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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 20, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Silvis: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:04 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 Silvis: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday August 20, 2025, with the following corrections under II. General Business D. Add- Tribal Council Minutes for 08/13/2025. III. Continuing Business B.3 Updated- 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- in the amount of \$92,857. VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities. A. Add- Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for July 2025. VII. Old Business A. Updated- 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. VIII. New Business A. Updated- Acceptance of corrections Tribal Black Bear Regulation Booklet for 2025.**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

Tribal Council Minutes ☐ **08/13/2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for** ☐ **08/13/25**

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- No	A. Metzger - No	R. Wittenberg- No

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

**1. Ratification of Contract with Walton Contracting
for Loon Drive Construction Project**

**Tribal Ogema
S. Parsons**

Steve Parsons: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0820-190 Ratification of Contract
with Walton Contracting for Loon Drive Construction Project**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 3

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. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Air Quality Project Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-__ in the amount of \$107,000.00**
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers
J. Vaquera

Jasmine Vaquera: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **motion to accept Resolution #25-0820-191 Acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Air Quality Project Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-54 in the amount of \$107,000.00**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

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:

- 2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs - and approving a modification to the Operating Budge MB2025-___ in the amount of \$17,714.32**
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0820-192 Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs - and approving a modification to the Operating Budge MB2025-55 in the amount of \$17,714.32**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

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:

Updated 3. **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- in the amount of \$92,857**

Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers
F. Beaver
R. Medacco

Frank Beaver: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0820-193 Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs – RPI and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-56 in the amount of \$92,857**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 6

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:

- B. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**
- IV. Acceptance of Reports**
- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema** 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 ☐ July 2025

Councilor Metzger: **motion to accept the Gaming Commission report for July 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
E. Housing Commission ☐ July 2025

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept the Housing Commission report for July 2025**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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:

- F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ July 2025

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission report for July 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

- ADD A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ July 2025

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to accept the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for July 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

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

Updated 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

Dottie Batchelder- Streeter: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: Motion to accept Resolution #25-0820-194 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

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. New Business

A. Acceptance of corrections Tribal Black Bear Regulation Booklet for 2025 G. DiPiazza

Councilor DiPiazza: Represented the item

Motion of the Acceptance of corrections Tribal Black Bear Regulation Booklet for 2025

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 27, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Metzger: **motion to end first Open session at 12:29 p.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

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 1:47 p.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 14

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:

XI. Open Session

- A. Items from Closed to Open Session – Minutes and Materials Remain in Closed**

- 1. Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health**

For New Electronic Medical Health Records

Councilor Wittenberg: Motion to postpone Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health for New Electronic Medical Health Records pending another work session

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 15

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:

2. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ July 2025

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed report for July 2025

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 16

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)

Councilor Metzger: Motion to postpone Meeting of the Member Little River Holdings 2024 Audit Presentation pending a work session

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 17

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:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to adjourn at 1:52 p.m.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 18

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)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder