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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 12, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Crampton: Stated an Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:01 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday March 12, 2025, with the following corrections III. Continuing Business B. 1 Postponed- Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__; authorizing a modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Services Grant. V. B Add- Adopting an exception to Councilor Wolfe's attendance in person at Tribal Council Regular meetings in the lodge. VII. Closed Session C.1 and VIII. Open Session removed- Ratification of Master Agreement of Services with Doeren Mayhew for 2024-2026 401K Audit.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 12/16/24 Public Hearing

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for 12/16/24 Public Hearing**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Buremsiter:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

**1. Ratification of Portable Water Systems, LLC
Contract In the amount of \$29,390.00**

**Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis**

Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0312-053 Ratification of Portable Water Systems, LLC Contract In the amount of \$29,390.00**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**2. Ratification of JWC Contract for the Fiscal
years, 2025-2026-2027 NTE \$30,000 per year or
\$90,000 all together**

**Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis
D. Kerr**

Diane Kerr: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0312-054 Ratification of JWC Contract for the Fiscal years, 2025-2026-2027 NTE \$30,000 per year or \$90,000 all together**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Budget Modifications

Postponed 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__; Tribal Ogema
Authorizing a modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim K. Bowers
Services Grant. M. Ludwig

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internet Gaming S. Crampton
Revenue Distribution Ordinance- Ordinance #25-0312-XXX

Councilor Crampton: Represented the item
Motion to postpone until Second Open Session

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

ADD B. Adopting an exception to Councilor Wolfe's attendance J. Wolfe
In person at Tribal Council Regular meetings in the lodge

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #25-0312-055 Adopting an exception to Councilor Wolfe's attendance in person at Tribal Council Regular meetings in the lodge

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Speaker Burmester:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 19, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
 - 1. Tammy Burmeister**
 - 2. Pam Johnson**
 - 3. Julie Wolfe**
 - 4. Gary Di Piazza**
 - 5. Shirley Wever**
 - 6. Al Metzger**
 - 7. Ron Wittenberg**
 - 8. Misty Silvis**
 - 9. Shannon Crampton**

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to end First Open Session at 11:23a.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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.

Councilor Wittenberg: Motion to go into Second Open Session at 1:15p.m.

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

VIII. Open Session

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session-Minutes and Materials
Remain Confidential**

**Removed 1. Ratification of Master Agreement of Services with
Doeren Mayhew for 2024-2026 401K Audit.**

V. New Business

**A. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internet Gaming
Revenue Distribution Ordinance- Ordinance #25-0312-XXX**

Councilor Crampton: Represented updated information on item

**Motion to accept Resolution #25-0312-056 Adopting the Little River Band of Ottawa
Indians Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance- #25-100-12**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Councilor DiPiazza: call to question

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

**Speaker Burmeister: Vote on Motion to accept Resolution #25-0312-056 Adopting the
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution
Ordinance- #25-100-12**

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0) **FAILED**

Speaker Burmeister:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 1:22p.m.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder