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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 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 21, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker Johnson:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wever: Stated Opening Prayer

Acting Speaker Johnson:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:03 am

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 - Present	P. Johnson- Present	S. Wever - Present

We do have quorum.

Acting Speaker Johnson:

C. Approval of Agenda

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday May 21, 2025, with following corrections under General Business remove T. Burmeister add G. DiPiazza. V.F adds- Natural Resource Commission March 2025 & April 2025. VII. Old Business B remains postponed- Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2025. VII. Old Business C. Updated- Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025. VIII. New Business B. Updated- Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025- to fund the 2025 Legislative Professional Fees in the amount of \$140,000.00.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

D. Tribal Council Minutes

☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of funds from U.S Department of Agriculture-FDPIR Nutrition Education 2025 and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__, in the amount of \$20,000.00

Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers
J. Friedel

Jamie Friedel: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0521-110 Acceptance of funds from U.S Department of Agriculture-FDPIR Nutrition Education 2025 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-22, in the amount of \$20,000.00**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Support

Roll Call # 2

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- No

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report ☐ April 2025

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Operations Report for April 2025**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- 2. Financial Report** ☐ None Submitted
- V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**
- A. Binojeeuk Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** ☐ April 2025

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission report for April 2025**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- E. Housing Commission** ☐ April 2025

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to postpone housing commission report for April 2025**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- Add F. Natural Resource Commission** **1.** ☐ March 2025
- 2.** ☐ April 2025

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Natural Resource Commission Report for March 2025**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to postpone Natural Resource Commission Report for April 2025**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

G. Biskaabiyaang Commission ☐ None Submitted

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ April 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for April 2025**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Elders Committee ☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business

A. September 2024 Financial Report

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the September 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

Remains B.	Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the	B. Pringle
Postponed	Third Quarter of FY2025	
Updated C.	Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the	B. Pringle
	National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025	P. Johnson

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0521-111 Authorization of Expenditure for Annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians for 2024-2025**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Support

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

D. October 2024 Financial Report

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the October 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 11

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- No

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

VIII. New Business

A. Ratification of Kaseya contract for I.T Glue

**Tribal Ogema
J. Peterson**

Jay Peterson: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to postpone Ratification of Kaseya contract for I.T Glue**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

**Updated B. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025- to fund
The 2025 Legislative Professional Fees in the amount
Of \$140,000.00**

**P. Johnson
B. Pringle**

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #35-0521-112 Approval of
Supplemental Appropriation 2025- 05-2nd QTR to fund the 2025 Legislative
Professional Fees in the amount of \$140,000.00**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

**C. Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission
Regulation #R400-04: GC-04-Chapter 4- Notification and
Reports**

J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #25-0521-113 Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-04-Chapter 4- Notification and Reports

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

D. Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-09-Chapter 9- Patron Complaints. J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #25-0521-114 Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-09-Chapter 9- Patron Complaints.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

E. Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-10-Chapter 10- Compliance and Enforcement. J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #25-0521-115 Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-10-Chapter 10- Compliance and Enforcement.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (4-4-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 28, 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 Metzger: Motion to end first Open session at 11:44am

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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.

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to go into second Open session**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 18

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

XI. Open Session

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

1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ April 2025

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

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to reconsider VIII. New Business E. Resolution #25-0521-115 Acceptance for filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04: GC-10-Chapter 10- Compliance and Enforcement.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Councilor Wolfe: Provided updated information

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 20

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to adjourn at 1:47pm**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 21

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder