



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

MONTHLY REPORT March 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:

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| 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 (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 3-3-23, 3-17-23
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 3-3-23, 3-17-23 3-24-23

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (1)
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. One Emergency meeting to issue recommendations for an upcoming court case.



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**Open Session Minutes
March 3rd, 2023**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:02 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

Absent: Cynthia Champagne, Tom Guenhardt

Others Present: Jonathan Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for March 3, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda.

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for February 24th, 2023

Motion to postpone minutes until next meeting.

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

II. New Business:



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Open Session Minutes
March 17th, 2023

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore

Absent: Cynthia Champagne, Tom Guenhardt, Alicia Goff

Others Present: Jonathan Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for March 17, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda.

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion approved 3-0-1

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for March 3rd, 2023

Motion to postpone minutes until next meeting.

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

II. New Business:

III. Discussion: Conference Travel Details

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business: Friday April 7th, 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
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 PM

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1