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## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PACKET FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION: April 25, 2025

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#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please keep for your records the Election Board Regulations, Declaration Packet Check List, Election Calendar of Important Dates, and Candidate Campaign Financial Report. <u>Please carefully read all documents.</u>

The Declaration Packet Checklist included in this packet must be filled out completely, signed and sent back with the packet no later than <u>5:00 pm October 4</u>, <u>2024</u>. A missing checklist will result in an ineligible packet.

All campaign spending limits are \$5,000.00. This is the maximum amount that may be spent by or on behalf of any Candidate in an Election for any office. This is also the spending limit for Recalls, Initiatives, and Referendums. This figure includes in-kind contributions. For more information, please review the Election Board Regulations, Chapter 6, Section 3.

Candidates for Tribal Council or Tribal Court shall have a background check conducted. The fee for that background check will be **\$100**. The fee must be paid by money order made out to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians when you submit the Declaration of Candidacy Packet by mail or dropping it off during office hours. **NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Candidates for Tribal Council must "Disclose to the Membership" information as required by the Constitution. This language can be found in the Tribal Constitution Article IV Section 3(b) and Article V Section 2(b). Further explanation for the Disclosure can be found in Election Board Regulations Chapter 4, Section 6. The disclosure will then be posted on the LRBOI Election Board web page for the duration of the election. The disclosure period is ten (10) years immediately preceding April 25, 2025. The disclosure form must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidacy Packet.

The Election Board will review your Declaration of Candidacy Packet when you return it to ensure that all documents are included and filled out correctly. The Declaration of Candidacy Packet will be date stamped and a receipt will be sent to the email address included in your packet or if dropped off you will be given a receipt at that time.

The requirements for the Candidate Campaign Financial Report can be found in the Election Board Regulations Chapter 6, Section 4-C and must be filled out and returned to the Election Board Office by email, mail or hand delivered by 5:00pm Friday, May 2, 2025. **The Candidate Campaign Financial Report must have all receipts and documentation attached when submitted.** If you haven't spent anything please indicate that by putting a zero in the Candidate Expenditure section, however, please remember that the \$100 background check should be included on your form. This report will be date stamped on the day it is received.

		Office Hours:
Packet Pick Up	Manistee-	August 23, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm
		Election Board Office-Government Center
		September 6, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.
		Election Board Office-Government Center
	Muskegon-	August 23, 2024, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
		Barclay Building 1101 W Hackley Ave A Muskegon, MI
		September 27, 2024, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
		Barclay Building 1101 W Hackley Ave A Muskegon, MI
Packet Drop Off	Manistee-	October 4, 2024, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
		Election Board Office-Government Center
	Muskegon-	October 4, 2024, from 8:00am to 11:00am
		Barclay Building 1101 W Hackley Ave A Muskegon, MI

#### **ELECTION CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **AUGUST** 8/19 Regular Election Announcement. 8/23 Candidate packets available online and by email request. • 8/23 Candidate packet pick up available in Muskegon and Manistee from the Election Board **SEPTEMBER** 9/6 Candidate packet pick up available in Manistee from the Election Board 9/27 Candidate packet pick up available in Muskegon from the Election Board **OCTOBER** 10/4 Candidate packets due back no later than 5:00pm and must be fully completed 10/4 Candidate packet drop off available in Muskegon and Manistee from the Election Board 10/25 Slating of Candidates. Per regulations, post the slating of candidates by 12 noon 10/26. 10/28 Deadline to withdraw candidacy via email by 5:00pm. **NOVEMBER** 11/1 Registration Deadline to vote in the Primary and Regular Elections. 11/19 Ballots sent. **DECEMBER** 12/23 Deadline to request replacement ballot. JANUARY 1/3 Deadline for Disputes. 1/17 Primary Election. 1/20 Deadline for Withdrawal of winners. 1/24 Deadline for Challenges. **FEBRUARY** 2/14 Registration Deadline to vote in the Regular Election. MARCH 3/7 Ballots sent. **APRIL** 4/4 Deadline to request replacement ballots. 4/25 Regular Election Day. 4/28 Deadline to withdraw, via email by 5:00pm. MAY

Deadline for Challenges and/or Recounts.

Deadline for Financial Reports from Candidates.

5/1

5/2

#### **Declaration Packet Check List**

(You must mark off each check point below and sign to be eligible for a completed candidate packet)

completed candidate packet)	
1. Copy of your Tribal ID. Must be current and up to date.	
2. Copy of your Driver's License or State ID. Must be current and up to date.	
3. Aside for candidates running for the Election Board, all other candidates must include a money order for their background check fee. Lack of the money order included with your packet will result in an ineligible status to run. \$100 money order should be made out to Little River of Ottawa Indians. Fee is nonrefundable.	
4. Include 2 utility bills/credit card or bank statements that show the candidates name and address.	
5. Initial and sign the Sworn Statement for the office you are running for.	
6. Initial and sign the Acknowledgement for all Candidates.	
7. Fill out the Background Application completely including the Background Check Certification sign and initial.	
8. Sign and date the Authorization for Release of Information.	
9. Fill out, sign and date the Disclosure Form.	
10. Keep the Candidate Campaign Finance Report and plan to send it to the Election Board no later than May 2, 2025.	
11. The Biography and Photograph must be included in the packet, if you so choose to be included in any publications, postings and/or mailings done by the Election Board. If it is not included, it will be indicated that they were not submitted.	

\*Lack of a signature and all points above checked off will result in an ineligible candidate packet. All packets must be returned with the checkpoints checked off, signature and money order for the background check to be eligible for a completed, approved packet. Your signature below indicates acknowledgement of this requirement. \*

Signature:	
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#### **Declaration of Candidacy Application**

Please complete and submit this application with the Declaration of Candidacy Packet to the Election Board by 5:00 pm on October 4, 2024.

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Tribal I.D. #
Physical Address (where y	ou live)		Date of Birth
City	State	Zip	
Wailing Address (if you red	ceive your mail at a different le	ocation)	
City	State	Zip	
Contact phone number			
Email address:Your receipt of packet will be Please print your name below		ar on the officia	l ballot:
Name			
Office of Tribal Counci Office of Tribal Counci	I- Outlying (2 seats) I- Nine County (2 seats) d (3 seats)	ollowing offic	e:

Date

Signature

#### **SWORN STATEMENT BY THE CANDIDATE**

## For the Office of Tribal Council: \_\_\_\_\_ am a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older and a resident of the State of Michigan for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the next scheduled Election. Circle the following statements that apply to you. I do or do not have any conviction or pending prosecution for a crime involving fraud or misrepresentation: and /or \_ (initials) I do or do not have any conviction within the past ten (10) years or pending prosecution for any crime listed in the major Crimes Act. (U.S. Stat. Vol23, Chapter 341) (murder, manslaughter, rape, assault with intent to murder, arson, burglary, or larceny: and/or I do or do not have any conviction within the past ten (10) years or pending prosecution for any offense, the victim of which was the Tribe or any Tribal business, enterprise, department, or program, and /or I do or do not have any conviction within the past ten (10) years or pending prosecution for any offense related to sexual crimes or criminal sexual conduct where the perpetrator was convicted as an adult at the time the crime was committed or is on the list of sex offenders in any jurisdiction. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) swear or affirm that all information provided is true and accurate. \_ \_ \_ (initials) Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SWORN STATEMENT BY THE CANDIDATE**

For the Office of	Tribal Court: <i>Tribal Member</i>
who is twenty-five (25)	am a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indianears of age or older, is not a member of the Tribal Council or the Ogema Tribal Council or for the office of the Ogema.
Check any of the follo	ving statements that apply to you.
been convicted of a fel	ave not been convicted of any crime or dishonesty, or moral turpitude, nor y under Tribal, or State law within the ten (10) year period immediate election or in the event of a vacancy under Article X, Section 4(a), his or his tials)
Date:	Signature:
I,serve as a Tribal Judge Tribal Judge.	Tribal Court: Non-Tribal Member, am a non-member of the Tribe that may be appointed to or elected. I possess a Law degree and have practiced in Federal Indian law or as wing statements that apply to you.
YESNOI been convicted of a fe	ave not been convicted of any crime or dishonesty, or moral turpitude, nor under Federal, Tribal, or State law within the ten (10) year periode date of the election or in the event of a vacancy under Article X, Section
I, (initials)	swear or affirm that all information provided is true and accurat
Date:	Signature:

