



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 15th, 2026
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Approved

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**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on April 15th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg; Stated Opening Prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:09AM

S. Crampton

Add. B. Appointment of Council Member Susan Thull as Tribal S. Crampton

Councilor Recorder Pro Tempore

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Appoint Council Member Susan Thull as Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore.

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

C. Roll Call

S. Thull

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 2

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

We have Quorum (7-0-0-2)

D. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Thull: Motion to Approve the Agenda for 4/15/26; With the addition II.B. Appointment of Susan Thull, and V.F. Natural Resource Report

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

E. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ **None Submitted**

III. Continuing Business

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

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

- 1. Operations Report** ☐ **None Submitted**
- 2. Financial Report** ☐ **None Submitted**

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Accept the March 2026 Gaming Commission Report

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

J. Wolfe	- Absent	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 (7-0-0-2)

D. Health Commission ☐None Submitted

E. Housing Commission ☐March 2026

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept the March 2026 Housing Commission Report

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Add. F. Natural Resource Commission ☐March 2026

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept the March 2026 Natural Resources Commission Report

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

G. Biskaabiiyang Commission ☐None Submitted

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐March 2026

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

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

B. Elders Committee

☐ **March 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept the March 2026 Elders Committee Minutes

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Amendment to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013,
Ordinance #13-100-04, Article VII, Section 7.3 adding Tribal
Council Signature Requirements.**

B. Pringle

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0415-034; Amendment to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-400-04, Article VII, Section 7.3 adding Tribal Council Signature Requirements.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion FAILED (3-4-0-2)

- B. Approval to submit to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FY2026 Amendment Indian Housing Plan for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department.** T. McCollum

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0415-035; Approval to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FY2026 Amendment Indian Housing Plan for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 29th, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Silvis: Motion to End 1st Open at 11:13AM

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The 1st Open Session Ended at 11:13AM

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

Quorum was lost during Closed Session

Councilor Silvis: Motion to End Closed and go into 2nd Open at 11:51AM

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Councilor Silvis:

Roll Call # 12

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

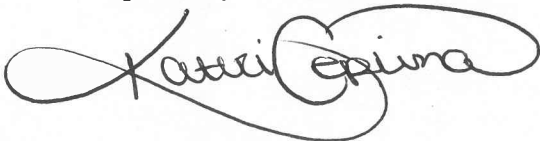
We Do Not Have Quorum (4-0-0-5)

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

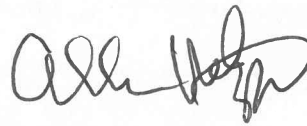
1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ March 2026
2. LRCCR Directors Report ☐ February 2026

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



*Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant*



*Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder*