



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

2608 GOVERNMENT CENTER DRIVE

**TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

August 26th, 2026

WEDNESDAY, at 10:00 a.m.

This agenda is subject to adoption or amendment by vote of the Tribal Council

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Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129

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I. Opening Prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

S. Crampton

B. Roll Call

A. Metzger

C. Approval of Agenda

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Approval of Grant Application request to the
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
(FDPIR) FY2027-2028 Annual Budget
Approval of grant application FY2027-2028.**

N. Ward

ADD:

- 2. Approval of Grant Application request to the
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
for Nutrition Education for the Food Distribution
Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) FY2027-2028
Annual Budget
Grant application approval.**

N. Ward

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department
of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving
a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-__,
for August 2026, in the amount of \$150,000
Acceptance of funds.**

K. Bowers

F. Beaver

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2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – BIA G2G IRR Roads and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$780,670**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers

3. **Acceptance of amendment #1 contract funds from the US Department of Interior – BIA G2G IRR Roads and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$223,060**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers

4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$900,976**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
F. Beaver
R. Medacco

5. **Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$524,370**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
F. Beaver

6. **Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$208,855**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
R. Medacco

7. **Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$13,431.32**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
F. Beaver

- REMOVED:8. Acceptance of contract funds from the US Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-_ in the amount of \$9,947**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers

9. **Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan- 2026-2027 – Healthy Start Initiative and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget** K. Bowers

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Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$45,000
Acceptance of funds.

- 10. Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self Governance for amendment #02 and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$888**
Acceptance of funds.

K. Bowers
- 11. Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self Governance for contract support costs - direct and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_, for August 2026, in the amount of \$11,813**
Acceptance of funds.

K. Bowers
- 12. Approval of modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution for August 2026 MB2026-_, authorizing a Modification to the 2023 Indian Housing Block Grant – Fund #4522**
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.

K. Bowers
T. McCollum
- 13. Acceptance of Reallotment 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 Resolution MB2026-_ for August 2026, in the amount of \$620**
Acceptance of funds.

K. Bowers
J. Gannon
- 14. Acceptance of additional grant funds from the Department of Health and Human Services 2026 Child Care Mandatory Grant and approving a modification to the Continuing Budget Resolution MB2026-_ for August 2026, in the amount of \$2,480**
Acceptance of funds.

K. Bowers
J. Gannon
- 15. Acceptance of funds from the Department of Interior for the White Nose Syndrome National Response Implementation and approving modification MB2026-_ to the Continuing Budget Resolution for August 2026, in the amount of \$35,000**
Acceptance of funds.

K. Bowers
S. Hollowell

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C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

- 1. Operations Report** ☐ July 2026
- 2. Financial Report** ☐ None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** ☐ July 2026
- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- D. Housing Department Report** ☐ July 2026
- E. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ July 2026

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ July 2026
- B. Biskaabiiyang Commission** ☐ None Submitted
- C. Elders Committee** ☐ July 2026
- ☐ June 2026

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of September FY2026** **B. Pringle**
Monthly appropriations of funds.

- B. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians** **B. Pringle**

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Internal Audit Summary for the Utilities Water 7500-701

Department Budget

Acceptance of the internal audit results.

- C. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians B. Pringle**

Internal Audit Summary for the Utilities Sewer 7500-702

Department Budget

Acceptance of the internal audit results.

- D. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians B. Pringle**

Internal Audit Summary for Maintenance 2000-400

Department Budget

Acceptance of the internal audit results.

- E. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians B. Pringle**

Internal Audit Summary for the Elders Complex 1035-174

Department Budget

Acceptance of the internal audit results.

- F. Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians B. Pringle**

Internal Audit Summary for the Gaming Commission 1030-121

Department Budget

Acceptance of the internal audit results.

- G. Approval of Humana Elders Supplemental Insurance FY2027 J. Gannon**

Human Benefits for Elder Insurance parts C & D renewal is necessary to continue the benefit January 1, 2027

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H. Resolution to Waive the Sovereign Immunity of the

S. Crampton

**Ogema for Montana & Associates to Enforce Enrollment
Audit Contract**

Approval of Immunity Waiver against the Ogema for Montana & Associates
Enrollment Audit Contract.

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- 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 ☐ Gaming Commission July 2026**

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) Ludington Property**
 - f) Baldwin Property**
 - g) Bear Lake Property**
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 - e) Maverick Gaming LLC v United States**
 - f) Ludington Property**

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- g) **Baldwin Property**
- h) **Bear Lake Property**

C. Bids & Contracts

D. Acceptance of Submission from Tribal Entities requiring action in Closed Session

1. **Ratification of Common Interest Agreement Among Tribes in opposition to Line 5 Tunnel for potential Litigation against Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy** Tribal Ogema
No rational provided.
2. **Ratification of Common Interest Agreement among Tribes in opposition to Line 5 Tunnel for potential Litigation against United States Army Corps of Engineers** Tribal Ogema
No rational provided.

E. Litigation

1. **Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council, Bordeaux, Crampton Case # 23-175-GC**
2. **Romanelli v LRBOI Tribal Council Case # 23-235-GC/24-072-AP**
3. **Ogema v LRBOI Tribal Council Case #24-010-GC**
4. **Pufflett Jr, Chapman v. LRBOI Executive Branch Duty Bearer and Promisor Larry Romanelli Case # 24-192-GC**
5. **Tribal Council V. Ogema, et al Case #25-25 GC**
6. **Employment Matter v. TC. 26-002-EM**
7. **Ogema v. LRBOI Tribal Council 26-078-GC**

F. Personnel

XI. Open Session

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

1. **Closed Session Minutes ☐ Gaming Commission July 2026**
2. **Ratification of Common Interest Agreement Among Tribes in opposition to Line 5 Tunnel for potential Litigation** Tribal Ogema

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against Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

No rationale provided.

3. **Ratification of Common Interest Agreement among Tribes in opposition to Line 5 Tunnel for potential Litigation against United States Army Corps of Engineers**
No rationale provided.

Tribal Ogema

XII. Adjourn

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