



Approved 9/14/22

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 September 7, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said welcome everyone to the um, September 7, 2022 meeting of Tribal Council. Crampton said they are going to start this off with a prayer today. Crampton said Councilor Wittenberg is joining them online. *Crampton asked Recorder Wolfe if he was online yet.*

Recorder Wolfe said he is not online yet.

Speaker Crampton said not on yet. Crampton said okay, then he will ask ah, Councilor Di Piazza. Crampton asked would he like to do a prayer today.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.

Keep us safe.

Let us make the best decisions for our citizens.

Keep everybody that may be afflicted by this Pandemic still in your thoughts and prayers.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Crampton said they are going to go ahead and identify some of the people online ah, if they just give their I.D.

Crampton said ah, let's see they have ah-h-h-h, what is that 231 215-2739.

Crampton said could they please identify them....

Karen Love started to say something then stopped.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry go ahead.

Karen Love said #2494. Love thanked them. Love said good morning everyone.

Speaker Crampton said good morning. Crampton said okay, then they have Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said #3225.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said ah, Laura Echelbarger.

Laura Echelbarger said #2276. Echelbarger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said okay, ah, Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said #0992.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he thinks everybody else on the list is an employee.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said um, they need a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said seven here and two are absent quorum is established.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 7,
2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF VII D.1
POSTPONED;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent agenda has been approved.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 8/17/22 ☐ 8/24/22

Speaker Crampton said they have two sets of minutes 8/17/22 and 8/24/22.
Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/17/22
AND 8/24/22;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent minutes have been approved.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Xerox and the use of ARPA Funds for the Purchase of (1) Copier

Replace aging copier in the Gaming Commission Office.

Speaker Crampton said that is Michelle Lucas.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Mno Kizeph, she is here for Michelle Lucas who is here for Kelly Maser. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so she is here to present ah, the Gaming Commission is requesting a new printer um, it is six years old. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said um, older....what they have experienced from the recent purchase using ARPA Funds for the court and Council is it can take up to eight months to replace. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said the current copier has over 420,000 copies that have been made and generally they last about five years so they are on the sixth year. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said um, there has been an increase in Maintenance Request so this is um....this is requested due to prevent any potential ah, lapse in the copying capabilities and printing capabilities of the Gaming Commission. Mc Gowan-Cuellar said so with that she thinks that is all the information that she can currently am aware of but if they have any questions she will try to her darndest to answer those.

Speaker Crampton said ah, does Council have any questions. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-0907-155;
RATIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
XEROX AND USE OF APRA FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
ONE (1) COPIER; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton asked any discussion from the membership. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent resolution has been approved.

Elise Mc Gowan-Cuellar said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval for Pam Johnson to attend the 17th Annual Government to Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation in Anchorage, Alaska September 19-24, 2022**
Travel requires Tribal Council Approval.

Speaker Crampton said he will turn it over to Councilor Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said good morning. Johnson said so this is um, obviously the consultation that is done. Johnson said um, last year they did not attend it and the year before they were by ZOOM. Johnson said um, so she is asking to actually go in person this year um, and um, it was asked in the work session yesterday of what grant this is from. Johnson said this is from the Office of Violence Against Women ah, Tribal Government Program Grant um, attached in all the packets. Johnson said um, attached in the packet is the ah, agenda of what will be done on each day um, she is asking to leave on the 19th ah, because different activities and stuff start Tuesday afternoon and go until Friday morning and then so she is asking to come back on that Saturday. Johnson said um, ah, she keeps getting shorter with this um, any questions though. Johnson said yeah, oh, and this is grant funded if she didn't mention that already.

Recorder Wolfe said just for the membership that she is going to be in the Government to Government Consultation Tribal Leader testimony and the time and date that that testimony will happen.

Councilor Johnson said um, the testimony will be given on Wednesday afternoon from ah, 3-5 p.m. somewhere in that timeframe is the slot for Little River to give their testimony and that is in the process um, of being wrote up right now she doesn't have the actual definite it is still in um, rough draft form yet.

Recorder Wolfe thanked her. Wolfe said that was her only comment for clarification.

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any other questions from Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said he just wants to identify that this....the cost is coming out of the grant.

Councilor Johnson replied yes.

Speaker Crampton said so there is no cost to the Tribe.

Councilor Johnson said correct.

Speaker Crampton said okay, having figured that out um, he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF PAM JOHNSON TO ATTEND THE 17th ANNUAL GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TRIBAL CONSULTATION IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA SEPTEMBER 19-24, 2022; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked um, is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Recorder Wolfe said six in favor, one abstention and two absent motion has been approved.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

IV. Old Business

A. Operations Report

☐ July 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JULY 2022; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said yes.

Recorder Wolfe said so again she just wanted to note for the membership um, these monthly reports are very critical and that's where a lot of the membership gets information and the Tribal Council. Wolfe said just to note and she always um, notes when there are errors contained in the report. Wolfe said in this month

for July they have the February reporting in the Family Services case numbers. Wolfe said so she just wanted to note that for the record and she will be voting no on the item because it's not complete.....she means it has inaccuracies. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, any further discussion. Crampton said okay, please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	J. Wolfe - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-2-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said five in favor, two against and two absent the report has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked them.

B. Enrollment Commission ☐ July 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION
REPORT FOR JULY 2022; by Lewis; supported Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said um, seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent report has been accepted.

V. New Business

Speaker Crampton said there is none.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 14, 2022

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he has no updates.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said just a reminder everybody that ah, the early season.... Deer Season opened yesterday and today was the opening of the Bear Season. Di Piazza said so if they have a permit for the Bear it did open today. Di Piazza said good luck and be safe. Di Piazza said that is it.

Councilor Wever can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "Leave them alone."

Councilor Di Piazza said good harvest.

Speaker Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said so just a couple of announcements and reminders. Wolfe said the 2022 um, the May Sturgeon Release is happening on September 10th that is Saturday um, it's at the Little River Band Streamside Rearing Facility at Rainbow Bend. Wolfe said it starts at 11 a.m. with the viewing of the captured Sturgeon that they raised in Facility Tours then at 12 there is a Releasing Ceremony and at 12:30 is the actual release of the Sturgeon in the water. Wolfe said reminder for the upcoming event next week the Manistee County Annual Suicide Prevention and Awareness Event that is happening September 13th from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Armory Youth Project here in Manistee. Wolfe said it is free and open to the public and it is noted on the flyer rain or shine the event will happen. Wolfe said um, and they do have um, a public notice there is the Department of Armory, District Corp of Engineers has an In-Person Public Scoping Meeting tomorrow September 8th from 3 to 8 p.m. for the Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel and Environmental Impacts Statement to solicit public comments regarding the scope of the EIS. Wolfe said um, it is being held at Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace, Michigan. Wolfe said the Tribes have put a call out for Veterans, Elders and Youth and all Tribal members to attend and participate. Wolfe said the Little River Band Council is sponsoring a trip for those who are interested to attend. Wolfe said space is limited and if they are interested in going tomorrow please contact herself, the Tribal Council Recorder. Wolfe said her phone line is 231 398-6834 so they can get them set up to um, make that trip with them. Wolfe said also she does know that um, yesterday September 6th the Election Board declared the 2023 Regular Election to be held on Friday, April

28th, 2023. Wolfe said the Election Board will be mailing an announcement to all Tribal members 18 and older by the date of the Election Announcement. Wolfe said the following positions are open for the Election in 2023 the Ogema-one seat, Tribal Council nine county-two seats, Tribal Council Outlying-2 seats, the Election Board-two seats and one Appellate Justice seat. Wolfe said if they have questions just reach out to the Election Board. Wolfe said then last announcement she wants to make sure and remind everyone she knows it is up and coming for October 8th, 2022 is the Annual Fall Membership Meeting for the Resort.....she means for the Tribe it is being held at the Resort and in-person. Wolfe said that is all she has. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked does anybody have anything else for Legislative Affairs. Crampton said okay.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked do they have anyone for public comment.

No one responded online or in-person.

Speaker Crampton said okay then they will be going into Closed Session.
Crampton read the following 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 Crampton said with that he will entertain a motion to close.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Councilor Johnson said support.

MOTION TO CLOSE; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent they are adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked everyone.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said oh, he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked any discussion on the item. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven present and two absent they are in Second Open at 11:06 a.m.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Wolfe said no items to move from Closed to Open.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion. Crampton said seeing none please do a roll call.

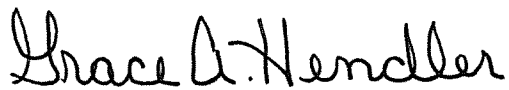
Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two absent they are adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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