



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

**I. Opening Prayer**

Councilor Wittenberg: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

At 10:07 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call**

R. Wittenberg - Present	J. Wolfe- Present	A. Metzger- Present
S. Crampton - Present	C. Waitner- Present	S. Thull- Present
G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis- Present	T. Burmeister-Present

We have quorum. (9-0-0-0)

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve the Agenda for Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, with the following edits: under V.F. Natural Resource Commission Report is removed, and in closed session under B.1.C. there's an add for Approving Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to Sign onto the Tribal Amicus Brief in Support of Michigan in Coinbase's Lawsuit.**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #1**

S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes
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G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes
J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**  1/14/26

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #2**

G. DiPiazza - No	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes
J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes
C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- III. Continuing Business**
  - A. Grants & Contracts**
  - B. Budget Modifications**
  - C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Crampton:

- IV. Acceptance of Reports**
  - A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
    - 1. Operations Report**  December 2025

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Operations Report for December 2025**

Councilor Waitner: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #3**

J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes
C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes
M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

**2. Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Crampton:

- V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**
  - A. Binojeeuk Commission**  None Submitted

- B. Enrollment Commission**       **None Submitted**
- C. Gaming Commission**         **December 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Report for December 2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 4**

C. Waitner	- Yes	S. Thull	- Yes	S. Crampton	- Yes
M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister	- Yes	G. DiPiazza	- Yes
A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg	- Yes	J. Wolfe	- Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

- D. Health Commission**         **None Submitted**
- E. Housing Commission**        **November 2025**  
    **December 2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept Both the Housing Commission Reports for November 2025 and December 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 5**

M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister	- Yes	G. DiPiazza	- Yes
A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg	- Yes	J. Wolfe	- Yes
S. Thull	- Yes	S. Crampton	- Yes	C. Waitner	- Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

- Removed F. Natural Resource Commission**       **December 2025**
- G. Biskaabiiyang Commission**                     **None Submitted**

Speaker Crampton:

- VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**
- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**       **None Submitted**
- B. Elders Committee**     **None Submitted**

Speaker Crampton:

**VII. Old Business**

Speaker Crampton:

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Posting for a 30-day Public Comment on Purposed Changes to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013**

Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Accept the Posting for a 30-day Public Comment on Purposed Changes to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 6**

A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes
S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - No
T. Burmeister - No	G. DiPiazza - No	M. Silvis - No

Motion carried PASSED (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

**D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to End 1<sup>st</sup> Open Session at 10:41AM**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 7**

S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes
T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes
R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

*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.*

Councilor Thull: **Motion end Closed Session and go into 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Session at 11:50AM**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 8**

T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes
R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**XI. Open Session**

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session-Minutes and Materials  
Remain Confidential**

**1. Gaming Commission  December 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Reports for  
December 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #9**

R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

**B. Approving the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to Sign on to the  
Tribal Amicus Brief in Support of Michigan in Coinbase's Lawsuit**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0121-003; Approving the Little  
River Band of Ottawa Indians to Sign on to the Tribal Amicus Brief in Support of  
Michigan in Coinbase's Lawsuit, with the changes on page two, resolution number  
needs to change from 25 to 26.**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #10**

G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes
J. Wolfe - Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes
C. Waitner - Yes	S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**XII. Adjourn**

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Adjourn at 11:56AM**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #11**

J. Wolfe	- Yes	A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg	- Yes
C. Waitner	- Yes	S. Thull	- Yes	S. Crampton	- Yes
M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister	- Yes	G. DiPiazza	- Yes

Motion carried PASSED (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Thull:

Adjourned at 11:57AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kateri Ceplina,  
Legislative Assistant

Susan Thull,  
Tribal Council Recorder