



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WENESDAY, June 3rd, 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 June 3rd, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg: stated prayer opening

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

10:06AM

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 June 3rd, 2026, Agenda with the following updates; removal of III.A.1., III.B.2., III.B.3., III.B.4., III.B.5., III.B.6., III.B.7., and III.B.8.**

Councilor Wolfe: **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 - No	M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister - No

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Removed:

1. **Reclassification from restricted funds 4996-000-6100 to LATCF funds 4529-000-6100 for Gosling Czubak Engineering Contract for project management of the utility upgrades in the amount of \$127,200** G. Lewis

2. **Enter into a contract with DR. Lab Services, LLC, 5-year contract, 2026-2030 for calibrating lab equipment** G. Lewis

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-057; Entering into a contract with DR. Lab Services, LLC, 5-year contract 2026-2030 for calibrating lab equipment**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 3

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)

3. **Enter into a contract with NTEC (Nelson Tank Engineering) for Water Tower Cleaning** G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0603-058; Enter into a contract with NTEC (Nelson Tank Engineering) for Water Tower Cleaning**

Councilor Wittenberg: **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)

4. **Accepting Addendum to the Contract with Gosling Czubak for PER Report in the amount of \$3,000. Original contract resolution 26-0401-023. Indian Health Services Grant Funded resolution 24-1113-214.** G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0603-059; Accepting Addendum to the Contract with Gosling Czubak for PER Report in the amount of \$3,000. Original contract resolution 26-0401-023. Indian Health Services Grant Funded resolution #24-1113-214**

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)

- 5. Ratification of Contract with the Grand Valley Automation Inc. Utilizing Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) for the Government Center Building Automation System Upgrade**

D. Underwood

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-060; Ratification of Contract with the Grand Valley Automation Inc. Utilizing Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) for the Government Center Building Automation System Upgrade**

Councilor Waitner: **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)

- 6. Enter into a Contract for Gosling Czubak Engineering in the amount of \$25,576 for management of headworks project.**

G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-061; Enter into a Contract for Gosling Czubak Engineering in the amount of \$25,576 for management of headworks project.**

Councilor Burmeister: **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)

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget submitted by the Tribal Ogema**

K. Bowers

Councilor Burmeister: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-062; Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget submitted by the Tribal Ogema

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #8

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

Motion FAILED (4-5-0-0)

2. **Approving Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Lift Station Generator and Safety Grate and approving Budget Modification MB2026-__, for cash match increase of \$757.14 from Utility Department – Waste Water (7500-702) for the Backup Generator Project (4576)** K. Bowers
3. **Approval of budget modification MB2026-__, authorizing A modification to the 2017 BIA GLRI Budget.** K. Bowers
4. **Acceptance of grant funds from the State of Michigan Tribal Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__, in The amount of \$533,382** K. Bowers
5. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self – Governance for contract support costs – direct and approving modifications to the Operating Budget MB2026-__, in the amount of \$201,675.** K. Bowers
6. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self-Governance and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__, in the Amount of \$2,281,345** K. Bowers
7. **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 Operating Budget MB2026-__, in the amount of \$29,099** K. Bowers
8. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department Of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__, in the** K. Bowers

Amount of \$740,442

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

Late Add: A. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2026-03 to fund the Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment in the amount of \$19,500,00 **B. Pringle**

Councilor Metzger: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-063; Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2026-03 to fund the Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment in the amount of \$19,500,000

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Late Add: B. Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment **B. Pringle**
S. Crampton

Councilor Metzger: Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0603-064; Tribal General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #10

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)

IV. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 10th, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 1st Open at 11:33AM**

Councilor Metzger: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

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 __: **Motion to End Closed and go into 2nd Open at 11:57AM**

Councilor __: **Support**

(Could not be heard in video/not stated in roll call sheets)

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)

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

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

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to have Comptroller Pringle conduct an investigation on the hiring of Anne Perry, Jojo Green, and Chantel Gamelin**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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 Send a Letter to Chuck Fisher**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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)

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Adjourn at 12:05PM**

Councilor Wolfe: **Support**

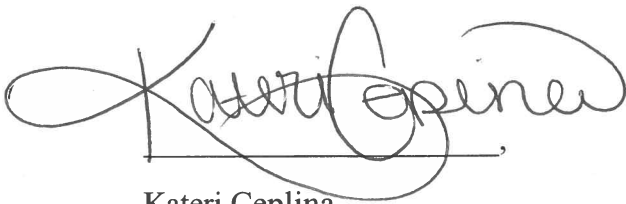
Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 16

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

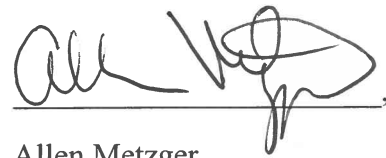
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Kateri Ceplina,

Legislative Assistant



Allen Metzger,

Tribal Council Recorder

