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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 2025. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Crampton:

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg: Stated Opening Prayer

Speaker Crampton:

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

At 10:03 am

B. Roll Call

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call #

T. Burmeister – Absent	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 Wittenberg: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday September 10, 2025, with the following corrections under V. New Business Postponed- A. Ratification of a Software Management System Contract.**

Councilor Metzger: 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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

**D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 08/20/2025 ☐ 12/31/2024 Emergency
☐ 12/18/2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for ☐ 08/20/25**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 2

S. Crampton – Yes	C. Waitner- Yes	S. Thull - 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)

Speaker Crampton:

Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 12/31/2024 Emergency ☐ 12/18/2024

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for ☐ 12/31/2024
Emergency ☐ 12/18/2024**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 3

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

Motion carried (6-0-2-1)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

A. Budget Modifications

1. **Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-__ ; Tribal Ogema
Authorizing a modification to the Coronavirus K. Bowers
Capital Projects.**

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-198 **Approval of Budget Modification MB2025-57; Authorizing a modification to the Coronavirus Capital Projects.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

B. Grants & Contracts

- 1. Ratification of Deep Freeze 3-year AIT Contract** Tribal Ogema
J. Peterson

Jay Peterson: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-199 Ratification of Deep Freeze 3-year AIT Contract**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

C. Waitner- Yes	S. Thull - 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)

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

- A. Approval for the NRD to submit an application for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service White Nose Syndrome Grant for States and Tribes for 12/01/2025-05/01/2027.** Tribal Ogema
S. Hollowell

Sean Hollowell: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-200 Approval for the NRD to submit an application for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service White Nose Syndrome Grant for States and Tribes for 12/01/2025-05/01/2027.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- B. Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service - Office of Self-Governance - Amendment Number 3 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025- in the amount of \$364**
- Tribal Ogema
K. Bowers

Kathleen Bowers: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-201 Acceptance of contract funds from the Indian Health Service - Office of Self-Governance – Amendment Number 3 and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB2025-58 in the amount of \$364**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- C. July 2025 Operations Report**

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the July 2025 Operations Report**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

D. Elders Committee

□ June 2025 & August 2025

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept the Elders Committee report for June 2025 & August 2025**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

E. Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Fourth Quarter of FY2025.

B. Pringle

Brad Pringle: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-202 Appropriating funds for Expenditures during the Fourth Quarter of FY2025.**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

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- Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

F. Adoption of Enrollment Commission Ordinance # 25-150-10 **J. Wolfe**

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to postpone Adoption of Enrollment Commission Ordinance # 25-150-10**

Councilor Waitner: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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

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

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-203 Adoption of Enrollment Commission Ordinance # 25-150-10**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 12

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

G. Notice of intent to repeal the Health Commission Ordinance #06-150-06. J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Notice of intent to repeal the Health Commission Ordinance #06-150-06.**

Recorder Thull: **Support**

Roll Call # 13

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

H. Notice to Post Health Commission Ordinance #25-150-06 J. Wolfe

Councilor Wolfe: Represented the item

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept the Notice to Post Health Commission Ordinance #25-150-06**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- I. Transferring Tribal Council Restricted funds to High Yield Bank Account A. Metzger**

Councilor Metzger: Represented the item

Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-204 Transferring Tribal Council Restricted funds to High Yield Bank Account

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 15

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- J. Amendment to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, S. Crampton Ordinance #13- 100-04, Article V, Section 5.13 to remove subsection (e). B. Pringle**

Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-205 Amendment to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13- 100-04, Article V, Section 5.13 to remove subsection (e).**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 16

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- K. Resolution in Support of Anishinaabemowin Teacher Licensure for Jacquelyn Cabarrubia. A. Metzger S. Thull**

Councilor Metzger: Represented the item
Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-206 Resolution in Support of Anishinaabemowin Teacher Licensure for Jacquelyn Cabarrubia.

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 17

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

Motion carried (5-0-3-1)

Speaker Crampton:

V. New Business

Postponed A. Ratification of a Software Management System Contract Tribal Ogema J. Codden

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 17, 2025**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**
- C. Legislative Affairs Update**
- D. Public Comment Period**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to end first Open session at 11:54 a.m.**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 18

A. Metzger - Yes	R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes
S. Thull - Yes	S. Crampton – Yes	C. Waitner- Yes
T. Burmeister- Absent	G. DiPiazza – Yes	M. Silvis - 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 Metzger: **Motion to end Closed session and go into Second Open Session at 1:01p.m.**

Councilor Silvis: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 19

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

VIII. Open Session

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

1. Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health for New Electronic Medical Records System

Councilor Waitner: **Motion to accept Resolution #25-0910-207 Authorization to Approve Contract with Athena Health for New Electronic Medical Records System**

Councilor Wittenberg: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 20

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

Motion carried (2-6-0-1) FAILED

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to adjourn at 1:04 p.m.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 21

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder