



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 2026
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 April 1st, 2026. 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 10:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Recorder Metzger:

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 have Quorum (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Thull: **Motion to approve the agenda for April 1st, 2026, with the following corrections: removal of III.B.1., III.B.2., III.B.3., III.B.4., III.B.5., and III.B.6. until the resolutions are corrected.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 1

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)

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Enter into a contract with Gosling Czubak for a water/ sewer rate study**

Item presented by: G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-022; Enter into a contract with the Gosling Czubak for a water/sewer rate study**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

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)

- 2. Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for infiltration Bed/phosphorus removal report in the amount of \$16,600 IHS grant funded resolution #24-1113-214**

Item presented by: G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-023; Ratification of Gosling Czubak Contract for infiltration bed/phosphorus removal report in the amount of \$16,600 IHS grant funded resolution #24-1113-214**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 3

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)

B. Budget Modifications

- REMOVED:
1. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self-Governance and approving a modification to the “continuing budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #_ in the amount of \$2,281,345**

 - REMOVED:
 2. **Approving Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Lift Station Generator and Safety Grate and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #_ for cash match increase of \$757.14 from Utility Department – Waste Water (7500-702) for the Backup Generator project (4576)**

 - REMOVED:
 3. **Acceptance of grants funds from the state of Michigan Tribal Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) and approving a Modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” MB2026-_ in the amount of \$533,382**

 - REMOVED:
 4. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service – Office of Self-Governance for contract support costs – direct and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #_ in the amount of \$201,675**

 - REMOVED:
 5. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs – and approving a modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” MB2026-_ in the amount of \$740,442**

 - REMOVED:
 6. **Approval of modification to the “Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2026” #_, Authorizing a modification to the 2017 BIA GLRI Budget**

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton:

IV. Old Business

A. August 2025 Financial Report

Item Presented By: B. Pringle

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to Accept the Financial Report for August 2025**

Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

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)

B. 2026 Strategic Plan

Item Presented By: B. Pringle

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to Accept the 2026 Strategic Plan**

Councilor Thull: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

V. New Business

A. Addendum to the RK Davis – Infrastructure, originally approved by Resolution 24-1211-245. Extend expiration date to 12-31-26

Item Presented By: G. Lewis

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to approve Resolution #26-0401-024; Addendum to the RK Davis – Infrastructure, originally approved by resolution #24-1211-245. Extend expiration date to 12-31-26**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 6

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)

B. Approval to un-restrict ARPA funds 49660-00-6100 for RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) in the Amount of \$1,606,702.91

Item Presented By: G. Lewis

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approve Resolution #26-0401-025; Approval to un-restrict ARPA funds 49660-00-6100 for RK Davis, upgrading the infrastructure (headworks) in the amount of \$1,606,702.91**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #7

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)

C. Enter into a 5-year contract with Corrpro Companies

Item Presented By: G. Lewis

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to approves Resolution #26-0401-026; Enter into a 5-year contract with Corrpro Companies**
Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 8

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)

D. Adopting Amendments to the Law and Order – Criminal Offenses – Ordinance #11-400-03

Item Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Postpone until 2nd Open Session**
Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #9

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)

E. Membership Meetings Procedures Ordinance – #26-200-05

Item Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Postpone until 2nd Open Session**
Councilor Silvis: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

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)

**F. Chapter 1. Purchasing and Procurement Regulation,
Regulation #R100-01: AC-01**

Item Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Postpone until 2nd Open Session**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

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)

IV. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

C. Legislative Affairs Update

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to End 1st Open Session at 11:18AM**

Councilor Burmeister: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 12

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 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.

VIII. Open Session

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Enter 2nd Open Session at 1:23PM**
Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Items Postponed in 1st Open:

D. Adopting Amendments to the Law and Order – Criminal Offenses – Ordinance #11-400-03

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-027; Adopting Amendments to the Law and Order – Criminal Offenses – Ordinance #11-400-03.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

E. Membership Meetings Procedures Ordinance - #26-200-05

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-028; Membership Meeting Procedure Ordinance - #26-200-05**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion FAILED (3-5-0-1)

F. Chapter 1. Purchasing and Procurement Regulation, Regulation #R100-01: AC-01

**Councilor Thull: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-029; Chapter 1.
Purchasing and Procurement Regulation, Regulation #R100-01: AC- 01
Councilor Wittenberg: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

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

**Councilor Silvis: Motion to Amend the Agenda; to Rescind #26-0325-016
Councilor Wittenberg: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**Councilor Silvis: Motion to Rescind #26-0325-016
Councilor Burmeister: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 18

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

Motion carried (6-0-2-1)

**Councilor Silvis: Motion to Amend the Agenda: To accept Resolution #26-
0401-030; Appropriating Funds for the Continuing Budget Resolution for
Expenditures during the Month of FY2026
Councilor Wittenberg: Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 19

C. Waitner - Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Silvis: Motion to Accept Resolution #26-0401-030; Appropriating Funds for the Continuing Budget Resolution for Expenditures during the Month of FY2026

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 20

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

Motion carried (5-0-3-1)

Councilor Crampton: Motion to Amend the Agenda; to have Attorney Frias send a letter to the FBI, letting them know that Tribal Council supports the investigation and including all that was discussed in closed.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 21

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Crampton: Motion to have Attorney Frias alert the FBI about what was discussed in closed.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 22

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Crampton: Motion to have Amend the Agenda; to have Attorney Frias send a letter to the Enrollment Commission, to release the 2004 internal and external audit and all supporting documentation to Tribal Council.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 23

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Councilor Crampton: **Motion to have Attorney Frias send a letter to the Enrollment Commission, to release the 2004 internal and external audit and all supporting documentation turned over to Tribal Council.**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call # 24

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to have End 2nd Open at 1:55PM**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Support**

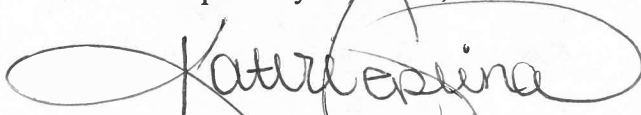
Recorder Metzger:

Roll Call #25

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant



Allen Metzger,
Tribal Council Recorder