#### SWORN STATEMENT BY THE CANDIDATE

For the Office of Election Board:

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## **Acknowledgement for all Candidates**

### The following statements apply to all candidates for Elected Office:

I have read and understand the regulations governing the election process.	Initials
I understand that I may be removed as a candidate in the event that my candidate do of my required disclosures are found to contain a false statement.	eclaration or any Initials
I understand that my candidacy shall be subject to ineligibility if it's found that I have Campaign expenditure limit.	ve exceeded the
I understand that my candidacy shall be subject to ineligibility and possible prosecuthat campaign expenditures or contributions have been fraudulently reported. A knowingly submits false information on a Campaign Finance Report shall forfeit the Election Board will refer any credible allegations of election fraud to law enforcement.	candidate who ne election. The
I understand that my candidacy shall be subject to ineligibility if it's found that lime expenditures have been exceeded.	its on campaign Initials
I understand that all Declarations of Candidacy are a matter of Tribal records, which file with the Election Board.	shall be kept on Initials
I understand that if I wish to withdraw my candidacy in this election I must do so October 28, 2024, to the <a href="mailto:electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov">electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov</a> email address.	by 5:00 pm on Initials
Please print name here	
Signature	
 Date	

# Background Application Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2608 Government Center Dr. Manistee, MI 49660

#### **Personal Information**

Last Name	First Name		
Middle Name	meMaiden Name		
Alias or prior names used in last	10 years		
Current Physical Address			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Date of Birth	Social Security Num	ber	
Driver's License #	State is	ssued E	xp Date
Telephone Number ()			
List all residences you have lived	I in the last ten (10) years:		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Street Address	City	State	Zip

#### Arrest or Convictions: Please read carefully and thoroughly.

Your answer should include convictions resulting within the past ten (10) years for any crime listed in the Major Crimes Act (U.S. Stat. Vol 23 Chapter 341) (Murder, manslaughter, rape assault with intent to murder, arson, burglary or larceny), any felony in any jurisdiction, or for any other offense, the victim of which offense was the Tribe, or any Tribal business, enterprise, department or program, any offense related to sexual crimes or criminal sexual conduct where the perpetrator was convicted as an adult at the time the crime was committed.

2. Have you ever been arrested for or cl	narged with a crime involving a child?YesNo.
If "yes" what was the charge:	<del>-</del>
	ny offense under Federal, State or Tribal law involving crimes, exploitation, contract or prostitution, or crimes against any
If "Yes" what was the charge:	
Background Check Certification	
Application are true, accurate and com	ertify that my responses provided on the Background olete, to the best on my knowledge. I understand that false re to disclose information may be grounds for rejection of my raud or Election Fraud or both.
	(initials) Date
orginatar of Applicant	Date

#### Authorization for Release of Information

In connection with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Elections Process:
Candidate Name

hereby authorize the Election Board of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to conduct an investigation into my personal background for the purpose of evaluating my qualification to run for a candidate for the upcoming election. I acknowledge and agree that a representative from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board and Personnel Security Consultants, may obtain information pursuant to such investigation through public record information (e.g. convictions, motor vehicle violations).

I hereby release the Election Board of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, its representatives, and any person providing information in connection with this investigation from any and all liability which may arise in connections with this background investigation.

I have been advised and understand that I have the right to make a written request within thirty (30) days from the date the investigation is complete to receive information concerning the nature and scope of the background investigation completed. The forgoing is in accordance with my understanding and agreement and my signature on this "Authorization for Release of Information" that show my signature are as valid as the original signed by me.

CANDIDATE:	
Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	

#### **Disclosure Form**

Last Name	_First Name
Middle Initial	_Tribal ID #
whole by posting on the Election Board's Little	cil notifies and informs the Tribe's membership as a
in the Major Crimes Act (U.S. Stat. Vol 23 Chap intent to murder, arson, burglary, or larceny); a 3. He or she has any conviction within the past offense, the victim of which was the Tribe, or a program; and/or 4. He or she has any conviction within the past related to sexual crimes or criminal sexual concerns.	10 years or pending prosecution for any crime listed ter 341) (murder, manslaughter, rape, assault with and/or 10 years, or pending prosecution for any my Tribal business, enterprise, department or 10 years or pending prosecution for any offense fluct where the perpetrator was convicted as an adult
For purposes of the disclosure requirements, the period of time immediately preceding the date	stered on the list of sex offenders in any jurisdiction.  The term of 10 years is calculated as the ten (10) year of the election, or in the event of a vacancy under the appointment. The candidates' duty to disclose is.
I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION	I PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE.

#### **Candidate Campaign Finance Report**

This form should be kept, completed and returned to the Election Board by 5/2/2025 You do not have to attach this form to your candidate packet.

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Election Board Regulations, the maximum amount that may be spent by or on behalf of any Candidate in an Election for any office is **\$5,000**.

Please comp	lete and return this form to the E	Election Board <u>no later to</u>	<u>han 5/2/2025.</u>	
I, Candidate Contribution and Expenditure are correc		(Please Print Nam	Please Print Name) certify that the amounts f	
Candidate Co	ontribution and Expenditure are o	correct to the best of my	y knowledge.	
Signature of Candidate			Date	
Candidate I	Expenditures			
Date of Expenditure	Expenditure Detail	Amount of Contribution	Documentation	
	*Background Check Fee			
	ns to Candidates Please refer to the regulation	ns, Chapter 6, Section	n 3, E1.	
Date of Contribution	Person Making Contribution	Amount of Contribution	Type of In-Kind Contribution	

If more space is needed, please use additional pages to complete your form and send them in.

#### Failure to File a Campaign Finance Report.

- No Candidate will be eligible to be sworn in and will not be sworn in to elected office, until he
  or she has submitted a completed and accurate campaign finance report. This report is due
  within five (5) business days after Election.
- Any person who does not file a complete and accurate campaign finance report within thirty
  (30) days from the date of Election, will be contacted in writing by the Election Board. The
  Election Board will accept late campaign finance reports up to ninety (90) days following
  Election Day however, in no case will a candidate be sworn into office prior to receipt of a
  complete and accurate Campaign Finance Report by the Election Board.
- After ninety (90) days, reports will be accepted but those Candidates will be out of compliance with these Regulations. Any Candidate, who does not comply with the reporting requirement will not be permitted to submit a Declaration of Candidacy or be certified as a Candidate in the next Regular or Special Election. This restriction will continue until reports are submitted.

#### Exceeding Campaign Spending Expenditure Limit.

Candidate who exceeds a campaign spending limit shall be disgualified from elected office.

#### Accepting Banned Campaign Contributions.

• A Candidate who accepts any type of banned campaign contribution prohibited by Section 3(h) of Chapter 6, shall be disqualified from elected office.

#### False information or fraud.

 A Candidate who submits false information on a campaign finance report shall be disqualified from elected office. The Election Board will refer all credible allegations of Election fraud to Tribal Law Enforcement.

#### **BIOGRAPHY PAGE**

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and/or biography included in the Tribal Currents, the Election Board website, the Election Board Facebook page and/or any potential mailings by the Election Board, the candidate must include the photograph and/or biography in their "Declaration of Candidate Packet". There is a 300-word limit for the biography and must be included when submitting the candidate packet. Any candidate who does not wish to provide the biography and/or photograph may do so, but the name of the candidate will be listed with an indication that the biography and photograph was not submitted.

This must be turned in with the Candidacy Packet by 5:00 pm on <u>October 4, 2024.</u> You can turn in your biography on a separate sheet of paper included in your packet or send it to the Election Board email as a PDF or a Word file. If you have questions, please reach out and we can help you get the best option for your biography and/or picture.



