



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Natural Resources Commission  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

January 17, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:31pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Gregory Walters, Elise McGowan**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the January 17, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Grocholski  
supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – 2021**

*None submitted*

- I. **Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. **Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. **Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. **New Business:**

Question from Greg Walters, wants to know about handgun hunting. He is seeking clarification about the regulations. Walters says the State of Michigan allows hunters to use handguns and our regulations need to be updated to reflect it.

Election of Natural Resource Commission Officers:

Motion to approve:  
 Appointment of Virgil Johnson – Chairperson  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski – yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*

Motion to approve:  
 Appointment of Martha Howell – Recorder  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Johnson

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski – yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*

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 Sept. 12, 2022  
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 Nov 7, 2022  
 Dec 12, 2022

Motion to approve meeting dates for 2022:  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski – yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*

**V. Continuing Business:**  
 None

**VI. Public Comment:**  
 None

**VII. Next meeting Date: 02/14/22**

**E. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:25pm  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*



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February 14, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

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**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:09pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present (5:25pm)  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Bobby Robles, Elise McGowan, Bob Sanders**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the February 14, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: DiPiazza  
supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - absent
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 2-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 17, 2022 Open Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: DiPiazza

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - absent
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 2-0-0-0*

- I. Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**

Elk Regulation Changes presented by Bob Sanders-  
 State of Michigan is removing the language to submit heads for TB testing. Portable blind changes are mentioned. Harvest tags and dates for 2022 have not been decided. Update: all six elk tags were filled in 2021.  
 Recommendation: Adjust elk boundaries and hunting strategies into new/other areas. Sanders has a new outline/map for a sustainable plan for elk management.

Frank Beaver presentation - 2022 Hunting Regulations changes - Discussion about Lineal descendancy. Discussion of removal of Wissner Property gun restrictions. Changes with handgun calibers in 6.02 and 6.08 (Elise will follow up). 14.01 Changing Antlerless deer harvest to ten per tribal member. 14.03: A, adding thermal imaging equipment to the list of acceptable items for nighttime hunts. 15.04: changes to incidental catches, increasing to three.

Elise McGowan will follow up with the proposed changes and bring back a resolution for a vote during the March meeting.

- V. Continuing Business:**  
None
- VI. Public Comment:**  
None
- VII. Closed Session:**  
\*Closed session documents are attached separately.

**VIII. Next meeting Date: 03/14/22**

Elk Changes and Hunting Regulations, prepared with resolutions for March agenda.

**E. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 7:03pm

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*



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March 14, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
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Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

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**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:00pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present (5:25pm)  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Elise McGowan, Frank Beaver, Natasha**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the March 14, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by:  
supported by:

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - absent
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 2-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

None submitted

Motion to approve:

Natural Resources Commission  
Open Session Minutes  
March 14, 2022

made by:  
supported by:

Johnson –	vacant	vacant	Grocholski -
Howell -			

*Motion approved 0-0-0-0*

- I. Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**

**Approval of Hunting and Fishing Regs for the 1836 Treaty Territory:**

Motion to approve:  
Hunting and Fishing Regs for the 1836 Treaty Territory with the proposed changes: NRC # 2022-0314-001

made by: Grocholski  
supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*

- V. Continuing Business:**
- VI. Public Comment:**  
None
- VII. Closed Session:**
- VIII. Next meeting Date: 04/11/22**  
Elk Changes and Hunting Regulations.  
Update with Natasha.  
Bear Discussion.

- E. Adjourn Meeting**  
Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:08pm  
made by: Howell  
supported by: Grocholski



Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-0*



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May 09, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
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Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

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**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order:** 5:02pm

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno.....Present  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Julie Wolf, Elise McGowan, Natasha**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the May 9, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Open Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

- I. Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**

Johnson and John toured some properties today. We found some "dumps". The NRD just got some new funding, and I would like to see it used to clean up some of these "dumps". We went to three sites and it really needs to be cleaned up.

The NRC made rules about tree stands being removed after the season. When you leave a stand in the woods, people are discouraged from putting up a new stand. I would like to see the department do something about removing the stands.

Wolf mentioned to check with NRD about the strategic plan for restoration and property upkeep and maintenance. We need the departments to show up to the meetings so they are aware of the conversation.

John says we have some new trash dumps, old trash dumps, and some soil contamination possibly.

Gary said Allison has a master plan for cleanup.

**F. Approval of Resolution NRC # 2022-509-002**

Motion to approve the Annual Update to the 2022 Elk and Bear Regulations:

Motion to approve:

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**V. Continuing Business:**

Natasha Update: PHD student trying to understand how environmental/climate changes are impacting tribal members hunting, fishing and gathering. She has been doing interviews and focus groups. So far, she has interviewed 13 people. She is now analyzing data and transcribing the recorded interviews. She will be doing work this summer with the Sturgeon program and watershed projects. "How do these programs operate day to day? Getting an understanding of the day-to-day activities will help me understand how climate change affects these programs." She has been volunteering at the Elders lunch to do community outreach. Research is on-going until the end of July. Her goal for interviews is twenty people but she would be happier if she could get thirty people.

**VI. Public Comment:**

None

**VII. Closed Session:**

Motion to move to closed session to approve the April 11, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**A. Move to Open Session:**

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Open Session 6:17pm:

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - abstain	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-1-0*

**VIII. Next meeting Date: 06/11/22**

The next meeting is the Elk and Bear drawing, Saturday 1pm meeting at the Pow-wow grounds.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:40pm  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*



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June 13, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
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Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:31pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno - .....Present  
Vacant

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**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Gregory Walters, Elise McGowan**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the June 13, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Grocholski  
supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno-	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – 2022**

*None submitted*

- I. Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**

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Election of Natural Resource Commission Officers:

Motion to approve:  
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Johnson – yes	Eno -	vacant	Grocholski – yes
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*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

Motion to approve:  
 Appointment of Martha Howell – Recorder  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Johnson

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Motion to approve meeting dates for 2022:  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno	vacant	Grocholski – yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**V. Continuing Business:**  
 None

**VI. Public Comment:**  
 None

**VII. Next meeting Date: 07/11/22**

**E. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:25pm  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno -	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*





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July 11, 2022  
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**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:02pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno.....Present  
Vacant

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**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Elise McGowan, Natasha**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the July 11, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the May 09, 2022 Open Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Howell

supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the May 09, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**I. Law Enforcement Update: None**

**II. Natural Resources Department Update: Natasha gives update.**

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 giving a presentation to the elders after lunch about the results of her study/interviews. She has completed 15 interviews with two more interviews to go. She will be finished by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Her next steps include working on the writing portion of her dissertation for college.

**III. Legal Dept. Update: None**

**IV. New Business:**

**F. Approval of Resolution NRC # 2022-711-002**

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Elk Regulations:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-1*

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Bear Regulations #2022-711-003:

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Eno  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - no			

Motion approved 3-0-0-1

**V. Continuing Business:**

**VI. Public Comment:**  
 None

**VII. Closed Session:**  
 None:

**VIII. Next meeting Date: 08/08/22**  
 Trash on tribal property, Sturgeon update, identification of tribal properties with signage.

**A. Adjourn Meeting**  
 Motion to adjourn the meeting: 7:50pm  
 made by: Eno  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
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**Resolution NRC-2022-0711-002**

*Resolution to adopt 2022 annual ELK Regulation booklet*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions and to delegate to those commission the power to manage the affairs of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

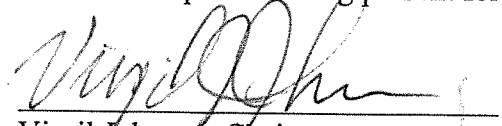
WHEREAS, the Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory delegates the annual ELK regulations booklet updates to the Natural Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has reviewed the Annual ELK Regulation Booklet to make yearly updates to the dates and language; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Natural Resources Commission adopts the change to the ELK Regulation as attached for adoption for the 2022 ELK season and copies of the Regulation will be made available to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resources Department and posted on-line and available for Tribal Members.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission with 4 FOR,     AGAINST, ABSTAINING,     ABSENT, at the Commission's regular meeting held on 07-11, 2022, at the Tribal Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, and by Zoom with a quorum being present for such a vote.



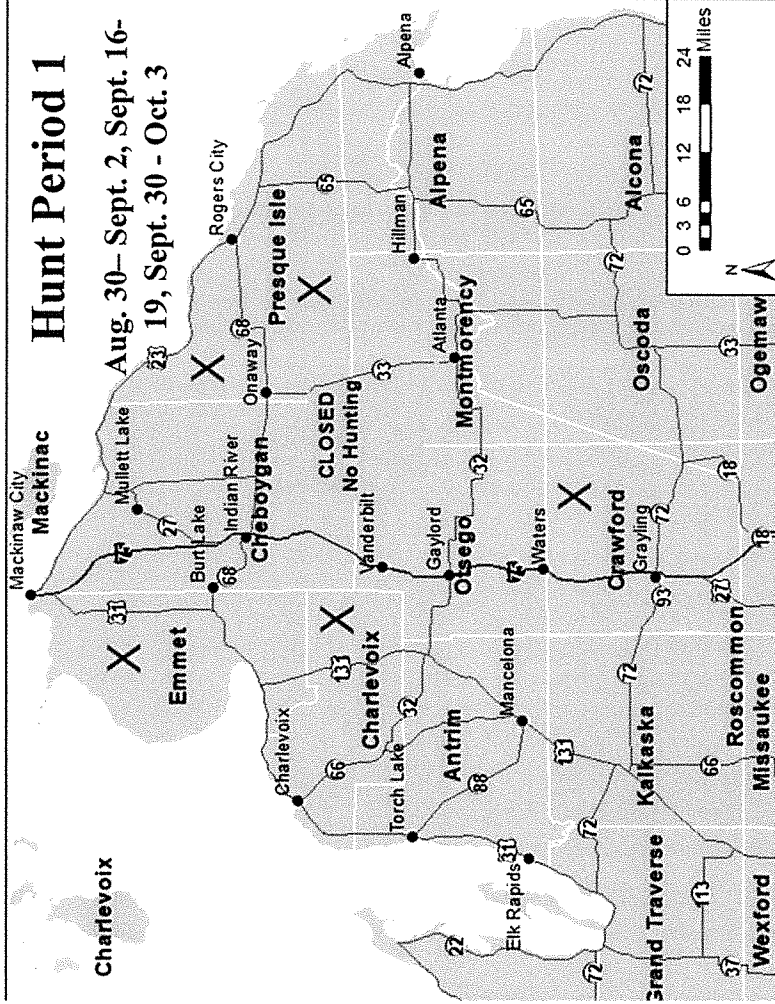
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Virgil Johnson, Chairman

cc. Tribal Council  
Tribal Ogema  
Natural Resources Department

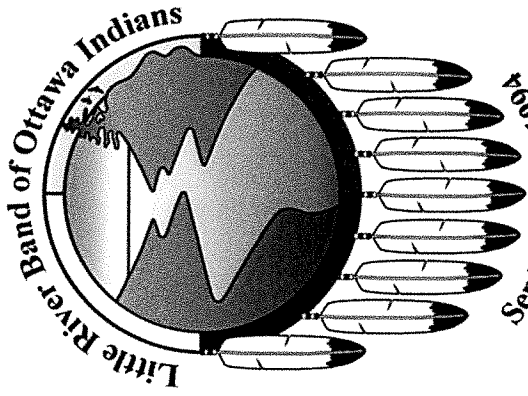
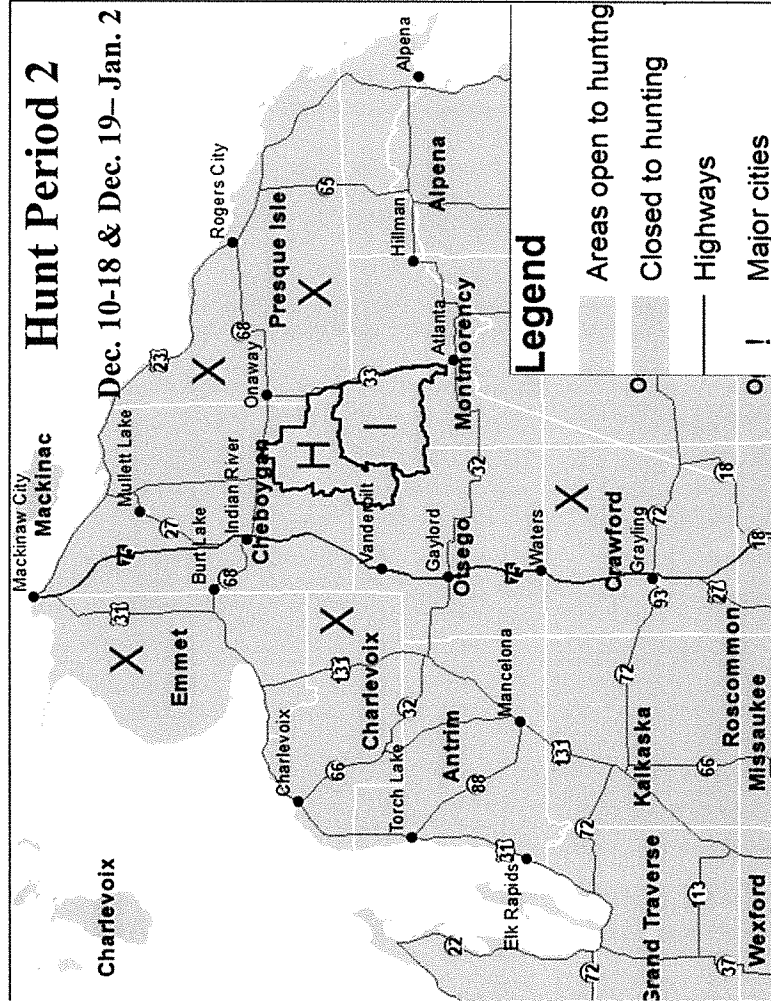
# Hunt Period 1

Aug. 30– Sept. 2, Sept. 16–  
19, Sept. 30 – Oct. 3

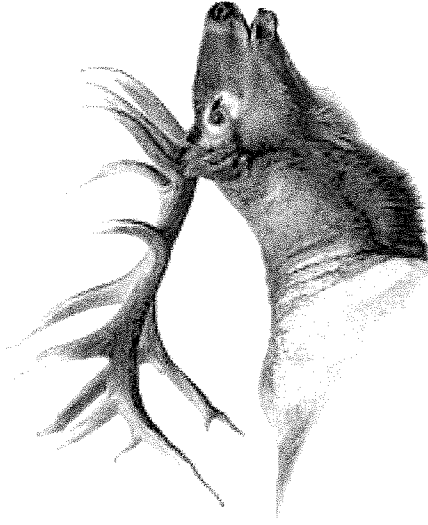


# Hunt Period 2

Dec. 10-18 & Dec. 19–Jan. 2



September 21, 1994



# Tribal Elk Hunting Additional Regulations and Annual Supplement

## *Giiwedsaa Mazina'igan*

2022

## **2022 Tribal Elk Hunting Seasons and Units**

### **2022 Available Harvest Permits**

5 permits (2 any elk and 3 antlerless elk permits)

### **Hunt Period 1:**

**August 30-September 2** and **September 16-19** and **September 30-October 3** in Unit “X-Only” on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management unit “X” (See map on back).

### **Hunt Period 2:**

**December 10-18** on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management units within areas H and X or I and X. **December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023** on **public land** only in elk management unit within areas H and X or I and X (See the map on back).

### **For more information or to report wounded elk or kill sites contact:**

LRBOI Natural Resource Department: (231) 723-1594  
Angela Kujawa (231) 655-2069

LRBOI Conservation Law Enforcement: (231) 723-6241  
Bobby Robles (231) 690-7319  
Kyle Gunderson (231) 590-2740

Wildlife Disease Laboratory at MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health: (517) 336-5034

MDNR Check Station: (989) 732-3541 Ext. 5993

## **Drawing for Elk Permits**

There will be one drawing for elk permits. Entries are limited to one per eligible Tribal Member. Tribal Members who are of age and who have not won an elk lottery within the last five years are eligible to enter.

The drawing will not be weighted and each entry will receive equal weight.

The Natural Resource Commission will certify that all eligible applicants are entered into the software program, which will then generate winners. The program will also generate an ordered list of alternate hunters, so that if a winner is unable to take his or her permit, the alternate hunters will be contacted in order of the list. Successful applicants will be assigned a hunt period and elk management unit for when and where their permit will be valid.

All applicants whose names are drawn and alternate hunters who are offered a permit will be considered “winners” for purposes of a five year waiting period, whether or not they were able to use the permit and whether or not they were successful in their hunt. Applicants whose names were drawn but who could not use the permit because of an intervening medical issue or a bona fide emergency can appeal to the Natural Resource Commission to be excused from the five year waiting period.

## **Tribal Elk Hunt Orientation**

Successful applicants are required to attend a training session prior to the scheduled elk hunt. The location of the elk hunt orientation will be provided to successful applicants. The orientation will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, carcass handling, marksmanship, hunting rules and regulations.

## Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited

Tribal Members **may not** use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during elk hunt also prohibited).
- Shotguns or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both chambers or magazine combined.
- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets.
- Devices known or used to silence firearms unless the hunter meets all federal compliance requirements for use of a suppressor.
- Firearms not specifically listed on page 5 of this booklet.

## Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, local time. Tribal Members hunting elk may not shoot a firearm, crossbow or bow outside of these hours.

## Marking Kill Sites

Elk hunters will be provided with two 1' x 1' flags and fluorescent ribbons for marking kill sites. Sites must be flagged unless law enforcement, DNR or LRBOI NRD staff are able to check the site before the harvested elk is removed. Otherwise, hunters will mark the site as follows:

- Tie one 1' x 1' flag to a tree over the gut pile or, if in a field, on a stick standing over the gut pile.
- Place ribbons with approximately 18 inches showing every fifty feet or less out to the nearest named road (not a two-track). Flags must be visible from one to the next.
- Place second 1' x 1' flag on a tree at the main road.
- Do not move elk from the kill site until the carcass is tagged and the site is flagged.

## General Tribal Elk Hunting Regulations

The regulations in this handbook are for elk hunting. Hunters must abide by all other Tribal regulations. In the event of a conflict, these regulations control.

## Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and transport tag is required to take, transport and possess elk. The tags are only valid in the assigned hunt period and elk management unit. Upon harvest, the permit holder must immediately fill out the transport tag and attach it to the elk.

Lawfully taken elk may be transported within or outside of the 1836 Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the transport tag has been attached to the carcass.

## Registration and Testing

**Elk must be registered within 72 hours of the harvest.** Registration is mandatory. The transport tag must remain attached to the elk for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

Successful hunters may turn in the head of their elk for bovine tuberculosis testing to the Natural Resources Department or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Submitting the head for testing is voluntary. Heads that are turned in will not be returned.



### Hunting Techniques

Elk hunters are required to wear a minimum of one square foot of hunters' orange that is visible from all sides.

Elk hunters may hunt from a tree or portable raised platform.

All raised platforms and ground blinds constructed from non-native, processed materials and placed on public or Tribal lands must have the user's name and Tribal identification number permanently affixed in legible English. Letters should be a minimum of 2 inches high.

Raised hunting platforms and ground blinds of any material that are erected or used on public or tribal land may not be attached to a tree by nails, screws or bolts that penetrate through the bark of a tree, except for a "t" bolt or similar device supplied from the manufacturer and recommended for safety.

All portable blinds must be removed from public and Tribal lands by March 1.

Man-made pit blinds are prohibited on public and Tribal lands.

It is unlawful to take elk over bait.

It is unlawful to hunt elk with a dog

It is unlawful to pursue or shoot a swimming elk.

### Wounded Elk Record

If an elk is wounded but not recovered, hunters must contact a Tribal or State law enforcement officer, and the LRBOI NRD. The hunter must provide the date and location of where the animal was wounded. Before the hunter is allowed to pursue another elk, Tribal law enforcement must notify them that they are permitted to do so.

### Weapons and Ammunition Allowed

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for an elk hunt:

- Center-fire rifle of .243 caliber or larger.
- All muzzle-loaders shall be .50 caliber or larger.
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs.
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .357 caliber or larger, with straight walled cartridges only (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined).
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .243 center-fire caliber or larger bottleneck cartridges (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined).
- Soft point or expanding bullets.
- Bows with a minimum pull of 55 pounds.
- Crossbows with a minimum pull of 100 pounds.
- Arrows with a minimum of a one inch cutting surface broad heads.

### Concealed Weapons

Tribal Members may carry handguns with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
Manistee, MI 49660**

**Resolution NRC-2022-0711-003**

*Resolution to Adopt 2022 Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anishinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions and to delegate to those commission the power to manage the affairs of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

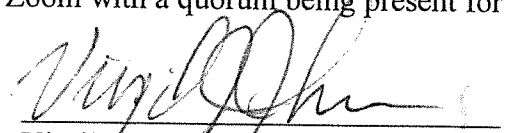
WHEREAS, the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory delegates the annual black bear regulations booklet updates to the Natural Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has reviewed the Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet to make yearly updates to the dates and language regarding baiting; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Natural Resources Commission adopts the change to the Black Bear Regulation as attached for adoption for the 2022 black bear season and copies of the Regulation will be made available to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resources Department and posted on-line and available for Tribal Members.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission with 4 FOR,     AGAINST, ABSTAINING,     ABSENT, at the Commission's regular meeting held on 07-11, 2022, at the Tribal Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, and by Zoom with a quorum being present for such a vote.

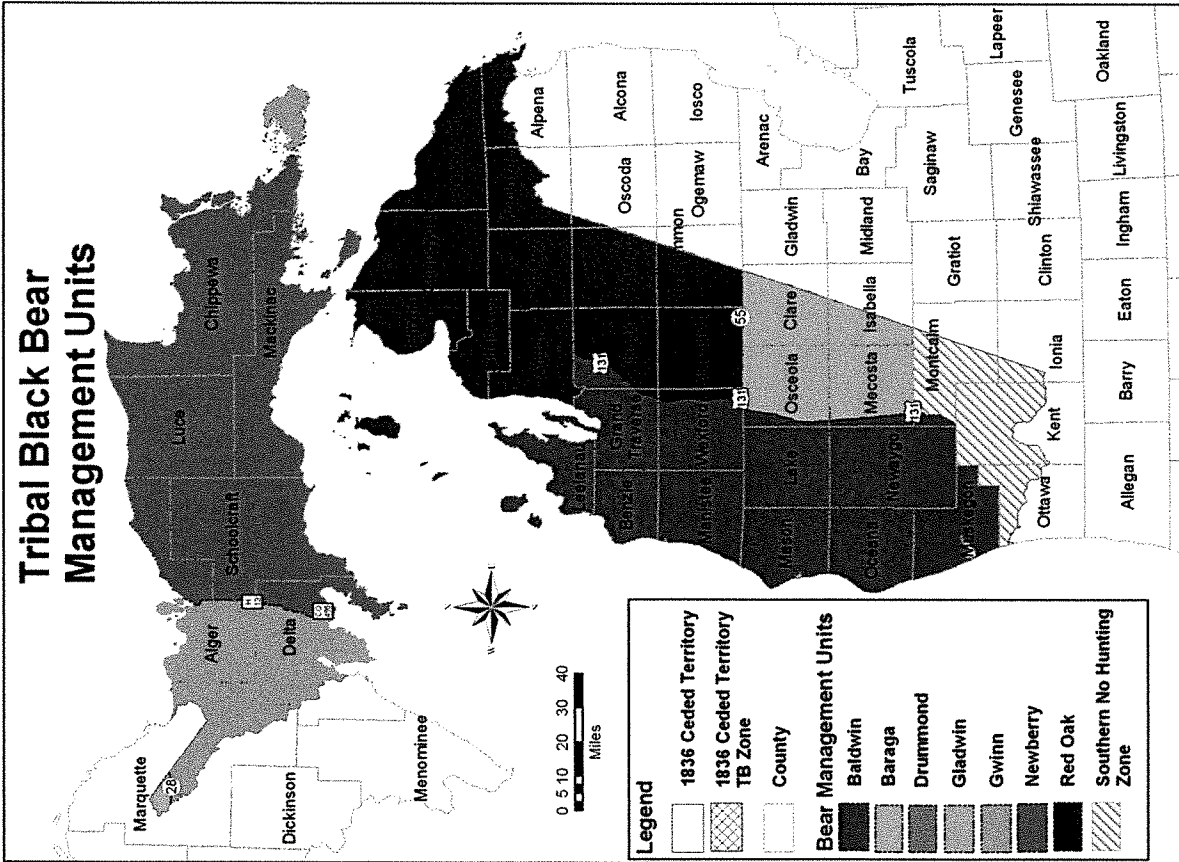


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Virgil Johnson, Chairman

cc. Tribal Council  
Tribal Ogema  
Natural Resources Department

# Tribal Black Bear Management Units



2022

# Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet

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## Black Bear Hunting Regulations

The regulations in this handbook are for black bear hunting. Hunters must abide by all other Tribal regulations. In the event of a conflict, these regulations control.

## Applying for Bear Permits

Tribal Members interested in harvesting bear must apply for a harvest tag from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. The application must include the first and second choice of Bear Management Units.

Bag limits are one bear per year.

Black Bear Open Season:	DATES: Sept 7—Oct 26, 2022
Bear Management Units	2022 Tribal Tags Available
Baraga	40
Gwinn	23
Newberry	50
Baldwin	40
Gladwin	4
Red Oak	61

## Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and harvest/transport tag is required to take, transport and possess black bear. The tags are only valid in the specified bear management unit. The hunter must immediately fill out the harvest/transport tag and attach it to the lower jaw of the bear.

- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets.
- Devices known or used to silence firearms unless the hunter meets all federal compliance requirements for use of a suppressor.
- Firearms not specifically listed on page 5 of this booklet.
- Explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances.

## Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, local time. Tribal Members hunting black bear may not shoot a firearm, crossbow or bow outside of these hours.

## Miscellaneous Restrictions

Tribal Members may not engage in any of the following during a black bear hunt:

- The use of explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances.
- Shooting bears in dens or landfills.
- Shooting cubs or sows with cubs.
- Chase, pursue, shoot, or kill a swimming bear.

Tribal Members may not sell black bear parts, hides, meat or internal organs.

## Black Bear Hunting Season

The 2022 Black Bear hunting season is September 7 — October 26 in all Bear Management units.

