Knapp. Wolfe said she does believe she is raising her hand for acknowledgement because she doesn't have audio capability. Wolfe said Andrew Jeurink.

Andrew Jeurink said ah, yes IT.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said #0022.

Speaker Wolfe said Corey Wells.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Speaker Wolfe said G. Hendler which is Grace Hendler, Legislative Assistant she doesn't have audio either. Wolfe said Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276.

Speaker Wolfe said LG L322DL. Wolfe said it appears that they turned on the camera and it looks like she is identifying herself as Kathy Sam but there is no audio. Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said good morning, #3635.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Speaker Wolfe said Valerie Chandler.

Valerie Chandler said Tax Officer and Tribal member #0236.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Torres.

Venus Torres said staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said then phone number 269 391-0737.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Speaker Wolfe said then they do have one that just joined Jim La Porte. Wolfe asked does he have audio. Wolfe said so if they can have user handler Jim La Porte please identify for the record.

Jim La Porte said yes, Miss Speaker he did not hear her.

Speaker Wolfe said they are just going over Participants to make sure they are eligible to be here so they just have him identify by his name and Tribal I.D. number to participate in the meeting.

James La Porte said #3383.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said so then that moves them onto the next piece of their agenda.

Acting Recorder Johnson noted on the roll call sheets that Officer Dave Rodriquez was present for the meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg is going to share this for them this morning.

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

We thank you for this day.

For everything that we have and what we don't have.

Chi Miigwech for that what they have within, in their ways, their hearts and their ways of walking.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Ahaaw.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him and that moves them on.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Speaker Wolfe asked Pam to please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Johnson said quorum is established eight present and one absent. Johnson said seven present.....*laughing*.....excuse her, and one absent.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 1, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF IV A, POSTPONED; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said they will open it up.....any abstentions on the motion. Wolfe said okay, seeing none they will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said okay, do they want to admit that one and then have her identify for the record. Wolfe said okay, can they have the member that just joined Lee Iverson to please identify for the record.

Lee Iverson said #0099. Iverson thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, that brings them back to the agenda.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 5/18/22

Speaker Wolfe said they have one set of minutes. Wolfe said go ahead Councilor Johnson,

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 5/18/22; by Johnson; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Wolfe said they will ask for any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions they will open it up for discussion. Wolfe asked any comments from Tribal Council and/or Tribal members. Wolfe said okay, seeing none Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said that moves them on.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Wolfe noted they have none.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2022-__-2nd QTR to fund Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jingtamok in the amount of \$20,000

To fund the LRBOI Jingtamok for 2022.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being sponsored by herself with Brad as designee. Wolfe said her introduction of the item is this is asking for a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 to go into Tribal Council Tribal Activities Budget Line Item for the 2022 Annual Jingtamok Pow Wow that is being held July 16-17. Wolfe said Tribal Council is planning and working on um, the schedule for the Jingtamok in weekly Council Work Sessions. Wolfe said Tribal Council has further agreed that any income and any unspent budgeted funds will be returned to the General Fund they do have a Certification of Funds availability attached to the resolution so they are just asking for a modification and approval of this modification of the Operating Budget which would be and approval of the \$20,000 appropriation. Wolfe said um, that is her introduction to the item. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions. Wolfe said they will open the item for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said the only concern he had that he brought up yesterday that he doesn't believe that is going to be enough but so be it.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for his comments. Wolfe said comments or questions with Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said oh, Lee Iverson she is in the queue and she has the floor.

Lee Iverson said good morning. Iverson said she ah.....*her phone interrupted her with a call in the background on the ZOOM recording.....* excuse her, sorry. Iverson said um, she acknowledged Gary Di Piazza's comment and ah, and in the past with Jintamoks it has probably has ran over that so she appreciates that comment. Iverson said when they state ah, the amount of \$20,000 and then giving the membership assurances, they know, that any balances would return back to the General Fund um, would it be appropriate to state a not to exceed number um, then they automatically know that ah, the, the, dollars will go back to or stay in the General Fund. Iverson said but yes, she ah, support Gary and kind of suggest they maybe increase that because if they have a do not exceed even if they put it at she doesn't know \$40,000 and did a do not exceed um, it is an appropriate expense ah, the Pow Wow is an exciting event they really need to be able to put the appropriate dollars towards that event. Iverson said she thanks Tribal Council for taking the lead and being there to ensure that they have a successful.....a successful Pow Wow. Iverson said that is all she wanted to say.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, thanks for her comment. Wolfe said next in the queue they have Connie Waitner, she has the floor.

