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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 19, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:06 am

B. Roll Call

Recorder Thull:

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 do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Recorder Thull: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday November 19, 2025, with the adds under VII. New Business A. Affirmative Vote to Override the Tribal Ogema's Veto of Supplemental Appropriation to fund Montana and Associates LLC in the Amount of \$701,749 and VII. New Business B. Overriding the Ogema's Disapproval of the Tribal Council Resolution #25-1112-264; Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 11/12/2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for ☐ 11/12/2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (5-0-4-0)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

- A. Budget Modifications**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema** Tribal Ogema
 - 1. Operations Report** ☐ None Submitted
 - 2. Financial Report** ☐ None Submitted

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission**
 - ☐ 1. June 2025
 - ☐ 2. July 2025
 - ☐ 3. August 2025
 - ☐ 4. September 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Binojeeuk Commission report for June 2025, July 2025, August 2025 and September 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

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 – Yes
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)		

Speaker Crampton:

- B. Enrollment Commission** ☐ None Submitted
C. Gaming Commission ☐ October 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission report for October 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Health Commission** ☐ None Submitted
E. Housing Commission ☐ September 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Housing Commission report for September 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- F. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ October 2025

Councilor DiPiazza: **Motion to accept the Natural Resource Commission report for October 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 6

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)

Speaker Crampton:

G. Biskaabiiyaang Commission ☐ **September 2025**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Biskaabiiyaang Commission for September 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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)

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** ☐ **None Submitted**
B. Elders Committee ☐ **None Submitted**

VII. Old Business

ADD A. Affirmative Vote to Override the Tribal Ogema's Veto of Supplemental Appropriation to fund Montana and Associates LLC in the Amount of \$701,749. **S. Thull**

Recorder Thull: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Resolution #25-1119-265 Affirmative Vote to Override the Tribal Ogema's Veto of Supplemental Appropriation to fund Montana and Associates LLC in the Amount of \$701,749.**

Recorder Thull: Support

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0) FAILED

Speaker Crampton:

ADD B. Overriding the Ogema's Disapproval of the Tribal Council Resolution #25-1112-264; Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget **S. Crampton
B. Pringle**

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Resolution #25-1119-266 Overriding the Ogema's Disapproval of the Tribal Council Resolution #25-1112-264; Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0) FAILED

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. New Business

A. Approval for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct Timber harvest on Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal trust lands. **S. Hollowell**

Sean Hollowell: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Resolution #25-1119-267 Approval for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct Timber harvest on Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal trust lands.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

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:

B. Adoption of the FY 2026-2029 LRBOI Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) **S. Parsons**

Steve Parsons: Represented the item

Councilor Waitner: Resolution #25-1119-268 Adoption of the FY 2026-2029 LRBOI Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- C. Approval of Retail On-Site General Liquor License and a Retail Off-Site General Liquor License for Little River Casino Resort for Calendar Year 2026**
- J. Walter**
M. Schrader

Jodi Walter: Represented the item

Councilor Burmeister: Resolution #25-1119-269 Approval of Retail On-Site General Liquor License and a Retail Off-Site General Liquor License for Little River Casino Resort for Calendar Year 2026

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 12

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:

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 26, 2025**
B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business
C. Legislative Affairs Update
D. Public Comment Period

Councilor Metzger: Motion to end first Open Session at 12:06pm

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

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 end Closed discussion and go into Second Open Session 1:12pm**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

XI. Open Session

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

1. Gaming Commission Closed Session Report ☐ October 2025

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept the Gaming Commission Closed Session report for October 2025**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 15

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:

XII. Adjourn

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to adjourn at 1:15pm**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder