



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Commerce Commission  
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DATE: 3/11/16  
TO: Tribal Council  
FROM: Commerce Commission  
RE: February 2016 - Monthly Report of the Commerce Commission

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

**Name, Purpose, Officers:**

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

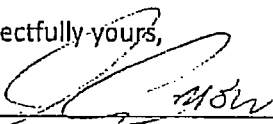
Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 2/10/2016 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Open Commission seats.
2. Ability of the small Commerce Department staff to manage a growing workload.

Respectfully yours,

  
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Secretary  
Commerce Commission Chairperson



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 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	Jason Cross - y

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

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

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

Roll Call: #2

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN AND CLOSED  
SESSION MINUTES FROM January 2016** by Lewis, supported  
by Cross

Roll Call: #3

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

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

**III. Public Comment**

- Tom stated that he attended a meet and greet related to economic development where flat line gaming in the state was discussed and Tribes needed to look elsewhere for economic development. Possible solutions such as wealth funds and cultural tourism were discussed.

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

- CDFI – Sean will be attending the spring membership meeting and he has all the information supplied by Kareen.
- SBLA Revision – Tom has forwarded this to Tribal Council for action. A work session is anticipated.
- Commerce Corner – additional information regarding business development was supplied to Jason by the SNDC. Jason will send this to Glen for inclusion in the next issue.
- By-Law review – Word version has been obtained by Jason and revisions will be made.

**VI. New Business: Discussion**

- APTN – Letter of support will be created by Kareen. Councilor DiPiazza approved the Commissions writing of the letter.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:33pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman**

Roll Call: #6

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:17pm**, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman.

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**

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

Roll Call: #8

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Cross, MSW  
Commerce Commission Recorder