



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</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 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:05 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call**

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

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

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept the Agenda with the following updates: Add V.D. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council for the Calendar Year 2026**

Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 1**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**    2/4/26    6/12/24

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept Tribal Council Minutes 2/4/26 and 6/12/24**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

**Motion was withdrawn**

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Postpone the Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes 2/4/26 and 6/12/24 until they are corrected**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**III. Continuing Business**

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budget Expenditures**

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

- A. Apply for FY27&28 MDHHS Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative Grant**

Item Presented by J. Gannon

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0211-008, Apply for FY27&28 MDHHS Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative Grant**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**B. Payment of Annual Dues to the Indian Gaming Association**

Item Presented By: Ogema L. Romanelli

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0211-009, Payment of Annual Dues to the Indian Gaming Association**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**C. Authorizing the Use of Modified Version of the Tribal Seal for Tribal Member Venus Battaglia**

Item Presented By: Councilor Wittenberg and V. Battaglia

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0211-010, Authorizing the use of a Modified Version of the Tribal Seal for Tribal Member Venus Battaglia.**

Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion FAILED (4-4-0-1)

**D. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council for the Calendar Year 2026**

Item Presented By: Councilor Thull

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0211-011, Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council for the Calendar Year 2026**

Councilor Thull: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status**
- C. Legislative Affairs**
- 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.*

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 1<sup>st</sup> Open Session at 11:36AM**

Councilor Silvis: **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 - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Go into 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Session at 12:28PM**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 8**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Session at 12:29PM**

Councilor Silvis: **Burmeister**

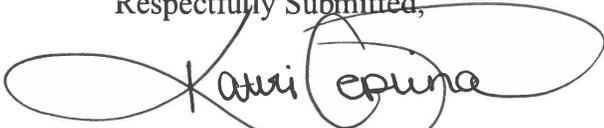
Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 9**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kateri Cepina". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop that starts under the 'K', goes up and over the 'C', and then loops back down to the 'a'.

Kateri Cepina,  
Legislative Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen Metzger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop that starts under the 'A', goes up and over the 'M', and then loops back down to the 'r'.

Allen Metzger,  
Tribal Council Recorder

