



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

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DATE: 4/26/16
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: March 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, Secretary Jason Cross.

Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 3/9/2016 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. By-law interpretation.
2. Open Commission seats.
3. Ability of the small Commerce Department staff to manage a growing workload.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

Commerce Commission Chairperson



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

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on March 9th, 2016 at 4:00 pm, in the Grand River 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 - Absent	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 2, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

I. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Lewis, supported
by Cross

Roll Call: #2

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

(Yes – 2, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

MOTION CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes

**A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2016** by Lewis,
supported by Cross

Roll Call: #3

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

(Yes – 2 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

MOTION CARRIED

**B. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2016** by Lewis, supported by
Cross

Roll Call: #4

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

(Yes – 2 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St.
Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

MOTION CARRIED

III. Public Comment

- None

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:15pm, by Lewis, supported by
Cross

Roll Call: #5

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

(Yes – 2, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St.
Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:21pm, by Lewis, supported by
Cross.

Roll Call: #6

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

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St.
Dennis, Raymond Pleva, Cindy Pleva-Weber

MOTION CARRIED

II. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – Will attend the membership meeting and have a table prior to the meeting.
- SBLA Revision – Tom stated that several revisions have been suggested including bankruptcy, per capita, incentives for building on Tribal land, reducing the employment incentive, and changing the thresholds in the act.

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- By-Law review – Changes have been made by Commissioner Cross and presented to the Commission for review. Vote to take place at the April meeting.

VI. New Business: Discussion

- None.

MOTION TO AJOURN, by Lewis, supported by Cross

Roll Call: #7

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

(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 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder