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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023  
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 February 1, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Ron Wittenberg, recorder said: I have the recording on and we're just starting. I'm going to go through the list. Miigwech. Miigwech for everybody coming today.

Recorder: Uh Al Metzger

Al Metzger responds Boozhoo, Al Metzger #890

Recorder: Cory Wells

Cory Wells responds #4859

Recorder: Jolene O'Signac

Jolene O'Signac responds #3866

Recorder: Carol Ann Chabot

Carol Ann Chabot responds Carol Ann #3742

Recorder: Martha Howell

Martha Howell responds #3635

Recorder: Misty Silvis

Misty Silvis responds #2488

Recorder: Sandy Mezeske

Sandy Mezeske responds #0018

Recorder: Sara Agosa

Sara Agosa responds #4478

Recorder: I went through the list, and everybody looks kosher on there so Speaker Crampton, uh I'm giving it to you.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. And welcome everyone to the February 1, 2023, meeting of tribal council. And we'll start today with the opening prayer. If Councilor Wittenberg would be so kind as to lead us, I'd greatly appreciate it.

## **I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

Interpretation to English:

*To the Creator for gifting us another day we ask that he heal our hearts our minds our, our soul and our spirit that we walk in a good way we say Chi Miigwech for everything we have and everything we don't have .We ask that you be with us and all throughout the day and night Aho Miigwech , Miigwech Miigwech, Miigwech,aho.*

## **II. General Business**

### **A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10 09: a.m.

### **B. Roll Call #**

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

Speaker Crampton, we do have quorum established.

### **C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: IV. A-**Approving the Ogemas' Execution of the FY2023 Subcontract for Administration and Biological Services with CORA; and VII.D- add Wells Fargo; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker: We have a motion.

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain. Speaker asked is there any discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there any discussion from the membership. Speaker asked any further discussion from Council. Speaker said please do a roll call.

**Roll Call # 1**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said the agenda has been accepted Speaker Crampton.

Speaker: Okay, thank you, that's going to take us down to minutes. I'll entertain a motion to accept.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes    □ 10/12/22**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES 10/12/22;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain. Speaker asked is there any discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there any discussion from the membership. Speaker asked any further discussion from Council. Speaker said

**Roll Call # 2**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said tribal council minutes for 10/12/22 has been accepted.

Speaker: Okay, that takes us down to Grants and contracts.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to previous contract ratification of a contract with Gosling Czubak to design an Unload Area for Vac Truck using ARPA Funds in the amount of \$4,640**

Unload Area Design for the Vac Truck to properly empty the truck collection tank of any wastewater that might be contaminated with COVID-19. ARPA Funds are appropriate for water-waste projects that Mitigate COVID-19 hazards.

Speaker: And that's Gary Lewis or Mrs. Kerr

Lewis: Yes, thank you everybody. This is a continuing contract this is for the remaining funds of \$4640 for a splash pad which is basically a dumping station for our vacu-truck so we can dump on there and it will be self-draining, as opposed to right now we have to actually clean it ourselves. Physically. So, this will help mitigate our contact time. And that's it.

Speaker: When you had splashpad I envisioned something totally different, so. Are there any questions from council on the item?

Wittenberg: Yes, I do. So, you're makin' a little like a bay in there where its gots sides and doesn't go all over the facility?

Lewis: It's rolled off then sloped and there will be a drain attached in there that will go into a lift station.

Wittenberg: That's what I thought. Are you wearing a white suit? *chuckles* and thank you, Miigwech.

Speaker: any further questions. Go ahead Councilor Wolfe

Wolfe: So, this project was to be scheduled to be completed at the end of December. This amendment brings it out to the end of March for completion.

Lewis: Correct

Wolfe: And this allocation of dollars, even though they are ARPA funding, were already set aside and allocated for that. This is just um the additional expenditure with the extension of the contract.

Lewis: Correct. No increase in price. Just pushing out completion of the contract.

Wolfe: Okay thank you.

Speaker: Uh Miss Frias

Frias: I just wanted to ensure that council had everything previously requested when this was brought forward, regarding this contract.

Speaker: I believe Ms. Wolfe had the concern. Are you settled with the quantity of information you have, Councilor Wolfe?

Wolfe: That had to be on a different item because I don't remember requesting anything on this. We have everything that we need.

Speaker: Okay. Does that answer your concern, Mrs. Frias?

Frias: Yes, I'm trying to find my notes. Yes, it does. When we discussed this, you had just asked for additional information on the contractor. I just wanted to make sure that council received that.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. Uh I'll entertain a motion here. If no one has any further questions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-013;  
AMENDMENT TO EXTEND CONTRACT TO FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>,  
2023 FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RATIFICATION OF  
GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC.  
CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF AN UNLOAD AREA FOR VAC  
TRUCK USING ARPA FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,640.00; by  
Lewis; supported by Wolfe.**

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

**Roll Call # 3**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-013 has passed.

Speaker: Thank you and that will take us down to:

- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to previous contract ratification of a contract with Gosling Czubak to design engineering Headworks using ARPA Funds in the amount of \$6,618**  
Headworks review and design to effectively treat sewage, minimizing contact with wastewater for the staff (COVID) and improve efficiency for wastewater collection and treatment.

Speaker: which is, Garys' also, Mr. Lewis' also. Please proceed when you're ready.

Lewis: Thank you. This also extends this contract to unused, same basis. There is \$6,618 remaining, it is ARPA, and this is to re-design the headworks to the wastewater treatment plant itself. There's a lot of grit that we get inside of there. So, it would mitigate that and remove that better so that we can actually treat just the wastewater and not the extra grit that comes along with it. It's redesigned in the headworks.

Speaker: Okay, thank you Gary. Is there any further questions on this item from, from council? I'm not seeing any. I will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-014;  
AMENDMENT TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE OF  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023, FOR PREVIOUS RATIFICATION OF  
GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC.  
CONTRACT FOR DESIGNING HEADWORKS FOR WWTP  
USING ARPA FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,618.00; by Lewis;  
supported by Johnson.**

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain on the item, any further discussion from Council? Anything from the membership? Speaker: please do a roll call.

**Roll Call # 4**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-014 has passed.

Lewis: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, and that will take us down to:

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-07 in the amount of \$11,604**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker: And that's Bill Willis and Mr. Dorr.

Mr. Dorr: Good morning council. These items, the next five items, are the childcare development fund. They are um awards, award notices that I found

after, when I tried to reconcile accounts between the feds and our accounts they weren't matching. And what it came down to is we were missing awards and So I coordinated with them, and we got the award notices from them. Award notices and these funds have not been accepted in over the course of time for the childcare development fund. We talked on Monday about possibly consolidating these five proposals because they are all related. um We need to be able to receive the money so our accounts will balance with the fed account, what they say we have in here. I was wondering what that status of that might be or should I just go forward like they are.

Recorder: um myself I'm looking at and thinking that each one should go by itself because each one is a uh different uh resolution, each one is a different ah budget modification number. And so, if I turn it around, that is just my opinion.

Wolfe: I support presenting them individually, thank you.

Dorr: So, the first one is just the amount of \$11,000. it is the CCDF fund that was a discretionary fund I believe. Any other questions?

Speaker: Yes. Are they accessible, are these reliant on one another?

Dorr: They're not, they're not reliant necessarily on one another but our accounts with the feds, what the feds say that we have ...um its reliant on what the feds...so our accounts don't match theirs; so once, once we receive these in, we'll be able to balance our accounts to match their accounts. It's understood. So, the money has never been sent to us, it's held in reserve out there and we draw the funds down, just for members sake, just to know. That after we have spent money then we draw the money down, that's how those accounts work.

Speaker: If there's no more discussion, I'd like to handle these individually too. So, I'll entertain a motion on the first item...

Recorder: Councilor Wolfe had her hand up.

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry. Please proceed Julie.

Wolfe: I just want to make clear before the membership from when these awards came in. This was one grant application, and all these awards came in on different dates. The grant period is from October of 2020 and these set funds are due to expire Sept 30<sup>th</sup> of this year 2023. They all did come in on different dates, like this one that we're on, this came in on July 14,2021 and for whatever wasn't received by the executive side to bring forward a budget modification.um Once things changed and they re-re reconciling this award, these notices, these five were found to be out there but not accepted, but I just wanted a clarification for tribal members. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, it's probably pretty helpful for council too. Um is there Any further discussion on this item?

Recorder: um yes, just curious, you said that these are coming from ah the government. And so that do you know exactly because of the different figures on exactly what is in there that would be, could be, uh accepted or go after?

Dorr: I don't understand the question.

Recorder: Total uh money.

Dorr: The total money?

Recorder: Yeah, from uh okay, you got a purse so I'm just taking so much out of the purse so how much does the purse hold?

Dorr: um well right now the way it splits, all of these are all individual accounts there um two years, and then there's ARPA funds, CARES funds in there. the total of all of these funds is um \$448,201. We spent some of that money. We're probably in this... This was for when the NextGen center was open. money was used for operations, assisting in that program, um from what I can tell we're somewhere around \$300,000 um \$330,000 Somewhere is that range is what's left. Um and until there's a childcare program opened that money won't be touched, so we may be... not be returning, we may just acknowledge that we won't be spending the money. At some point in the future so it won't be touched until there is uh a program opened.

Recorder: I'm good.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. Is there anything further. Anything from the membership? If not, I'll entertain a motion on the item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-015;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD  
CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-07 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$11,604; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain, is there any further discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there anything further from the membership. Speaker asked any further discussion from Council.

Speaker said hearing nothing please do a roll call.



**Roll Call # 4**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said the Resolution#23-0201-015, budget modification MB-2023-07 has passed.

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-08 in the amount of \$4,717**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. And that's going to take us down to our next item of business which will be:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-016;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD  
CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-08 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$4,717**

Speaker: and Mr. Dorr please proceed.

Dorr: This is similar, the same no difference. The explanation that Julie did was good.

Speaker: Okay thank you.. You had all these put in the same; I'll entertain a motion.

Recorder: Councilor Wolfe has her hand up uh Speaker Crampton.

Speaker: oh, please go-ahead Julie.

Wolfe: Just to note on this item for this dollar, this award notice was sent to the tribe September 7, 2022.

Speaker: Okay thank you. If there's nothing further, I will hear a motion;

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-016; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-08 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,717; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain, is there any discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there anything further from the membership. Speaker asked any further discussion from Council. Speaker said hearing nothing please do a roll call when you're ready.

**Roll Call # 5**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-016; budget modification # MB-2023-08 has passed.

Speaker: Okay, thank you that will take us down to our next item and so if there's no questions, I will entertain a motion

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-09 in the amount of \$5,608**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker: It's pretty much the same thing so if there's no questions, I'll entertain a motion.

Wolfe: I just want to note this award was received on July 1, 2022

Speaker: Thank you, anything further from council?

Wolfe: Actually, it's July 2020, sorry.

Speaker: ...fine, thank you. If there's nothing further, I'll entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-017; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-09 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,608; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

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

**Roll Call # 6**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said resolution # 23-0201-017 budget modification MB-2023-09 has passed.

Speaker: Okay, thank you and that will take us down to

- 4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-10 in the amount of \$5,173**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker: And it's the same thing so I'll entertain a motion unless Julie has something to say.

Wolfe: Yes, this award was received by the tribe on June 3, 2021

Speaker: Thank you Councilor Wolfe. Is there anything further? If not, I'll accept a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-018; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,173; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

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

**Roll Call # 7**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-018; MB-2023-10 has passed.

Speaker: Okay and that's going to take us down to

- 5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-11 in the amount of \$2,191**  
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker: Councilor Wolfe do you have anything to report

Wolfe: the award date on this was July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Then again, all these funds are set to expire, the original award for all of these dollars was October of 2020 and these funds will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Speaker: Thank you, okay, if there's no further questions, I will entertain a motion

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-011;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD  
CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-11 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$2,191; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

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

**Roll Call # 8**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said resolution # 23-0201-019; MB-2023-11 has passed.

Dorr: Thank you Council.

**B. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure  
None**

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Dorr. Now that will take us down to old business.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Approving the Ogema's Execution of the FY2023 Subcontract for Administration and Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA)**

Execution of contracts requires Tribal Council approval. This item was postponed at the 1/25/23 Tribal Council Meeting.

Speaker: and that's Mr. Martell

Martell: Ah, um this was previously presented by Frank Beaver. Are there questions? I'm here I guess to answer any questions. The question first one was Confusion and the um check request versus the contract specifications which I believe I've supplied the additional information that clarifies that.

Frias: First I have to apologize to Council Woman Wolfe for this was actually the contract I was talking about earlier and I apologize. This was contract council asked for some additional information on and I just wanted to clarify that for the record.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councilor Wolfe is everything satisfactory to you.

Wolfe: Thank you to the Natural Resource department for bringing that and making the changes as requested. We want the purchase order to be reflective of the language in the contract and that's what has happened now. so, I um fully support this item, I did before I just got that concern about what was being stated in the contract and then what we're adopting but now that those two matches I'm happy to support the item. So, if there's no further questions, I'm prepared to make a motion.

Speaker: Proceed.

Wolfe:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-020;  
APPROVING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF THE FY-2023  
SUBCONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND BIOLOGICAL  
SERVICES WITH THE CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE  
AUTHORITY; by Wolfe; supported by DiPiazza.**

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

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-20-020 has passed.

Martell: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Martell, and thank you and that takes us down to

**B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report  December 2022**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Wever.

Recorder: No, it was councilor Wolfe, wasn't it?

Speaker: I had two, so I just went with Councilor Wever.

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

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Little River Preference report for December 2022 has been accepted.

Speaker: Thank you that moves us down to New Business

**V. New Business**

- A. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Human Resources Department Budget**  
Accepting the Internal Audit Results.

Speaker: That's Mr. Pringle

Pringle: Good morning, Council, Tribal membership. The next four resolutions in front of you are internal audit reports that were done in the last quarter of 2022. The first is- ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Uh The Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 identifies how internal audits are to be conducted and reported. The Comptroller General did perform the internal audits of 2021 for the Human Resource Department, which is budget #2401. The top, Comptroller General prepared and presented the audit reports and presented the necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on October 21, 2022. And there was a work session last week on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Now therefore resolve the Tribal Council of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians accepts the internal audit report for the 2021 Human Resource Department dated October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Speaker: Okay, are there any questions for Mr. Pringle at this time? Seeing none. I will hear a motion:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-021;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR HUMAN  
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BUDGET;** by Lewis; supported by  
Wever.

Speaker: is anyone going to abstain, is there any discussion from Council. Is there any discussion from the membership. Speaker: Any further discussion from Council. Speaker said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder: Resolution #23-0201-021 has passed.

Speaker: Thank you, okay, that takes us down to the next one that's Mr. Pringle as well

**B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Utilities 701 Department Budget**

Accepting the Internal Audit Results.

Pringle: Once again thank you. Uh The Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 identifies internal audits and how they are to be conducted and reported. The Comptroller General did perform internal audit of 2021 for the Utilities 75701 Water Department Budget. The Comptroller General prepared and presented the audit reports and presented the necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. And there was a work session last week on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Now therefore resolve the Tribal Council of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit report for the 2021 Utilities 75701 Department Budget dated January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-022;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR UTILITIES 701  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wever .**

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

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-022 has passed.

Speaker: Okay, thank you now take us down to

**C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Education Department Budget**

Accepting the Internal Audit Results.

Speaker: Mr. Pringle

Pringle: Whereas the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 identifies internal audits and how they are to be conducted and reported. The Comptroller General performed internal audit of 2021 for the Education 4026 Department Budget. The



Comptroller General prepared and presented the audit reports and presented the necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on December 1st, 2022. And there was a work session last week on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Now therefore resolve the Tribal Council of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit report for the 2021 Education Department Budget dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Speaker: Thank you. If there are no questions for Mr. Pringle, I will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-023;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET; by Lewis; supported by Wever.**

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain. Speaker asked is there any discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there any discussion from the membership.

Speaker: Jessica Steinberg

Steinberg: Thank you. Mr. speaker, Jessica Steinberg tribal citizen # 0148. Um were there any corrective actions in any of these audits that needed to be addressed? That's my question, thank you.

Pringle: There were I noticed some minor findings but no corrective actions were needed.

Speaker Okay. Thank you. And we have a motion. If there's no further questions let's do a roll call.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-23 has passed.

Speaker: Okay, that will take us down to:

- D. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Grants Department Budget**  
Accepting the Internal Audit Results.

Pringle: Once again, Whereas the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 identifies internal audits and how they are to be conducted and reported. The Comptroller General performed internal audit of 2021 for the Grants Department Budget 2405. The Comptroller General prepared and presented the audit reports and presented the necessary supporting documents to Tribal Council and the Ogema on November 8th, 2022. And there was a work session last week on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Now therefore resolve the Tribal Council of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit report for the 2021 Grants Department Budget dated November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Speaker: Okay if there's no further questions for Mr. Pringle, I will accept a motion

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-024;  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR GRANTS  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET;** by Lewis; supported by Wever.

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

**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0201-024 has passed.

Pringle: I want to thank the Tribal Council and Membership

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Pringle. That's gonna take us to the next order of business which is:

**E. Notice of Intent to Repeal the Unified Legal Department Act of 2015,  
Ordinance #15-100-08a**

Notice is required under the APA Ordinance #04-100-07.

Speaker: And that was put on by myself. Um The problem that we're having is that we have nobody in that department now and it's got a lot of um obligations that Council has placed on. Up...upon it that we need to um give in this, and um put the proper people in place to take care of some of those items. Are there any questions at this time. If not, I will entertain a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0201-025;  
APPROVING POSTING NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL THE  
UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT ACT OF 2015, ORDINANCE  
NO. 15-100-08a; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain on the item. Speaker asked is there any discussion from Council. Speaker asked is there any discussion from the membership.

Speaker: Jessica Steinberg.

Steinberg: Thank you. Mr. speaker, Jessica Steinberg tribal citizen # 0148  
Absence of Unified Legal Ordinance, will the Council and Ogema then be  
obtaining their own legal advisors? That is my question.

Speaker: Yes. That is the short answer.

Wolfe: And then just to comment on that also, the ordinance that is place now  
already allows for both branches to obtain their own legal representation.

Speaker: Yeah. Julie's correct. Unified legal didn't do that they just served as a  
buffer and um handled ah lot of the duties of the billing and oversight of the  
outside attorneys. Some of the...that's why we need to remove them. They did  
advise a lot of our bodies, our committees and commissions. We just need to get  
something in place quick so we can just keep these things moving.  
Jessica Steinberg.

Steinberg: I guess I have a follow up then. um Constitutionally, I think there's  
language that gives authorization for the Tribal Council to have legal advisors, to  
hire legal advisors. So I'm just wondering um is this going to...this revert back to  
the constitutional language or did you say that something in place quickly to  
allow other entities to retain those advisory um, those councilors.

Speaker: When I said quickly, I mean expeditiously. I don't mean that we're  
going to throw caution to the wind and throw things in there um so we'll be  
putting the right things in place. Is that satisfactory? Jessica Steinberg?

Steinberg: I wasn't suggesting that it was gonna be throwing caution to the wind I  
was just wondering if it was going to be a reversion to constitutional authority  
only or if there was going to be some other um mechanism put in place so that  
there is an opportunity for legal advisors to be hired by whatever entity might  
need them in the organization. That was my question.

Speaker: At this time, I would say that would be a decision of tribal council cuz at  
times I've seen it work then at times I've seen it create this own little separate  
union with a lot of infighting that costs a lot of money. *(laughing)*

Recorder: Councilor Wolfe had her hand up Speaker Crampton.

Speaker: I'm sorry, Councilor DiPiazza then Councilor Wolfe.

DiPiazza: oh, I didn't have my hand up, I was just shaking my head, sorry.

Speaker: Okay, Councilor Wolfe.

Wolfe: So just a point of clarification. This is just a notice on the intent to repeal the Unified Legal that is required by Tribal Council through the administrative procedures act. So, it would still be in place until we go forward with a formal another resolution to repeal the act. But this is just a notice of intent that's required by tribal council. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for that clarification. Is there any further from the membership. I'm sorry- Carrie Frias, Miss Frias.

Frias: Yes, I just wanted to see if I could help clarify the tribal member Steinbergs' question. I think she's referring to the constitutional power of council to employ legal counsel. And so that's all it says in the constitution is that tribal council can employ legal counsel um but doesn't give details on that.

Speaker: Thank you. I don't think... Like I said, this is, I'm sorry, like Councilor Wolfe said this is just a notice of intent that's required by the Administrative Procedures Act. So, we need to figure out a lot of this after this is done. So. Is there anything else on this item. If there's nothing further from the membership. Is there anything further from Council. Speaker said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution # 23-0201-025 has passed.

Speaker: Okay that takes us to item B.

**IX. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 8, 2023**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema: Thank you. I have no real updates other than I want to state for the record that last week the speaker said he would send me information Big Fire. I did not receive it. I asked for it via Email and I'll leave it at that.

Speaker: Yes, as a speaker I'm just going to comment. That was a pathetic attempt to campaign once again, maybe you should tell the membership how you plan on recouping \$30,000,000, or maybe you should tell them you're (*speaker-? Unclear*) out the Muskegon Casino, these would be things that they would really want to know. Instead of just your campaign ploys.

Ogema: Okay. I have to extend my\_\_\_\_\_. I take offense at the accusations that I'm campaigning by asking for a simple document that you said last week you were gonna supply. And the other comments were (*dead air-comment-by Ogema*) as well. Thank you (*further inaudible by Ogema*).

Speaker: Okay. We'll be moving down to Legislative Affairs; Do we have anything? I do. Last week on Friday I was invited to come speak at a school. I was allotted a 30-minute time period to speak to children about our culture. I invited Councilor Wittenberg to come with me and join in the presentation. I explained our uh 7 grandfathers' teachings and how they, how I thought they should be employed the students in the school. And the teachers found that acceptable. Then Mr. Wittenberg took over, and what was 30 minutes turned into an hour and a half due to the interest of the teachers and the children. It was amazing to see they were so interested in our culture and had so many questions. and I usually am the loudest person in the room usually and command a lot of attention. But I found myself just in awe of all the knowledge of our culture that Mr. Wittenberg explained to those children. If you could have seen them and their eyes light up. That's the things that make me happy. Thanks Mr. Wittenberg.  
Is there anything else for Legislative Affairs.

Wolfe: Two comments. The tribe is hosting a round dance. We have that scheduled for February 25,2023. The dance would be happening in the event center at the Resort starting at 7 PM. Looking for Vendors or other information you can contact Kim Hinmon at BeDaBin for information on that and also wanted to note for membership the Emergency Home Repair program that was adopted last week, those applications are live and available on line for those that are interested.um that is all so I just wanted to note those two things. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay Council Wolfe. Is there anything else for Legislative affairs. I can't hear whoever was speaking, could you speak into the mic?

Wittenberg: *Garbled*. My mic was off. I'd like to say Chi Miigwetch to the school up there that allowed us to come in. I know uh myself, that I been to Bear Lake and in the Manistee area here sharing those things and I think that it would be good that more people would get out there to uh share our ways, our way of life. So, I was honored to be part of that and also I looked and seen COVID is still out there. People are walking on. I'm just putting it out there of what the numbers are. So, if we think we're all safe...we

try to do what we can so we don't get, it, so. That was my thing where they say it's still alive and I don't think it will ever go down. Just my feelings on that. Miigwetch.

Speaker: Thank you. I just wanted to add that ya I had some sidebars with some of the teachers that were present at the school. Just looking around and seeing that their staffing numbers were low and so were their students. They shared with me that not only were they having staffing problems, due to COVID, they are at the largest amount of parents pulling their children out and home schooling. So, it's still out there and I agree with you. Do you have anything else for Legislative Affairs?

