

Approved 2/25/26



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 18th, 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 10:12 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 - Present
S. Crampton - Present	C. Waitner- Present	S. Thull - Present

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

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to approve the agenda with the following updates: removing items, III. A.1 and III B.1., 2., 3., 4., and 5. And adding the selection of recorder.**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A ten-Minute Recess was taken to Discuss the procedures of selecting recorder with Attorney. Returned at 10:39AM

Speaker Crampton:

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 2

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

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

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Amend the Agenda to Accept the Resignation of Recorder Thull**

Councilor Silvis: 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 (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept the Resignation of Recorder Thull**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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 (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Have Councilor Metzger Step in as the New Tribal Council Recorder**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

A. Metzger - Abstain	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 (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

D. Tribal Council Minutes 2/11/26 2/4/26 6/12/24

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Remove Minutes until Corrected Versions have been Reviewed**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 6

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 (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants and Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
 - 1. Operations Report** January 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Operations Report for January 2026**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 7

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 (9-0-0-0)

B. Financial Report None Submitted

Speaker Crampton:

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** None Submitted
- B. Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** January 2026

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Report for January 2026

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Health Commission** None Submitted
- E. Housing Commission** None Submitted
- F. Natural Resource Commission** December 2025 January 2026

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Accept the Natural Resource Commission Reports for January 2026 and December 2025 Together

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 9

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 (9-0-0-0)

G. Biskaabiiyang Commission None Submitted

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** January 2026

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for January 2026

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 10

A. Metzger - Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Authorizing the Use of a Modified Version of the Tribal Seal for Handmade Beadwork, Ribbon Skirts, Accessories and Regalia to be Crafted and Sold by Tribal Member Venus Battaglia**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0218-012; Authorizing the Use of a Modified Version of the Tribal Seal for Handmade Beadwork, Ribbon Skirts, Accessories and Regalia to be Crafted and Sold by Tribal Member Venus Battaglia**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, February 25th, 2026**
B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Updates
C. Legislative Affairs Update
D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 1st Open Session at 11:10AM**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 12

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
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Motion carried (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.

XI. Open Session

Councilor Thull: **Motion to End Closed Session and Go into 2nd Open at 12:23PM**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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 (9-0-0-0)

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

1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report □January 2026

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Reports for January 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Amend the Agenda to Approve the Travel for Councilor Wittenberg and Councilor Metzger to attend Mast**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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 (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Wittenberg: Motion to Approve the Travel for Councilor Wittenberg and Councilor Metzger to attend Mast in Washington D.C. on March 15th-18th

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 16

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 (9-0-0-0)

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to End 2nd Open at 12:31PM**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

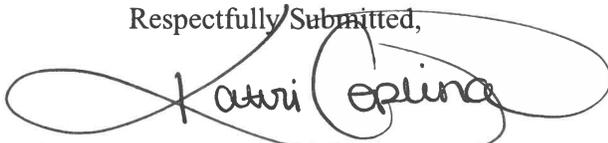
Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #17

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 (9-0-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,


Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant


Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder

