



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Commission
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DATE: 2/11/16
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: January 2016- 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 1/18/2016 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Reappointments of two of the current Commissioners.
2. Appointment of two vacant Commission seats.

Respectfully yours,


Secretary

Commerce Commission



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on January 18th, 2016 at 5:00 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 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

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

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

I. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Vriesman,
supported by Cross

Roll Call: #2

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

II. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN AND CLOSED
SESSION MINUTES FROM December 2015** by Lewis,
supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #3

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

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

III. Public Comment

- Tom wanted to take an opportunity to thank the Commission for allowing him to participate in the meetings. He stated that he is grateful for the time spent with the Commission.

IV. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – The Commission would like more update from Sean regarding progress and plans for the future. The Commission would like monthly appointments in Muskegon and Manistee. Postcard mailings to members in Muskegon were discussed as well as a table at membership meetings.
- SBLA Revision – No work has been completed on this item. Commission is still working to get this to Tribal Council.
- Commerce Corner – Commissioner Cross distributed materials from the Small Business Development Center. Commissioner Cross met with Joni Krolczyk from the center about opportunities for Tribal members to advance their business ideas.
- By-Law review – Only a few required changes were found in the document. Commissioner Cross will forward the document to Commissioner Lewis for the revisions.
- Commission Calendar – The final Commission Calendar was planned and will be sent to Tribal Council. Commissioner Lewis will be communicating with Judy Ball from LRCR regarding the meeting space.

VI. New Business: Discussion

- None -

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 5:31pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #6

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 6:05pm, 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

MOTION TO AJOURN, by Lewis, supported by Cross

Roll Call: #8

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 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder