



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Little River Band Government Center
AGENDA**

**This agenda is subject to adoption or amendment by vote of the Tribal Council*

I. Opening Prayer

II. General Business

- A. **Call to Order** R. Pete
- B. **Roll Call** G. Di Piazza
- C. **Approval of Agenda**
- D. **Tribal Council Minutes** 9/11/19

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. **Approval of Grant Application Request for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Annual Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2020** Tribal Ogema

The Food Distribution Program is making their Annual Budget Request to USDA to manage their program. The Request is for \$243,145 of which there is a 20% In-Kind Tribal Match.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. **Approval for Ron Pete to attend the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas, NV on October 13-18, 2019** R. Pete

The Expo takes place at the Venetian & Palazzo Resorts.

- 2. **Authorizing Payment of 2019 Dues to the National Congress of American Indians** Tribal Ogema
- The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians meets all the requirements for Tribal Membership.

- 3. **Appropriating Funds for Expenditures During the 4th QTR of FY2019 in Accordance with Section 5.07** G. Di Piazza

Tribal Council must appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each Fiscal Year.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

NOTE: Resolution number for the first resolution adopted for this meeting is 19-0918-241

1st supplemental appropriation 2019-10 – 3rd QTR

1st budget modification MB-2019-49

- 1. **Operations Report** None Submitted
- 2. **Financial Report** None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission** August 2019
- B. **Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. **Gaming Commission** August 2019
- D. **Health Commission** None Submitted
- E. **Housing Commission** None Submitted
- F. **Natural Resource Commission** None Submitted

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. **Elders Committee Minutes** None Submitted
- B. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** August 2019

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due: NONE

Reports received:

ALL REPORTS ARE UP TO DATE

VIII. New Business

- A. **Affirming Right to Trial by Jury as previously adopted by General Membership Branch** C. Champagne
At a Membership Meeting where there was a quorum this Resolution was proposed and voted in.
- B. **Maintaining Our Lands and Reservation for the Next Seven Generations** C. Champagne
The Little River Band is part of the Anishinaabeg Nation and traditionally our people did not sell or dispose of our lands without General Membership approval and consent.
- C. **Request for Federal Trust Status for Ten Parcels of Land-Nine in Manistee County and one in Mason County** Tribal Ogema
To put Tribally-owned lands into trust status.
- D. **Tribal Council Confirmation of the Existence, Need and Role of Little River Holdings, LLC as the Parent Economic Development Entity of the Nation** Tribal Ogema
Recent Case Law articulated the importance of Tribal Councils recognizing their Economic Development Corporations as critical arms of the Tribe for Sovereign Immunity purposes.
- E. **Approval of Appointment of Economic Development Corporation Board Member Nominee, Stacie Bytwork** Tribal Ogema
Nomination Term is two years from date of resolution.
- F. **Approval of Re-Appointment of Economic Development Corporation Board Member, Frank Lewis, Jr.** Tribal Ogema
Current term will expire on October 25, 2019 and the next

*NOTE: Resolution number for the first resolution adopted for this meeting is 19-0918-241
1st supplemental appropriation 2019-10 – 3rd QTR
1st budget modification MB-2019-49*

- Term will be for three years from that date.
- G. Approval of Re-Appointment of Economic Development Corporation Board Member, Jim Nedeau** Tribal Ogema
Current term will expire on November 8, 2019 and the next Term will be for one year from that date.
- H. Approval of Re-Appointment of Martha Howell to the Natural Resource Commission.** Tribal Ogema
This re-appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 25, 2019**
B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update
C. Legislative Affairs Update
D. Public Comment Period

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.

X. Closed Session

- A. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes** 09/11/19
- B. Submissions for business matters that are Confidential**
- 1. Enterprise and/or Reservation Development matters**
 - 2. Legal Updates**
- C. Bids & Contracts**
- 1. Ratification of Contract for 2020/2021 with the Law Office** Tribal Council
of Richard G. McGee, LLC
Attorney McGee provides legal counsel for the Gaming Commission.
 - 2. Approving Tribal Ogema to Authorize the 2020 Amendment** Tribal Ogema
to the Multi-Year Funding Agreement with Department of
Interior Office of Self Governance and the Calendar Year 2020
Reprogramming Request
The Tribe chose to become an Interior Self-Governance Tribe in Calendar
Year 2013 and has been operating BIA programs under an existing MYFA
with the BIA since CY 2014. The Tribal Ogema and the OSG have
negotiated a funding agreement for the years 2019-2023. The Tribe
now has the 2020 amendment and reprogramming request negotiated.
 - 3. The Employers Association of Grand Rapids Introduction** Tribal Ogema
to Leadership Training
Provide introductory leadership training to LRBOI supervisory staff.
 - 4. Ratification of a Contract to use the Vogue Theater** Tribal Ogema
The LRBOI Victim Services Program is hosting a film and a
discussion panel at the Vogue Theater to raise awareness

*NOTE: Resolution number for the first resolution adopted for this meeting is 19-0918-241
1st supplemental appropriation 2019-10 – 3rd QTR
1st budget modification MB-2019-49*

regarding domestic violence

- D. Acceptance of Submission from Tribal Entities requiring action in Closed Session**
 - 1. **Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes August 2019**
 - 2. **Gaming Commission Closed Session Report August 2019**
 - 3. **Little River Holdings, LLC Minutes August 2019 – none submitted**
 - 4. **Little River Casino Resort Closed Session Reports July 2019**
 - 5. **Unified Legal Department Reports August 2019**

- E. Litigation**
 - 1. **Tribal Ogema and Stone v. Tribal Council** Tribal Council

- F. Personnel**

- XI. Open Session**
 - A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

- XII. Adjourn**

*NOTE: Resolution number for the first resolution adopted for this meeting is 19-0918-241
1st supplemental appropriation 2019-10 – 3rd QTR
1st budget modification MB-2019-49*