



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Commerce Commission  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660

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DATE: 12/21/15  
TO: Tribal Council  
FROM: Commerce Commission  
RE: November 2015- Monthly Report of the Commerce Commission

The Commerce Commission submits this monthly report as required by the Commissions Ordinance to the Tribal Council. The Commission submits its administrative functions and monthly reports separate from those of the Commerce Department.

**Name, Purpose, Officers:**

1. This report is from the Commerce Commission.
2. The purpose of the Commerce Commission is as follows: To promote diversification of the Tribal economy, entrepreneurial efforts of Tribal members and to provide oversight and policy supervision to the Department of Commerce and programs administered by that Department.
3. The Officers of the Commission are Chairperson Kareen Lewis, Vice-Chairperson Peggy Vriesman, Secretary Jason Cross The remaining Commission members are: VACANT

Activities during past month:

1. The Commission convened on 11/5/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Reappointments of two of the current Commissioners.
2. Appointment of two vacant Commission seats.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Commerce Commission Chairperson



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
COMMERCE COMMISSION  
OPEN SESSION**

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 pm, in the Big Manistee Room at LRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:06 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA** by Lewis, supported  
by Viersman

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
FROM October 2015** by Lewis, supported by Cross

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES FROM October 2015 by Vriesman, supported by  
Lewis**

Roll Call: #4

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St.  
Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. Public Comment**

- None.

**IV. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis**

- CDFI – Sean will be on property on 11/17 at 9am in the law library and he will be attending the 11am staff meeting at the resort. He will also be on property on 11/18 starting at 8am for individual meetings. Commissioner Lewis will send out a flyer to be posted in all work areas.
- SBLA Revision – Tom stated that he felt that the Commission should move forward with the ordinance as it is. The Commission agreed that they were satisfied with the revisions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SBLA ORDINANCE  
REVISIONS by Lewis, supported by Vriesman**

Roll Call: #5

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St.  
Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Commerce Corner –Commissioner Cross shared information regarding Wes Owens and his availability for the remainder of the year. Crystal Young (WSCC Director of Business Opportunity Center) was also discussed as a possible resources for Tribal members.

**VI. New Business: Discussion**

- 2016 Meeting location – Commissioner Lewis stated that she would speak to Ron Pete and request the use of the Big Manistee room as long as there is no conflicts with paying customers.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:40pm**, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #6

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:19pm**, by Lewis, supported by Cross.

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AJOURN**, by Lewis, supported by Cross

Roll Call: #8

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes –3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Cross, MSW  
Commerce Commission Recorder