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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 14, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Ogema Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wever: Stated Opening Prayer

Acting Ogema Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

at 10:03am

Councilor Wolfe: stated issue with Councilor Burmeister as Speaker and acting Ogema

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0514-103 Appointment of Council Member Gary DiPiazza as Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Roll Call

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call #

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

We do have quorum.

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday May 14, 2025, with the following corrections. II. General Business add Gary DiPiazza as Pro Tempore. V. New Business A. Postponed- Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2025. V. B Updated- Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__;
Authorizing A modification to the 2025 Tribal
Victim Service Grant**

**Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers
M. Ludwig**

Michol Ludwig: Represented the item

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0514-104 Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-16; authorizing A modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Service Grant**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

2. **Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__;**
Authorizing A modification to the 2025 Tribal
Crime Victim Service Grant
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers
M. Ludwig

Michol Ludwig: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0524-105 Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-17; authorizing A modification to the 2025 Tribal Crime Victim Service Grant**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

3. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U. S**
Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs-
And approving a modification to the Operating
Budget MB2025-__ in the amount of \$32,385.00
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0514-106 Acceptance of contract funds from the U. S Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-18 in the amount of \$32,385.00**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U. S**
Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs-
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers

And approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ in the amount of \$612,816.00

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: Motion to accept Resolution #25-0514-107 Acceptance of contract funds from the U. S Department of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-19 in the amount of \$612,816.00

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- 5. Approval of Budget Modification and approving Tribal Ogema A Modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ K. Bowers In the amount of \$346,883.00, moving funds from F. Beaver Deferred Revenue to fund four new positions within BIA Inland Admin (RPI).**

Frank Beaver: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: Motion to accept Resolution #25-0514-108 Approval of Budget Modification and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-20 in the amount of \$346,883.00, moving funds from Deferred Revenue to fund four new positions within BIA Inland Admin (RPI).

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Support

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (4-3-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- 6. Acceptance of grant funds from Department of Tribal Ogema Health And Human Services for Low-Income J. Cadden Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget**

MB2025-__ in the amount of \$19,823.00

Janeen Codden: Started to represent item until quorum was lost

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Quorum call at 11:14am

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (5-0-0-4)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. September 2024 Financial Report

V. New Business

Postponed A. Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2025 **B. Pringle**

Updated B. Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025 **B. Pringle**
T. Burmeister

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 21, 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

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.

VIII. Open Session

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

IX. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chantel Gamelin".

Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Thull".

Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder