



**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**

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

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

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

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

**2.    Ratification of Agreement with Byztrav Consultants  
Inc for Travel Agent Services.**  
Current travel agent has increased prices

**Tribal Ogema  
M. Lucas**

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

**Tribal Ogema  
G. Lewis**

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4. **Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for Infiltration Bed/ Phosphorus Removal Report in the amount of \$29,000, HIS 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 Indigenize 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

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
- E. **Housing Commission** ☐ March 2025
- F. **Natural Resource Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- G. **Biskaabiiyaang Commission** ☐ None Submitted

#### VI. **Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- A. **Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ March 2025
- B. **Elders Committee** ☐ None Submitted

#### VII. **Old Business**

#### VIII. **New Business**

- A. **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internet Gaming Revenue Distribution Ordinance- Ordinance #25-0312-XXX** S. Crampton  
Defining procedure for internet gaming distribution.

#### IX. **Concluding Business**

- A. **Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 07, 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**

1. **Approval of 2023 Rehmann Financial Audit Change Order** **Tribal Ogema**

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.
2. **Approval of Rehmann Robson to provide Accounting Support Services.** **Tribal Ogema**  
**G. Lewis**

Rehmann will provide 500 support hours to assist the Accounting Department.

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

**F. Personnel**

**XI. Open Session**

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

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**XII. Adjourn**

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