



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
 Binojeeuk Commission
 Administration Office
 2608 Government Center Dr.
 Manistee, Michigan 49660**

**Open Session Minutes
 January 21st, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Approval of Agenda for January 21st, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

B. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: Non Submitted

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

a. Approval of Date and Time change for 2022 to the first and third Friday of the month at 11:30 AM. This change is to accommodate Tribal Council Liaisons and other persons to facilitate their attendance at Binojeeuk Commission Meetings.

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Possible Budget, Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go. How to pass by-law changed and what a Binojeeuk Commission Resolution looks like. Calendar approval for 2022

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date February 4th, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:36 PM

Made by: Shawwna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 January 7th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawwna Gonzalez 11:05 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawwna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth Elise McGowan-Cuellar,
 Nitumigaabow Champagne, Cindy Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for January 7th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 12-21-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- a. Approval of Date and Time change for 2022 to the first and third Friday of the month at 11:30 AM. This change is to accommodate Tribal Council Liaisons and other persons to facilitate their attendance at Binojeeuk Commission Meetings.

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Possible Budget, Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

- A. Continuing Business: None

- IV. Concluding Business

- A. Meeting Date January 21st, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:29 AM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:02 PM

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**2022 BINOJEEUK CALENDAR
MEETINGS BEGIN @ 11:30 A.M.**

January 7th and the 21st

February 4th and the 18th

March 4th and the 18th

April 1st and the 15th

May 6th and the 20th

June 3rd and the 17th

July 1st and the 15th

August 5th and the 19th

September 2nd and the 16th

October 7th and the 21st

November 4th and the 18th

December 2nd and the 16th



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MONTHLY REPORT January 2022

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Officers:

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|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 1-7-21, 1-21-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 1-7-21, 1-21-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Discussion on why the State of Michigan is not taking the recommendations of the tribe. One of the cases for this month shows that the Binojeeuk Commission and the Family Services Department, and in conjunction with LRBOI's Prosecutors Office have agreed on a course of action and the State has disregarded the collective opinion of the tribe in regard to a LRBOI Tribal Citizen. Another Letter to the State was drafted and sent, to stress the importance of listening to the Tribe and its opinion on the wellbeing and

welfare of one of our citizens. Also explained some of the cultural reasonings for the decision that the tribe has come too. Discussion on changes to the Commission By-laws.



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**MONTHLY REPORT
February 2022**

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Officers:

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|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 2-4-21, 2-18-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 2-4-21, 2-18-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Discussion on why the State of Michigan is not taking the recommendations of the tribe. The State Court agreed with DHHS and went against the Tribe and the independent reviewer on recommendations. One descendant child walked on this month, and one of the children in a ICWA case was seriously injured in a car accident. Bylaws were modified for grammar, formatting and content and will be passed to Tribal Council for approval next month.



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**Open Session Minutes
 February 4th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:31 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for February 4th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 1-7-21 & 1-21-22

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- a. Approval of Calendar for Binojeeuk Commission Regular Meetings for 2022.

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

- A. Meeting Date February 18th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:49 AM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:49 AM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:35 PM

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 February 18th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:02 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Kimberly Crampton, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for February 18th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 2-4-2022

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date March 4th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 1:27 PM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:27 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:06 PM

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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2022 APR -8 AM 8:56

MONTHLY REPORT March 2022

The Binojeeuk Commission is created for the purpose of protecting the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by fully exercising the Tribe's rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Children's Code.

Officers:

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|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 3-4-22, 3-17-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 3-4-22, 3-17-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Discussion on Bylaws, adoption of bylaws and submission of the changed bylaws to Tribal Council. One adoption this month ending Binojeeuk Commissions oversight of the case. One Case was in a car accident and to date is unresponsive at the hospital.



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2022 APR -8 AM 8:55

**Open Session Minutes
March 4th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:01 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephine Persenaire, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Kim Crampton, Natasha, Cindy Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for March 4th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 2-18-22

Motion to approve Minuets

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- III. Discussion: Natasha updated her progress; she has had 8 interviews so far and is learning a lot. She has been volunteering at the Elder Lunches and discussed changes that can be made to support climate change. Also discussed what concerns the elders may have regarding climate change, including things like temperature change and plant changes.

IV.

Continuing Business:

A: Motion to approve Binojeeuk Commission Resolution **22-0304-001**, Approval of changes to Binojeeuk Commission Bylaws

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

B: Kim talked about the expert witness need for the tribe. She sent paperwork that describes the expectations of the job.

C: NICWA training will be available via zoom.

