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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 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 May 28, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Speaker Johnson:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Weaver: Stated Prayer

Acting Speaker Johnson::

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:08am

B. Roll Call

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call #

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

We do have quorum.

Acting Speaker Johnson:

C. Approval of Agenda

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday May 28, 2025, it the following corrections. IV. Old Business A. Updated- Natural Resource**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Commission report for April 2025. V. New Business D. Add- Notice to post Enrollment Commission Ordinance #25-150-10**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 1

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- Yes	S. Weaver - Yes

G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Absent
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

D. Tribal Council Minutes

☐ 05/15/2025 Emergency Meeting

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Tribal council Minutes for 05/15/2025 Emergency Meeting**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 2

S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- Yes	S. Weaver - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Absent
J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

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

Don Reinhard: Represented this item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0528-116 Ratification of Master Agreement of Services with Weinlander Fitzhugh for 2024-2026 401K Audit**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 3

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

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

Acting Speaker Johnson:

- 2. Submission of Grant Proposal to the
Department of Justice, Office on Violence
Against Women, Transitional Housing Program
grant.**

**Tribal Ogema
M. Ludwig
J. Steinberg**

Michol Ludwig & Jessica Steinberg: Represented this item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion for the Submission of Grant Proposal to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Transitional Housing Program grant**

Councilor Weaver: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 4

P. Johnson- Yes	S. Weaver - Yes	S. Crampton- Yes
M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Absent	G. DiPiazza- Yes
A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Budget Modifications

1. A Approval of Budget Modification

MB2025-__ in the amount of \$35,000.00 within

ARPA Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund

4529 (LATCF)

Tribal Ogema

M. Lucas

Michelle Lucas: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0528-117 Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-23 in the amount of \$35,000.00 within ARPA Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund 4529 (LATCF)**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Support

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (3-4-0-2) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

1.B Ratification of Contract with WIPFLI using

Operating Budget 4529 Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF)

Tribal Ogema

M. Lucas

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to remove item III.B.1.A Ratification of Contract with WIPFLI using Operating Budget 4529 Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF)**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Updated A. Natural Resource Commission ☐ April 2025

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission report for April 2025**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2025

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0528-118 Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Third Quarter of FY2025**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (4-3-1-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

C. Ratification of Kaseya contract for I.T Glue

**Tribal Ogema
J. Peterson**

Jay Peterson: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0528-119 Ratification of Kaseya contract for I.T Glue**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Support

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (3-5-0-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

V. New Business

A. Appointment of Brenda Cogswell to the Binojeeuk Commission

T. Burmeister

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to postpone to second Open- Appointment of Brenda Cogswell to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

B. Motion to Adopt 2025 Annual Elk Regulation Booklet

G. DiPiazza

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Represented this item

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to postpone Adopt 2025 Annual Elk Regulation Booklet**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 11

S. Crampton - Yes	P. Johnson- Yes	S. Wever - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- Absent

J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

C. Motion to Adopt 2025 Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet **G. DiPiazza**

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Represented this item- **Motion to Adopt 2025 Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:
Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (3-4-1-1) FAILED

Acting Speaker Johnson:

Add D. Notice to post Enrollment Commission Ordinance #25-150-10 **J. Wolfe**

Councilor Wolfe: Represented this item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Notice to post Enrollment Commission Ordinance #25-150-10**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:
Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 04, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
 - 1. Tammy Burmeister**
 - 2. Pam Johnson**
 - 3. Julie Wolfe**
 - 4. Gary Di Piazza**

5. Shirley Wever
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 12:04pm**

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 14

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

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: Motion to go into second Open session

Councilor Wever: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

VIII. Open Session

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

**Postponed from V. New Business A. Appointment of Brenda Cogswell to the
Binojeeuk Commission Seat #5**

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to accept the Appointment of Brenda Cogswell to the
Binojeeuk Commission Seat #5**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Johnson:

IX. Adjourn

Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza: **Motion to adjourn at 1:28pm**

Councilor Silvis: Support

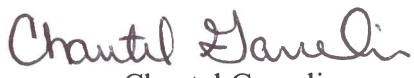
Pro Temp Recorder DiPiazza:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,


Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant


Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder