



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

2608 GOVERNMENT CENTER DRIVE

**TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

September 2nd, 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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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 to submit the application to Michigan
Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
for grant funds available from the State of Michigan
Tribal Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) for FY2027 in the
amount of \$76,923
No rationale provided.**

D. Batchelder-Streeter

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Add. 1. Binojeeuk Commission Minutes ☐ June 2026 ☐ July 2026

V. New Business

**A. Approval for Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
to use the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Seal for
the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey**

J. Steinberg

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LRBOI is participating in the GLITEC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey. GLITEC wishes to use the LRBOI Tribal Seal for purposes of mailing and related survey activities.

Revised B. Ratification of InfinEDI LLC Contract **L. Eilers**

A clearinghouse is an electronic data service that transmits medical claims to insurance companies. It is a necessary component for DT Trak, and LRBOI staff down the road, to complete medical billing. InfinEDI is recommended by DT Trak, and they can seamlessly begin using this clearinghouse. Other clearinghouses have longer implantation time. InfinEDI is experienced with Tribal Health Clinic clients. Recommendation is to use InfinEDI for a year and re-evaluate if it continues to be a good fit at that time.

- C. Ratification of Harland's Sanitary Landfill, Inc. DBA Allied Waste Service of Manistee, Republic Services of Manistee** **T. McCollum**
MSA for trash removal and recycling services for Aki community residents.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, September 9th, 2026**
- B. Legislative Affairs Update**
- C. 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.

VII. Closed Session

- A. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes**

Add. 1. Binojeeuk Commission ☐ **June 2026** ☐ **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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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

VIII. Open Session

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

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Add 3. Binojeeuk Commission Closed Session Minutes

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IX. Adjourn

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