Connie Waitner thanked the Speaker. Waitner said her only question is has Tribal Council developed a Budget for the Pow Wow and could they give them a summary of how the breakdown of how much for the Competition Dancers and Drummers and then how it is going to be allocated. Waitner said she kind of concur with Lee and Gary she doesn't think \$20,000 is going to be enough if her memory serves her right and she would like to see it raised if at all possible not to exceed a certain amount so it gives Tribal Council some flexibility as they get closer to the event. Waitner thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said so the resolution before them is for \$20,000 Supplemental Appropriation that is not the total amount that is being expended on the Pow Wow. Wolfe said they do have other funds that are available to Tribal Council through Tribal Activities this is a supplemental appropriation so it is in addition to what they currently have budgeted because they need additional funds to cover all the activities for the 2022 Pow Wow. Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is what he was going to say is there is like \$24,000 in that line item for Tribal Activities so it is about \$45,000 he just doesn't feel that is adequate so even \$45,000 he believes is a little going to be shortchanged on some things so. Di Piazza said that is just his opinion.

Speaker Wolfe said currently what they been working on and they do have an established Budget that is currently at \$36,400 for needed items. Wolfe said there are going to be some miscellaneous expenses that come up as they continue to develop it as all the Tribal membership knows this is the first time Tribal Council is overseeing the event. Wolfe asked any additional comments. Wolfe said okay, so she will entertain a motion.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording was talking but it was hard to hear what they were saying clearly.

Speaker Wolfe said oop, Councilor Guenthardt he has a motion or a comment.

Councilor Guenthardt said talking about the dance is there going to be a Youth Dance is that going to be in there.

Speaker Wolfe said it is not incorporated in this it has its own line item under Tribal Activities in their Budget. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0601-102;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2022-03-2nd
QTR TO FUND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

JINGTAMOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again they will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said they do have one Participant in the Waiting Room and they will admit them and have them verify before they move to the next item. Wolfe said so they do have user handler Jessica Steinberg that just joined the meeting, Wolfe asked can she please identify for the record.

Acting Recorder Johnson left her seat but not the room at 10:17 a.m. then walked back to her seat before the time changed.

Speaker Wolfe said they are asking for user handler Jessica Steinberg to please identify for the record.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Madame Speaker. Steinberg said Tribal Citizen identification #0148.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said that moves them onto the next point in their agenda.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Appropriation of Funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2022

Quarterly appropriations of funds in accordance with Section 5.07 of Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013.

Speaker Wolfe said this item again is being brought forward by herself with Brad as Designee. Wolfe said they will do a brief introduction of the item. Wolfe said so the Tribal Council adopted the Budget & Appropriations Acts of 2013 with Ordinance #13-100-04 according to the Budget & Appropriations Act, Section 5.07 requires Tribal Council to appropriate funds for expenditures in the following fiscal quarter or June 1st of each fiscal year. Wolfe said they had a work session on this the 31st and Tribal Council is appropriating the funds in the

amount of \$5,657,272.50 for the third quarter physical beginning on July 1, 2022. Wolfe asked Brad if he had anything he would like to add.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, said no he would just like to add this breaks out to a Gaming Distribution of \$2,711,667.50 and the quarterly Per Cap at \$2,945,605.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said she would ask for any abstentions from Tribal Council on the item. Wolfe said okay, seeing no abstentions she will open it for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe asked any discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will open for questions and discussion from Tribal Council and Tribal members. Wolfe said seeing no one in the queue she will entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0601-103;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE
THIRD QUARTER OF FY2022;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said again open for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no one to be in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them.

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report ☐ April 2022

Speaker Wolfe said this item has been postponed at adoption of the agenda. Wolfe said that moves them on.

