



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, 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 25th, 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 Metzger:

Roll Call

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

We have Quorum (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Thull: Motion to approve the Agenda for March 25th, 2026 with the following updates; III.A.1, III.A.2., III.A.3., III.A.4., and VIII.C.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- Removed: 1. Enter into a contract with Gosling Czubak for infiltration bed/phosphorus removal report and authorization to apply for RD grant G. Lewis
- Removed: 2. Enter into a contract with Gosling Czubak for a water/sewer rate study, continuation from 2025, G. Lewis
- Removed: 3. Dixon Engineering & Inspection services Contract warranty inspection from one year of completing water tower painting in the amount of \$3,750 G. Lewis
- 4. Enter into a 5-year contract with Corrpro Companies G. Lewis

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton:

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

B. Financial Report

- 1. Govt. Financial Report September 2025 B. Pringle

Councilor Thull: Motion to Accept the Government Financial Report for September 2025

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 2

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| 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 - Absent |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

A. Binojeeuk Commission

None Submitted

- B. Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** Open February 2026

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

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

- D. Health Commission** None Submitted
- E. Housing Commission** None Submitted
- F. Natural Resource Commission** None Submitted
- G. Biskaabiiyang Commission** None Submitted

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Natural Resources Commission** February 2026

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to Accept the Natural Resources Commission Report for February 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 4

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| 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 - Absent |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

VII. Old Business

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. New Business

- A. Appointment of Stephen Parsons to the Gaming Commission** Ogema

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept Appointment of Stephen Parsons to the Gaming Commission**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion Failed (4-4-0-1)

B. Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of April FY2026 B. Pringle

Recorder Metzger: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-016; Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of April FY2026**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Removed C. Addendum to the RK Davis – Headworks infrastructure, originally approved by resolution 24-1211-245 G. Lewis

D. Approval to Submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FY2025 \ Annual Performance Report for the Little River and of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department T. McCollum

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-017; Approval to Submit to the United States Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FY2025 \ Annual Performance Report for the Little River and of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

E. Authorizing permanent adoption of Amendments to the Camping Regulations #R500-01: NRC-04 G. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-018; Authorizing permanent adoption of Amendments to the Camping Regulations #R500-01: NRC-04

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

F. Adopting Amendments to the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-019; Adopting Amendments to the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion Failed (4-4-0-1)

G. LAW & ORDER – CRIMINAL OFFENSES – ORDINANCE #11-400-03 S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: Motion to Postpone LAW & ORDER – CRIMINAL OFFENSES – ORDINANCE #11-400-03; Until 2nd Open

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

H. Membership Meetings Procedures Ordinance – Ordinance # S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: Motion to Postpone Membership Meetings Procedures Ordinance – Ordinance #; Until 2nd Open

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion Failed (4-4-0-1)

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to Remove Membership Meetings Procedures Ordinance – Ordinance #**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. **Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, April 1st, 2026**
- B. **Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. **Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. **Public Comment Period**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to end 1st open at 11:47AM**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. Open Session

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

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to end closed and go into 2nd open at 1:02PM**
Councilor Thull: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

1. Gaming Commission Closed February 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission minutes for February 2026**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Contract with Freedom Training Solutions to provide training to officers

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-020; Contract with Freedom Training Solutions to provide training to officers**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Spectrum Internet for 2608 Government Center Dr and 310 9th St.

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0325-021; Spectrum Internet for 2608 Government Center Dr and 310 9th St.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #17

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| J. Wolfe | - Absent | 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 (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Thull: Motion to Remove VIII.G. LAW & ORDER – CRIMINAL OFFENSES – ORDINANCE #11-400-03; until next week

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 18

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| 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 | - Absent |

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton: Motion to Amend the Agenda

Councilor Thull: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton: Motion to have Attorney Frias obtain a title search, not to exceed the amount of \$500.00 from the legislative budget professional fees, for the Bear Lake property that had been offered as a gift to the tribe

Councilor Thull: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #20

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: Motion to End 2nd Open at 1:17PM

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #21

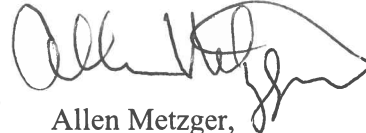
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|-------------|----------|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| G. DiPiazza | - Yes | M. Silvis | - Yes | T. Burmeister | - Yes |
| J. Wolfe | - Absent | A. Metzger | - Yes | R. Wittenberg | - Yes |
| C. Waitner | - Yes | S. Thull | - Yes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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant



Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder

