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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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 27, 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

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday March 27, 2025, with the following corrections under III.A.1 Updated- Ratification of 60 Month Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage meter. III.A.3 Postponed- Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for a water/Sewer rate study in the amount of \$17,120. IV. A. Remains postponed- Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-___; Authorizing a modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Services Grant. V. B.2 & 3 Removed- Financial reports for June and July 2024. V.E Add- Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2024 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department. V.F Add- Acceptance for filing the Memberships assistance program regulations R70-06; MA- 12. VII.C. 1 Removed**

and goes same with VIII. Open Session A.1 Removed- Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Employment Contract with William Cataldo as Tribal Prosecutor.

Councilor Metzger: Support

Call to question ordered

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

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

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Councilor Metzger: Support

Call to question ordered

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger – Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes
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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: **Motion to approve the agenda needs to be voted on**

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 02/12/2025

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for 02/12/2025**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

**Updated1. Ratification of 60 Month Lease Agreement with Tribal Ogema
Pitney Bowes for a postage meter M. Lucas**

Michelle Lucas: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept resolution #25-0327-062 Ratification of 60 Month Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage meter**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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:

- 2. Modification to Custer Culvert Replacement Contract With U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)** Tribal Ogema
B. May
F. Beaver

Brooke May: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **motion to accept Resolution #25-0327-063 Modification to Custer Culvert Replacement Contract With U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

- Updated 3. Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for a water/Sewer rate study in the amount of \$17,120** Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis

POSTPONED

- 4. Ratification of Master Services Agreement with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network** Tribal Ogema
A. DeGabriele
S. Hollowell

Alexis DeGabriele: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution 325-0327-064 Ratification of Master Services Agreement with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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:

- B. Budget Modifications**
1. Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Tribal Ogema

**Department Of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)-2025 Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund (TOSF) Grant and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__
In the amount of \$153,846**

Dottie Batchelder- Streeter: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0327-065 Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)-2025 Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund (TOSF) Grant and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-09 In the amount of \$153,846**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 9

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:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

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

V. New Business

A.	Authorization to Amend Resolution #24-1023-197 to assist Tribal Members with Well and Septic Needs.	Tribal Ogema
		D. Kerr
		G. Lewis

Greg Walters & Diane Kerr: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0327-066 Authorization to Amend Resolution #24-1023-197 to assist Tribal Members with Well and Septic Needs.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

- B. Financial Report**
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| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2024 |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> June 2024 |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> July 2024 |
- Removed**
- Removed**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept the Financial Report for May 2024**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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:

- C. Adopting the LRBOI Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance # 25-100-12**
- S. Crampton**

Councilor Crampton: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0327 Adopting the LRBOI Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance # 25-100-12**

Councilor Crampton: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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

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

Speaker Burmeister:

- D. Approval for Councilor Wolfe to Tribal consultation on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) with the FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group.**
- J. Wolfe**

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion of Approval for Councilor Wolfe to Tribal consultation on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) with the FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

ADD E. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2024 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department Tribal Ogema T. Bailey

Tara Bailey: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept resolution #25-0327-068 Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2024 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

ADD F. Accepting for filing the membership assistance Program Regulations #R700-06; MA-12 J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: motion to accept Resolution # 25-0327-069 Accepting for filing the membership assistance Program Regulations #R700-06; MA-12

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 02, 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 Wever: **motion to end First Open Session at 2:31pm**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

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 DiPiazza: **Motion to go into second Open Session**

Councilor Silvis: 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- Absent	P. Johnson- Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

VIII. Open Session

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

**Removed 1. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Employment
Contract with William Cataldo as Tribal Prosecutor**

IX. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 3:32p.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 18

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder