



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:02 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Recorder Metzger:

**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 have Quorum (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**Councilor Thull: Motion to Approve the Agenda; Removal of V.B. Ratification of Certified Treasury Management and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with PNC Bank.**

**Councilor Wittenberg: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 1**

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

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**  2/25/26

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Approve the Minutes for 2/25/26.**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**III. Continuing Business**

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

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Housing Commission**  January 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Approve the Housing Commission Report for January 2026**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

**V. New Business**

- A. Approval of Updates to the Little River Band of Ottawa** **M. Richards**

**Indians approved TTP Roads Inventory and Long Range Transportation Plan.**

**Councilor Metzger: Motion to Postpone until proper paperwork is submitted; Adding New Parking Lot Section P112 to BIA Inventory.**

**Councilor Wittenberg: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call #4**

C. Waitner	- Abstain	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 (8-0-1-0)

**Removed B. Ratification of Certified Treasury Management and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with PNC Bank**

Speaker Crampton:

**VI. Concluding Business**

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

**Councilor Silvis: Motion to End 1<sup>st</sup> Open Session at 10:36AM.**

**Councilor Burmeister: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

*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.*

Speaker Crampton:

**VIII. Open Session**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to End Closed Session and Go into 2<sup>nd</sup> Open at 12:27PM.**  
Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

Speaker Crampton: **Motion to Amend the Agenda.**  
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 7**

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Speaker Crampton: **Motion to file an appeal in case #26-002-EM.**  
Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Speaker Crampton: **Motion to have Attorney Frias forward an Ogema's letter to the  
NIGC expressing our concerns.**  
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 9**

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Speaker Crampton: **Motion to have Attorney Frias file charges against the Ogema on  
behalf of council.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 10**

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Speaker Crampton: **Motion to have Attorney Pitchlynn file against the Ogema for obstructing council's performance of their duties in the enrollment audit matter.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

**Roll Call # 11**

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

**IX. Adjourn**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to End 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Session at 12:45PM.**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**


Recorder Metzger:


**Roll Call # 12**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kateri Ceplina,  
Legislative Assistant

  
Allen Metzger,  
Tribal Council Recorder

