



Approved 09/24/2025

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 17, 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 10:04 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- Absent	S. Thull - Present

We do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton:

C. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Wittenberg: **Motion to accept the agenda for Wednesday September 17, 2025, with the following corrections under V. New Business A updated- Phase II Assessment Sugar Shack. V. New Business B updated- Phase II Assessment Bull Corner. V. New Business C Updated- Approving Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory. V. New Business F add- Reappointment of Greg Walters to the Natural Resource Commission. VII. Closed Session F add- Legislative Org Chart, Job Description, and Salaries.**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

- D. Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 08/27/2025 ☐ 08/27/2025 Emergency
☐ 08/28/2025 Emergency
☐ 08/29/2025 Emergency
☐ 09/03/2025 Emergency ☐ 09/04/2025 Special
☐ 09/10/2025

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Tribal Council minutes for** ☐ 08/27/2025
☐ 08/27/2025 Emergency ☐ 08/28/2025 Emergency ☐ 08/29/2025 Emergency
☐ 09/03/2025 Emergency ☐ 09/04/2025 Special ☐ 09/10/2025

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

III. Continuing Business

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

IV. Old Business

- A. Natural Resource Commission** ☐ August 2025

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

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

V. New Business

updated A. Phase II Assessment Sugar Shack

**Tribal Ogema
D. Karst**

David Karst: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to postpone items A& B until second Open**

Councilor Wolfe: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

updated B. Phase II Assessment Bull Corner

**Tribal Ogema
D. Karst**

updated C. Approving Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory

G. DiPiazza

Greg Walters: Represented the item

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to postpone Approving Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory**

Councilor Wittenberg: 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- Absent	S. Thull - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

D. Reappointment of Steve Parsons to the LRBOI Gaming

S. Parsons

Commission.

Steve Parsons: Represented himself and Mark Jespersen

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Reappointment of Steve Parsons to the LRBOI Gaming Commission.**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 7

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

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

Speaker Crampton:

E. Reappointment of Mark Jespersen to the LRBOI Gaming Commission. M. Jespersen

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Reappointment of Mark Jespersen to the LRBOI Gaming Commission.**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 8

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

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

Add F. Reappointment of Greg Walters to the Natural Resource Commission G. Walters

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to accept Reappointment of Greg Walters to the Natural Resource Commission.**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 9

T. Burmeister- Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes
R. Wittenberg- No	J. Wolfe- No	A. Metzger - No

S. Crampton – Yes	C. Waitner- Absent	S. Thull - Yes
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Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 24, 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 11:16a.m**

Councilor Burmeister: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 10

R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe- Yes	A. Metzger - Yes
S. Crampton – Yes	C. Waitner- Absent	S. Thull - Yes
G. DiPiazza - Yes	M. Silvis - Yes	T. Burmeister- 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 Silvis: **Motion to end closed and go into second open session**

Councilor Metzger: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 11

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

Postponed from Open **1. Phase II Assessment Sugar Shack**

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept resolution #25-0917-208 Ratification of Sugar shack phase II contract with the correction under the 9th whereas Tribal council and Natural Resource stricken and add Executive Legal**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 12

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:

2. Phase II Assessment Bull Corner

Councilor Metzger: **Motion to accept resolution #25-0917-209 Ratification of Bull corner phase II contract with the correction under the 9th whereas Tribal council and Natural Resource stricken and add Executive Legal**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 13

C. Waitner- Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Crampton:

IX. Adjourn

Councilor Silvis: **Motion to adjourn at 12:31p.m**

Councilor DiPiazza: Support

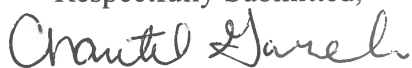
Recorder Thull:

Roll Call # 14

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Chantel Gamelin,
Transcribing Assistant



Susan Thull,
Tribal Council Recorder