



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Little River Band Government Center**  
**VIA ZOOM & LODGE**  
**AGENDA**

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**I. Opening Prayer**

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

**T. Burmeister**

**B. Roll Call**

**P. Johnson**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  None Submitted**

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Ratification of Ludington Real Estate Purchase Agreement**

**Tribal Ogema**

To further expand opportunities for Tribal Fisher, the Tribe is looking to purchase 602 ½ East Lake Street, Ludington, Michigan 49431. No action was taken at the 3/13/24 & 3/20/24 TC Meetings due to no quorum and this item moved to this agenda.

**2. Ratification of Master Agreement for Service with Midland Environmental Assessments**

**Tribal Ogema**

**E. Mc Gowen-Cuellar**

**D. Karst**

The vendor will provide an Environmental Assessment for 602 ½ Lake Street, Ludington, Michigan 49431. No action was taken at the 3/13/24 & 3/20/24 TC Meetings due to no Quorum and this item was moved to this agenda.

**3. Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Dennis M. Swain**

**Tribal Ogema**

Approval of Legal Services with General Counsel. No action was taken at the 3/13/24 & 3/20/24 TC Meetings due to no quorum and this item moved to this agenda.

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| 4.                             | <p><b>Ratification of Amendment to Master Agreement for Service Contract with Solomon Diving</b><br/> Execution of contracts requires Tribal Council approval.</p>  | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> A. Martell<br/> C. Jerome<br/> F. Beaver</p> |
| 5.                             | <p><b>Ratification of Master Agreement for Service Contract with Ludington Dock &amp; Hoist, LLC</b><br/> Contract for the installation support of PIT tag antennas for the monitoring of Lake Sturgeon within the Manistee River at Rainbow Bend to help achieve program goals of monitoring Lake Sturgeon population and successes of the Streamside Rearing Program.</p>   | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> A. Martell<br/> C. Jerome</p>                |
| 6.                             | <p><b>Ratification of Tribal/State Agreement for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 2024</b><br/> LIHEAP is funded under Code of Federal Regulations Part 96 (45 CFR 96). Tribes must enter Into Tribal/State Agreement as part of this Program’s regulatory requirements. Funds are awarded to States who distribute them to Tribe’s to support energy costs for low income families. The Agreement identifies a service delivery area based on U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Indian Health Service administratively determined service delivery area (SDA) LRBOI’s 9-County Area.</p> | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> J. Steinberg</p>                             |
| 7.                             | <p><b>Ratification of Addendum to Building Inspector Agreement with Mark Niesen</b><br/> Requesting a three-year extension agreement with Mark Niesen so that he can continue providing building inspection Services for the Tribe.</p>   | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> S. Parsons</p>                               |
| 8.                             | <p><b>Approving of a formula grant application for the FY2025 Standing Announcement for Family Violence Prevention &amp; Services/Domestic Violence Shelter &amp; Supportive Services/Grants to Native American Tribes &amp; Tribal Organizations</b><br/> Approving of a formula grant application for the FY2025 Standing Announcement for Family Violence Prevention &amp; Services/Domestic Violence Shelter &amp; Supportive Services/Grants to Native American Tribes &amp; Tribal Organizations.</p>   | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> S. Canales</p>                               |
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| <b>B. Budget Modifications</b> |   |   |
| 1.                             | <p><b>Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grants and</b></p>   | <p>Tribal Ogema<br/> K. Bowers<br/> F. Beaver</p>                 |

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**Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2024-\_\_ in the amount of \$43,922**  
Acceptance of funds. No action was taken at the 3/13/24 & 3/20/24 TC Meetings due to no quorum and this item moved to this agenda.

2. **Acceptance of funds from 2019 Indian Health Services (IHS) Indirect Contract Support Costs MB-2024-\_\_ in the amount of \$110,220**  
Acceptance of funds.

