



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 20th, 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 20th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg: **Stated Opening Prayer**

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:04AM

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)

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve the Agenda with the following Edits:
V.E. is an add, VIII.A. is removed, VIII.B. is removed, and VIII.C. is
removed. And the removal of the Housing Commission Report.**

Councilor Metzger: **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 - No	T. Burmeister - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Department** K. Bowers
Health and Human Services – (OANT) OAA Nutrition J. Gannon
Services and approving a modification to the “Continuing
Budget for Fiscal Year 2026”, MB2026- in the amount of \$4,051

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0520-051; Acceptance of grant funds from the Department Health and Human Services – (OANT) OAA Nutrition Services and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026”, MB2026-05 in the amount of \$4,051; With the following edit in WHEREAS number eight, be changed to WHEREAS A COMPLETE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED AND A CHANGE IN THE 9TH WHEREAS TRIBAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES DESPITE THE LACK OF BUDGET**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #3

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 - No

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

- 2. Acceptance of grant funds from the USDA for 2026** K. Bowers
Nutrition Education Administrative Funds and T. McCollum
approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget
for Fiscal Year 2026”, MB2026- in the amount of \$14,000

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0520-052; Acceptance of grant funds from the USDA for 2026 Nutrition Education Administrative Funds and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026”, MB2026-06 in the amount of \$14,000. With the edits to the resolution; Removing the ninth whereas and removing the eighth whereas.**
Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Councilor Wolfe Rescinded Motion

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0520-052; Acceptance of grant funds from the USDA for 2026 Nutrition Education Administrative Funds and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026”, MB2026-06 in the amount of \$14,000**
Councilor DiPiazza: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #4

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

Motion FAILED (0-9-0-0)

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report ☐ April 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Operations Report for April 2026**

Councilor Waitner: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 5

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)

2. Financial Report ☐ None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| B. Enrollment Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| C. Gaming Commission | ☐ April 2026 |

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Report for April 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: **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)

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| D. Health Commission | ☐ None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | ☐ April 2026 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | ☐ April 2026 |

Add:

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Natural Resource Commission Report for April 2026**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #7

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)

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | ☐ April 2026 |
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Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for April 2026**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

B. Biskaabiiyang Commission

☐ None Submitted

C. Elders Committee

☐ April 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Elders Committee Report for April 2026**

Councilor Silvis: **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)

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

moved:

A. Approving Medical Solutions LLC Contract Services J. Grant

Agreement in the amount of \$57,600 G. Lewis

Removed:

B. Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution B. Pringle
for Expenditures during the month of June FY2026

Removed:

C. Adopting Amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance, S. Thull
Ordinance #04-200-01

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

C. Legislative Affairs Update

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to End 1st open at 10:43AM**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #10

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.

XI. Open Session

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to End Closed and go into 2nd Open**

Councilor Wittenberg: **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 - 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. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ April 2026

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for April 2026**

Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #12

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)

2. Ratification of Agreement with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee for Tribal Employment Training in the Amount of \$7,312.50, plus Expenses.

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0520-053; Ratification of Agreement with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee for Tribal Employment Training in the Amount of \$7,312.50, plus Expenses, not to exceed \$10,000**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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)

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0520-054; Ratification of Opioid Litigation Tribal Participation Forms**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #15

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)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to Send a letter that was discussed in closed session, to Corey Wells of the Binojeeuk Commission**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to request an onsite assessment of the LRBOI Tribal Court by the BIA**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 17

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)

XII. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to End 2nd Open at 12:11PM**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger: 18

Roll Call #

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