



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Commerce Commission  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660

DATE: 9/28/15  
TO: Tribal Council  
FROM: Commerce Commission  
RE: August 2015- 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, Vice-Chairperson Peggy Vriesman, Secretary Jason Cross The remaining Commission members are: VACANT

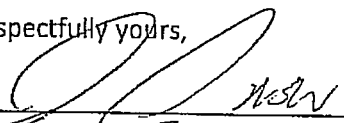
Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 8/20/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Reappointments of two of the current Commissioners.

Respectfully yours,

  
Secretary

Commerce Commission Chairperson



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 pm, in the Big Manistee Room at LRRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:12 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

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

Roll Call: #2

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**No minutes to approve –**

**Discussion** – Minutes are tabled until the paperwork can be sorted out. Commissioner Vriesman stated that she cannot be Secretary at this time due to schedule constraints. Commissioner Cross stated that he is willing to act as Secretary, but didn't want to clean up another's mess.

**MOTION TO APPONT JASON CROSS SECRETARY OF THE COMMERCE COMMISSION, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman**

Roll Call: #3

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

(Yes – 2 No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis, Sean Winters

**MOTION TO APPONT KAREEN LEWIS CHAIR OF THE COMMERCE COMMISSION, by Vriesman supported by Cross**

Roll Call: #4

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

(Yes – 2 No – 0, Abstain – 1, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis, Sean Winters

**III. Public Comment**

- None

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

- CDFI – Sean Winters presented on the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians CDFI Chi Ishobak. Sean spoke about the collaboration he would like to create with our Tribe with the long term goal of helping Tribal members become self-sufficient. Commissioner Lewis asked how long it would take to set up a partnership. Sean stated that an MOU would need to be crafted. The MOU would not obligate either Tribe financially. It was suggested that Sean come for a work session with our Tribal Council and bring a sample MOU for the process. Commissioner Lewis stated that she would request the work session.

**VI. New Business: Discussion**

- SBLA Worksheet – Review. The Commissioners will be looking at the SBLA ordinance and suggesting changes at the next meeting.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:46pm**, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #5

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 5:06pm**, by Lewis, supported by Cross.

Roll Call: #6

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AJOURN**, 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**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Cross, MSW  
Commerce Commission Recorder