



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
VIA ZOOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**EMERGENCY OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an Emergency Meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 29, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said Karol Ann Chabot.

Karol Ann Chabot said #3742.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said now he can go through.

Councilor Wolfe said unless he just wants to reread the dates and stuff.

Recorder Wittenberg said they are here for the...today's Emergency Meeting for ah...oh, for Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 2 p.m. Wittenberg said okay, now he can go ahead and ah, do ah, roll call for quorum.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him.

**III. Open Session**

Speaker Crampton said that takes them down to the Open Session portion of this meeting and they have the first thing up. Crampton read the Supplemental title of the agenda item. Crampton asked what are the numbers at the bottom...he doesn't know.....what are the numbers he doesn't have the numbers on this one.

Councilor Wolfe said yeah, it's on that....

Speaker Crampton said they just need the first one. Crampton asked Supplemental Appropriation what is it.

Councilor Wolfe said 003.

Speaker Crampton said okay, Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2023-003-1<sup>st</sup> QTR to fund the Infrastructure needs for the IT Department in the amount of \$288,168. Crampton said whoever is representing that please represent.

**1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2023-\_\_-1<sup>st</sup> QTR to fund Infrastructure needs for IT in the amount of \$288,168**

Bill Willis identified himself online. Willis said he can represent this item for the most part.

Speaker Crampton said please proceed.

Bill Willis said as he explained to Council in both Agenda Review and at the previous meeting was ah, the amount requested ah, they have given Council basically a choice on where to fund this ah, the IT Infrastructure needs for this request. Willis said ah, they supplied Council with ah, two Funds Availability Certifications, one showing the money coming from ah, from the General Funds, and the other one coming from the ARPA Funds. Willis said they also supplied Council with two separate resolutions ah, again one showing that the money would come from the General Fund and the other one showing that the funds will come from ARPA. Willis said so it is really up to Council where they, they know, if this item gets approved where the money would come from. Willis said so he doesn't know if there are any technical questions they might have from Drew regarding the Infrastructure but um, that is all he has to share.

Speaker Crampton said no, just right off the bat his, his, unfortunately his concern would be the fact that he does believe that this item was postponed by Councilor Wolfe last....last week until Second Open unfortunately they never got there or to Closed.

Bill Willis said correct.

Speaker Crampton said there was no Legal Review as the options to Council so at this time it is probably going to have to wait until next meeting because they didn't have a.....

Bill Willis said he guessed he wasn't aware.....

Speaker Crampton said oh, go ahead.

Bill Willis said he guessed he wasn't aware.....he wasn't aware of any request for a Legal Review on this um, the only request was that Council um, was, they know, supplied with all the necessary they know, information regarding where the money was coming from so he wasn't aware of any Legal Review request.

Speaker Crampton said oh, no that is just part of Council's diligence doing their part. Crampton said he doesn't think they would guess on any contract or any amount of money. Crampton asked where does Council want to go on this from here because he knows Councilor Wolfe had concerns last week that haven't been answered and he would share them concerns. Crampton asked Councilor Wolfe if she had anything.

Councilor Wolfe said she thinks this should also be postponed and changed and that because they don' have.....they are not voting on the contract either so there is no reason for the supplemental appropriation so she thinks it should be postponed until April 5<sup>th</sup> and he is correct they did not receive Legal Memo stating that it was eligible for the ARP Funding.

Speaker Crampton said Andrew.

Andrew Jeurink, IT Technician, said he just wants to make a clarification they....part of this is voting for that contract um, in this meeting from his understanding.....

Councilor Wolfe said no.

Andrew Jeurink continued.....so is that going to delay that too.

Councilor Wolfe said that contract is not in this meeting.....on this agenda. Wolfe said it got overlooked. Wolfe said they only have one item in Closed Session and it's not this contract.

Andrew Jeurink said well it should have been the Closed Session that was in that ah, he didn't look at the agenda.

Councilor Wolfe said it got overlooked so it should be postponed.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion to postpone. Crampton said oh, sorry, Mr. Willis go ahead.

Bill Willis said well he was just going to say to reference back to the agenda from the last meeting and one of the items, Drew was correct, one of the items in Closed Session was they know, ratification of the Elevate Technology Partners Backup, they know, Service Contract so.....he doesn't know.

Councilor Wolfe said he is correct it was on for last week but for this Emergency Open & Closed Session today it is not a part of the agenda so she would suggest postponing this item until they get the Legal Review and then they have the contract for ratification also. Wolfe said so on that note if there is no further questions she prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE OPEN SESSION ITEM 1; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2023-\_\_1<sup>st</sup> QTR TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR IT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$288,168; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is there anything from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said six in favor, two against and one absent motion to postpone has been accepted.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, that will take them down to their next Second Open ah, Open Session Item.

**2. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2021 Indian Housing Block Grant ARP the Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department**

Speaker Crampton said he does believe that is Miss Bailey.

Tara Bailey, Housing Director, represented this agenda item. Bailey said yes, this first one is for ah, they received in 2021 and each year they have to provide an Annual Performance Report to HUD in regards to the funding. Bailey said this one was in the amount of \$201,721. Bailey said it was for....had one activity in it and that was to build a fifth house. Bailey said the Five Home Project they did up in Aki that house was completed um, the end of November. Bailey said therefore this has been....the activity has been completed ah, the report states that and they received all the funding for it so this program will be closed out after they submit this report to HUD. Bailey said it is a requirement of HUD that they have presented to Tribal Council for approval that the report is presented to Tribal

Council for approval before submitting to HUD. Bailey said ah, the report is due on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Speaker Crampton said okay, perfect. Crampton asked does anybody have any questions for Miss Bailey.

Councilor Wolfe said she has one.

Speaker Crampton said Councilor Wolfe please proceed.

Councilor Wolfe asked so just for clarification Tara the resolution um, these are grant dollars from FY2021 but this is actually the 2022 Annual Performance Report.

Tara Bailey replied correct. Bailey said she is sorry cor....yes. Bailey said they report on it each year until its complete ah last....they received the funding in 2021 but the house they reported on it last year um, basically stating that the house had been ordered um, but it wasn't complete. Bailey said they hadn't even drawn down any funds yet um, but last year it was completed and all the funds had been drawn down.

Councilor Wolfe said okay, thanks she just wanted to make sure both of those years were correct for this report they are submitting. Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay, are there any further questions. Crampton said he knows they had gone over this for some time so. Crampton said if there are no further questions he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0329-045;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD) THE FY2021 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ANNUAL PERFROMANCE  
REPORT (APR) FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT;  
by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked are there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Councilor Lewis said she will amend that to 23-0329-045. Lewis said 044, sorry.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0329-044;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD) THE FY2021 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE  
REPORT (APR) FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT;**  
by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

*Tribal Councilors Wolfe and Lewis were laughing.*

Speaker Crampton asked oh, wait did she misquote the title.

Councilor Lewis said no, just the resolution number is 044.

Councilor Wolfe said she still supports.

Speaker Crampton said okay, perfect that is what he was going to ask. Crampton said all right if there is no further discussion um, 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- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor Resolution #23.....

Councilor Wolfe asked did he call her.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, she was the first.....Resolution #23-0329-044 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said that takes them down to the next item.

- 3. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2020-2025 Indian Housing Block Grant CARES Grant Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department**

Speaker Crampton said this is also Mrs. Bailey.

Tara Bailey, Housing Department Director, represented this agenda item. Bailey

said ah, yes. Bailey said ah, this is their Annual Performance Report ah, same as the previous report required by HUD ah, this one is the um, funding....extra funding received from the CARES Grant. Bailey said this is the third year....third year no second year they reported on this. Bailey said there is a total of \$91,607 in funding that they received. Bailey said ah, the first year they received the grant....or the funds that they did most of the activities that were....that they had listed ah, the only activities that are left were ah, assistance for Mortgage Assistance, Rental Assistance or Utility Assistance which was utilized through the Members Assistance Program. Bailey said at the end of this year they have about....by the end of December they had about \$7,327 left in the line items to assist. Bailey said ah, at this time its ah....they have used it up since then. Bailey said um, so they will have to report on this one last year just to finalize it. Bailey said this year they did....let her find it....how many pages.....Mortgage Assistance they have provided for four ah, households this year. Bailey said um, Utility Assistance they did 35. Bailey said Rental Assistance it was 25 households. Bailey said um, so again this is just their Annual Report that they have to submit telling them what they did with the funds.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said ah, is there any questions at this time.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Wolfe has her hand up here.

Speaker Crampton said yup, he saw that and he was getting to her. Crampton said Councilor Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said just to note for membership Tara did part of this provide for Housing Software Updates.

Tara Bailey said yes, in the first year of funding they ah, purchased a um, software system that allows them to do all the Accounting part keeping track of rent, rent calculations, households, work orders things like that. Bailey said its called Doorways and they have been utilizing it. Bailey said that has allowed them to accept payments here at the Housing Office verses having to be sent in or taken in down to the Accounting Office. Bailey said and oh, it makes a whole bunch of Excel Spreadsheets which is what they have been using previously.

Councilor Wolfe said so then for clarification on that on page three where she has 80 House Plan then that actual number of households served in the program shouldn't that be relocated to 80 instead of being blank because she continued to use the software.

Tara Bailey said oh, so what happened was they....they put it....yeah, now that reminds her um, they did purchase the software it was supposed to come out of here but it was missed um, it was coded to a different grant and by the time they realized it was coded to the wrong grant that grant had closed out. Bailey said so

the funds were not actually utilized from this program and they um, just allowed them to use those funds in the Utility ah, Mortgage and Rental Assistance Line Item. Bailey asked is that what.....

Councilor Wolfe said leaving that blank is actually correct because these dollars didn't fund that even though they applied for it.

Tara Bailey said they reported that last year.....last year's um, report that that occurred because it happened in the first year of the grant.

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton asked are there any other questions. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make the motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0329-045;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD) THE FY2020-2025 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT  
CARES GRANT ANNUAL PERFROMANCE REPORT (APR) FOR  
THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS  
DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT; by Lewis;  
supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is there anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor Resolution #23-0329-05 has passed.

Councilor Lewis said 045.

Recorder Wittenberg repeated 045.



Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked them. Crampton said that is going to take them down to their last Open Session Item. Crampton said hold on here.

**4. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2022 Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department**

Speaker Crampton said that is Mrs. Bailey.

Tara Bailey, Housing Department Director, represented this agenda item. Bailey said yes, this is their Annual Indian Housing Block Grant that they receive every year. Bailey said it is combination of their new funding that they get each fiscal year in conjunction with any funds left over from previous years they just end up grouping it all in one. Bailey said ah, for last year they ended up...the amount they were expecting was \$267, 054 the amount they actually received and reporting on is \$401,582. Bailey asked did they recall last year actual was \$796,130.17. Bailey said um, so the total resources they have available is \$1, 197,712.17. Bailey said the amount they expended was \$372,633.68. Bailey said ah, that went towards um, just maintaining, operating, and the salary & wages for two individuals out of Housing. Bailey said the amount expected...the amount that they have left over at the end of the year was \$825,078.49. Bailey said again, this is.....this is just their report saying that what they did for the year um, to be sent to HUD.

*There was a long pause in between here on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody have any questions at this time. Crampton said if not he will entertain a motion.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Wolfe has her hand up he just wanted to see if he seen it.

*Councilors Wittenberg and Wolfe were laughing.*

Speaker Crampton said no, he was just trying to beat her before she got it up...no. *Laughing here.* Crampton said go ahead Julie.

Councilor Wolfe said Tara she sees a part in the resolution where it is asking for comments being submitted ah, can she give the timeframe for when this was posted and they received no comments, correct.

Tara Bailey said um, she just put no comments in there um, just because last...submitted to them guys and um, she will hold it open until the 31<sup>st</sup> she will

actually send this to HUD um, but if they get any comments the report isn't posted on the website um, and as of today they have not received any comments.

Councilor Wolfe said that is what she was just verifying that they didn't receive comments and that it was posted. Wolfe asked her if she knows when it was posted for comments.

Tara Bailey said ah, unh-huh....she wants to say March 13<sup>th</sup> but she is not positive on that.

Councilor Wolfe said that meets all the requirements necessary for HUD in the posting and comment period.

Tara Bailey said um-hum....yes.

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on this item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0329-046;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD) THE FY2022 ANNUAL PERFROMANCE REPORT (APR)  
FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS  
DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT;** by Lewis;  
supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from the Council. Crampton asked anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for the Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor Resolution #23-0329-046 has passed.

Tara Bailey thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

**IV. Closed Session**

Speaker Crampton said the next item they have up is Closed Session Item so how does Tribal Council want to take this.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have to adjourn Open Session.

**V. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION;** by Wolfe; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is there anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said all right please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said eight in favor at 2:34 has passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder

