



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Little River Band Government Center**  
**VIA ZOOM & LODGE**  
**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    ☐ None Submitted**

**III.   Continuing Business**

**A.    Grants & Contracts**

**Updated  
Resolution**

**1. A    Approval for the NRD to submit an application  
For NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration  
And Coastal Resilience Grant for 1/1/2026-12/31/28**

**Tribal Ogema  
A. DeGabriele  
F. Beaver**

Requesting authorization to apply for two additional  
NOAA Funding opportunities to support restoration of  
the Maple River.

**Updated  
Resolution**

**1.B    Approval for the NRD to submit an application  
For NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience  
Grant for Tribes and Underserved Communities Grant  
For 1/1/2026-12/31/28**

**Tribal Ogema  
A. DeGabriele  
F. Beaver**

Requesting authorization to apply for two additional  
NOAA Funding opportunities to support restoration of the  
Maple River.

**Postponed**

**2.    Ratification of Agreement with Byztrav Consultants  
Inc for Travel Agent Services.**

**Tribal Ogema  
M. Lucas**

Current travel agent has increased prices

**3.    Authorizing participation in the Midwest Tribal Energy  
Resources Association's Tribal Energy Capacity Building  
Program and Identifying the Tribe's Energy Champion.**

**Tribal Ogema  
G. Lewis  
G. Walters**

Authorize participation in MTERA CCP, appoint Energy

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- Champion
- Postponed** 4. **Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for Infiltration Bed/ Phosphorus Removal Report in the amount of \$29,000, IHS grant funded Resolution# 24-1113-214** Tribal Ogema G. Lewis  
Enter into a contract with Gosling Czubak for infiltration Bed/ phosphorus removal report for alternative to SBR/ Lagoon.
5. **Master Agreement for contract services between Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Band), and Indigenise LLC for Tribal event of a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) for May 6&7, 2025** Tribal Ogema D. Batchelder-Streeter  
Gathering of Native Americans GONA
- Updated** 6. **Ratification of Billboard Contract with Lamar** Tribal Ogema  
Native Connections grant funds already approved D. Batchelder-Streeter  
For this.
- 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 2025
- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- Postponed** **E. Housing Commission** ☐ March 2025
- Add** **F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ March 2025
- G. Biskaabiiyaang Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**
- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ March 2025
- Add** **B. Elders Committee**
1. ☐ November 2024
2. ☐ Jan & Feb 2025
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- Updated** **A. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance- Ordinance #25-0312-XXX** S. Crampton  
**Resolution** Defining procedure for internet gaming distribution.
- IX. Concluding Business**
- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 23, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business**

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**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Tammy Burmeister
2. Pam Johnson
3. Julie Wolfe
4. Gary Di Piazza
5. Shirley Wever
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.*

**X. 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
  - g) Baldwin Property
  - h) Bear Lake Property

**C. Bids & Contracts**

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| <b>Postponed</b> | <b>1. Approval of 2023 Rehmann Financial Audit Change Order</b><br>The 2023 Financial audit was approved via Resolution 24-0414-012. Due to the unexpected number of work hours then originally estimated to complete the 2023 audit services the firm has provided an updated change order form. | <b>Tribal Ogema</b>                    |
| <b>Postponed</b> | <b>2. Approval of Rehmann Robson to provide Accounting Support Services.</b><br>Rehmann will provide 500 support hours to assist the Accounting Department.   | <b>Tribal Ogema</b><br><b>G. Lewis</b> |

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**Postponed** 3.

**Approval of Rehmann Robson to provide Human Resources Consulting Services.**

Rehmann will assist in the recruiting efforts to staff  
The accountant positions.

**Tribal Ogema  
G. Lewis**

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

1. **Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes ☐ None Submitted**
2. **Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ March 2025**
3. **Little River Holdings, LLC Minutes ☐ None Submitted**
4. **Acceptance of Little River Casino Resort FY2024 Financial Statement and Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit Reports from RSM US, LLP**

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**E. Litigation**

1. **Stone et al (Burmeister, Walter, Waitner, Iverson, 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**
6. **Case #25-25 GC Tribal Council V. Ogema, etal**

**F. Personnel**

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

**XI. Open Session**

**A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials Remain in Closed**

1. **Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ March 2025**
- Postponed** 2. **Approval of 2023 Rehmann Financial Audit Change Order**
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**XII. Adjourn**

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