



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024
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 November 20, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wolfe: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:04 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call #

T. Burmeister - Present	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.

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday November 20, 2024 with the following corrections under III. Continuing Business A.2 Updated- Approval of Expenditure for DJI Drone, Lidar, and Operating Hardware. IV. Acceptance of Reports 2 Postponed- May 2024 Financial Report. V. Acceptance of Commission Reports A add- September 2024 Binojeeuk Commission. E add- September and October 2024 Housing Commission and F add- October 2024 Natural Resource Commission. VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities A add- October 2024 Little River Casino Preference Report. Under VII. Old Business A. Removed- Motion to rescind resolution # 18-0124-024 (approving Property Transfer to Little River Holdings, LLC) VII. Old Business B updated- Approving the Employment Agreement for Legislative In-House Council. VIII. New**

Business B. was moved from closed to open- 2025 Liquor License Approval which is the same under X. Closed Session C Bids & Contracts 1. Moved to open. X. Closed Session 1 add- September 2024 Binojeeuk Commission closed session minutes. XI. Open session 1. Was moved to open session 2025 liquor license approval and 3 add- September 2024 Binojeeuk Commission closed session minutes.

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Ratification of MOA between Michigan Tribal Ogema
Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and C. Wells
Energy, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

Corey Wells: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1120-216 Ratification of MOA between Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

**Updated 2. Approval of Expenditure for DJI Drone, Tribal Ogema
Lidar, and Operating Hardware. C. Wells**

Corey Wells: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #241120-217 Approval of Expenditure for DJI Drone, Lidar, and Operating Hardware.

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

3. Traditional Healer Contract 2025

**Tribal Ogema
D. Batchelder-Streeter**

Dottie Batchelder- Streeter: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1120-218 Ratification of Service Agreement provided by the Native American Church of the Morning Star**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report

☐ None Submitted

Postponed

2. Financial Report

☐ May 2024

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

Add

A. Binojeeuk Commission

☐ September 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission report for September 2024**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes

S. Wever - Yes	S. Crampton – Absent	P. Johnson- Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
C. Gaming Commission ☐ October 2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission report for October 2024**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
Add E. Housing Commission ☐ September & October 2024

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to postpone the Housing Commission reports for September and October 2024**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

- Add F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ October 2024

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to postpone the Natural Resource Commission reports for October 2024**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

Add A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ **October 2024**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for October 2024**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

B. Elders Committee

☐ **September 2024**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the Elders Committee Report for September 2024**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

C. Little River Holdings, LLC

☐ **None Submitted**

VII. Old Business

Removed A. Motion to rescind resolution # 18-0124-024

S. Crampton

(Approving Property Transfer to Little River Holdings, LLC)

**Updated B. Approving the Employment Agreement for
Legislative In- House Council**

T. Burmeister

Speaker Burmeister: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1120-219 Approving the Employment Agreement for Legislative In-House Council

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

VIII. New Business

A. Approval for Insurance Policy for Cyber Security With Tribal First through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services LLC (Formerly Larkin Group).

**Tribal Ogema
A. Rabb**

Angela Rabb: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to postpone Approval for Insurance Policy for Cyber Security with Tribal First through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services LLC (Formerly Larkin Group) until second open session

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

**Moved B. 2025 Liquor License Approval
From Closed**

**Tribal Ogema
M. Schrader**

Jodi Walter: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1120-220 Approval of “Retail On-Site General” Liquor License and a “Retail Off-Site General” Liquor License for Little River Casino Resort for Calendar Year 2025

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 27, 2024

B. 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**

C. Public Comment Period

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to end first open session at 12:08p.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

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.

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to go into second open session at 1:53p.m.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

XI. Open Session

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

- Moved to Open**
- 1. 2025 Liquor License Approval**
 - 2. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report**
☐ October 2024

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for October 2024**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

- Add 3. Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes**
☐ Sept 2024

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes for September 2024**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister: Item postponed from first open session

- A. Approval for Insurance Policy for Cyber Security With Tribal First through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services LLC (Formerly Larkin Group).**

**Tribal Ogema
A. Rabb**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1120-221 Approval for Insurance Policy for Cyber Security with Tribal First through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services LLC (formerly Larkin Group).**

Recorder Johnson: Support

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to adjourn at 2p.m.**

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder