



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

## **MONTHLY REPORT February 2023**

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:

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 2-3-23, 2-24-23
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 2-3-23, 1-24-23

### Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Two older cases were updated, Still no ruling from the Judge on one case, opinion was expected in November. Briefed on the ongoing noncompliance ICWA issues involving DHHS. Expert Witness training was discussed and the options for training at the ICWA Conference.



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**Open Session Minutes  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:19 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Stephanie Persenaire,

C. Approval of Agenda for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 1-6-23 & 1-26-23 with edits

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*

- II. New Business: Submission of calendar.
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business: Expert Witness, ICWA Conference
- V. Concluding Business:
  - A. Meeting Date, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 2:05 PM
  - Motion to move into Closed Session at 2:05 PM
  - Made by: Densmore
  - Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 PM
  - Made by: Goff
  - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*



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**Open Session Minutes**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**I. General Business**

A. Call to Order: Chelsea Densmore 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present:, Corey Wells Alicia Goff, Chelsea Densmore  
 Absent: Shawna Gonzalez, Cynthia Champagne, Tom  
 Guenhardt  
 Others Present: Jonathan Hauswirth,

C. Approval of Agenda for Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda.

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for None Submitted

Motion to postpone minutes until next meeting.

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*

**II. New Business:**

III. Discussion: Conference Travel Details

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business: Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

VI. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session at 1:23 PM

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:38PM

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 3-0-1*