

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

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V A.

MONTHLY REPORT February 2015

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 Tribes's rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Children's Code.

Officers:

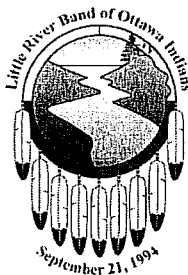
1. Margery Lutz	Term Ending:	09/20/2017
2. Sandra DeVerney	Term Ending:	09/20/2015

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (3)
2. Submitted "Open Session Minutes"
3. Submitted "Closed Session Minutes"

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (0)



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February 4, 2016 Open Session Minutes

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Margery Lutz 1:00p.m.

B. Roll Call: Margery Lutz
Sandra DeVerney

Others Present: Bill G, Jason C, Frank M

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda

made by: Lutz

supported by: DeVerney

DeVerney – Yes	Lutz - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes

Motion to approve February 4, 2016 open session minutes:

made by: Lutz

supported by: DeVerney

DeVerney - Yes	Lutz - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0

II. New Business

Jason C: Open discussion regarding licensing homes through Binojeeuk Commission. Commissioner stated a comprehensive program would be

required. A workshop should be scheduled to educate tribal council and stakeholders of what licensing a home will involve.

III. Continuing Business

A. Discussion

Frank: Will talk to attorney regarding submitting original 2016 Binojeeuk Commission Bylaws to the commission.

Will look into pending status of S.D. Commissioner position which ended 2015, has only received a verbal approval from Frank M.- Tribal Council.

Frank will also look into ordinance approval of two commissioners on board.

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date

The next meeting date for the Binojeeuk Commission is February 18, 2016

B. Adjourn Open Session

Motion to adjourn the open session

made by: Lutz

supported by: DeVerney

DeVerney - Yes	Lutz - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0

V. Adjourn Meeting

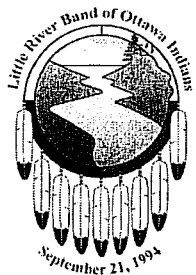
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:30 p.m.

made by: DeVerney

supported by: Lutz

DeVerney - Yes	DeVerney - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0



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II. New Business

- A. Upcoming NICWA conference in St. Paul, Minnesota is inviting tribes to participate and set up an information/display booth. They are currently accepting vendor applications if Binojeeuk is interested in participating.

Discussions have come up regarding the possibility of licensing our own tribal foster homes. Per Frank, he will discuss with TC if a date can be set to present information to TC regarding foster care licensing in partnership with Family Services.

Frank stated B.G. is out on medical leave.

Newly appointed attorney's Shane and Rebecca came in to introduce themselves, they will be available while Bill is out. They also mentioned the new updated ordinance for commission is online.

III. Continuing Business

A. Discussion

Frank will look into pending commissioner status of S.D., which ended 2015, as mentioned at prior meeting a verbal approval from Frank M.- Tribal Council was given to S.D. to remain on commission.

- B. Need for two additional commissioners continues to come up during our meetings, Frank responded he has brought forth the need to Larry, and will look into this once again.
- C. Commissioners raised concern to Frank regarding "updated cases" from Family Services are not consistent. Frank recommended commissioner submit a letter to Jason C., with concerns and possibly discuss at next Binojeeuk meeting.

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date

The next meeting date for the Binojeeuk Commission is March 3, 2016

B. Adjourn Open Session

Motion to adjourn the open session

made by: Lutz

supported by: DeVerney

DeVerney - Yes	Lutz - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0

V. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:15 p.m.

made by: DeVerney

supported by: Lutz

DeVerney - Yes	DeVerney - Yes	Vacant	Vacant

Motion approved 2-0-0-0