



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 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 February 4th, 2026. 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 10:10 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call

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

We do have quorum. (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Thull: Motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday February 4th, 2026, with the following corrections under II. General Business B. Selection of Pro Tempore Recorder was removed. And III. Continuing Business B. 1. Approving Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Agreement to the Lift Station Generator and Safety Grate and Approving Budget Modification MB-2026-__ Department Wastewater (7500-702) for the Backup Generator Project was Removed.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Tribal Council Minutes** 01/28/26 01/21/26 03/20/24 Emergency
 05/01/24 05/08/24 05/15/24
 05/22/24 06/05/24

Counciler Wittenberg: **Motion to Approve the Tribal Council Minutes for 1/28/26, 1/21/26, 3/20/24 Emergency, 5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24, 5/22/24, 6/5/24**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (5-2-1-1)

III. Continuing Business

A. Budget Modifications

1. MDHHS Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Grant Approval

J. Steinberg: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #26-0204-006 MDHHS Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Grant Approval**

Councilor Wittenberg: 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 - Absent	T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Binojeeuk Commission Report Oct. 2025 Nov. 2025

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission Reports for October 2025 and November 2025.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Speaker Crampton:

V. New Business

A. Ratification of Swidorski Bros. Excavating LLC.

T. McCollum: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0204-007, Ratification of Swidorski Bros. Excavating LLC**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

M. Silvis	- Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday February 11th, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to end first open session at 11:02a.m.**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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 to go End Closed and go into second open session at 11:53AM**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

M. Silvis	- Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. Open Session

- A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials shall remain confidential.**

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Thull: **Motion to go Adjourn at 11:58AM**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant

Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder

