



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

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. 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 \$150,000
Acceptance of funds.**

K. Bowers

F. Beaver

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the US
Department of Interior – BIA G2G IRR Roads and
approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__
in the amount of \$780,670
Acceptance of funds.**

K. Bowers

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| 3. | Acceptance of amendment #1 contract funds from the US Department of Interior – BIA G2G IRR Roads and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the amount of \$13,431.32
Acceptance of funds. | K. Bowers
F. Beaver |
| 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the amount of \$45,000
Acceptance of funds. | K. Bowers

H. Lindsey |

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10. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self Governance for amendment #02 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the amount of \$11,813**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
12. **Approval of modification to the 2026 Operating Budget #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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ 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 Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the amount of \$2,480**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
J. Gannon
14. **Acceptance of funds from the Department of Interior for the White Nose Syndrome National Response Implementation and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2026-__ in the amount of \$35,000**
Acceptance of funds. K. Bowers
S. Hollowell

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

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IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

Tribal Ogema

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| 1. | Operations Report | ☐ July 2026 |
| 2. | Financial Report | ☐ None Submitted |
| 3. | Preference Report | ☐ July 2026 |

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| 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 |
| F. | Natural Resource Commission | ☐ July 2026 |

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

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| A. | Appropriating Funds for Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the month of September FY2026
Monthly appropriations of funds. | B. Pringle |
| B. | Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Internal Audit Summary for the Utilities Water 7500-701 | B. Pringle |

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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

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026**

- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

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- 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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 - a) Delisting of the Gray Wolf
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 - c) Line 5 Tunnel Update
 - d) Opioid Litigation Settlement
 - e) Maverick Gaming LLC v United States
 - f) Ludington Property
 - g) Baldwin Property
 - h) Bear Lake Property

C. Bids & Contracts

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

- 1. Resolution to Waive the Sovereign Immunity of the**

S. Crampton

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Ogema for Montana & Associates to Enforce Enrollment Audit Contract

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

2. **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 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** Tribal Ogema
No rationale 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. **Resolution to Waive the Sovereign Immunity of the Ogema for Montana & Associates to Enforce Enrollment Audit Contract** S. Crampton
 3. **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.

4. **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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