



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Commission
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DATE: 9/29/16
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: July 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 7/20/2016 and minutes of that meeting are provided.
2. No meeting was held for the month of August.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. 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 July 20, 2016 at 4:00 pm, in the Law Library in the Government Center in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

a. The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:14 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross - A

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

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Lewis, supported
by Vriesman

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross - A

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

MOTION CARRIED

c. Approval of Minutes

**A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION AND
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM May 2016** by
Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross - A

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

MOTION CARRIED

d. Public Comment

- None

II. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – Tom referred an individual to Chi Ishobak, they were told that they only do loans for housing.
- SBLA Revision – This is in front of Tribal Council
- Commerce Corner – Angela submitted a Success piece in, she is adding something about entrepreneurs. She has 52 pieces that she can add anytime we don't have something new.
- By-Laws review – Kathleen is going to do an all commissions update. Our commission is going to be discussed specifically by-laws are pending until we see what they want to do on a bigger scale.

III. New Business: Discussion

- Tribal Council asked Tom to look at Section 184 Loans to see about what it takes for members to buy houses at Aki Maadiziwin. The tribe is doing down payment assistance again through Members Assistance.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:32 pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #5

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross - A

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:35 pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman.

Roll Call: #6

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross -A

(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: #7

K. Lewis - Y	P. Vriesman - Y	Jason Cross - A

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kareen Lewis
Commerce Commission, Chair