

Michael J. Ceplina
Office of the Ogema



BooZhoo,

My name is Michael Ceplina and I am running to be your Ogema. My work history includes working for a Fortune 500 company before moving to Manistee in 2002 to work for the tribe. Positions I have held within the tribe include: security officer, utility operator, surveillance operator, natural resource commissioner, tribal councilor and election board member. I believe my work experience and knowledge gained will be an asset to the position of Ogema. I also believe we need to bring unity back into the tribe. I WILL work with tribal council. I WILL provide transparency to the membership with such things as letting the tribal members see the budget, EDC projects, casino and on-line gaming revenue numbers. Other things I would like to see changed and work towards are term limits for Ogema/elected officials and getting our reservation lands back from the federal government as other tribes have done. I would also like to see affordable housing for members expanded beyond one location. We have to look at the seven generations and that includes bringing back cultural activities. Knowing our culture is vital for our children and the future. I believe it is time for a change. I believe it is time for new leadership. I appreciate your vote.

Miigwetch,

Michael J. Ceplina

Shannon Paul Crampton
Office of the Ogema

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Gary Paul DiPiazza/Sees Bak Tunse
Office of the Ogema



Aanii

I'm Sees-Bak-Tunse (Real Sweet Sugar) Gary Paul DiPiazza.

I have been happily married for 40 years, together we have two lovely daughters and four grandchildren.

I have been your dedicated servant on Tribal Council for the past 9 years.

I'm a traditional Pipe Carrier and Firekeeper. I have supported and attended our Tribal Language Camp, powwow and community (Great Lakes Area) cultural events for decades.

I sponsored and brought forward: the Cares Act legislation releasing \$1000.00 to Every Tribal Citizen.

Creation of our Manistee and Muskegon Pharmacy and Health Clinic.

I currently serve on CORA working on our 2020 Consent Decree looking after our 1836 Treaty Rights.

I have increased your Deer Harvest from 5 Deer to 10 Deer this year to help you feed your family.

I implemented interactive Live Council Meetings for my Citizens.

Engineered the next step in Electrical Power FREE TO ALL.

FREE Renewable Energy to run our Casino, AKI, Government Center and EVERY CITIZEN'S HOME.

Keep Moving Forward towards completion of our Muskegon Project.

I will continue serving with honor and integrity.

I believe I have shown my worth and I'm not afraid to stand alone.

I have the ingenuity and courage to get things done.

I stand for the best interests of ALL my citizens.

I am open to your thoughts and concerns so I can take them with me on this path.

Miigwetch for letting me speak with you.

Facebook @ Vote Gary Paul DiPiazza for Your Next Ogema

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Raymond Hugo
Office of the Ogema



Boozhoo, my name is Raymond Hugo. I am a member from the Nine-County area of Mason County. I was raised and spent most of my life in this area. In my upbringing, I was able to experience the different school districts throughout the area. Also, I even had the chance to attend Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. Then, I continued my education into college at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City where I obtained a degree in business.

As a kid, I participated in several cultural gatherings in the outlying areas. Also, I enjoyed being a member of the Great Lakes Native American Dance Troupe. We helped bring our culture to the forefront by letting the average citizen become aware that the Native American/Anishinaabek people are still here today in modern society. For more information about this, see the Tribes' book "Our People, Our Journey" by James McClurken.

Still to this day, I honor my culture and heritage. I have had the opportunity to work at the casino in Human Resources and with the Tribe by helping with the development of Indian Village. Also, I am looking forward to furthering my service with the Tribe as Tribal Ogema. For more information, feel free to follow me on Facebook. Chi Miigwetch.

Larry “Mahiingun Makwa” Olson
Office of the Ogema



Boozhoo, niij-anishinaabedog (Hello my fellow Anishinaabes).

My name is Larry Olson and i am running to replace Larry Romanelli As Ogema. After 16 year of bad leadership, abuse of power, mismanagement and wasteful spending at the tune of \$ 50 million plus. it's time for a change in leadership and a new beginning, We need to rewrite the constitution, so it serves all tribal citizens equally and not just a selected few in the nine counties.

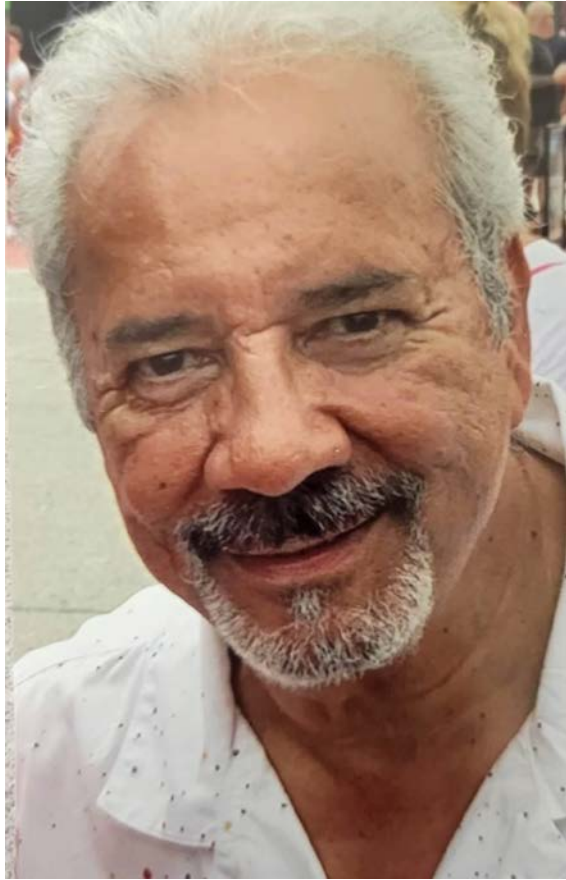
If elected i will be a servant to the tribal citizens and not a ruler over the people. In my first year i will reach out to all tribal citizens and listen to all of your concerns and suggestions on how we can work together to secure a better future for all tribal citizens and the next seven generations.

We need to train and hire any tribal citizen who wants to work for the tribe, no matter where you live. With todays technology we can can hire tribal citizens for remote jobs no matter where you live on Turtle Island. Some of our best talent and the majority of our tribal citizens live outside of Michigan.

We can never succeed unless we lift each and every tribal citizen and give them the tools they need to succeed.

if you would like to talk to me, you can email at mahiingunmakwa@hotmail.com or call me at 248-217-7848

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli
Office of the Ogema



Aanii,

Most of you know me. Who you should vote for? Many have said, "why is there continual fighting between Ogema and council?" "Change the Ogema or certain council members, or just change everyone? I leave that for you to decide, but suggest two documents to review so you can make informed decisions. Documents to review are; LRBOI COURT CASE #20-051-AP and HARVARD LAW REVIEW- Tribal Executive Branches: A Path to Tribal Constitutional Reform; located on our tribal website. The last four years have been difficult.

The first issue was the above court battle, started in August 2016 ending in May 2001. Court dealt with "separation of powers" which has been a focus of conflict between every Ogema and council over the years. The good news is clear lines have been drawn for branches to follow, moving us in the right direction going forward.

The second issue, the Muskegon casino project; a 12+ year project, cleared by the Department of Interior in 2020 moving forward to Governor Whitmer's desk for signature. She declined to sign based on GRB's attempt at getting federally recognized. At this writing, our opportunity for a casino is still in limbo.

The third issue was world-wide, COVID. It affected all families, income, and businesses. Many businesses were shut down, some permanently. Our casino shut down two times. The good news? We are back up and running almost at full-force. Our numbers continue to return. I wish you the best in your candidate selection. Miigwetch

Jessica Steinberg
Office of the Ogema(kwe)



Boozhoo My Relatives,

I am humbly seeking your support and vote for the office of **Ogema(kwe)**.

I am not going to make promises that I can't deliver. **My focus is to use my life's experience, integrity and hard work on behalf of OUR people.**

It is time for change in our Tribe; away from infighting, away from the divisions that weaken our nation. It is time to mend fences and build relationships within our sister tribes because there is strength in unity.

It is time for the Little River Band 4000+ to be the priority of leadership.

What I will work with you to accomplish:

- IMPLEMENTING QUARTERLY 'townhall' meetings to hear THE PRIORITIES OF OUR CITIZENS directly. ***It's time to use technology to increase the flow of information and improve communication with all our citizens.***
- TRANSPARENCY! ***Its time for clear and direct answers to the questions, suggestions and concerns, of our people, including accurate, timely, financial information.***
- CITIZENS FIRST within our government and enterprises. ***Its time Tribal Member Preference is the rule, not the exception, and that we invest in our people.***
- COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION! ***Its time to stop the drain of our resources paying attorney fees and court costs—We all want the same thing—for the lives of our people to be better!***

My contact info: jsteinberg1125@gmail.com or (231) 510-4864 – I'd like to meet and discuss your priorities, which will be my priorities as Ogema(kwe).

I hope you will support me, even if you don't – PLEASE VOTE!

**Tammy Burmeister
Office of Tribal Council-
9 County**



My name is Tammy Burmeister. I am the daughter of John Koon and the late Theresa (Rybicki) Koon and the granddaughter of the late James & Beatrice Koon. I am a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central and West Shore Community College. I am married to Michael Burmeister and we have four children Donald, Rosemary, Angela and Autumn. We also have four beautiful grandchildren who are "my little loves" as I refer to them as and their names are Audi, Harper, Hudson and Cruz.

I had worked for the Little River Band Tribal Government for 27 years in various positions but ended my career in July 2022 as the Grants Management Administrator which I worked 22 years at. When I worked for the Tribe, I also served for six years in the role of a Lead which oversaw the Health and Human Services Departments. Over the past 27 years, I have served on the Enrollment Commission, Education Committee, Pow Wow Committee and Election Board.

Working for the Tribe has helped me grow and mature as an individual. meet new people. develop friendships, make a better life for my family and become knowledgeable in many areas of Tribal Government (grants, budgets, department functions). My character has shown that I am dependable, open minded, reasonable. a problem solver. factual, hardworking and dedicated to serving our Tribal Citizens. I am an Elder of the Tribe and take that responsibility seriously when making decisions and providing guidance. I believe in transparency, have no hidden agenda

Debra Davis
Office of Tribal Council-
9 County



Hello, my name is Debra Davis, and I am seeking your vote for 9-county representative. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and a great-grandmother. I have worked with the tribe as Education Assistant for 18 yrs, where I have passed our teachings to many of tribal members and their children. I also set on the Little River Casino Gaming Commission as Secretary for 9 yrs., where I have helped make important decisions to help keep our tribal members employed and educated. I have dedicated my life to working with the membership. As a Little River Band Member, I have worked on and off the clock making sure all can have access to the knowledge I have and willing to share with all members of Little River. As an Elected Official, I will continue to work with the membership by making decisions that are in the best interests of our Tribal citizens. I will continue to follow the Seven Grand Father Teachings as I have all my life.

This is a few of events and programs that I created and participated in. I will continue to be dedicated to sharing with Tribal Citizens some of the knowledge and culture of our ancestors.

- LRBOI Tribal Princess Coordinator/ Kwewok Circle Co-organizer
- Education Summer Camps
- Monarch Butterfly Rearing Project
- Tribal Community fishing
- Regalia Making Classes
- Earth Day Activities
- Nokomis Reading Hour
- Elders Christmas Show

Making Sure our children have access to this knowledge.

Sandra "Peanut" Lewis
Office of Tribal Council-
9 County



Aanii, my name is Sandra Lewis. I am in my second term as an elected official and I am requesting your vote for a third term of the 9 County Tribal Council Seat.

Before being seated in office I worked at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Health Clinic for sixteen years and enjoyed being a part of the path to the good health and wellness of our people.

During my terms in office I have been honored to be a Federal Liaison, giving several testimonials before the United States House of Representatives as well as an internal liaison for various commissions and committees. I am honored to be a part of our healing process.

As we walk together through challenging times in the world, my past votes reflect the fact that I am here for the people. Being a leader means putting the people before myself.

I feel I am an asset to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as I will continue to hold high standards for myself in regards to communication and professionalism. The biggest issues we are facing are housing, health, education, and culture/language. One of my goals is to create more programs for the elders and the youth. Together, we can continue to work towards solutions for prosperous days ahead for our people.

Miigwetch,
Sandra Lewis
231-510-5360

Misty L. Silvis
Office of Tribal Council-
9 County



Boozhoo,

My name is Misty Silvis, and I am running for 9 County Council seat. I was born 12-12-1969 in Oceana County where I currently reside. I am a very honest, and respectful citizen, I am driven and a hard worker. I've been married to my husband who is a war veteran for 30 years. I've owned and ran two successful construction companies that I retired from in 2011. I home schooled my son, then we both entered college at the same time, and at the age of 48 I received an associates degree in art and science. I currently have Misty Acres farm market underway, featuring U-pick raspberries, sunflowers, and pumpkins along with a sugar bush operation.

I enjoy spending time with my family and Labradors. I am a wildlife photographer and I spend a lot of my time in nature. I gather, hunt and fish.

Abiding by our Constitution I hold with utmost value. I do not choose anyone's side. I am a leader not a follower. I favor resolving issues and progression for the tribe and its citizens. I will listen to our citizens needs and put them first.

I have attended cultural classes and events most of my life. Saving and preserving our culture means a lot to me. Our footprints leave the path for our future generations to learn from and to keep our culture alive.

Vote for me, I would be honored to serve you.

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Susan Thull
Office of Tribal Council-
9 County



We have been traveling down the wrong path for years and it is time to change course, this election can do that. We need a new Ogema and Council that are willing to work for the membership. I believe that under the present Ogema's tenure we have lost millions. We need to stop the constant drain on our resources now. Up until two years ago, we had a majority on council that supported the Ogema in his mismanagement and were keeping the membership in the dark and uninformed. These actions created a hostile workplace and an insurmountable division within the government and the tribe as a whole. This atmosphere has to change, the Council and Ogema have to work together and be open with the membership. **I will work to bring cooperation and transparency to the forefront.**

With online gaming revenue now flowing through the casino and council raising the distribution from 40% to 50%, members are wondering why their per cap checks are not reflecting an increase. The budget process broke down last year and this put additional strain on employees and members. This process broke down due to a lack of cooperation, the casino budget, executive vetoes, and court interference. **I will work to make laws more effective and to have consequences if not followed.**

I am asking for your vote for council. I will work tirelessly to insure the future of the next Seven Generations.

Susan.thull@gmail.com or text 616-217-1142.

Virgil Johnson
Office of Tribal Council-
Outlying



Aanii Tribal Citizens of LRBOI

My name is Virgil Johnson Zoongede Mshekenh (Courageous Turtle), grandson of the late James & Beatrice Koon and a member of the Turtle Clan. I want to thank all of you for the support I have received in the as your Councilor for 8 years. Five years ago I retired from Council with the expectations of spending more time with my family. However, since watching our Legislative branch of government in the last 8 months "It's time to put my name forward."

Why should you vote for Virgil Johnson "Outlying Councilor"? Please remember in the 8 years I've voted on resolutions that open employment for our people at the resort and LRBOI Government. Voted to protect our people for future employment by upgrading the Preference Ordinance and eliminating "loop holes". Most of you know who I am and have witnessed my integrity and work ethics as your Councilor before retiring.

Personal

1963-1966 Manistee High School

1966-1967 Muskegon Area Vocational Training Center

1970-1973 Ferris State University (Bachelor of Arts Education)

1973-1975 Michigan Apprenticeship Program (Tool and Die Maker)

Work Experience

1967-1970 Excello Corporation

1968-1970 US Army

1973-2001 Dow Corning Corporation.....Retired as a Senior Engineering Consultant

2001-2009 Ran a consulting service for injection molding silicone rubber.

2003-2009 Worked on the following Tribal Commissions/Committees:

- Binojeeuk Commission (Secretary and the only Man to serve on this Commission)
- Natural Resource Commission (Chairman/ Secretary)
- Commerce Commission (Secretary)
- Warrior Society (Secretary)

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Virgil Johnson - Zoongede Mshekenh

Valerie Robinson McDonnell
Office of Tribal Council-
Outlying



Bozhoo

I, Valerie McDonnell, am announcing my candidacy for Outlying Tribal Council representative. I am the daughter of the Late Wallace Franklin Robinson. My maternal Grandmother is Betty (Bessie) Robinson McNew.

I worked on the Election Board for six years; I was also able to serve as the Chair. Before that, I worked at a Law Office in Muskegon County. I am very passionate about my job. I consider myself a workaholic, I will stay late or work on the weekends, if needed. I will also attend the Membership meetings.

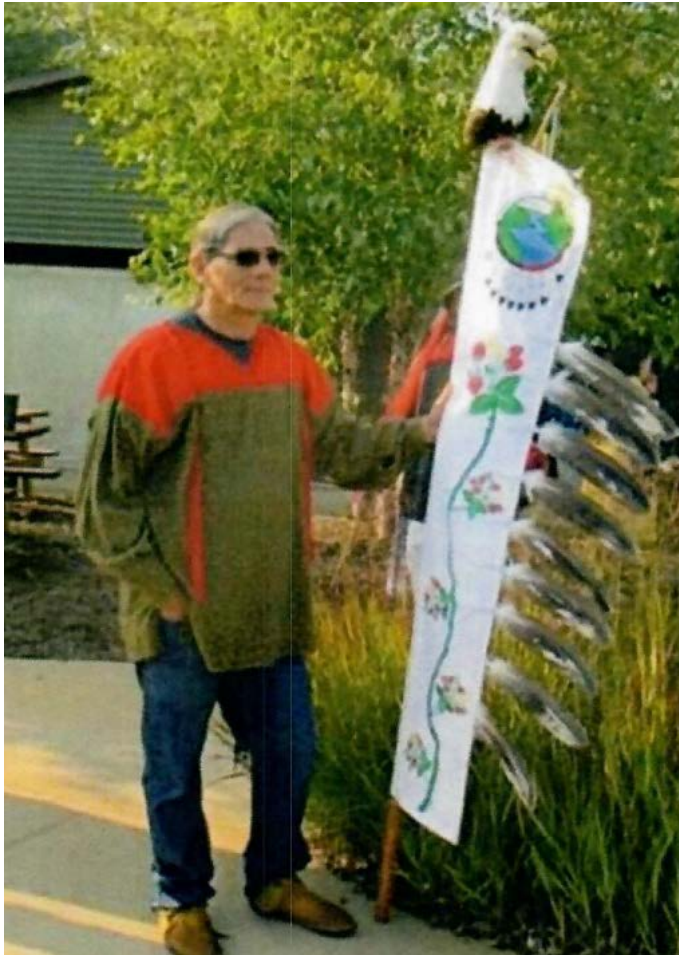
My focus will be on creating legislation that meets the needs of all of us, from the children to the elders. I will work hard to increase the communication and transparency between all branches of our government and Tribal Members. I will educate myself on the issues that come before the council while voting based on information and reviewing what the impact will be on our people.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election as one of your Outlying Representative. I looking forwarding to listening to your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. I believe it is time for change.

Miigwetch,

Valerie McDonnell #4340

Al Metzger
Office of Tribal Council-
Outlying



Anii Boozhoo,

Hello, my name is Allen Metzger Tribal member #0890. You can call me Al. Once again it's election time and once again i'm seeking your support as YOUR Outlying Representative on LRBOI Tribal Council.

I was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin, raised in Hannahville Michigan and been living in Manistee for the last 14 years because this is where the action is.

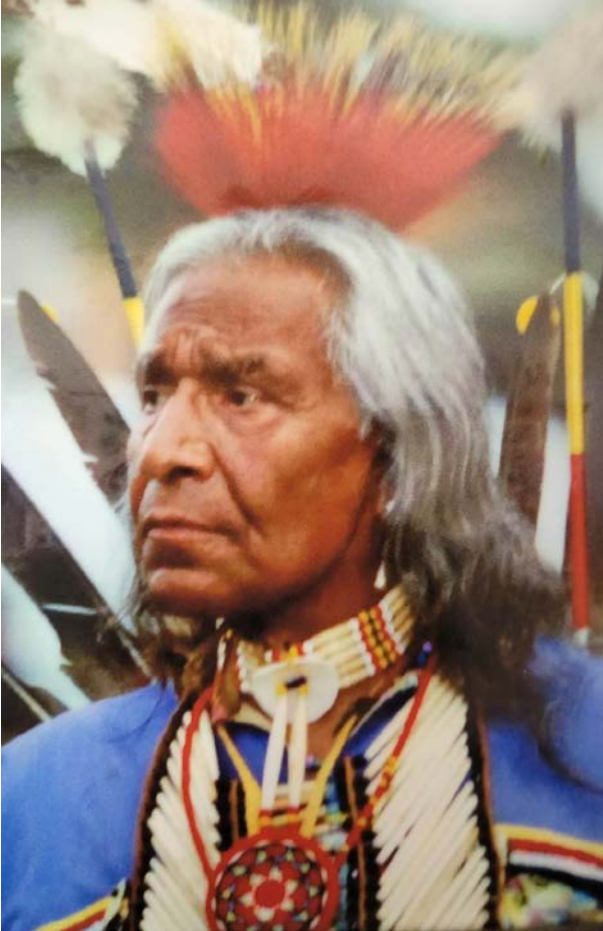
I have 1 year of Business Management/Accounting. Project Management training and other leadership training through out my life time. For the last 12 years been employed at LRCCR in the maintenance department.

