



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 13th, 2026
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on May 13th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg: Stated opening prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:05AM

S. Crampton

B. Roll Call

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 1

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

We Have Quorum (9-0-0-0)

A. Metzger

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Approve the Agenda with the following add;
Minutes 4/15/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26 Emergency.**

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 - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Add:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 5/6/26 ☒ 4/15/26 ☒ 4/8/26
☒ 4/8/26 Emergency

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes; 5/6/26, 4/15/26, 4/8/26, and 4/8/26 Emergency.
Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan – 2026 – 2027 Healthy Start Initiative and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” MB2026- in the amount of \$20,000**

H. Lindsey

J. Gannon

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Postpone until 2nd Open
Councilor Thull: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- A. Approval of 2025 Audit Service Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson**

C. Dunham-Tozer

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-044; Approval of the Audit Service Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for FY2025 Audit

Councilor Burmeister: 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 - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

B. Ratification of Certified Treasury Management and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with PNC Bank C. Dunham-Tozer

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-045; Ratification of Certified Treasury Management and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with PNC Bank

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2026-0_ for May 2026 Continuing Operating Budget to fund Montana and Associates LLC in the amount of \$701,750 B. Pringle

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-046; Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2026-01 for May 2026 Continuing Operating Budget to fund Montana and Associates LLC in the amount of \$701,750

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #7

G. DiPiazza - No	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 (5-4-0-0)

D. Supplemental Appropriation 2026-01-2nd QTR in the amount of \$93,220 to fund contract with Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-047; Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2026-02 for May 2026 to fund the costs associated with a contract with Halifax Security, Inc. d/b/a North American Video in the amount of \$93,220
Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #8

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	- Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

E. Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-13 – Chapter 13 – Retail Sport Betting J. Wolfe

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Approve File; Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-13 – Chapter 13 – Retail Sport Betting
Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

F. Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-20 – Chapter 20 – Prohibitions on Gaming J. Wolfe

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Approve File; Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-20 – Chapter 20 – Prohibitions on Gaming
Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

G. Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation J. Wolfe

#R-400-04: GC – Chapter 2 – Gaming Devices, Equipment, and Supplies

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to Approve File; Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC – Chapter 2 – Gaming Devices, Equipment, and Supplies**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

H. Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-04 – Chapter 4 – Notifications Report J. Wolfe

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Approve File; Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R-400-04: GC-04 – Chapter 4 – Notifications Report**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

I. Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-01: GC-11-Chapter 11- Class III Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards J. Wolfe

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Approve File; Acceptance of Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-01: GC-11-Chapter 11- Class III Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards**
Councilor Waitner: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

- J. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meeting for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2026** A. Metzger
Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-048; Amending the Schedule of Regular Meeting for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2026**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

- K. Appointment of Salli Wabsis to the Gaming Commission** Tribal Ogema

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Appoint Salli Wabsis to the Gaming Commission**
Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

IV. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, May 20th, 2026**
B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update
C. Legislative Affairs Update
D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to End 1st Open at 11:20AM**
Councilor Waitner: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #16

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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 Wittenberg: **Motion to End Closed and Go into 2nd Open at 1:47PM**
Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

- 1. Ratification of Agreement with Halifax Security, Inc J. Wolfe**
D/B/A North American Video in the Amount of \$93,220.00

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-049; Ratification of Agreement with Halifax Security, Inc D/B/A North American Video in the Amount of \$93,220.00**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #18

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 - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0513-050; Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan 2026-2027 Healthy Start Initiative and approving a budget modification to the "Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026" MB2026-04 in the amount of \$20,000. WITH 2 EDITS TO THE WHEREAS ON PAGE ONE, DELETING THE LANGUAGE THAT SAYS COUNCIL MAINTAINS AND IMPLEMENTING WHEREAS A COMPLETE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2026 HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED, AND THE FOLLOWING WHEREAS ON PAGE TWO OF THAT WHEREAS, DELETING DESPITE THE LACK OF A BUDGET ADOPTED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL. SO THE WHEREAS SHOULD BE STATED AS WHEREAS TRIBAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Councilor Thull: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Amend the Agenda; to add three motions**
Recorder Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 20

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to instruct Attorney Pitchlynn to appeal Case #25-253-GC and to seek a stay of execution**
Recorder Wittenberg: **Support**

Roll Call # 21

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to have the letter prepared by Attorney Frias, sent to Mr. Fischer in Enrollment Commission**
Recorder Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #22

G. DiPiazza - No	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 (5-4-0-0)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to have the letter prepared by Attorney Frias, sent to Ms. Lonn in the Enrollment Department**
Recorder Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 23

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Adjourn at 2:06PM**
Recorder Wolfe: **Support**

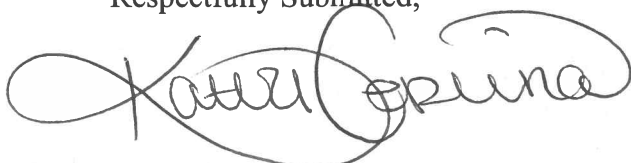
Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 24

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



*Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant*



*Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder*

