

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Press Release



For Immediate Release

Removal of Ogema Larry B. Romanelli, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Manistee, MI (December 5, 2024) – On December 4, 2024, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians voted to begin the constitutionally outlined removal process of its Ogema, Larry B. Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli faces allegations of Gross Misconduct and Malfeasance, Failure to abide by the Oath of Office the responsibilities and duties that come with that Office, and Failure to provide monthly Financial Reports to Tribal Council. A public hearing has been set on December 16, 2024 @ 10 am.; at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center Lodge, and via Zoom. The Tribal Council alleges the Ogema's inability to manage the Tribe; specifically, regarding the 2023 Audit and monthly Financial Reports.

Furthermore, the Tribe has been notified of sanctions forth coming, due to the 2023 Audit not being submitted as of current. The monthly Financial Reports have only been received through May 2024 to date. Tribal Council will not comment on the specifics of the allegations to preserve the Ogema's right to due process.

Signed:

Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder

Date:

12/5/24