



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 29th, 2026
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Approved

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on April 29th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg; Stated Opening Prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:06AM

B. Roll Call

A. Metzger

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 1

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

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve the 4/29/26 Agenda with the following edits:
Updated resolution III.B.1, removal of III.B.2, III.B.3, III.B.4., III.B.5., III.B.6.,
III.B.7., III.B.8. and V.D., Add V.F., and V.G.**

Councilor Wolfe amended motion to include the removal of III.B.1.

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

**Updated
Resolution:**

- 1. Approval of modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #MB2026-_, authorizing a modification to the 2017 BIA GLRI Budget**

K. Bowers

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.05(a) of the budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04, the Tribal Council must approve modifications to a line item within a department, fund or program budget and modifications in excess of 10% of the total original program budget.

Removed:

- 2. Approval of modification to the “Continuing Budget For Fiscal Year 2026” #MB2026-_, authorizing a Modification to the 2023 Indian Housing Block Grant – Fund #4522.**

K. Bowers

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.05(a) of the budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04, the Tribal Council must approve modifications to a line item within a department, fund or program budget and modifications in excess of 10% of the total original program budget.

**Updated
Resolution:**

- 3. Acceptance of grant funds from the State of Michigan Tribal Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) and approving A modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” MB2026-_ in the amount of \$533,382.**

K. Bowers

Acceptance of Funds

**Updated
Resolution:**

- 4. Approving Amendment #1 to the Memorandum Agreement for the lift station generator and safety grate And approving budget modification MB2026-_ to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” for cash match Increase of \$757.14 from Utility Department – Waste Water (7500-702) for the backup generator project (4576).**

K. Bowers

Approval of Amendment with Budget Modification.

Updated
Resolution:

5. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department Of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and Approving a Modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #MB2026-__ in the amount of \$740,442
Acceptance of Funds.

K. Bowers

6. Acceptance of funds from the Indian Health Service – Office Of Self – Governance for contract support costs – direct and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #MB2026-__ in the amount of \$201,675
Acceptance of Funds.

K. Bo

Updated
Resolution:

7. Acceptance of Funds from the Indian Health Service – Office Of Self-Governance and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #MB2026-__ in the amount Of \$2,281,345
Acceptance of Funds.

K. Bowers

Updated
Resolution:

8. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – 2026 low-income home energy assistance (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” MB2026-__ in the amount of \$26,099
Acceptance of Funds.

K. Bowers

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Operations Report ☐ March 2026

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept the Operations Report for March 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

V. New Business

A. Ratification of GovConnection System Center Standard Core Licensing contract

J. Peterson

Purchase Microsoft SCVM licensing to move from VMWare to Hyper V.

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to remove item V.A. Ratification of GovConnection System Center Standard Core Licensing contract**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

B. Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of May FY2026
Monthly Appropriations of Funds

B. Pringle

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0429-036; Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of May FY2026**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (6-0-2-1)

C. Ratification of Elevate Technology Partners Veeam contract.
To continue to meet our immediate needs for data retention and disaster recovery readiness

J. Peterson

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to remove item V.C. Ratification of Elevate Technology Partners Veeam contract.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 6

S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - No	S. Thull - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Absent	M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister - No

J. Wolfe - Yes A. Metzger - Yes R. Wittenberg - Yes

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Removed:

D. Approving Medical Solutions, LLC Contract Services Agreement
Temporary staffing services agreement for a Diabetes Educator/Footcare RN.

J. Grant

E. Adopting amendments to the Election Ordinance #08-200-02
To protect our people from the current political threats.

S. Crampton

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0429-037; Adopting amendments to the Election Ordinance #08-200-02**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Add:

F. Ratification of Elevate technology partners Dell Contract
Renew Dell Warranty and support infrastructure hardware.

J. Peterson

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to remove item V.F. Ratification of Elevate technology partners Dell Contract; due to lack of paperwork**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Late Add:

G. Approving changes to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013
13-100-04 Article VII, Section 7.3 TC Signatures
Signature update needed for Tribal Council.

B. Pringle

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Postpone until 2nd Open; Approving changes to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, 13-100-04 Article VII, Section 7.3 TC Signatures**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

IV. Concluding Business

- A. **Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 6th, 2026**
- B. **Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. **Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. **Public Comment Period**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 1st Open at 11:10AM**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 10

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

VIII. Open Session

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to End closed and go into 2nd Open at 12:14PM**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

**1. Acceptance of Little River Casino Report FY2025
Financial Statement and agreed-upon procedures audit
Report from RubinBrown, LLP**

Tribal Ogema

**Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0429-038; Acceptance of
Little River Casino Report FY2025 Financial Statement and agreed-upon
procedures audit Report from RubinBrown, LLP**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

**Postponed in 1st Open: Approving changes to the Budget and Appropriations Act of
2013 13-100-04 Article VII, Section 7.3 TC Signatures**

**Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0429-039; Approving
amendments to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04
Article VII, Section 7.3 adding Tribal Council Signatures requirements**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Amend the Agenda

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to give permission to Legislative outside legal to file complaint against Larry Romanelli, Tribal Ogema, regarding Master Services agreement with Montana Associates LLC.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Adjourn 2nd Open at 12:54PM

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

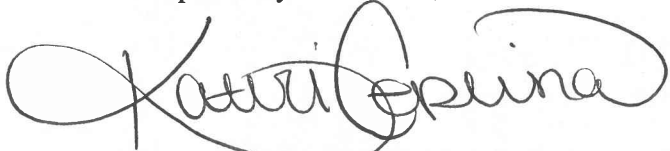
Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



*Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant*



*Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder*