



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, JANUARY 14th, 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 January 14th, 2026. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Crampton: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:04 a.m.

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

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Approve the agenda for January 14th, 2026. With the following updates, tribal council minutes for 1/7/26 have been corrected; III A.1. Approval of contract with GTEC to perform various services in support of the BIA roads program has been removed.**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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:

D. Tribal Council Minutes 01/07/26

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve the Tribal Council Minutes for 01/07/26**

Counciler Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

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

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- 1. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget**

Presented By: S. Crampton and B. Pringle

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Approve Resolution #26-0114-002 the Adopting of Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Government Operations Budget**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

- 2. For the Appointment of Ms. Gonzalez to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Presented By: S. Gonzalez

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to Approve the Appointment of Shawna Gonzalez to the Binojeeuk Commission.**

Counciler Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion Failed (4-5-0-0)

3. Posting for a 30-day Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the Election Ordinance

Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Wolfe: **Motion to Approve the Posting for a 30-Day Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the Election Ordinance**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

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	- No

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

4. Posting for a 30-Day Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the Enrollment Ordinance

Presented By: S. Crampton

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Approve the Posting for a 30-Day Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the Enrollment Ordinance**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, January 21st, 2026**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to End 1st Open Session at 11:20AM**
Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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.

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. Open Session

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to go into 2nd Open Session at 12:43PM**
Councilor Thull: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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:

- A. Items moved from Closed to Open-Minutes and Materials Remain Confidential**
 - 1. Core Technology Data Exchange for Law Enforcement Data Sharing**

Councilor Thull: **Motion to Remove Agenda item VIII. A.1 Core Technology Data Exchange for Law Enforcement Data Sharing.**
Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

G. DiPiazza	- Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to Allow Councilor Metzger to Attend the NCIA (National Congress of American Indians) in Washington D.C. February 8th-12th.**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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	- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to End 2nd Open Session at 12:48PM**

Counciler Wittenberg: Support

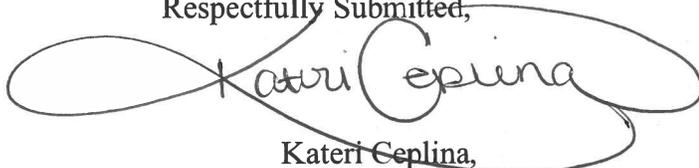
Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 12

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)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kateri Ceplina,
Legislative Assistant

Susan Thull,
Tribal Councilor, Recorder