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date March 18th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 1:18 PM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:18 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:00 PM

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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**Open Session Minutes
March 17th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:10 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for March 17th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for 3-4-22: Postponed until 4/8/22

II. New Business:
Signature on by-laws.

III. Discussion:

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date April 8th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 1:15 PM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:15 PM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:47 PM
Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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2022 MAY -6 PM 3:19

**MONTHLY REPORT
April 2022**

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Officers:

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| 1. Shawwna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 4-7-22, 4-15-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 4-7-22, 4-15-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. One Case is still hospitalized following a car accident. State of Michigan is still withholding the police report. This case is the one where the state continues to go against LRBOI's recommendation. No new cases to report.



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**Open Session Minutes
 April 7th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:06 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Tom Guenthardt, Chelsea Densmore,

C. Approval of Agenda for April 7th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 3-17-22, 3-4-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business: New Commissioners, Chelsea Densmore and Alicia Knapp.

III. Discussion:

IV. Continuing Business:

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date April 15th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:29 AM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:36 PM
Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 April 15th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:40 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Tom Guenthardt, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for April 15th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 4-7-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business: New Commissioners, Alicia Knapp,

- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date May 5th, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:55 AM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:44 PM
Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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Officers:

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|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 4-7-22, 4-15-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 4-7-22, 4-15-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. One Case is still hospitalized following a car accident. State of Michigan is still withholding the police report. This case is the one where the state continues to go against LRBOI's recommendation. No new cases to report.



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**Open Session Minutes
 April 7th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:06 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Tom Guenthardt, Chelsea Densmore,

C. Approval of Agenda for April 7th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 3-17-22, 3-4-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business: New Commissioners, Chelsea Densmore and Alicia Knapp.

III. Discussion:

IV. Continuing Business:

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date April 15th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:29 AM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:36 PM
Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 April 15th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:40 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Tom Guenthardt, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for April 15th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 4-7-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business: New Commissioners, Alicia Knapp,

- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date May 5th, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:55 AM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:44 PM
Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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TRIBAL COURT
2022 JUN -7 AM 9:27

**MONTHLY REPORT
May 2022**

The Binojeeuk Commission is created for the purpose of protecting the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by fully exercising the Tribe's rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Children's Code.

Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 5-6-22, 5-27-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 5-6-22, 5-27-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. One Case is still is home from hospital following a car accident, still a long road to recovery. State of Michigan is still withholding the police report. This case is the one where the state continues to go against LRBOI's recommendation. No new cases to report.



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**Open Session Minutes
 May 6th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:24 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp,
 Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Kim Crampton, Stephanie
 Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for May 6th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 4-15-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

II. New Business: New commissioners are sworn in

Binojeeuk Commission

Open Session Minutes

Adopted – June 16, 2011

- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date May 20th, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:41 AM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:41 AM
 Made by: Densmore
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:41 PM
 Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 May 27th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:04 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp,
 Corey Wells

Others Present Tom Guenthardt, Elise McGowan-

C. Approval of Agenda for May 27th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 5-6-22

Motion to approve Minuets

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

II. New Business: Possibly moving meeting start time at 12:00 (noon)

- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date June 3th, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:12 AM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:12 AM
 Made by: Densmore
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:27 PM
 Made by: Knapp
 Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**MONTHLY REPORT
 July 2022**

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Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 7-8-22, 7-22-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 7-8-22, 7-22-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (2)
3. One Case is closed against LRBOI recommendation, services are still being offered to the case. The remaining cases are progressing as well as possible. There are possible new cases in the future, waiting on verification of tribal citizen status before proceeding.



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Open Session Minutes
July 8th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:02 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for June 17th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 6-17-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business: Expert Witness, Bill Willis is the interim director,
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date July 22nd, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:14 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:14 PM
 - Made by: Densmore
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
July 22nd, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:02 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for July 22nd, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 7-8-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion: September 2nd, Commissioner Wells will be absent
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date August 5th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:08 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:08 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**MONTHLY REPORT
June 2022**

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Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (5)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 6-3-22, 6-17-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 6-3-22, 6-17-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (1)
3. One Case is going before the judge (State of Michigan) to determine if the case will remain under MDHHS or LRBOI care, the family is requesting that after guardianship supervision should be terminated, this is the same case that was in the hospital. Family Services and the Binojeeuk Commission do NOT recommend this course of action as the child in question still does not

seem to be able to make good choice or exercise good judgement. And due to the car accident is further handicapped in that ability until they are fully recovered. Family Services and Binojeeuk Commission have issued their recommendations and we are waiting on the court to decide.



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**Open Session Minutes
 June 3rd, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:04 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp,
 Corey Wells

Others Present, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for June 3rd, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 5-27-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

II. New Business: Training Opportunities for ICWA, Expert Witness Training

III. Discussion: Meeting change, moving the meeting to Noon instead of 11:00 AM

IV. Continuing Business:

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date June 17th, 2022 @ 12:00 PM (Noon)

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:18 AM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:18 AM
 Made by: Densmore
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:12 PM
 Made by: Wells
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 June 17th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 12:01 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp,
 Corey Wells

Others Present, Tom Guenthardt, Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for June 17th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 6-3-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

II. New Business:

III. Discussion: Meeting change, moving the meeting to Noon instead of 11:00 AM

IV. Continuing Business: Expert Witness

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date July 8th, 2022 @ 12:00 PM (Noon)

V. Adjourn Open Session 12:06 AM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 12:06 AM
 Made by: Densmore
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:57 PM
 Made by: Knapp
 Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**MONTHLY REPORT
August 2022**

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Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (5)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 8-5-22, 8-19-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 8-5-22, 8-19-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (2)
3. No new cases were presented, more information was gained from FS regarding cases that are pre ICWA.



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**Open Session Minutes
 August 5th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:01 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth, Rachel Kops

C. Approval of Agenda for August 5th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 7-22-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business: Rachel Kops new case manager for family services.
- III. Discussion: September 2nd, Commissioner Wells will be absent
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date August 19th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:13 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:13 PM
 - Made by: Densmore
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
August 19th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:18 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Chelsea Densmore, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells

Others Present: Julie Wolfe

C. Approval of Agenda for August 19th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 3-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 8-5-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion: September 2nd, Commissioner Wells will be absent
- IV. Continuing Business: Ask Elise about Training Opportunities
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date September 2nd, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:32 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:32 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 PM
 - Made by: Densmore
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Officers:

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| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 9-9-22, 9-23-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 9-9-22, 9-23-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. The Commission heard two ICWA cases, and one Child Care Case, No cases were in court therefore no cases needed recommendations.



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Open Session Minutes
September 9, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:07 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for September 9th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes		Yes

Motion approved 3-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 8-19-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes		Yes

Motion approved 3-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business: Ask Elise about Training Opportunities
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date September 16th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:11 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:11 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
September 23, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:04 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire, Tom Guenthardt

C. Approval of Agenda for September 23, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 9-9-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date October 7th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:07 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:07 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

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MONTHLY REPORT
October 2022

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Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (2)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 10-7-22, 10-21-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 10-7-22, 10-21-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (1)
3. Two Cases were heard, one case had recommendations issued on it. A letter was drafted by the commission for an upcoming court case.



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Open Session Minutes
October 7th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire, Rachel Kops

C. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: None Submitted

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp

Motion approved 0-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date October 21st, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:08 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:08 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
October 7th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:10 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cellular

C. Approval of Agenda for October 10, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 9-23-22 & 10-7-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date November 4th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:14 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:08 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 PM
 - Made by: Wells
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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November 2022**

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Officers:

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|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 3. Chelsea Densmore | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |
| 4. Alicia Knapp | Term Ending: | 9/20/25 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (2)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 11-4-22, 11-18-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 11-18-22, 11-18-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Two Cases were heard, one case is an older case, the other is a new case. No recommendations were needed this month. Briefed on the ongoing Supreme Court ICWA court case.



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**Open Session Minutes
November 4th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for November 04, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 10-21-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date November 18th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:06 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:06 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 PM
 - Made by: Densmore
 - Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
November 18th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for November 18, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 11-4-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date December 2nd, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:21 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:21 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 PM
 - Made by: Densmore
 - Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Officers:

1. Shawna Gonzalez	Term Ending:	9/20/25
2. Corey Wells	Term Ending:	9/20/23
3. Chelsea Densmore	Term Ending:	9/20/25
4. Alicia Knapp	Term Ending:	9/20/25

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (5)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 12-2-22, 12-16-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 12-2-22, 12-16-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (5)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Five Cases were heard, 3 cases involving descendant children. No recommendations were needed this month. Briefed on the ongoing Supreme Court ICWA court case. No opinion from the Judge has been issued on one case.



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**Open Session Minutes
 December 2nd, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:06 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for December 2, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 11-18-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion: ICWA Supreme Court Case, Still in court, and it's a battle of PR right now,
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date December 16th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:16 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:16 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 PM
 - Made by: Gonzales
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Binojeeuk Commission
Administration Office
2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Open Session Minutes
December 16th 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Others Present:

C. Approval of Agenda for December 16th, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 12-02-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date January 6th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:08 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:08 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 PM
 - Made by: Knapp
 - Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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BINOJEEUK COMMISSION

BY-LAWS

Article I. Title; Authority; Purpose.

- 1.01. *Title.* This entity shall be officially known as the Binojeeuk Commission and may be referred to in the short form as "Binojeeuk." The official office and mailing address is 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, Michigan, 49660.
- 1.02. *Authority.* The Binojeeuk Commission is created by the Children's Protection Code, Ordinance #98-900-01, Section 5, and the adoption of these By-Laws by:
- a. Tribal Council Resolution #02-0529-07, *Adoption of Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws*;
 - b. Tribal Council Resolution #02-0619-05, *Amendment to Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws to Allow for Attendance at Meeting by a Commissioner By Phone Conference.*
 - c. Tribal Council Resolution #10-0616-182, *Approval of Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws.*
 - d. Tribal Council Resolution #16-1026-327, *Amendment to Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws* to change the term of office from two (2) years to four (4) years and to fix grammatical errors and typos.
 - e. Tribal Council Resolution #18-1219-374, *Amendment to Binojeeuk Commission By-laws* to add licensing and monitoring of childcare facilities under duties and responsibilities, update compensation procedures, and fix grammatical errors, typos, and formatting.
 - f. Tribal Council Resolution #20-0930-275, *Amendments to Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws* to change the regularly scheduled meeting to the first and third Tuesday of the month.
 - g. Tribal Council Resolution # 22-0316-043, *Amendments to Binojeeuk Commission By-Laws* to change the regularly scheduled meeting to the first and third Friday of the month.

- 1.03. *Purpose.* The Binojeeuk Commission is created to provide for the welfare, care, and protection of the Indian children and families of the Little River Band, to provide for the safety of tribal children and to preserve family unity, to provide and follow procedures for intervention in state court proceedings regarding Indian children, to provide and follow procedures for the transfer of jurisdiction over Indian children from state to Tribal court(s), and to exercise this Tribe's rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Article II. Members.

- 2.01. *Members.* The Binojeeuk Commission shall have five (5) members who are Tribal members and have reached the age of twenty-one (21).
- 2.02. *Term of Office.* The term of office for a member of the Binojeeuk Commission shall be for four (4) years unless the Tribal Council authorizes a longer term to stagger terms of office to assure the stability of the Commission.
- 2.03. *Officers.* The members of the Binojeeuk Commission shall select one (1) member to serve as Chairperson and one (1) member to serve as Secretary of the Commission. No member may serve in two (2) officer positions. A vacancy created in an officer position shall be filled for the remainder of the vacant term.
- a. *Chairperson.* This officer shall be responsible for:
1. Calling and presiding at all Binojeeuk Commission meetings;
 2. Managing and reporting on all finances of the Binojeeuk Commission to the Tribal government;
 3. Reporting to the Tribal Council or others as directed by Tribal Council; and
 4. Signing all correspondence and representing the entity at all meetings with outside entities, unless by motion, the Binojeeuk Commission designates another member to act as a representative at a meeting with outside entities.
- b. *Secretary.* This officer is responsible for:
1. Maintaining all minutes, agendas, reports, and correspondence of the Binojeeuk Commission; and
 2. Presiding at official meetings of the Binojeeuk Commission in the absence of the Chairperson.

Article III. Duties and Responsibilities.

- 3.01. The Binojeeuk Commission shall act under the authority expressly delegated to it by the Tribal Council in the Children's Protection Code, Ordinance #98-900-01 or in other enactments by the Tribal Council. The Binojeeuk Commission shall have the following duties:
- a. Advise the Tribal Council and the Tribal Court on child welfare matters and recommend policies and procedures for implementing federal and Tribal child welfare law;
 - b. Monitor child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in state or Tribal courts;
 - c. Be advised of pending state court proceedings as provided in the Indian Child Welfare Act and make recommendations regarding intervention in such proceedings and transfer of jurisdiction from state court to Tribal Court;
 - d. Conduct informal conferences with a child and the child's parent(s), guardian, or custodian as provided in the Children's Protection Code to discuss alternatives to formal court jurisdiction for resolving concerns about the proper care and supervision of a child;
 - e. Make recommendations to authorize the filing of a child-in-need-of-care petitions in the Tribal Court pursuant to the Children's Protection Code;
 - f. Make recommendations to the Tribal Family Services workers, placement agency workers, and the Tribal Prosecutor regarding the care, custody, and supervision of Tribal children under court jurisdiction, including recommendations as to the case plan, guardianship, and termination of parental rights;
 - g. License and monitor group, shelter, foster, and adoptive homes, child placement agencies;
 - h. License and monitor childcare facilities and issue Child Care Providers Licenses;
 - i. Monitor Little River Band of Ottawa Indians children who reside in foster, adoptive, or group homes through child placement agencies; and
 - j. Engage in further activities necessary to protect and improve the welfare of the children of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Article IV. Meetings.

