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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Commerce Commission  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

**Meeting Date:** March 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** LRCR Big Manistee Room

Connie Waitner, Recorder

**Purpose:** This monthly report of the Commerce Commission is submitted to the Tribal Council. The purpose of the Commission is 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 and to develop policies that ensure an effective utilization of Tribal resources in accordance to the Commerce Commission Ordinance # 05-150-05.

The Commerce Commission submits their reports separate from the Commerce Department pursuant to Commissions Ordinance #04-150-01 sec.8.04 Reports.

**Commission Members:**

Kareen Lewis, Chair – PRESENT, PRESENT

Peggy Vriesman, Commissioner – PRESENT/PRESENT

Keith Sensabaugh, Secretary –PRESENT/PRESENT

Connie Waitner, Commissioner – PRESENT/PRESENT

Ron Pete, Commissioner—PRESENT/PRESENT

**Others Present:** Gary DiPiazza, Jamie Friedel and Thomas St. Dennis

**I. Activities during the Past Month:**

1. SBLA Application Review/ Tom St. Dennis
2. Little Bear Deli
3. Fair Market rentals – updated per Tom St. Dennis
4. LLC Approved
5. Resale Store
6. Rez Reports – Travel Peggy & Kareen

**II. Concerns/Requests:** Commission still has concerns about the Commerce Director not getting hired in a timely fashion.

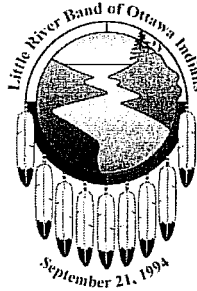
**III. Attachments:**

The following documents:

1. Agendas & Minutes submitted by email to Sandy & Kathleen

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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
Commerce Commission Meeting  
AGENDA

Date March 5, 2015

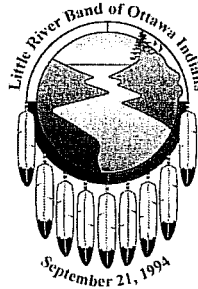
Time 4:00pm

Location – Big Manistee - LRCCR

- I. General Business
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Adoption of Agenda
  - C. Approval of Minutes
  - D. Public Comment
- II. Old Business
  - a. EDC
  - b. SBLA – Review
- III. Items Tabled:
  - a. SBLA Worksheet - Review
  - b. Resale Store – Valarie McDonnell
- IV. New Business
- V. Closed Session
  - A. Vodka
  - B. Fair Market Rental Program
  - C. SONIC
  - D. Small Business Loan Act – Rewriting, including tribal members throughout the state, revise penalties and recouping debt

IV. Return to Open Session  
A. Other Items

VI. Adjourn



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
COMMERCE COMMISSION  
OPEN SESSION

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on March 5, 2015 at 4:00 pm, in the Big Manistee Room at LRRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Ron Pete at 4:07 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - absent	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain –0, Absent –1, Vacant – 0) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

**MOTION CARRIED**

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA as amended by  
Sensabaugh, supported by Pete**

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
FROM February 10, 2015 by Vriesman supported by Pete**

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -abstain
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES FROM February 5, 2015** by Sensabaugh, supported  
by Pete

Roll Call: #4

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. Public Comment**

Commissioners congratulated Peggy on her new position at the Casino

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

- a. EDC - First work session on the EDC, discuss what assets will be put in the EDC, going to schedule another meeting to finalize the document
- b. Discuss Thomas St. Dennis staying with the Tribe and continue working with the Commerce Commission
- c. SBLA - Kareen and Thomas reviewed the document, final review with Michelle at this time. Item tabled until next meeting.

**V. Items Tabled**

- a. SBLA worksheet - Discussion regarding worksheet for the SBLA - the worksheet is utilized by the department
- b. Resale Store - Remove item

**VI. New Business: Discussion**

Discussion regarding financial literacy training funded by a grant, pending.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**, by Lewis, supported by Sensabaugh

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION**, by Lewis, supported by Pete.

Roll Call: #8

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Roll Call: #9

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

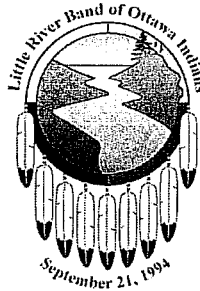
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**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Waitner  
Commerce Commission Recorder

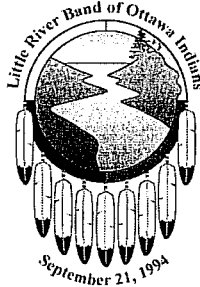
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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
Commerce Commission Meeting  
AGENDA

Date March 26, 2015  
Time 4:00pm  
Location – Big Manistee - LRRCR

- I. General Business
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Adoption of Agenda
  - C. Approval of Minutes
  - D. Public Comment
- II. Old Business
  - a. EDC - Work session
  - b. SBLA – Review (legal document)
- III. Items Tabled:
  - a. SBLA Worksheet - Review
- IV. New Business
- V. Closed Session
  - A. Fair Market Rental Program
  - B. Small Business Loan Act – Rewriting, including tribal members throughout the state, revise penalties and recouping debt
- IV. Return to Open Session
  - A. Other Items
- VI. Adjourn



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on March 26, 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 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain –0, Absent –0, Vacant – 0) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

**MOTION CARRIED**

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

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

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
FROM March 5, 2015 by Lewis supported by Pete**

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -abstain
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**



**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES FROM March 5, 2015** by Lewis, supported by  
Viersman

Roll Call: #4

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. Public Comment**

Note for the record – Kareen Lewis was just late for the meeting

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

- EDC - work session, yes we need to have a work session, discuss names for the EDC, someone has cultural ties and understanding, make this non-political, take a business position, take the lead on this, need qualified candidates to sit on the EDC (need to review the qualifications), TC will be the final decision makers, recommend a stipend be use in the beginning
- Little Bear Deli - Trying to hire people at this time, struggling with candidates because of a lack of GED, take an active role in the overall business structure,

**V. Items Tabled**

- SBLA worksheet - Discussion regarding worksheet for the SBLA - the worksheet is utilized by the department

**VI. New Business: Discussion**

- RES Reports - KL move RES report to Closed Sessions KS
- Next Steps for EDC - See above

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION,** by Lewis, supported by Sensabaugh

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh - y	

Commerce Commission

Open Session

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(Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION**, by Lewis, supported by Pete.

Roll Call: #8

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 5 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Roll Call: #9

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes –5, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Waitner

Commerce Commission Recorder