



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING
March 03, 2022, at 3:45 p.m.
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
ZOOM Meeting
AGENDA

Acting Speaker Wolfe: good afternoon, everyone we're here for an emergency open session meeting March 3rd, 2022, at 3:45 pm. We'll go through everyone that is on the participants list to make sure they're entitled to be here and a part of this meeting. first, we have phone number 23188797 9856 can you please identify yourself on the record?

Councilor Wever: Hi it's uh Shirley Wever

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay thank you Antonio's iPhone

Antonio Romanelli: uh yes Antonio Romanelli 3954.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: thank you

Sandy Mezeske: Julie we can't hear

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Please mute your phone if you're not muted. Councilor Champagne, can you identify yourself for the record

Councilor Champagne: yes, councilor Champagne

Sandy Mezeske: Can anybody here?

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we all can hear Sandy; we can hear you

Councilor Lewis: I can hear

Acting Speaker Wolfe: next in queue we have I mean next in participants we have Diane Belmore Reeves can you identify yourself for the record

Diane Belmore Reeves: yes, Diane Belmore Reeves Little Ohio 3978

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay thank you Nitumigaabow Champagne

Nitumigaabow Champagne: thank you and Nitumigaabow Champagne

Acting Speaker Wolfe: and your tribal id number please

Nitumigaabow Champagne: 2420.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: ok thank you. Sandra Lewis

Councilor Lewis: yeah, Sandra Lewis tribal council

Acting Speaker Wolfe: sandy m

Sandy Mezeske: Julie I can't hear anybody I just heard I mean it's very vague is anybody else having trouble? but Sandy Mezeske 0018

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Stacey Cheney

Stacey Cheney: Stacey Cheney 9902

Sandy Mezeske: Let me log back on

Acting Speaker Wolfe: sure. Susan Thull

Susan Thull: 3727

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay that does conclude our list of participants everyone is entitled to be in the meeting. um this we just have one joining we'll wait for them user handler Wahr can you identify yourself for the record?

Scott Wahr: Scott Wahr 4689

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay thank you. So that brings us on in **In accordance with Article IV, Section 6(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the business to be transacted at this Emergency Meeting shall be limited to the specific purposes stated below** and that brings us to item one

I. Call to Order

Calling this meeting to order at 3:49 pm. Councilor Johnson please do a

II. Roll Call

Acting Recorder Johnson:

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

Quorum established 8

Eight present quorums established

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay that brings us on to item

III. Open Session

the agenda item is

Reconsideration for adopting the amended fiscal year 2022 Tribal Government Operations Annual Budget as Presented by the Tribal Ogema.

This is the reconsideration of the previous resolution that the Ogema vetoed go over for the people participating today that tribal council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is exercising their power to adopt approve and amend the annual budget presented by tribal Ogema approved the amended fiscal year 2022 tribal government operations annual budget as amended in the amount of \$46,219,278 with gaming distribution estimated at \$30,188,604. That's my introduction to the item open it up for just ask if any tribal members our tribal council is going to abstain from the item? any tribal council is going to abstain from the item? seeing or hearing that I will open it up for discussion amongst tribal council? any comments or questions by tribal council? Seeing or hearing none

Nitumigaabow Champagne: temporary speaker um councilor Wolfe I would like to call the Order uh miss councilor DiPiazza and Guenthardt are having a conversation uh is that part of the record? Call the order ma'am

Acting Speaker Wolfe: I didn't hear anything but thank you. I didn't hear any conversation.

Councilor Guenthardt: Get the shit out of your ears

Acting Speaker Wolfe: So, it is open for discussion up by tribal council? seeing none I will open it up for discussion with participants on the call only seeing first in queue I have Nitumigaabow Champagne

Nitumigaabow Champagne: thank you councilor Wolfe. Councilor Guenthardt, please note for the record uh using profanity is not appropriate or acceptable in any council meeting to constituents me being one of them as a nine county represent nine county uh votee so with that being said I'd ask madam recorder to please address that with councilor Guenthardt to refrain from profanity during this meeting. Moving on to the budget the budget that has been proposed by uh yourself does not appear to be the same budget that was proposed by tribal council as a body, I have serious concerns and numerous different areas that is done I'm not sure if all the tribal council members have received the budget prior to calling the meetings and your first vote if not I feel that is very concerning actions on behalf of that administration. I'm concerned that specifically uh council previous budget allotted 10,000 dollars for the executive side for litigation purposes if there was an issue that the Ogema need to go for council. I'm concerned that tribal council still does not have legal counsel the Ogema has previously filed prematurely to block ULD amendments to ULD funding places tribal council and the citizens and this tribe at risk as apparent in DiPiazza versus uh tribal council, tribal council did not have legal representation to even represent matters because of the lack of funding and the lack of having an attorney. This is concerning when the tribe is not able to have legal representation for seeds on litigation matters. I think this needs to be addressed in your budget for 2022. I'm also concerned about other areas of the budget

that you have amended. I believe that the discussions uh were not done in work sessions for the citizens to participate in the back room deals with Mr. Romanelli uh between yourself madame recorder and Mr. Romanelli to be able to reach these agreements or businesses council and Mr. Romanelli I think that it needs to be in front of the citizens so that citizens are able to um weigh in previously when the budget had the casino in it was in closed it made sense it doesn't make any sense for the budget means to happening in closed if the casino numbers are not in and so I questioned that practice that this administration has done. I would also question the changes that you're proposed I would ask that Mr. Pringle would it be possible to go through the proposed changes amended from the first amended response to Mr. Romanelli?

Acting Speaker Wolfe: is that your final comment.

Nitumigaabow Champagne: It's a question madam recorder or miss uh councilor Wolfe

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Well, what's the question? I didn't hear a question in there
Councilor DiPiazza: She is the acting speaker she needs to be addressed accordingly

Nitumigaabow Champagne: Mr. DiPiazza I don't think you're in queue. I was asking the question if Mr. Pringle or yourself can go through the budget changes specifically that are different from the amendment budget? I would call to order that Mr. DiPiazza is interrupting my turn

Acting Speaker Wolfe: I don't believe at this time it's necessary to go through additional changes so moving on in queue we have Antonio Romanelli you're next you have the floor

Antonio Romanelli: Antonio Romanelli 3954 um yes, I just I have concerns over um the tribal councilors that don't show themselves on the video when they're not in session if they could turn their video on, I would greatly appreciate that I have some great concerns that um you know that there might be people in the room that that shouldn't be on this call, so I have great concerns for that thank you

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay your comment is so noted next in queue we have Sara Agosa you have the floor

Sara Agosa: Sara Agosa 4478 my comment is that I would like to request that tribal council delay this vote and maintain the original vote um that occurred before the stay was granted and I'd like to request that tribal council dispute the stay um and that membership is entitled to that original vote that is my comment thank you

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay so note. At this point we are here to vote on the to reconsider the adoption of the amended fiscal 2020 to tribal government operations annual budget as presented by the tribal Ogema. Open up for discussion for tribal council or tribal members? seeing none I would entertain a motion. I see a hand just raised um Antonio Romanelli do you have a comment?

Antonio Romanelli: uh 3954 yes, I am asking for those tribal council members that are not in person there to turn their cameras on please you have your responsibility to us members and I'm asking you that you turn your cameras on so we can see that you're paying attention and to make sure that nobody else is in the room with you thank you

Councilor Champagne: we don't know who's in the room with you either Antonio

Antonio Romanelli: but I am not a council member. I am asking I am asking council members specifically, that are not in person to turn their cameras on please

Nitumigaabow Champagne: call to order ma'am

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Your comment is so noted Antonio

Nitumigaabow Champagne: call to order

Councilor DiPiazza: He can't call to order

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay then next in queue we have Sandy Mezeske you have the floor

Sandy Mezeske: Sandy Mezeske 0018 what which which budget are you voting on?