Wever: um ya I have a question, was this a public school that you attended?

Speaker: No, it was my granddaughters' school and they're aware that I'm a leader of a tribe and they asked I if I would come speak. And I told them not on tribal stuff, but I would come and speak in cultural, and they said that they would love that and they would like to add it. So, after the class that we taught they wanted to make it a yearly so they're adding it to their schedule.

Wever: Thank you.

Speaker: is there anything else for Legislative Affairs at this time? If not, we'll be moving on to Public Comment.

Wever: I have something. The beginning of the school year...this has to do with our Learning Tree , that I'm so dead against, but what I wanted to say is- the beginning of the school year, my son and daughter-in-law were called to the principals office. Because my granddaughter was trying to run the class. And I want to tell you my granddaughter is 5years old. What I'm saying is believed in herself and that's what I feel we need to let our children, anyone, not just the tribe members. But to get this learning tree together so that these children can believe in themselves. And I still believe that we need to move. We here in this government building, a lot of us work at home. If we walked around right now, how many are in this building? 20? We should pick up our computers, our phones and head over to the little casino and this should be the center for the clinic and Learning Tree. And I just want to show our governor- let's show her that we are not Pottersville, we are Bedford Falls. And that's all I gotta say. I'm for our children. They are our future. And I'm for our animals as well. I'll plow ya down if you get in the way. Thank you. Oh, Frankly I think our granddaughter takes after her Uncle Daryl.

Speaker: Thank you. I'll be sure to stay off the roads when you're driving. Do you have anything else for Legislative Affairs? I'm sorry we're in public comment. I was asked, the question a few meetings ago if these were open to all the public or if they were closed, open just to tribal members. So, I answered that I'd seen it done both ways, according to who the Speaker was at the time. But going through the Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance 7.05.b. you find this line: Tribal members and other members of the public in the audience may not engage in sidebar conversation during tribal council

meetings. What that tells me is the tribal council who that wrote that up and adopted it at that time contemplated that very question and, yes, they did include public.  
Is there anything further at this time for public comment.

Wever: Yes, the Ogema

Ogema: Yes, okay, finishing the question, so that states as I'm understanding it, that non-tribal people can attend in the audience, but they just can't participate in the conversations, is that correct?

Speaker: To my, for this part, I'm not sure about speaking (re-reading to himself, "effect of interrupting"... ) ... this speaks of sidebar. I'll have to look at it fully further, but what it does say is 'Tribal Council members and other members of the public' so there's a separation and they've already contemplated them being at the meeting.

Ogema: So, the members of the public in effect can be in the audience they just can't participate in the conversation, that's my understanding. Is that correct? Okay

Speaker: That's what I believe this document to say. Yes.  
Okay, was there anything further for public comment, if not Tribal Council will be going into closed session.

- 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.*

Speaker: and with that I will entertain a motion to end first open.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Lewis;  
supported by Johnson.

Speaker asked is anyone going to abstain on the item Is there any further discussion from Tribal Council. Speaker asked is there any discussion from the membership. Speaker asked any further discussion from Council. Speaker said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

**Roll Call # 16**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said all in favor of motion end the first open session at 11:12am

Speaker: What time would you like to reconvene in closed Mr. Recorder:

Recorder 20 minutes, 11:30 would be fine.

Speaker: Okay, 11:30

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

## **XI. Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: Okay, Welcome to second open. You want to do rollcall?

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT; 2:43** by Johnson; supported by DiPiazza.

Johnson: You need a motion.

Lewis: I make a...

Johnson: I already did it.

Lewis: Rollcall

### **Roll Call #17**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Lewis said OKAY we have a quorum.

Wittenberg: Do we have anything to move to open?

Lewis: Nothing.

### **A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**MOTION TO MOVE;** by ; supported by .



**Roll Call # 18**

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

Motion carried (7-0-02)

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

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by Johnson; supported by Wever.

Wittenberg asked Acting Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call # 19**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Lewis said we are adjourned at 2:47

Respectfully Submitted,

Juanita Guenthardt, (temp)  
Transcribing Assistant

Ron Wittenberg,  
Tribal Council Recorder