



Approved 08/06/2025

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 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 18, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker Thull:

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

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

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

We do have quorum.

Acting Speaker Thull:

- C. Approval of Agenda**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to approve the agenda June 18, 2025, with the following add under II. D Appointment of Council Member Julie Wolfe as Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore, and Old Business is Acceptance of the revisions to the Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws. X.C.2 updated Open Bank Account at PNC Bank for Per Cap Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington. And Second Open A.3. is updated with the same update.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

D. Appointment of Council Member Julie Wolfe as Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore

Councilor Metzger: **Resolution # 25-0618-136 Appointment of Council Member Julie Wolfe as Tribal Council Recorder Pro Tempore**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

E. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the 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

☐ May 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Report for May 2025**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

D. Health Commission

☐ None Submitted

E. Housing Commission

☐ None Submitted

F. Natural Resource Commission

☐ None Submitted

G. Biskaabiiyaang Commission

☐ None Submitted

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ May 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to approve the Little River Casino Preference Report for May 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

B. Elders Committee

☐ None Submitted

VII. Old Business

Postponed A. Acceptance of the revisions to the Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws. T. Burmeister
C. Wells

B. January 2025 Financial Report

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the January 2025 Financial Report**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

C. February 2025 Financial Report

Councilor Burmeister: **Motion to accept the February 2025 Financial Report**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

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- Absent	C. Waitner- Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

VIII. New Business

- A. Change in Scope of work-CCDF Tribal Lead Agency: Little River FFY 2023-2025**
- Tribal Ogema
J. Codden
J. Steinberg**

Janeen Codden: Represented this item

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0618-137 change in scope of work- CCDF Tribal Lead Agency: Little River FFY 2023-2025**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 25, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- 1. Tammy Burmeister**
 - 2. Connie Waitner**
 - 3. Julie Wolfe**
 - 4. Gary Di Piazza**
 - 5. Susan Thull**
 - 6. Al Metzger**
 - 7. Ron Wittenberg**
 - 8. Misty Silvis**
 - 9. Shannon Crampton**

D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to end first Open Session at 10:57 am**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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 at 12:13pm**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

XI. Open Session

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

1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ May 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session Report for May 2025**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

2. 2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0618-138 2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 11

S. Crampton - Absent	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 (5-3-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

- Updated 3. Open Bank Account at PNC Bank for Per Cap Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington**
A. Open New Per Cap Bank Account at PNC Bank and Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington Bank

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0618-139 Open New Per Cap Bank Account at PNC Bank and Close Current Per Cap Bank Account at Huntington Bank**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

- B. Approval of PNC Master Repurchase Agreement**

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0618-140 Approval of PNC Master Repurchase Agreement**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull.

Roll Call # 13

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

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

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

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to make Anishinaabemowin and American English the official language during council meetings and the only acceptable response**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Speaker Thull:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 12:39pm**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder Wolfe:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Julie Wolfe,
Pro Tempore Recorder