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we're

Sandy Mezeske: The original one

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we're voting for to reconsider the budget that was adopted yesterday to override the veto of the Ogema

Sandy Mezeske: is that the original budget that the Ogema submitted

Acting Speaker Wolfe: it's an amended budget

Sandy Mezeske: An amended budget

Acting Speaker Wolfe: original what the Ogema submitted

Sany Mezeske: has the Ogema had time to review it and respond?

Acting Speaker Wolfe: He vetoed it yesterday and it's the exact same document he has had time and he is aware of the meeting I do not believe he's on the call right now

Sandy Mezeske: thank you

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay see next in queue Sara Agosa you have the floor

Sara Agosa: the comment is that with zoom there are two ways that you can log into meetings you can either log in virtually with an image or you can call in and historically the phone conferencing system has always been available, so I don't really think it's necessary for anyone to be on camera um because the phone option has always been available anyway thank you that is my comment

Acting Speaker Wolfe: comment is so noted seeing no one else in queue I'll entertain a motion for the item the agenda item at hand.

Councilor Wittenberg: if there's none, I'd like to make a motion speaker

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Go ahead councilor

Councilor Wittenberg: I'd like a

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER FOR ADOPTING THE AMENDED
FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ANNUAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE TRIBAL OGEMA
RESOLUTION NUMBER IS 22-0303-028.** By Wittenberg; support by
DiPiazza.

Acting Speaker Wolfe: okay we have a motion on the floor do we have support on the item? Do we have support for the motion on the floor? last call for support for the motion on the floor?

Councilor DiPiazza: I support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we have a motion on the floor by councilor Wittenberg support by councilor DiPiazza. Pam, please do a roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson: Tom Guenthardt- No

Nitumigaabow Champagne: Madam recorder it would go to discussion there's a motion that just went ahead of support or madame interim speaker

Acting Speaker Wolfe: we just had two discussion periods

Nitumigaabow Champagne: the motion

Acting Speaker Wolfe: I'll entertain your comment you have the floor sir

Nitumigaabow Champagne: thank you. Just trying to follow the rules understand your interim this is uh you know for me on this budget I'm going to repost the question to you miss Wolfe councilor Wolfe. Specifically, what are the items that have been changed that are going to impact us citizens and the governance of our government? It appears that many items have been changed but from from my perspective if you propose this budget maybe you and councilor DiPiazza what are the items that are significant that changed that you would like to be able to address to citizens, so we know exactly what is the conflict there is a veto you're trying to override the veto how how are we to know if it's in

support or not when the information is not on the website. Do you does council members any council members who support it and brought this forward wish to be able to go through those to let the citizens know exactly what it is this has been common practice? Mr. Pringle has went through line in line and has justifications in the past. uh why is it not being done here today? councilor Wolfe. That is a question

Acting Speaker Wolfe: At this time this body does not feel it's necessary we already went through all of these comments and the motion on the floor is just to reconsider our vote we know the data we have the information. Seeing another hand raised councilor Guenthardt

Councilor Guenthardt: I call the question

Acting Speaker Wolfe: called the question by councilor Guenthardt. Pam, please do a roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson:

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

Motion carried (4-4-0-0)

Four and four motion has failed

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Thank you everyone the next business of order is to

IV. Adjourn

The open session meeting. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Guenthardt: **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by: Guenthardt; support by Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Ok we have a motion on the floor to adjourn by councilor Guenthardt support by councilor Wittenberg. Pam, please do a roll call

Acting Recorder Johnson:

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

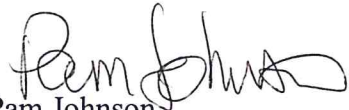
Eight in favor motion has passed

Acting Speaker Wolfe: Thank you everyone we are adjourned at 4:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chantel Gamelin".

Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Johnson".

Pam Johnson,
Acting Tribal Council Recorder