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

MONTHLY REPORT August 2021

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. 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 8-3-21, 8-17-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 8-3-21, 8-17-21
4. Emergency Closed Session Minutes 8-11-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (2)
3. Lack of New Commissioners
4. Start the review process to identify if changes need to occur to the by-laws or the child protection ordinance.
5. Discussed ongoing changes at NGLC and what the Commissions role will be regarding NGLC



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**Open Session Minutes
August 3rd, 2021**

I. General Business

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

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Nitumigaabow
Champagne, Cynthia Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for August 3rd, 2021

Motion to approve agenda with amendments

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 7-20-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

- II. New Business: Discussion on the current state of the Binojeeuk commission and the relationship of the commission with the family Services Department. Explained and tied to being council liaisons up to speed on the future of the Binojeeuk Commission and explained some of the cases to liaisons.

A. Continuing Business: None

- IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date August 17th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 1:40 PM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:40 PM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

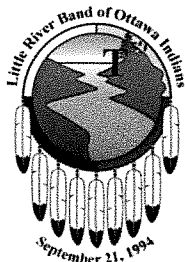
Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:56 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 August 7th , 2021

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 9:06 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Cynthia Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for August 17th, 2021

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: 8-3-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business:

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date September 7th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 9:35 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 9:35 AM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:59 AM
Made by: Shawwna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0