



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: July 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.

Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 7/16/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Unknown

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Commerce Commission Chairperson



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
COMMERCE COMMISSION
OPEN SESSION

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on July 16th, 2015 at 4:00 pm, in the Big Manistee Room at LRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:08 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	

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

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	

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

MOTION CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve – Minutes that are missing were discussed and a plan to have them completed by November was set. As a result, the approval of minutes was tabled until they are complete.

III. Public Comment

- None

IV. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- EDC – A short discussion regarding the status of the EDC. Jason Cross was wondering if a 501c3 had been created since that was the plan several years ago. .
- SBLA Ordinance – Revisions to the ordinance were discussed and a plan to move the item to the Tribal Council was made.

VI. New Business: Discussion

- West Shore Community College – Business Education – discussion regarding the possibility of the Tribe hosting business education classes.

MOTION TO ALLOW JASON CROSS TO REMAIN FOR CLOSED SESSION at 4:36pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #5

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:37pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #5

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	

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

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:01pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman.

Roll Call: #6

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AJOURN, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder