



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
2608 GOVERNMENT CENTER DRIVE  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.  
VIA ZOOM  
AGENDA**

*\*This agenda is subject to adoption or amendment by vote of the Tribal Council\**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**I. Opening Prayer**

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

**T. Burmeister**

**B. Roll Call**

**P. Johnson**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 02/12/2025**

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Ratification of 60 Month Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes**

**Tribal Ogema  
M. Lucas**

Current lease for mail machine expires on April 20th, 2025.

**2. Modification to Custer Culvert Replacement Contract With U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

**Tribal Ogema  
B. May**

For the Custer Replacement USDA-NRCS has requested to remove an amount under "obstruction removal." They also requested to extend the end date of the contract to 12-31-25.

The Ogema's signature is required to do this contract modification this will allow us to complete the final steps for the grant.

**3. Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for a water/ Sewer rate study in the amount of \$17,120**

**Tribal Ogema  
G. Lewis**

Enter into a contract with Gosling Czubak to perform a rate study and update the water and sewer rates.

**4. Ratification of Master Services Agreement with Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network**

**Tribal Ogema  
A. DeGabriele**

NRD has received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program to survey and treat invasives in the Manistee River State Game Area- primarily invasive cattail and phragmites which are encroaching

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on Manoomin (Wild Rice) beds. NRD will fund ISN to survey 500 acres, treat 300 acres, and test treatment methods to protect Manoomin.

5. **Acceptance of grant funds from Michigan Department Of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)-2025 Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund (TOSF) Grant and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-\_\_ In the amount of \$153,846** **Acceptance of funds.** Tribal Ogema  
D. Batchelder- Streeter

- B. **Budget Modifications**  
C. **Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

#### IV. **Old Business**

- Remains A. **Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-\_\_; Authorizing A modification to the 2025 Tribal Victim Services Grant.** Tribal Ogema  
Postponed Budget modifications to a line item within a department, fund K. Bowers  
Or program budget and modifications in excess of 10% of the M. Ludwig  
total original program budget requires Tribal Council approval.

#### V. **New Business**

- A. **Authorization to Amend Resolution #24-1023-197 to assist Tribal Members with Well and Septic Needs.** Tribal Ogema  
Amend resolution to be able to assist all tribal members with well D. Kerr  
and septic needs and not restricted to 2 wells, 2 sceptics, and 2 tribal G. Lewis  
members
- B. **Financial Report** 1. ☐ May 2024  
2. ☐ June 2024  
3. ☐ July 2024
- C. **Adopting the LRBOI Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance # 25-100-12** S. Crampton  
Defining procedure for internet gaming distribution.
- D. **Approval for Councilor Wolfe to Tribal consultation on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) with the FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group.** J. Wolfe  
Approve Travel.

#### VI. **Concluding Business**

- A. **Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 02, 2025**  
B. **Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**  
C. **Legislative Affairs Update**  
1. **Tammy Burmeister**  
2. **Pam Johnson**  
3. **Julie Wolfe**  
4. **Gary Di Piazza**  
5. **Shirley Wever**

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6. Al Metzger
7. Ron Wittenberg
8. Misty Silvis
9. Shannon Crampton

**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.*

**VII. Closed Session**

**A. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes ☐ None Submitted**

**B. Submissions for business matters that are Confidential**

1. Enterprise and/or Reservation Development matters
  - a) 2020 Great Lakes Decree Negotiations (Treaty Rights)
  - b) Land into Trust
2. Legal Updates
  - a) Delisting of the Gray Wolf
  - b) Line 5 Update
  - c) Line 5 Tunnel Update
  - d) Opioid Litigation Settlement
  - e) Maverick Gaming LLC v United States
  - f) Ludington Property

**C. Bids & Contracts**

1. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Employment Contract with William Cataldo as Tribal Prosecutor Tribal Ogema  
A. Goff  
Approval of employment contract for Prosecutor.

**D. Acceptance of Submission from Tribal Entities requiring action in Closed Session**

**E. Litigation**

1. Stone et al (Burmeister, Walter, Waitner, Ivinson, Saunders) Ogema vs Tribal Council Case #22-164-AP
2. Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council, Bordeaux, Crampton Case # 23-175-GC
3. Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council Case # 23-235-GC/24-072-AP
4. Ogema v LRBOI Tribal Council Case #24-010-GC
5. Pufflett Jr, Chapman v. LRBOI Executive Branch Duty Bearer and Promisor Larry Romanelli Case # 24-192-GC

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**6. Case #25-25 GC Tribal Council V. Ogema, etal**

**F. Personnel**

**G. Discussion for Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**VIII. Open Session**

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

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| <b>1. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Employment Contract with William Cataldo as Tribal Prosecutor</b> | <b>Tribal Ogema<br/>A. Goff</b> |
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**IX. Adjourn**

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