V. New Business

**A. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council
for Calendar Year 2022 by the Cancellation of the Wednesday, June
8, 2022, Tribal Council Meeting**

It is required in Section 4.01(c)(1) of the Tribal Council Meeting
Procedures Ordinance that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the
form of a resolution.

Speaker Wolfe said this item is being sponsored by herself, again, being brought forward. Wolfe said she will give an introduction of the item. Wolfe said Tribal Council has determined the need and wishes to cancel the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 due to the Special Election of Tribal Council Outlying Vacancy is required under Article IV, Section 6.1, to set a meeting of Calendar Year which was done for 2022 and it is required in Section 4.01, C, of Tribal Council Meeting that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the form of a resolution so that is why she brought, brought forward this resolution and placed it on the agenda to cancel the meeting for Wednesday, June 8. Wolfe said that is her introduction of the item. Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions. Wolfe repeated any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said okay, she will open it up for discussion with Tribal Council. Wolfe repeated any discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said okay, seeing none she will open it up for discussion and questions with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe repeated open for discussion with Tribal members and Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing no one wishing to be in queue. Wolfe said they'll entertain a motion. Wolfe said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion,

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0601-104;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022, BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Councilor Wever left the Lodge Room at 10:23 a.m. and re-entered the Lodge Room before the time had changed.

Speaker Wolfe said again they will open it up for discussion. Wolfe said one thing she does want to note that um, she didn't in the initial presentation that the Tribal Council will post a notice of the cancellation in all Tribal Government Buildings as well as post notice to the Government website as required per their Tribal Council Meeting Procedures. Wolfe asked any additional comments on the item. Wolfe said seeing none Pam Please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said six in favor, one against and one absent motion is passed.

Speaker Wolfe thanked them. Wolfe said that moves them onto Section IV
Concluding.....Section VI.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 15, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Wolfe said she does see the Ogema available if he wishes to comment at this point.

Ogema Romanelli said he has no updates today. Romanelli thanked her.

Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said that moves them on.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Wolfe asked any Tribal Council have a Legislative Affairs Update.
Wolfe said Councilor Johnson go ahead.

Acting Recorder Johnson said um, so she just wanted to let everyone know ah, as most of them are aware that they had um, the Longest Walk was here this past weekend and they did um, give them a couple of items. Johnson said um, the first one that was given to a Tribal member she won it in a raffle and ah, had donated it to Tribal Council so she is just going to show it there. Johnson said it has the walkers signature that um, that were present as far as ones that are actually with the walk initially. Johnson said there is some on the bottom and there is also some on the back. Johnson said they will have this posted later then they got one other thing that was given to them as well and she doesn't know how they can see it there but um, it um, to show their appreciation to Little River for um, letting them in obviously and being here over the past weekend so. Johnson said um, and they also have received a bundle and that she will keep here so if they need it for whatever reason if somebody runs out they have extra. Johnson said so she just wanted to point those out um, and let people aware that they did receive those items while they were here this past weekend. Johnson said that is it.

Speaker Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe asked any additional Councilors for Legislative Update. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just remember ah, June 11th um, is the Elk and Bear Draw on ZOOM they haven't put the notice out yet but it will be 1:00 Saturday the 11th so.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him, Wolfe asked any additional comments under Legislative Affairs Update. Wolfe said seeing none that moves them to D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Wolfe said okay, it is on Public Comment Period. Wolfe said seeing no Tribal members in the queue. Wolfe said she will move them to....that does bring them to agenda item of Closed Session.

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 Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to end First Open.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe said she will ask for any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions she will open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no discussion or no one wishing to be in the queue Pam please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said seven in favor and one absent they are closed at 10:30 a.m.

XI. Open Session

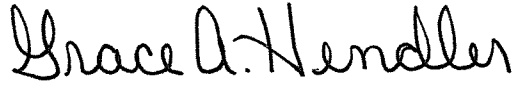
Speaker Wolfe said good afternoon everyone just wanted to mention that quorum was lost in Closed Session so there will be no Second Open Session Meeting for Wednesday, June 1st. Wolfe thanked them.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Unknown if there were items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Johnson". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pam Johnson,
Acting Council Recorder