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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 07, 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 May 07, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wever: Stated an Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:02am

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

T. Burmeister – Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Absent	A. Metzger - Absent
S. Crampton – Absent	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 May 07, 2025, with the following correction. III. Continuing Business, Budget Modifications B.1 Updated- Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025- 2nd QTR to fund the 2024/2025 National Congress of American Indians (NCIA) in the amount of \$20,000.00. V. New Business B. Updated- Authorize Signatories for Wolfe River Golf Parks Liquor License Application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and Authorizing the Required Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity needed to apply for said License. V. D, E, and F Moved to Old Business- June, July and August 2024 Financial Report. V.G Postponed- Approval of Continuing the Compensation for Election Board Members. V. H Postponed- Approval of Continuing the Compensation for Tribal Council. V. I Postponed- Approval of**

Continuing the Compensation for Tribal Courts Judges. V. J 1-6 Removed- Biskaabiiyaang Commission Seat for Brenda Cogswell, Cicilee Chivis, Kristi Fowler, Shawwna Gonzalez, Spring Howe, and Marie Scheerer. V. K and L Moved to Old Business- February and March 2025 Operations Report. VII. C.2 Removed- Approval of 2024 Audit Services Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson. Which is the same for VIII. A.1.

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (4-2-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 04/28/25 Emergency Meeting

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to approve Tribal Council Minutes for 04/28/25 Emergency Meeting**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriations 2025-2nd QTR to fund the 2024/2025 National Congress of American Indians (NCIA) in the amount of \$20,000.00**

**B. Pringle
P. Johnson**

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0507-099 Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025-04 to fund the 2024/2025 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in the amount of \$20,000.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Ratification of 2025-2029 MOA Between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy And the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Tribal Ogema
F. Beaver
J. Vaquera

Frank Beaver: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution 325-0507-100 Ratification of 2025-2029 MOA Between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Enrollment Commission Minutes

March 2025

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Enrollment Commission Minutes for March 2025**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. June 2024 Financial Report

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept the June 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. July 2024 Financial Report

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept the July 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

E. August 2024 Financial Report

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept the August 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

F. February 2025 Operations Report

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the February 2025 Operations Report**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

G. March 2025 Operations Report

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the March 2025 Operations Report**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

V. New Business

A. Approve adoption of amendment to chapter 3 Milage Reimbursement Regulation

Tribal Ogema
M. Lucas

Michelle Lucas: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0507-101 Approve adoption of amendment to chapter 3 Milage Reimbursement Regulation**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

Updated B. Authorize Signatories for Wolfe River Golf Parks Liquor License Application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and Authorizing the Required Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity needed to apply for said License. Tribal Ogema
M. Schrader

Michael Schrader: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0507-102 Authorize Signatories for Wolfe River Golf Parks Liquor License Application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and Authorizing the Required limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity needed to apply for said License.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (5-1-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval by motion of the 2025 LRBOI Strategic Plan B. Pringle
T. Burmeister

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the Approval by motion of the 2025 LRBOI Strategic Plan**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

Moved to D. June 2024 Financial Report
Old Business

Moved to E. July 2024 Financial Report
Old Business

Moved to F. August 2024 Financial Report

Old Business

Postponed G. Approval of Continuing the Compensation for Election Board Members T. Burmeister

Postponed H. Approval of Continuing the Compensation for Tribal Council T. Burmeister

Postponed I. Approval of Continuing the Compensation for Tribal Courts Judges T. Burmeister

Removed J. 1. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Brenda Cogswell. P. Johnson

Removed 2. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Cicilee Chivis P. Johnson

Removed 3. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Kristi Fowler. P. Johnson

Removed 4. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Shawna Gonzalez. P. Johnson

Removed 5. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Spring Howe. P. Johnson

Removed 6. Biskaabiiyaang Commission appointment seat of Marie Scheerer. P. Johnson

**Moved to K. February 2025 Operations Report
Old Business**

**Moved to L. March 2025 Operations Report
Old Business**

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 14, 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 Silvis: Motion to end first open session

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

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 at 12:02

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Speaker Burmeister:

VIII. Open Session

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

**Removed 1. Approval of 2024 Audit Services Engagement Letter
From Rehmann Robson**

IX. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 12:03**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

Respectfully Submitted,


Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant


Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder