



Approved 08/06/2025

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 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 June 11, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Burmeister:

- I. Opening Prayer**
- II. General Business**
 - A. Call to Order**
 - B. Roll Call**

Recorder Johnson:

T. Burmeister -Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	A. Metzger - Present
S. Crampton - Present	P. Johnson - Present	S. Wever - Present

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister:

- C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Burmeister: **Called a recess at 10:56am, Reconvened at 11:19am**

Recorder Johnson:

T. Burmeister -Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	M. Silvis - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	A. Metzger - Present
S. Crampton - Present	P. Johnson - Present	S. Wever - Present

We do have quorum.

Speaker Burmeister:

- C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to approve the agenda with the following changes under V. New Business is updated- Acceptance of the revisions to the Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws. VII.C.1 was postponed -2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann and VII.C.2 was also postponed- Open Bank Account at PNC Bank for Per Cap Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington. VII.C.3 was removed- Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health for New**

Electronic Medical Health Records System. Same for VIII. Second Open Session same items. 1,2 and 3.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Johnson:

Roll Call # 1

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- No	S. Wever - No
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - No	T. Burmeister- Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Burmeister:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

E. Drummer's Opening Song

F. Gifting of Elected Members Leaving Office

Gifted Pam Johnson and Shirley Wever.

G. Oaths Of Office Administered
Office of Associate Judge
• **Caroline LaPorte, J.D**
Office of Election Board

Associate Judge LaPorte:

- **Kristi Fowler**
- **JoAnne "JoJo" Green**
- **Lee Iverson**

Office of Tribal Council 9- County

- **Gary DiPiazza**
- **Connie L. Waitner**

Office of Tribal Council-At-Large

- **Julie Wolfe**

Office of Tribal Council- Outlying

- **Shannon Crampton**
- **Susan Thull**

Speaker Burmeister:

H. Drummers Closing Song

I. Break- Feast

J. Reconvene- Call back to order

Roll Call # 2

J. Wolfe- Present	S. Crampton- Present	M. Silvis- Present
C. Waitner- Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	A. Metzger- Present

R. Wittenberg - Present	T. Burmeister- Present	S. Thull - Present
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We do have quorum.

K. Selection Of Officers- Nominations and Vote

1. Speaker- Shannon Crampton

2. Recorder- Susan Thull

L. Roll Call for Quorum

Roll Call # 3

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

We do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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| 1. Ratification of Tele psychiatric Consultation Services Agreement Contract with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services | Tribal Ogema
A. Schwandt |
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Angela Schwandt: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0611-131 Ratification of Tele psychiatric Consultation Services Agreement Contract with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

B. Budget Modifications

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| 1.A Budget Modification MB2025-___in the Amount of \$2,864.86 from Utility Department- Water Operations (7500-702) as a cash match to the Backup Generator project (4576) | Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis
G. Walters
D. Kerr |
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Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0611-132 Budget Modification MB2025-32 in the amount of \$2,864.86 from Utility Department- Water Operations (7500-702) as a cash match to the Backup Generator project (4576)**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

1.B Ratification of J. Ranck Electric, Inc Contract In the amount of \$124,559.00, IHS grant funded Resolution # 24-1113-213

Tribal Ogema
G. Lewis
G. Walters
D. Kerr

Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0611-133 Ratification of J. Ranck Electric, Inc Contract In the amount of \$124,559.00, IHS grant funded Resolution # 24-1113-213**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure
IV. Old Business
A. April 2025 Operations Report

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the April 2024 Operations Report**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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. September 2024 Financial Report

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the September 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

C. October 2024 Financial Report

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept the October 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

D. November 2024 Financial Report

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the November 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Burmeister: 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-Abstain	S. Thull- Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

E. December 2024 Financial Report

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the December 2024 Financial Report**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**F. Ratification of Master Agreement of Services
with Weinlander Fitzhugh for 2024-2026 401K Audit**

**Tribal Ogema
D. Reinhard
A. Goff**

Don Reinhard: Represented the item

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0611-134 Ratification of
Master Agreement of Services with Weinlander Fitzhugh for 2024-2026 401K**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call #12

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- Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

**G. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025- to fund
The 2025 Legislative Professional Fees in the amount
Of \$140,000.00**

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0611-135 Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2025- 05 to fund the 2025 Legislative Professional Fees in the amount of \$140,000.00**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (4-4-1-0) **FAILED**

Speaker Crampton:

V. New Business

Updated A. Acceptance of the revisions to the Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws.

**T. Burmeister
C. Wells**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to postpone the Acceptance of the revisions to the Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call # 14

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:

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 18, 2025

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

C. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Tammy Burmeister

2. Susan Thull

3. Julie Wolfe

4. Gary Di Piazza

5. Connie Waitner

6. Al Metzger

7. Ron Wittenberg

8. Misty Silvis

9. Shannon Crampton

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to end first Open Session at 2:27pm**

Councilor DiPiazza: 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 3:00 p.m.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #16

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:

VIII. Open Session

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

Postponed 1. 2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann

Postponed 2. Open Bank Account at PNC Bank for Per Cap Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington

Removed 3. Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health For New Electronic Medical Health Records System

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to adjourn at 3:01pm**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 17

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)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder

