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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 19, 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 - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	A. Metzger - Present
S. Crampton – Present	P. Johnson- Present	S. Wever - Present

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister:

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday March 19, 2025, with the following corrections III. Continuing Business B.2 Updated- Approval for the Natural Resource Department to perform a budget modification on the Air (4530) Quality Project (4530) budget. VII. Old Business remains Postponed- Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-\_\_; Authorizing a modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Services Grant.**

Councilor DiPiazza: 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** ☐ **03/10/2025 Emergency Meeting**

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Meeting minutes for 03/10/2025 Emergency Meeting**

Councilor Silvis: 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- Abstain	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

- 1. Authorization to enter in Consortium with Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and MTERA for the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program (HEAR)**

**Tribal Ogema**  
**G. Lewis**  
**T. Bailey**

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **motion to accept resolution #25-0319-057 authorization to enter in Consortium with Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and MTERA for the home electrician and appliance rebate program (HEAR)**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 3**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Rescinding Resolution #25-0226-042 and Approving Supplemental Appropriation 2025-1st QTR to fund The Elders Meals Supplemental in the amount of \$13,885** Tribal Ogema K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **motion to accept resolution #25-0312-058 rescinding resolution #25-0226-042 and approving supplemental appropriation 2025-03-1<sup>st</sup> QTR to fund the elders meals supplemental in the amount of \$13,885.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

**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:

- Updated 2. Approval for the Natural Resource Department to perform a budget modification on the Air (4530) Quality Project (4530) budget.** Tribal Ogema J. Vaquera F. Beaver

Jasmine Vaquera: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **motion to approve resolution #25-0319-059 Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-08, authorizing the Natural Resource Department to perform a budget modification on the Air Quality Project Grant**

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 5**

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:

- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure Approval of Expenditure for Public Safety to purchase Equipment & installation from Tele-Rad to outfit the Six new vehicles purchased from Watson's Manistee With budgeted funds.** Tribal Ogema R. Medacco

Robert Medacco: Represented the item

**Councilor Wolfe: motion to accept resolution #25-0319-060 approval of expenditure for public safety to purchase equipment and installation from Tele-Rad to outfit the six new vehicles purchased from Watsons Manistee with budgeted funds**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 6**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

**Tribal Ogema**

- 1. Operations Report** ☐ None Submitted
- 2. Financial Report** ☐

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** ☐ January 2025

**Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission report for January 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 7**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** ☐ February 2025

**Recorder Johnson: Motion to accept the Gaming Commission report for February 2025**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 8**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**D. Health Commission**  
**E. Housing Commission**

☐ **None Submitted**  
☐ **February 2025**

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept the Housing Commission report for February 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 9**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ **January 2025**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission for January 2025**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 10**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ **February 2025**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission for February 2025**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 11**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**G. Biskaabiiyaang Commission** ☐ None Submitted

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

**A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ February 2025

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for February 2025**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 12**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**B. Elders Committee**

☐ None Submitted

**VII. Old Business**

Remains	<b>A. Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__;</b>	Tribal Ogema
Postponed:	<b>Authorizing a modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Services Grant</b>	K. Bowers
		M. Ludwig
	<b>B. Ratification of Real Estate Purchase Agreement With J. Phillips</b>	Tribal Ogema
		E. McGowen- Cuellar

Elise McGowen- Cuellar: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to postpone Ratification of Real Estate Purchase Agreement with J. Phillips**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 13**

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

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

Councilor Wolfe: Called to question

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 14**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Councilor DiPiazza: **motion to accept resolution #25-0319-061 ratification of real estate purchase agreement with J. Phillips**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 15**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**VIII. New Business**

A. **Notice to Post Limited Liability Company Ordinance** J. Wolfe  
**#14-800-02**

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **motion to accept the Notice to Post Limited Liability Company Ordinance #14-800-02**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson: Support

**Roll Call # 16**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**IX. Concluding Business**

A. **Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business**

**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 DiPiazza: **Motion to end First Open Session at 12:19p.m.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 17**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

*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 1:28p.m.**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:

**Roll Call # 18**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**XI. Open Session**

- A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials Remain in Closed



**1. Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes ☐ January 2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes for January 2025**

Recorder Johnson: Support  
**Roll Call # 19**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**2. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ February 2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for February 2025**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:  
**Roll Call # 20**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

**XII. Adjourn**

Councilor Metzger: **motion to adjourn at 1:32p.m**


Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Johnson:  
**Roll Call # 21**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Chantel Gamelin,  
Transcribing Assistant

  
Susan Thull,  
Tribal Council Recorder