



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 11, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Recorder Lewis said to Madame Speaker that the recorder is on.

Speaker Wolfe said good morning everyone, they are here for their regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. Wolfe said they will go through the line of participants to make sure everyone is eligible to be here. Wolfe said when she calls their user handler name they can identify themselves with their Tribal I.D. number if they are participating as staff. Wolfe said um, they have Grace Hendler, Legislative Assistant. Wolfe said Val M.

Val Mc Donnell said #4340. Mc Donnell said she is breaking up by the way.

Speaker Wolfe said Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225.

Speaker Wolfe made a comment but it was not picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Martha Howell said Julie, they are having a hard time hearing.....the sound is breaking up and bad audio it's real choppy.

Speaker Wolfe said they did all this morning so she doesn't.....*the rest of her comment faded off here.* Wolfe said Connie Waitner.

Connie Waitner said #0022.

Speaker Wolfe said Corey W.

Corey Wells said #4839.

Speaker Wolfe said Larry Olson.

Larry Olson said #1532.

Speaker Wolfe said Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276.

Speaker Wolfe said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell asked did she say her.

Speaker Wolfe answered yes.

Martha Howell said #3635. Howell said she is real choppy Julie if she wants to know.

Speaker Wolfe said there is no way to fix it so they are going with it. Wolfe said Pam Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said Tribal Councilor. Johnson said her volume is dropping on her end.

Speaker Wolfe said Raymond Hugo.....*really low and hard to hear*.

Raymond Hugo said #1037. Hugo said yeah, they can hardly hear her.

Speaker Wolfe said Sandy M.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Wolfe said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Speaker Wolfe said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Speaker Wolfe said Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said Tribal Councilor and #0040.

Speaker Wolfe said Venus Torres.

Venus Torres said staff and Tribal member #1102.

Speaker Wolfe said 231 564-8435. Wolfe repeated 231 564-8435. Wolfe said phone number please state for the record 231 564-8435. Wolfe said last call for phone number 231 564-8435.

Shannon Crampton said Julie and identified himself #1747. Crampton said he can barely hear her.

Speaker Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar. Wolfe said okay with everyone identifying themselves means they are eligible to be here. Wolfe said sorry about the sound quality but they do not have IT today available so they will go on with this meeting.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar was not heard on the ZOOM recording identifying herself.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Councilor Wittenberg for that.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order but it wasn't heard on the ZOOM recording if a time was given.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Lewis eight are present they have a quorum.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF IV A; REMOVED; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any abstentions on the item. Wolfe asked do they have any comments or discussion on the agenda. Wolfe said it is open for

questions or comments from Tribal members at this time. Wolfe asked Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Lewis said eight in favor.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Acting Recorder Lewis.

D. Tribal Council Minutes

Speaker Wolfe said they have none submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Wolfe said they have none submitted for Grants & Contracts, none submitted for Budget Modifications and none submitted for Approval of Budgeted Expenditures.

IV. Old Business

Speaker Wolfe said Item A. was removed by the sponsor.

V. New Business

Speaker Wolfe said moving onto New Business and they have none submitted.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 18, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Wolfe said she will turn it over to him Mr. Romanelli at this time.

Ogema Romanelli said no actually he has no new things.

Speaker Wolfe thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Wolfe asked do any Councilors have anything under Legislative Affairs. Wolfe said Councilor Di Piazza go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to remind everyone to get their Elk and Bear tags by 8-20 um, its 231 723-1597. Di Piazza said the draw will be on June 11th*the rest of his comments faded off and could not be heard on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Wolfe asked are there any additional comments by Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none they will move onto Public Comment Period.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Wolfe said first in the queue they have Sara Agosa. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she just wanted to say that she feels it is very frustrating to come to these meetings and not have any sound because she couldn't barely hear anything. Agosa said this is one of the only times in the week that members have a chance to interact with their representatives so she would like to ask the Ogema why Tribal Council does not have tech support today and it wasn't fixed or corrected even if the meeting had to be delayed a bit. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her question.

Speaker Wolfe said.....*the first part of what she said was not heard on the ZOOM recording and most of the rest was hard to hear.....it has been working fine and she doesn't know why its not working today other than they don't have the use of the Recorder.....the rest of her comment was faded out here.*

Ogema Romanelli said no. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Wolfe said to Sara Agosa that her hand is still raised does she have an additional comment.

Sara Agosa said yes, she just wanted to let her know that she didn't hear anything that anybody said. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have anybody else for public comment. Wolfe said seeing no one else in the queue. Wolfe read the below statement.

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.

Speaker Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to end the First Open.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked is there any abstentions. Wolfe said it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no comments they will take a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Lewis said eight in favor.

Speaker Wolfe called the meeting closed at 10:19 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Wolfe said so this afternoon they are here for Section VIII Open Session and have one agenda item. Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to enter into Second Open.

Councilor Wittenberg said he makes a motion.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO SECOND OPEN; by Wittenberg;
supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions on the item. Wolfe said she will move for discussion. Wolfe said seeing none Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

Acting Recorder Lewis said they are in Second Open.

Speaker Wolfe said okay, in Second Open at 10:57 a.m. Wolfe said looking at the agenda they are on Item A.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open Session. Wolfe said Councilor Wittenberg.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY FOR #22-0413-064, 065 AND 066; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.

Speaker Wolfe asked do they have any abstentions. Wolfe said seeing no abstentions it is open for discussion. Wolfe said seeing no comments Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Speaker Wolfe said Councilor Guenthardt he is on mute she is doing roll call for the motion on the floor.

Acting Recorder Lewis said Resolution #22-0413-064, 065 and 066 motion, roll call and resolution.

Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments on the item.

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session. The following roll call votes do not have a Roll Call # because they were taken out of sequence on the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-064;
ACCEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FY2021
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
AUDIT REPORTS FROM RUBINBROWN, LLP; by Wittenberg;
supported by Wever.**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-065;
APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES
WITH FRIAS INDIAN LAW & POLICY LLC; by Wittenberg;
supported by Wever.**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-0413-066;
APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES
WITH PITCHLYNN LAW, PLLC;** by Wittenberg; supported by
Wever.

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Wolfe said she will entertain a motion to Adjourn Second Open.

Councilor Champagne said so be it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN; by Champagne; supported
by Wittenberg.

Speaker Wolfe asked any abstentions, comments. Wolfe said seeing none
Councilor Lewis please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

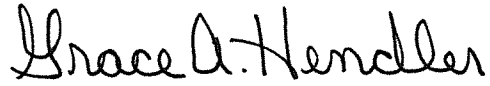
T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
Vacant	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lewis said they adjourned Second Open.

Speaker Wolfe said they have adjourned Second Open at 11:00 a.m. Wolfe
thanked everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace A. Hendler". The script is cursive and fluid.

Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Lewis". The script is cursive and fluid.

Sandra Lewis,
Acting Council Recorder