## For more information contact:

Natural Resource Department: 231-723-1594  
Conservation Law Enforcement: 231-723-6241

Weekends/After hours: Contact  
Central Dispatch: 231-723-6241

## Weapons and Ammunition Allowed

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for a black bear hunt:

- Soft point or expanding bullets.
- Center-fire rifles of .243 caliber or larger.
- All muzzle-loaders shall be .50 caliber or larger.
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs.
- Bows with a pull of at least 30 pounds.
- Crossbows with a pull of at least 100 pounds. Bolts and quarrels at least 14 inches and tipped with a broadhead at least 7/8 inch wide.
- Arrows with broad heads having a cutting surface a minimum of one inch in diameter.
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .357 caliber or larger, with straight walled cartridges only (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined).
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .243 center-fire caliber or larger bottleneck cartridges (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined).

## Concealed Weapons

Hunters may not carry concealed weapons on Tribal lands. Tribal Members may carry handguns with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Handguns must be carried in plain view while in the field. Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.

## Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited

Tribal Members may not use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during bear hunt also prohibited)
- Semi-automatic or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both the chamber and magazine combined

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Lawfully taken black bear may be transported within or outside of the Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the carcass has been properly sealed.

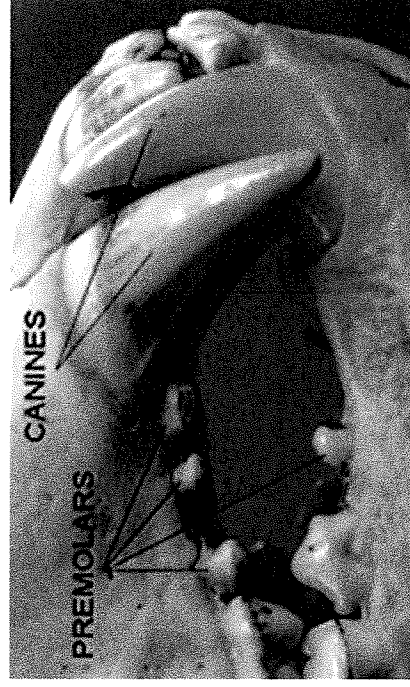
The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the bear for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

## Registration and Collection

**Bear must be registered within three business days of the harvest** at a Tribally-certified or Michigan DNR station. Registration is mandatory. If checked at a state-run or other tribal facility, **Tribal Members must notify the LRBOI Natural Resources Department of the harvest and location of registration.** (see page 7) .

Hunters may present the entire carcass or just the hide with claws, head and teeth still attached. The sealed registration tag must be retained until all the meat is consumed or disposed of.

A premolar tooth will be collected when the bear is registered and used to determine the age of the bear and genetic information.



## Baiting

Hunters may bait black bear subject to the following:

- Hunters may bait black bears with unlimited amounts of meat and meat products, fish and fish products, dog food, cat food, bakery or confectionary items such as jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or processed bakery items, including pie fillings and yogurts. **Products that contain chocolate or cocoa derivatives may not be used.**
- Any containers used to transport bait shall be removed immediately and disposed of properly.
- It is unlawful to hunt over bait that has, within 100 yards of the bait site, any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site.
- Only three bait stations may be tended per hunter.
- Hunters may not use bait that has been poisoned or medicated or that will harm or stupefy the bear.
- Bait stations may not be established or tended in the Ceded Territory before August 7 or after October 26.

## Barrel Baiting

Hunters who want to barrel bait are responsible for ensuring that they are on private or tribal owned lands. Barrels are **NOT allowed on State, Commercial Forest, or U.S. Forest Service lands.**

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Hunters may use barrel baiting subject to the following:

- Bait barrels used must be made of steel and securely anchored to a post in the ground with a chain or cable no more than eight feet in length;
- Bait barrels must have a secure lid and holes no greater than one inch in diameter;
- Only one barrel per bait station;
- Hunters are required to affix a tag with LRBOI and the hunter's tribal identification number or bear harvest tag number to the barrel; and
- Limit bait barrel locations within 400 yards of a road.
- Bait inside the barrel must be removed at the close of the bear season.
- Barrels must be removed no later than five days after the close of the bear season.

## Dogs

Hunters may use dogs subject to the following:

- Dogs may be trained by pursuing black bear from July 8 through April 15 of the following year (see exceptions below).
- Dogs may not be trained or used to hunt black bear in the Upper Peninsula from September 2 through September 11, in the Lower Peninsula on September 6 through September 11 and October 7 through October 13.
- All dogs must be immunized and licensed with the license or owner's identifying information on their collars.
- No more than eight dogs may run as a pack, regardless of the number of hunters or the ownership of the dogs.
- Packs may not be relayed.
- It is legal to replace individual dogs, provided eight or fewer dogs are used at one time or during the same day.
- Dogs may not be trained on a captive, tethered, or caged bear.
- Dogs must be owned by a tribal member (with Article 13 rights) when used outside of the designated state permitted periods.
- It is unlawful to begin to chase a bear with dogs between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.





