



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 27, 2024. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Metzger: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Burmeister:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:03 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 27, 2024 with the following corrections under III. Continuing Business B. Budget Modifications 1. Updated- Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-__, Authorizing a modification to the 2024 Legislative Legal Budget 1020-109. V. New Business A.1 Updated- Approval to Un-restrict ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the purchase of eight (8) copy machines from Xerox Corporation. V. New Business A.2 Updated- Approval for the purchase of Eight New Copiers in the amount of \$41,894.80, using ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 and the ratification of Maintenance Contract with Xerox. VII. Closed Session C. Bids & Contracts 1. Add- Resolution authorizing LRBOI as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in support**

of the Michigan Attorney General in Nessel v. Enbridge to protect the Great Lakes. Same with VIII. Open Session 1. Add- Resolution authorizing LRBOI as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in support of the Michigan Attorney General in Nessel v. Enbridge to protect the Great Lakes.

Councilor Metzger: 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. Accepting Addendum to the Contract with
Gosling Czubak Engineering.**

**G. Lewis
G. Walters**

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-222 Accepting Addendum to the Contract with Gosling Czubak Engineering

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

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:

B. Budget Modifications

**Updated 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB2024-__;
Authorizing a modification to the 2024 Legislative
Legal Budget 1020-109.**

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

P. Johnson- Yes	S. Weaver - Yes	S. Crampton – Absent
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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:

B. Operations Report

October 2024

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the Operations Report for October 2024**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Johnson:

_Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

V. New Business

Updated A.1 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the purchase of eight (8) copy machines From Xerox Corporation. M. Lucas

Michelle Lucas: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-225 Approval to Un-restrict ARPA Funds 4996-000-6100 for the purchase of eight (8) copy machines from Xerox Corporation.**

Recorder Johnson: Support

_Roll Call # 7

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:

Updated A.2. Approval for the purchase of Eight New Copiers In the amount of \$41,894.80, using ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 and the ratification of Maintenance Contract with Xerox. M. Lucas

Michelle Lucas: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-226 Approval for the purchase of Eight New Copiers in the amount of \$41,894.80, using ARPA funds 4996-000-6100 and the ratification of Maintenance Contract with Xerox.

Recorder Johnson: Support

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. Ratification of L.C United Painting Co. Inc.
Contract to paint exterior of the water tower
In the amount of \$98,500.**

G. Lewis
G. Walters

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-227 Ratification of L.C United Painting Co. Inc. Contract to paint exterior of the water tower in the amount of \$98,500.

Councilor Silvis: 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. Accepting Addendum to the contract with Dixon
Engineering & Inspection Services.**

G. Lewis
G. Walters
D. Kerr

Gary Lewis: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-228 Accepting Addendum to the contract with Dixon Engineering & Inspection Services.

Councilor Wever: Support

Recorder Johnson:

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:

- D. Ratification of Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for Fiscal Year 2023 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) schedule.** **A. Rabb**

Angela Rabb: Represented the item

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to postpone Ratification of Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for Fiscal Year 2023 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) schedule until second Open session

Councilor Metzger: 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:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday December 04, 2024**
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 DiPiazza: Motion to end first open session at 11:47a.m.

Councilor Silvis: 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)

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 12:39p.m.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 12

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:

VIII. Open Session

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

Add 1. Resolution authorizing LRBOI as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in support of the Michigan Attorney General in Nessel v. Enbridge to protect the Great Lakes.

Recorder Johnson: **Motion to accept Resolution 324-1127-229 Resolution authorizing LRBOI as signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in support of the Michigan Attorney General in Nessel v. Enbridge to protect the Great Lakes.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 13

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
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

Postponed from first open session

**Ratification of Engagement Letter from
Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for
Fiscal Year 2023 Schedule of Expenditures of
Federal Awards (SEFA) schedule.**

Angela Rabb: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #24-1127-230 Ratification of
Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Accounting Services for
Fiscal Year 2023 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) schedule.**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Burmeister:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to adjourn at 12:45p.m.**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantel Gamelin

Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant

Susan Thull

Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder