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

DATE: 5/19/16
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: April 2016- Monthly Report of the Commerce Commission

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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

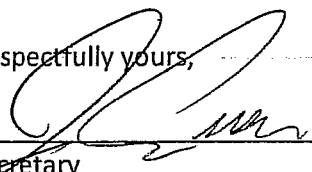
Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 4/13/2016 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

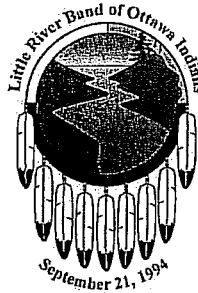
Special Concerns of the Commission:

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

Respectfully yours,



Secretary
Commerce Commission



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on April 13th, 2016 at 4:00 pm, in the Grand River room at LRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

a. The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:01 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

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Lewis, supported
by Vriesman

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

c. Approval of Minutes

**A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION AND
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM MARCH 2016**
by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

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

d. Public Comment

- None

II. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – Shawn had a good response at the membership meeting. Commissioner Cross stated that he attended the Ogema meet and greet and Shawn gave a good presentation to those in attendance. Commissioner Cross also stated that his staff in the family Services Department has been referring their clients to Chi Ishobak for financial services. Tom stated that he would contact Shawn to see how things are going on his end.
- SBLA Revision – Tom stated that this is done. Tribal Council will be posting this for the 30 day comment period soon.
- Commerce Corner – all in attendance mentioned that since the departure of Glenn Zaring there has been communication problems with the Public Affairs office. Tom stated that he would mention this to the Ogema to see if it can be resolved.
- By-Law review – Minor changes were completed by Commissioner Cross and reviewed by the Commission. Tom stated that some of the wording in the by-laws might place the Commission in a difficult position as the language places the Commission in a position of responsibility over the Commerce Departments internal policies, forms, and programs. These duties are not what the Commission has been doing and there needs to be some clarification. Commissioner Lewis stated that she would like some clarification on the wording. Commissioner Cross suggested a work session with Tribal Council to ask for clarification as to the intent of the Commission from this point forward. Cross stated that if the Commission was to start fulfilling the duties as listed in the by-laws, more meetings per month would be required.

III. New Business: Discussion

- None.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:32pm, 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

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:30pm, 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 AJOURN, 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

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder