

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT**

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TAMMY BURMEISTER, PAM JOHNSON,
MISTY SILVIS, and GARY DIPIAZZA,
Plaintiffs,

Case No. 24-065-GC

Honorable Angela Sherigan

v.

SHANNON CRAMPTON, JULIE WOLFE,
RON WITTENBERG, and AL METZGER,
Defendants.

ORDER AFTER SHOW CAUSE

A show cause hearing was held in which the defendants were to show good cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for failure to follow the Court Order dated March 22, 2024, which ordered the defendants to “attend all Tribal Council meetings beginning March 27, 2024, either in person or via zoom, and remain in the meeting until all business is conducted and the meeting is adjourned”.

All defendants were given the opportunity to speak and plea their case to the court regarding why they should not be held in contempt of court. All defendants stated that they attended the meeting and that all of the business was complete except for one item that was previously voted on and/or brought back up. Additionally, Shannon Crampton and Ron Wittenberg stated that the 2020 order was not a mandate therefore they did not have to follow it. This argument fails as there is no basis for it. Case No. 20-082-GC was not appealed and thus it is a standing order/judgment of the Court and the defendants are bound by it.

All defendants, with the exception of Julie Wolfe, attempted to deflect the issue, which was why *they* did not follow the court order, by stating what they believed the plaintiffs were doing wrong.

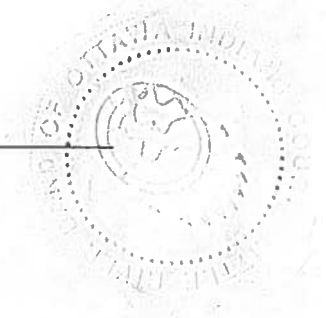
For purposes of this court hearing, the show cause hearing, the Court is only interested in the behavior of defendants. The plaintiffs agreed that all but one item of business was conducted. Therefore, the meeting should not have taken much longer, yet defendants chose to leave the meeting.

The March 22, 2024 Order mandated that the defendants remain in the meeting until all business is conducted *and the meeting is adjourned*. Emphasis added. The Court finds that the defendants have failed to show good cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That defendants Al Metzger and Julie Wolfe shall pay a fine of \$100.00 each no later than April 23, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. for contempt of court, and defendants Shannon Crampton and Ron Wittenberg shall pay a fine of \$200.00 each no later than April 23, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. for contempt of court. Failure to comply will result in additional fines which will compound at the rate of an additional \$50.00 per day for each day beyond April 23, 2024, and any other sanctions the court may feel necessary for compliance.

Dated: April 16, 2024

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Angela Sherigan
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Hon. Angela Sherigan



CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this order was sent to all parties via email or LRBOI interoffice mail and/or USPS mail on this day.

4-16-24
Date

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Court Clerk/Administrator