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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Commerce Commission  
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DATE: 9/28/15  
TO: Tribal Council  
FROM: Commerce Commission  
RE: June 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, Secretary Keith Sensabaugh.

Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 6/4/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Unknown

Respectfully yours  
  
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Secretary  
Commerce Commission Chairperson



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on June 4, 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 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh -abstained	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain –0, Absent –1, Vacant – 0) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

**MOTION CARRIED**

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA as amended by  
Waitner, supported by Lewis**

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent 0, Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
FROM June 4, 2015 by Lewis supported by Vriesman**

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
vacant	K. Sensabaugh -abstained	

(Yes – 3 No – 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION**  
**MINUTES FROM June 4, 2015** by Lewis, supported by Pete

Roll Call: #4

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
vacant	K. Sensabaugh - Abstain	

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. Old Business**

- a. EDC - Work session - five year plan for the EDC, personal policy, tax ID numbers, insurances, simple to start, government employees performing a review of what is needed. Year one come out of the box with the properties, next roll in the C-store, come out a little slow and wrap up in 3-5 years.

Roll Call: #5 Lewis motioned to forward SBLA document as reviewed by Attorney Bostic. Vriesman supported.

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1) Others Present: St. Dennis

Roll Call # 6 Lewis motioned to forward the SBLA document to Tribal Council for 30 day posting.

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1) Others Present: St. Dennis

**III. Items Tabled:**

SBLA Worksheet  
EDC – continuing item

**IV. New Business:**

- V. Recommendations by Commissioners – New Commissioner ( KL did make a recommendation to the Ogema on one individual, also make recommendation for the EDC, start looking for 2016.)

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**, by Lewis, supported by Waitner

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Roll Call: #5

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh - y	

(Yes – 4, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION**, by Lewis, supported by Waitner.

Roll Call: #6

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 4 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

Connie left the meeting at 5:30pm, Peggy will finish the minutes for me.

**MOTION TO AJOURN**, by Lewis, supported by Sensabaugh

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Connie Waitner -y
Vacant	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes –4, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 1) Others Present:

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Waitner  
Commerce Commission Recorder