



Approved 11/8/17

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an emergency meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on November 1, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley said he would like to welcome everybody to their Emergency Meeting for Wednesday, November 1st at 2:00 p.m. Riley said they have a couple of emergency items. Riley said they will start with Item A.

Councilor Di Piazza said roll call.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call to establish quorum.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Present	J. Friedel - Present	F. Medacco - Present
S. Crampton - Absent	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

III. Open Session

A. Adoption of the Revised FY 2018-2021 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)

The Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) needs to be updated and submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Program to identify projects that are scheduled for calendar years 2018-2021.

Speaker Riley said Steve Parsons is here to represent this.

Steve Parsons said good afternoon. Parsons said first of all he would like to thank them for putting this on the agenda. Parsons said this kind of came up at the last

minute and wasn't sure what to do and Speaker Riley mentioned that they had an Emergency Meeting scheduled for today so they went ahead and added this. Parsons said he really appreciates them doing that. Parsons said he is going to try and make this as quick as he can. Parsons said the reason this is before them is that they had actually submitted a TTIP List of Projects to Council on October 11th which is about three weeks ago and at that time they thought that had all the projects for next year 2018 and 2019. Parsons said the reason for that is there was a project they were considering but he was not sure if they could do anything with it. Parsons said it was called the New Town Center which is an Economic Development Project that is being sponsored by the Commerce Department for the property just across the road on M-22. Parsons said the reason for that is because they changed the regulations and they have said that Tribes can no longer count what they called proposed roads in their BIA Road Inventory. Parsons said a proposed road is what they have mapped out but it doesn't exist. Parsons said it is an approval proposed to be built in the future so therefore he assumed those were going to come off he didn't think they were going to be able to do it. Parsons said in the meantime what happened is they were in a conversation with their Representative at the BIA Roads who indicated that they could go ahead and put it on the TTIP as an indication that they did plan to do something with those roads in which case they would keep them on the inventory so that was an assurance that he made. Parsons said they didn't get it until last week so they did some kind of putting some stuff together fast and modified the TTIP. Parsons said he doesn't know if they have it in front of them or how quickly that stuff was passed out but they will notice if they have the revised copy of the TTIP that near the bottom of the 2018-2019 submittals they should see the New Town Center Project. Parsons said he thinks it says M-22 because the road that is being identified is just being off of M-22. Parsons said that is going to help Tom St. Dennis because he had BIA Roads Funding as part of his overall Budget for the project and he was really glad they were able to accommodate this and get something done with it. Parsons said so that is the reason why it is before them today and was a resolution passed a few weeks ago but didn't have this on there. Parsons said to make sure that everything was square and according to oil they have the updated TTIP that they can approve today if they are so inclined. Parsons said they did get an extension not just them but across the board they gave an extension to all Tribes until November 3rd and this was originally due yesterday October 31st but they did extend the deadline to November 3rd so they will have plenty of time to get this in. Parsons said with that he will stop and see if they have any questions.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there is no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1101-374; ADOPTION
OF THE REVISED FY 2018-2021 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF**

**OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TTIP); by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions and any discussion or questions.
Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1101-374 has been approved.

Steve Parsons thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Steve Parsons.

- B. Cancellation of Saturday, November 4, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting**
The Tribal Council wishes to cancel the meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017 due to the Tribal Judge's availability or being conflicted for Mr. Ryan Champagne to be sworn in.

Speaker Riley said this was initially put on here because this morning they did not have a Judge available to do the Swearing In but in the last 15 minutes they secured a Visiting Judge to come and do the Swearing In so..... Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he has discussion and not a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Pete said it is still beyond him, beyond logical, and beyond moral comprehension that #1, their own Tribal Court is punting on this. Pete said it is beyond him how anybody could break the Constitution that the residents and the citizens of this country, this Nation, this Tribal Nation voted in and they are still going to vote him in at an Elders Meeting. Pete said this whole thing is so much beyond reasonable comprehension to a person like himself that he can't even.....its.....its.....it's very hard for him to live with. Pete said so he just wants this Council to know and to go on record on how he thinks about this thing. Pete said now they have something going on in courts and there is still current litigation going on and he just.....he is.....he guessed he has too much of a logic mind being in business all his life and being GM's and running places that is what they do.....they do things logically. Pete said this is not.....he can't even make this two and two work to four for him.

Speaker Riley said okay.....um.....

Councilor Pete said none of it works for him so okay he is done.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete that he knows he is frustrated but this is about whether or not to cancel the meeting but he appreciates his sharing on that. Riley asked do they have any other discussion or a motion. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1101-375;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said Councilor Medacco is abstaining.

Councilor Medacco said he will abstain and he will explain the reason why. Medacco said the reason why he is abstaining is because pending the outcome of this it is a financial gain for him.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Medacco reiterated that he will be abstaining from the vote.

Speaker Riley asked any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - No	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Abstain
S. Crampton - Absent	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-No	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (2-4-1-2)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #17-1101-375 has failed.

IV. Adjourn

MOTION TO END EMERGENCY MEETING AT 2:09; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

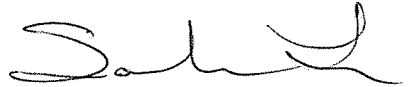
Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder