



Approved 08/13/2025

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2025  
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 August 06, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

**I. Opening Prayer**

Councilor Wittenberg: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

At 10:06 am

**B. Roll Call**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #**

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 do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton:

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday August 06, 2025, with the following corrections under III. Continuing Business B. Budget Modifications 5. Updated- Acceptance of funds from Michigan State Housing Development Authority - TNHDAP Pre-Development Funding and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-\_, in the amount of \$75,000.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

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 - Yes	T. Burmeister- Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**D. Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 07/30/25 Emergency ☐ 07/23/25  
☐ 06/25/25 ☐ 06/18/25 ☐ 06/11/25  
☐ 06/04/25

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for** ☐ 07/30/25  
**Emergency** ☐ 07/23/25 ☐ 06/25/25 ☐ 06/18/25 ☐ 06/11/25 ☐ 06/04/25

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 2**

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:

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

- Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$50,179 from the Michigan Dept of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Crime Victim Sustainability Fund (VOCA-CVSF-2026)**

**Tribal Ogema**  
**K. Bowers**  
**M. Ludwig**

Kathleen Bowers & Michol Ludwig: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to postpone until Second Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 3**

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:

- 2. Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$185,714.00 from the Michigan Dept of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS)**

**Tribal Ogema**  
**K. Bowers**  
**M. Ludwig**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to postpone until Second Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 4**

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:

- 3. Ratification of Wiigwaasi-Jiimaan (birchbark canoe) Build contract.**

**Tribal Ogema**  
**J. Codden**  
**C. Wells**

Corey Wells: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to postpone until Second Open Session**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

**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)

Speaker Crampton:

- 4. Master agreement for contract for services between LRBOI and J. Chad Professional Training, LLC (Referred to as Tall Cop) for presentation on April 14,2026**

**Tribal Ogema**  
**D. Batchelder- Streeter**

Janeen Codden: Represented the item

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to postpone until after another work session**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

**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)

Speaker Crampton:

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Rescinding Resolution #25-0723-163 and approving A Budget Modification MB2025-\_\_ authorizing a Modification to the American Rescue CCSD Supplemental Fund (#4486)**
- Tribal Ogema  
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-174 Rescinding Resolution #25-0723-163 and approving A Budget Modification MB2025-50 authorizing a Modification to the American Rescue CCSD Supplemental Fund (#4486)**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 7**

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

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- 2. Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-\_\_; authorizing a modification to the 2024-25 Intertribal Council Home Visiting Expansion Grant**
- Tribal Ogema  
H. Lindsey  
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-175 Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-51; authorizing a modification to the 2024-25 Intertribal Council Home Visiting Expansion Grant**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 8**

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. Approve Addendum to Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and LRBOI for Healthy Start Initiative Grant (Fund #4584) extending the contract until March 31, 2026**

Tribal Ogema  
H. Lindsey  
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Postpone until Second Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 9**

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- 4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Depart. Of interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs - RPI and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025- in the amount of \$88,513**

Tribal Ogema  
F. Beaver  
R. Medacco  
K. Bowers

Frank Beaver & Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution 325-0806-176 Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of interior- Bureau of Indian Affairs - RPI and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025- 52 in the amount of \$88,513**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 10**

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:

**Updated 5. Acceptance of funds from Michigan State Housing Development Authority - TNHDAP Pre-Development Funding and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-\_, in the amount of \$75,000**

Tribal Ogema  
T. Bailey  
K. Bowers

Tara Bailey: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-177 Acceptance of funds from Michigan State Housing Development Authority - TNHDAP Pre-Development Funding and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-53, in the amount of \$75,000**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 11**

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. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**A. Approval to renew Insurance Policy for Property with Tribal Ogema Tribal first through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners A. Rabb Insurance Services LLC to provide Property Insurance Coverage for the LRBOI and Little River Holdings, LLC**

Angela Rabb: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to postpone**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 12**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- B. Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit Summary for the Behavior Health 4105 Dept. Budget** B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-178 Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for the Behavior Health 4105 Department Budget**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 13**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- C. Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit Summary for the Property Management 1000-115 Dept. Budget** B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-179 Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Summary for the Property Management Department Budget**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 14**

M. Silvis - Yes	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 (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 13, 2025**  
**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**  
**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

**D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to end first Open Session at 1:01pm**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 15**

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)

*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 go into Second Open Session at 2:41pm**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 16**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**VIII. Open Session**

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

**1. Amending Sygnal Partners Contract**

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-180 Ratification of Sygnal Partners Inc Amendment**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 17**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)



Speaker Crampton:

**2. Ratification of Wolverine Power System Contract**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-181 Ratification of Wolverine Power System Contract**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 18**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**3. Approval of Agreement with RubinBrown, LLP To Perform the Financial Statement and Agreed Upon Procedures Audits of Little River Casino Resort for Years Ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-182 Approval of Agreement with RubinBrown, LLP To Perform the Financial Statement and Agreed Upon Procedures Audits of Little River Casino Resort for Years Ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 19**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**III.A.1**

**Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$50,179 from the Michigan Dept of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Crime Victim Sustainability Fund (VOCA-CVSF-2026)**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-183 Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$50,179 from the Michigan Department of**

**Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Crime Victim Sustainability Fund  
(VOCA-CVSF-2026)**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 20**

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:

**III.A.2**

**Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$185,714.00 from the Michigan Dept of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS)**

Michol Ludwig & Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-184 Approval to apply for the grant allocation in the amount of \$185,714.00 from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) FY2026 Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS)**

Councilor Wittenberg: support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 21**

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:

**III.A.3**

**Ratification of Wiigwaasi-Jiimaan (birchbark canoe) Build contract.**

Corey Wells: Represented the updated item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-185 Ratification of Wiigwaasi-Jiimaan (birchbark canoe) Build contract.**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 22**

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:

**III.B.3**

**Approve Addendum to Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and LRBOI for Healthy Start Initiative Grant (Fund #4584) extending the contract until March 31, 2026**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0806-186 Approve Addendum to Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for Healthy Start Initiative Grant (Fund #4584) extending the contract until March 31, 2026**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 23**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**IX. Adjourn**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to adjourn at 2:59 pm**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 24**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,  
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,  
Tribal Council Recorder