OUR CONSTITUTION give specific duty to ALL 3 Branches of Government. I will follow the Constitution and hold everyone else accountable as I want to be held accountable for my actions. I will follow and share, not through voice but by action, the Teachings that where handed down to me.

At one time in history the Odawa was a Great Nation, that succeed by putting it PEOPLE first, making strong business dealings, I want to help bring that Greatness back. In order for that to happen I need your vote.

I'm looking forward to serve my People, my Tribe as YOUR Outlying Representative. My email is outlyingrep@gmail.com Miigwech for your support, Allen Metzger.

Ron Wittenberg
Office of Tribal Council-
Outlying



Boozhoo, Aanii,

I am Ron Wittenberg, I am running for the Outlying Tribal Council Seat and am asking for your vote.

My focus is on health, housing issues also Opioid Epidemic and being part of the solution. We need to help each other, not shame each other.

I strongly support Education for our future of all ages, and our Senior Citizens to have accessible transportation for Doctors Appointments.

I also attended visits to the U.S. Congress in Washington D.C. along with other Tribal Leaders to pass resolutions to have our voice be heard. I am currently a Tribal Council Liaison to the Housing and Enrollment Commissions.

I am a Traditional Dancer at numerous pow wows and active in ceremonies sharing traditional ways and values, observing growth and understanding of our people.

I use the Seven Grandfather Teachings in our meetings to help make decisions and to help others.

I feel I have a lot more to offer our Membership and it would be an honor to continue to represent and to serve you always Miigwetch, Miigwetch, Miigwetch, Miigwetch!

Vote Ron Wittenberg for outlying Tribal Council

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Berni L. Darrow
Office of Appellate Judge



Aanii,

My name is Berni Darrow. I have had the Honor of serving The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as one of your Appellate Court Justices. I am remarried, sharing 8 children with my husband, and a Grandmother of 7 littles. I have been a nurse, in a management role for 20yrs. I have served the VFW Post 7729 as Secretary, Band Booster President for Oakridge Public Schools, and managed my own Business for 22 years.

I am running for re-election to the office of Appellate Court Judge. My education from the National Judicial College of Reno, Nevada, my 12 years experience on the Bench of the Appellate Court and my experience in my Professional Nursing Career, are qualities I bring to Serve the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. I will continue to uphold our Constitution as the decisions made, not only affect this Tribe, but EVERY tribe of this Nation. I will continue to be fair and treat our members with the dignity and respect they deserve.

I humbly ask for your Support and Vote. I would be most honored to be re-elected as your Appellate Court Justice.
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Kathy (Koon) Gibson
Office of the Election Board



Kathy (Koon) Gibson

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. My father is John L Koon, his father is the late James Koon. I have three sons, that I am blessed to be called their mom and a granddaughter that I am blessed to be called grandma.

I currently sit on the Election Board and previously sat on Tribal Council being appointed when I was 21 and no payment or stipends were such a thing. I started attending meetings of the Tribal Council to see who I was and where I came from. Upon continuing to attend meetings I was appointed to the council. I sat on the council for 15 years. I have also serviced on the Health Committee. I have been involved in our tribe wanting to help anyway possible. I worked for our Tribe for 17 years, until my position was written out of the budget. I have an Associate in Art and Science.

I will continue to work for our tribe as an Election Official doing due diligence to make sure we are headed in the correct direction. I believe in following our 7 Grandfather teachings.

Shawwna Sue Gonzalez
Office of the Election Board



Boozhoo,

My name is Shawwna Sue Gonzalez. I am a new resident of Montague, MI but I was born and raised in Muskegon. After graduating high school, I studied at Muskegon Community College where I graduated with an Associates degree. I transferred to Grand Valley State University where I was able to acquire my bachelor's degree. From there I started looking for things to do within the tribe and our government. I've always worked full time in restaurants but my heart wanted something more. I was able to get an internship through the tribe and years later I was able to get on a commission.

I have been on the Binojeeuk Commission for almost 5 years and I love it! Through my experiences, I have learned how to run the meeting as the chairperson (my current role), as the secretary, and I was able to navigate the commission's meetings and duties by myself during Covid. Most importantly, I have learned so much about our tribe and am proud to say I've been able to help the families struggling in our tribe.

I am a person with integrity; dependability and I have a strong urge to be more involved in our tribe. Because of my work ethic, my opportunities within the tribe, my education and my character I believe I would be a great fit for the election board. I truly hope to get the opportunity to serve the tribe. Miigwetch for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Shawwna Gonzalez