- 4.01 *Meetings.* The Binojeeuk Commission shall meet at least twice per month at a location designated in the monthly agenda. The Binojeeuk Commission may only conduct formal meetings for action on the Reservation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Meetings shall by default take place on the first and third Friday of the month, unless otherwise noticed and meeting dates are subject to change due to holidays, government closures, or quorum.
- 4.02 *Special Meetings.* The Chairperson may call special meetings by giving at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to all members. Such notice shall be in writing where possible, provided that, the Chairperson or Secretary may telephone all members and follow up with written notice when prior written notice is not feasible. Members may attend special or emergency meetings by telephone. Special meetings may be called for the purpose of:
- a. Conducting business that, if delayed until such time as a regular meeting is held, it would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the Tribe, its members, or the purposes of the Binojeeuk Commission; or
 - b. Conducting hearings regarding matters, including, but not limited to, permits and license issuance or revocation, or for the purposes of hearing matters, related to citations and or other orders of the Binojeeuk Commission.
- 4.03 *Quorum.* A quorum for formal business shall consist of at least one officer and one other member of the Binojeeuk Commission.
- 4.04 *Agenda.* Every meeting shall be conducted in accordance with an agenda. The Binojeeuk Commission may, by majority vote, accept additional items for the agenda, at the time of the meeting, which were not given prior notice. Each agenda shall contain the following sections, and any other sections as may be necessary to clearly identify the business to be conducted:
- a. Optional opening prayer or moment of silence;
 - b. General Business;
 1. Call to order and time of call;
 2. Roll call of members present;
 3. Approval of agenda; and
 4. Approval of available open session minutes.
 - c. Public comment;

- d. Updates and Reports;
- e. Closed session;
 - 1. Approval of available closed session minutes;
 - 2. Closed hearings, if any; and
 - 3. Contracts, litigation or personnel matters.
- f. Return to open session;
- g. Agenda items for next meeting; and
- h. Adjournment.

4.05 *Minutes.* The minutes shall be drafted to clearly identify:

- a. The date and time the meeting was called to order;
- b. The members present;
- c. Adoption of the agenda, and any amendments;
- d. Any action taken regarding each agenda item; and
- e. The date and time the meeting was concluded, and the manner in which it was concluded (i.e., loss of quorum, completed, etc.).

4.06 *Compensation.* Commissioners shall be compensated in an amount set by Tribal Council resolution.

Article V. Employees; Liaison.

5.01. *Employees.* The Binojeeuk Commission does not have the power to employ individuals.

5.02. *Liaison.*

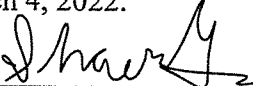
- a. The Tribal Council shall assign as a liaison a Council Member to provide communication between the Council and the Binojeeuk Commission.
- b. The Chairperson shall act as a liaison to Tribal Council to provide communication to departments as necessary and Tribal Council at work sessions, public meetings, or otherwise. The Binojeeuk Commission may select a member other than the chairperson to act as liaison by majority vote.

Article VI. Amendment; Repeal.

- 6.01. *Amendment.* These bylaws shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Binojeeuk Commission for amendment and reauthorization. All amendments must be presented at least one meeting per prior to action and must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Amendments are final when presented to and approved by the Tribal Council by resolution.
- 6.02. *Repeal.* These By-Laws may be repealed by the presentation of a request to the Tribal Council by the Binojeeuk Commission in the form of a resolution containing the reasons a repeal of the By-Laws is necessary. The Commission must approve the repealing resolution by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Further, the Tribal Council may unilaterally repeal these By-Laws by amendment to the Children's Protection Code or by adoption of a resolution calling for the repeal of the Binojeeuk Commission's By-Laws.

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawna Gonzales, as Chairperson of the Binojeeuk Commission, do hereby certify that the Binojeeuk Commission adopted these By-laws at a regular meeting held on March 4, 2022.

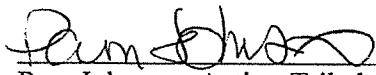


Shawna Gonzalez, Chairperson

3-17-2022

Date

I, Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder do hereby certify that the Tribal Council, approved these By-Laws by the adoption of Tribal Council Resolution #22-0316-043.



Pam Johnson, Acting Tribal Council
Recorder

3/16/2022

Date