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians-Election Board ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGULAR ELECTION 2025

Date of Election: April 25, 2025, Offices to be Elected:

At-Large	(1 seat)
Outlying Council	(2 seats)
Nine County Council	(2 seats)
Office of Election Board	(3 seats)
Associate Judge	(1 seat)

#### **Procedures for Establishing Candidacy Packet**

Any Tribal Member who is running for elected office must obtain, complete, and submit a "Declaration of Candidacy Packet" during the period listed in the Election Calendar below. Any incomplete packets received and not completed before the deadline, including the non-refundable background fee paid, will result in an ineligible status.

#### **Election Calendar**

Election Board Declared 2025 Regular Election	August 19, 2024
Candidate Packets available online and by email	August 23, 2024
Packets available via in person at the Government Center	September 6, 2024
Question and Answer Meeting via Zoom-Open Meeting	September 19,
2024 Declaration Packets due back via email or in person by 5:00pm	October 4, 2024
Slate of Candidates certified on 10/25/24 and posted by 12:00PM	October 26,2024
Last day to Withdraw Candidacy by 5:00 pm	October 28, 2024
The registered voters list sent to the Election Vendor (Primary if needed)	October 29, 2024
Voter Registration deadline to be eligible to vote in Primary & Regular Elections	November 1, 2024
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	November 19,
2024 Deadline to request Replacement Ballot	December 23,
2024 Deadline for Disputes	January 3, 2025
Ballots due and Primary Election Day	January 17, 2025
Deadline for Primary Election Dispute	January 20, 2025
Deadline for withdrawal of Candidacy after Primary Election	January 20, 2025
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges	January 24, 2025
The registered voters list sent to the Election Vendor (Regular)	February 13, 2025
Voter Registration deadline to be eligible to vote in Regular Election	February 14, 2025
Ballots mailed out for Regular Election	March 7, 2025
Deadline to request Replacement Ballot	April 4, 2025
Regular Election Day	April 25, 2025
Deadline for Withdrawal	April 28, 2025
Deadline for Regular Election Challenges	May 2, 2025
Deadline for Regular Election campaign financial report	May 2, 2025

Voter Registration Deadlines are as follows: November 1, 2024, to vote in the Primary and Regular Election. If you miss that deadline you still have time to register to vote in the Regular Election if you register prior to February 14, 2025. Please send your registration forms in as early as possible. If your form arrives on November 1<sup>st</sup> or February 14<sup>th</sup> and is not complete you will not be registered to vote.

- The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot only. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. Ballot counting for the Primary will begin at 12:30 pm, on January 17, 2024, held in the Lodge at the Tribes Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI.
- The Regular Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot as well as in person voting.
  Ballot counting for the Regular Election will begin at 12:30 pm, on Friday, April 25th, 2025.
  The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Tribes Government Center, 2608
  Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. In person voting for the Regular election only will be from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.
- If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and/or biography included in the Tribal Currents, the Election Board website, the Election Board Facebook page and/or any potential posting they must submit their information with the candidate packet. Any candidate who does not wish to provide the biography and/or photograph will be listed by name with an indication that the biography and photograph was not submitted.

#### PACKET PICK UP AND DROP OFF DATES

Packets can be obtained on the Election Board LRBOI page and can be requested by email or phone call to <u>Electionboard@Irboi-nsn.gov</u> or 231.398.6709. Candidate packets may be sent to the <u>Electionboard@Irboi-nsn.gov</u> email as soon as they are completed by the potential candidate and the background check fee mailed to the Election Board or dropped off. When they are received they will be verified and if there are any issues or missing information the board will reach out to get it fixed right away instead of waiting until October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider sending your packets back in right away to avoid any issues that might arise at the last minute. All packets must be complete no later than 10/4/24 by 5:00pm, including the non-refundable payment of the background check fee made out to 'Little River Band of Ottawa Indians'.

#### Office Hours:

Packet Pick Up Manistee- August 23, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Election Board Office-Government Center September 6, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Election Board Office-Government Center

Muskegon- August 23, 2024, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

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September 27, 2024, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Barclay Building 1101 W Hackley Ave A Muskegon, MI

Packet Drop Off Manistee- October 4, 2024, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Election Board Office-Government Center

Muskegon- October 4, 2024, from 8:00am to 11:00am

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Voter Registration Forms are available on the LRBOI-Election Board page.

Don't forget to send in your forms and REGISTER TO VOTE!