



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER AND VIA ZOOM
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on December 17, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Thull:

T. Burmeister - Present	R. Wittenberg - Present	S. Crampton - Present
G. DiPiazza - Present	J. Wolfe - Present	C. Waitner - Present
M. Silvis - Present	A. Metzger- Present	S. Thull - Present

Quorum established. (9 Present)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder Thull: **Motion to approve the Agenda for December 17, 2025, with the following updates; Under VII. A. Add Approving Override of Tribal Ogema’s veto of resolution #25-1210-284 appropriating funds for continuing budget resolution for expenditure during the month of January FY2026, VII. B. Add Approval of 4th Quarter Supplemental Appropriation Fiscal Year 2025-10 to fund the 2025 General Welfare Economic Disbursement in the amount of \$11,556,000.00, VII. C Sole Source Approval for Contact Renewal (2026-2028) with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee, LLC, VII. D. Approving Sole Source Purchasing agreement for Montana & Associates VIII. B. Is moved from Closed, Ratification of Service Agreement provided by Native American Church of Morning Star not to exceed \$20,400 That is being moved from X C Bids and Contracts. And also from Open Session XI. A. 1. ADD VIII. C. Posting for thirty-day public comment changes to the Law & Order Criminal Offenses Ordinance #11-400-03. Support: Councilor Metzger.**

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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 - No

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

D. Tribal Council Minutes - None submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- contract Support costs and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ In the amount of \$137,419**

K. Bowers represented the item.

Councilor Silvis: Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-285 Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs contract Support costs and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-81 In the amount of \$137,419. Support: Councilor Burmeister

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #2

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- Road Maintenance and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ in The amount of \$566.30**

K. Bowers represented the item.

Councilor Silvis: Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-286 Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs- Road Maintenance and approving A modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-82 in The Amount of \$566.30. Support: Councilor Metzger.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #3

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ in the amount of \$ 120,000**

K. Bowers represented the item.

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-287 Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-83 in the amount of \$ 120,000.** Support: Councilor Silvis

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #4

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- 4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs- Water Resources Program and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-___ in the amount of \$ 25,000.**

K. Bowers represented the item.

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-288 Acceptance of contract funds from the Dept. of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs- Water Resources Program and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-84 in the amount of \$ 25,000.** Support: Councilor Metzger

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #5

M. Silvis	- Yes	T. Burmeister	- Yes	G. DiPiazza	- Yes
A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg	- Yes	J. Wolfe	- Yes
S. Thull	- Yes	S. Crampton	- Yes	C. Waitner	- Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

5. **Acceptance of grant funds from the U. S Dept of Agriculture- 2026 FDPIR Food Distribution Grant And approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ in the amount of \$671,482.**

T. McCollum represented the item.

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approve Resolution 25-1217-289 Acceptance of grant funds from the U. S Dept of Agriculture- 2026 FDPIR Food Distribution Grant And approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-85 in the amount of \$671,482.** Support: Councilor Waitner.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #6

A. Metzger	- Yes	R. Wittenberg	- Yes	J. Wolfe	- Yes
S. Thull	- Yes	S. Crampton	- Yes	C. Waitner	- Yes
T. Burmeister	- Yes	G. DiPiazza	- Yes	M. Silvis	- Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- C. **Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**
- IV. **Acceptance of Reports**
 - A. **Report of the Tribal Ogema**
 1. **Operations Report** None Submitted
 2. **Financial Report** None Submitted
- V. **Acceptance of Commission Reports**
 - A. **Binojeeuk Commission** None Submitted
 - B. **Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
 - C. **Gaming Commission** November 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Gaming Commission Report for November 2025.** Support Councilor Burmeister.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #7

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
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Health Commission None Submitted
- E. Housing Commission None Submitted
- F. Natural Resource Commission November 2025

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept Natural Resource Commission Report for November 2025.** Support Councilor DiPiazza.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #8

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- G. Biskaabiiyaang Commission None Submitted
- VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities
 - A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report November 2025

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion for acceptance of The Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for November 2025.** Support: Councilor Metzger.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #9

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- B. Elders Committee None Submitted

VII. Old Business

- ADD** A. Approving Override of Tribal Ogema's veto of resolution #25-1210-284 appropriating funds for continuing budget Resolution for expenditure during the month of January FY2026

B. Pringle represented the item.

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-290 Approving Override of Tribal Ogema’s veto of resolution #25-1210-284 appropriating funds for continuing budget Resolution for expenditure during the month of January, FY2026. Support Councilor Thull.**

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #10

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

Motion failed (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

ADD B. Approval of 4th Quarter Supplemental Appropriation Fiscal Year 2025-10 to fund the 2025 General Welfare Economic Disbursement in the amount of \$11,556,000.00

B. Pringle represented the item.

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-291 Approval of 4th Quarter Supplemental Appropriation Fiscal Year 2025-10 to fund the 2025 General Welfare Economic Disbursement in the amount of \$11,556,000.00. Support: Councilor Wittenberg.**

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #11

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)

Speaker Crampton:

ADD C. Sole Source Approval for Contract Renewal (2026-2028) with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee, LLC

Councilor Wolfe represented the item.

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Approve Resolution #25-1217-292 Sole Source Approval for Contract Renewal (2026-2028) with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee, LLC. Support: Councilor Waitner**

Recorder Thull:

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
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

ADD D. Approving Sole Source Purchasing agreement for Montana & Associates

Speaker Crampton represented the item.

Councilor Metzger: **Motion for Approving Resolution #25-1217-293 Approving Sole Source Purchasing agreement with Montana and Associates.** Support: Recorder Thull.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #13

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)

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. New Business

A. Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council Calendar Year 2026

Recorder Thull represented the item.

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-294 Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council Calendar Year 2026.** Support: Councilor Metzger.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

Moved B. Ratification of Service Agreement provided by Native From Closed American church of Morning Star not to exceed \$20,400

D. Batchelder-Streeter represented the item.

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to approve Resolution #25-1217-295 Ratification of Service Agreement provided by Native American church of Morning Star not to exceed \$20,400.** Support: Councilor Burmeister.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #15

A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg - Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes
S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes
T. Burmeister - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

ADD C. Posting for thirty- day public comment changes to the Law & Order Criminal Offenses Ordinance #11-400-03

Speaker Crampton represented the item.

Councilor Metzger: **Posting for thirty- day public comment changes to the Law & Order Criminal Offenses Ordinance #11-400-03.** Support: Councilor Wittenberg

Recorder Thull:

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)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 07, 2026
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business
- 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.

Councilor Metzger: **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION AT 11:23AM.** Support: Councilor Wittenberg

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #17

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)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

XI. Open Session

Councilor Metzger: **MOTION TO END CLOSED SESSION AND GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:23PM.** Support: Wittenberg.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #

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 from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials Remain in Closed

Moved to
Open

1. Ratification of Service Agreement provided by Native American church of Morning Star not to exceed \$20,400
2. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report November 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for November 2025.** Support: Councilor Burmeister.

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #

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)

Speaker Crampton:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE Meeting at 12:26 PM.** Support: Councilor Metzger.

Recorder Thull:

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)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Thull
Tribal Council Recorder