



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 28th, 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 28th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Crampton: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:19 a.m.

Add: B. Selection of Pro Tempore Recorder

Councilor Wolfe: Make a Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0128-004 Appointment of Tribal Council Member Julie Wolfe as Council Recorder Pro. Temp.

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried PASSED (7-0-0-2)

C. Roll Call

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call #2

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

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Postpone Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Indian Health Service-Office of Self-Governance and Approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the Amount of \$2,281,345

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried FAILED (3-7-0-2)

Councilor Metzger: Motion to Remove III. Continuing Business B.; Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Indian Health Service-Office of Self-Governance and Approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the Amount of \$2,281,345

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried PASSED (4-3-0-2)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton:

IV. Old Business

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for December 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried PASSED (7-0-0-2)

Speaker Crampton:

V. New Business

A. Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures During the Month of February FY2026

Presented By: B. Pringle

Councilor Metzger: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0128-005 Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures During the Month of February FY2026

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried PASSED (4-0-3-2)

Removed: B. Approving the Ogema’s Execution of the FY-2026 Subcontract for Administration and Biological Services with Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, February 4th, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Silvis: Motion to End 1st Open Session at 11:06AM

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. Open Session

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

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to go into 2nd Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Adjourn at 2:12PM**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Wolfe:

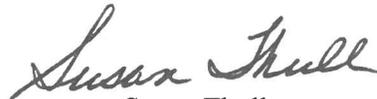
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C. Waitner - Absent	S. Thull - Absent	S. Crampton - Yes
M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Respectfully Submitted,


Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant


Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder