

Approved 08/20/2025



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 13, 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 10:00 am

**B. Roll Call**

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call #**

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton:

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday August 13, 2025, with the following corrections under IV.A. Old Business postponed- 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 Funding approved previously. IV.B. Removed- Approval to renew Insurance Policy for Property with Tribal first through Agent Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services LLC to provide Property Insurance Coverage for the LRBOI and Little River Holdings, LLC. V.A. new Business Updated- Approval to submit 2026 FDPIR Budget. VII. A. Closed Session Add - Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes 06/25/25.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 1**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

**Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 08/06/25 ☐ 05/28/25 ☐ 05/21/25 ☐ 05/14/25  
☐ 05/07/25 ☐ 04/23/25 ☐ 04/16/25 ☐ 03/27/25  
☐ 03/19/25 ☐ 03/12/25 ☐ 03/05/25

**D.**

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for** ☐ 08/06/25

Councilor Burmeister: 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:

**Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 05/28/25 ☐ 05/21/25 ☐ 05/14/25  
☐ 05/07/25 ☐ 04/23/25 ☐ 04/16/25 ☐ 03/27/25  
☐ 03/19/25 ☐ 03/12/25 ☐ 03/05/25

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for** ☐ 05/28/25

☐ 05/21/25 ☐ 05/14/25 ☐ 05/07/25 ☐ 04/23/25 ☐ 04/16/25 ☐ 03/27/25  
☐ 03/19/25 ☐ 03/12/25 ☐ 03/05/25

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**B. Budget Modifications**

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Old Business**

Postponed **A. Master agreement for contract for services between Tribal Ogema LRBOI and J. Chad Professional Training, LLC D. Batchelder- Streeter (Referred to as Tall Cop) for presentation on April 14,2026 Funding approved previously**

**removed B. 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**

**V. New Business**

**Updated A. Approval to submit 2026 FDPIR Budget Tribal Ogema J. Friedel**

Jamie Friedel: Represented the Item.

Councilor Wittenberg: **motion to accept resolution #25-0813-187 approval of grant application request to the United States Department of agriculture (USDA) for the food distribution program on Indian reservations (FDPIR) FY 2026-2027 annual budget**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 4**

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:

**B. Appointment of Linda Andre to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to postpone Appointment of Linda Andre to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 5**

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:

**C. Appointment of Venus Battaglia to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Venus Battaglia: Represented herself

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Appointment of Venus Battaglia to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 6**

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:

**D. Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit summary for The Members Legal Assistance 1080-159 Dept. Budget** **B. Pringle**

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0813-188 Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit summary for The Members Legal Assistance 1080-159 Department Budget**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 7**

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:

**E. Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit summary for The Finance 2000-402 Dept. Budget** **B. Pringle**

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0813-189 Acceptance of the LRBOI Internal Audit summary for The Finance 2000-402 Department Budget**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 8**

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- Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 20, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Wittenberg: Motion to end first Open session at 11:00am

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 9**

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)

***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 DiPiazza: **Motion to go into Second Open Session at 11:38am**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 10**

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
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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. Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes** ☐ 06/11/25 ☐ 07/16/25  
☐ 07/21/25 ☐ 06/25/25

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Closed Session Minutes for**  
☐ 06/11/25 ☐ 07/16/25 ☐ 07/21/25 ☐ 06/25/25

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 11**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to amend the agenda**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 12**

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)

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Add Appointment of Linda Andre to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 13**

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)

**Councilor Silvis: Motion for Appointment of Linda Andre to the LRBOI Housing Commission**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Linda Andre: Represented herself

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 14**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**IX. Adjourn**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 11:51am**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

**Roll Call # 15**

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)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,  
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,  
Tribal Council Recorder