Tribal Ogema  
K. Bowers  
D. Wever

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

- A. **Operations Report**  February 2024  
B. **Financial Report**  January 2024  
C. **Binojeeuk Commission** 1.  January 2024  
2.  February 2024  
D. **Gaming Commission**  February 2024  
E. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  February 2024

**V. Old Business-No Items**

**VI. New Business**

- A. **Consideration of Re-Appointment of Krystyne Kiogima to the Enrollment Commission** Tribal Ogema  
This re-appointment is for Seat #4 with Term ending 9/20/2027.
- B. **Consideration of Appointment of Dustin Curtis to the Housing Commission** Tribal Ogema  
This appointment is for Seat #3 with Term ending 9/20/2025.
- C. **Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2023 Annual Performance Report for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department** Tribal Ogema  
Annual Performance Report is a requirement by HUD. T. Bailey
- D. **Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for Fisheries 4018 Department Budget** Tribal Council  
Accept the Internal Audit Results. B. Pringle
- E. **Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for Gaming Commission 1030-121 Department Budget** Tribal Council  
Accept the Internal Audit Results. B. Pringle
- F. **Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for Housing Down Payment Closing Cost Assistance Budget 1035-142** Tribal Council  
Accept the Internal Audit Results. B. Pringle

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| <p><b>G. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for Historic Preservation 1010-154 Department Budget</b><br/>Accept the Internal Audit Results.</p>   | <p>Tribal Council<br/>B. Pringle</p> |
| <p><b>H. Requiring Tribal Councilors attendance in person at Tribal Council Meetings in the Lodge beginning Wednesday, March 27, 2024</b><br/>Tribal Council believes that is necessary to begin Tribal Council Regular Meetings in person to carry out the duties of the Tribal Council.</p> | <p>Tribal Council</p>                |

**VII. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 27, 2024**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
  - 1. Tammy Burmeister
  - 2. Pam Johnson
  - 3. Julie Wolfe
  - 4. Gary Di Piazza
  - 5. Shirley Wever
  - 6. Al Metzger
  - 7. Ron Wittenberg
  - 8. Misty Silvis
  - 9. Shannon Crampton
- 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.*

**VIII. Closed Session**

- A. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes**     None Submitted
- B. Submissions for business matters that are Confidential**
  - 1. **Enterprise and/or Reservation Development matters**
    - a) **2020 Consent Decree Negotiations (Treaty Rights)**
  - 2. **Legal Updates**
    - a) **Delisting of the Gray Wolf**
    - b) **Line 5 Update**
    - c) **Line 5 Tunnel Update**
    - d) **Opioid Litigation Settlement**
    - e) **Maverick Gaming LLC v United States**
    - f) **Ludington Property**

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**C. Bids & Contracts**

1. **Approval of Master Service Agreement with Amazon.com Services LLC** Tribal Ogema  
M. Lucas  
Office Supply Contract Expired 12/31/23. Through the RFP Process Amazon.com Services LLC was One of Two Companies that were Awarded the Bid.
2. **Public Safety Purchase Contract for TruNarc Solution Kit Type H from Thermo Solutions Portable** Tribal Ogema  
R. Medacco  
TruNarc Solution Kit Type H are needed to test suspected Drugs When Just Using TruNarc Equipment Isn't an Option. Only Used When Necessary and Must Use Their Products Only. Contract Discussion Must Stay in Closed Due to Confidential Clause in Terms and Conditions.
3. **Ratification of Dixon Engineering & Inspection Services Contract** Tribal Ogema  
G. Lewis  
Due to the complexity of painting the water tower and to strictly adhere the EPA Guidelines they would like to have an Engineering Firm manage and oversee the project.

**D. Acceptance of Submission from Tribal Entities requiring action in Closed Session**

1. **Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes**  January 2024  
 February 2024  
 March 2024
2. **Gaming Commission Closed Session Report**  February 2024
3. **Little River Holdings, LLC Minutes**  January 2024

**E. Litigation**

1. **Sedelmaier v LRBOI & Romanelli (Employment Matter)**  
Case #22-140-AP
2. **Stone et al (Burmeister, Walter, Waitner, Ivinson, Saunders) Ogema vs Tribal Council** Case #22-164-AP
3. **Tribal Council v Ogema, Prosecutor**  
Case # 23-105-GC
4. **Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council, Bordeaux, Crampton**  
Case # 23-175-GC
5. **Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council**  
Case # 23-235-GC
6. **LRBOI Housing Dept v LRBOI Housing Commission**  
Case #23-259-HA
7. **Ogema v LRBOI Tribal Council**  
Case #24-010-GC

**F. Personnel**

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