**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Natural Resources Commission  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

August 8, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

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**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order:** 5:04pm

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno.....Present  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Elise McGowan, Julie Wolfe**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the August 8, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson - yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 11, 2022 Open Session Minutes:



*\*Note June 2022 the Elk and Bear drawing was held and no minutes were taken/submitted as the results of the drawing serve as the minutes.*

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**  
 None Submitted

**I. Law Enforcement Update:** None

**II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None

**III. Legal Dept. Update:** Discussion on Bear Regulations. Discussion about property cleanup. Elise says the department is to understaffed to cleanup any properties. Virgil requested a Whitefish report. Sturgeon update, WIP.

**IV. New Business:**

**F. Closed Session:**

Motion to move to Closed Session for 2022 Consent Decree Update:

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Howell  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

Sports Fishermen- The Amicus, is trying to stop the Consent Decree, discussion ensued.

Motion to return to Open Session:  
 made by: Grocholski  
 supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - no			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-1*

V. **Continuing Business:** Discussion with Bobby Robles about Bear Regs. Elise left at 6:06pm.

VI. **Public Comment:**  
None

VII. **Next meeting Date: 09/09/22**  
Trash on tribal property, Sturgeon update, identification of tribal properties with signage, Invasive species update, Whitefish status report

A. **Adjourn Meeting**  
Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:47pm  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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Sept. 12, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:10pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Absent  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno.....Present  
Vacant

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**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Bobby Robles**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the Sept. 12, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - absent
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-1-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes: None Submitted

Motion to approve:

Natural Resources Commission  
Open Session Minutes  
Sept. 12, 2022

made by:  
supported by:

Johnson –	Eno -	vacant	Grocholski -
Howell -			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

Motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes: None Submitted

Motion to approve:  
made by:  
supported by:

Johnson –	Eno -	vacant	Grocholski -
Howell -			

*Motion approved 0-0-0-0*

**I. Law Enforcement Update:** Bobby Robles - Season off to a slow start. Been too hot to hunt. There's been one minor dispute between tribal members. Brown in Charge of Hunter Safety course scheduled for October. Elk season hunters were unsuccessful for the first season. On the fifth alternate for tags.

**II. Natural Resources Department Update:**

**III. Legal Dept. Update:** None

**IV. New Business:**

Camping Regulations - Ogema concerned about being able to maintain the bathrooms. Closing the campground? Increasing fees?

Waterfowl Booklet: State Regs are being changed.

Baiting: Bobby - there's bait for sale everywhere. I haven't ran into any bait piles yet. Mostly private owners using bait piles. We are relying on hunters to call in any bait piles they find. All deer baiting is prohibited.

**F. Approval of Resolution NRC # 2022-711-002**

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Elk Regulations:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Grocholski  
supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 3-0-0-1*

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Bear Regulations #2022-711-003:

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Eno  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - no			

Motion approved 3-0-0-1

**V. Continuing Business:**

**VI. Public Comment:**

None

**VII. Closed Session:**

None:

**VIII. Next meeting Date: 10/10/22**

Baiting, Campground info, CORA update

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 5:50pm

made by: Eno  
 supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*



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Natural Resources Commission  
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October 10, 2022  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order:** 5:22pm

**B. Roll Call:**

- Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present
- John Grocholski .....Present
- Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present
- Connie Eno.....Present
- Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Elise McGowan (joined at 5:40pm)**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the October 10, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Howell  
supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Open and Closed Session Minutes - 7/22, 8/22, 9/22

Motion to approve:  
 made by: Eno  
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

- I. **Law Enforcement Update:** Dept. was invited to tonight's meeting but didn't show up.
  - II. **Natural Resources Department Update:** There is a staffing issue in the Wildlife Dept. There was a bear hunt situation. Bears need to be sealed. A Wisconsin member killed a bear and there was no one available to answer the phone. The member's family was very angry. The Bear Hunter was very very angry there was no one to take care of business. There is only one hourly employee in Wildlife Dept. Elk Hunt update, there have been success's.
  - III. **Legal Dept. Update:** None
  - IV. **New Business:**

**Camping Regulations = 27 complaints this year. Property and trash being scattered around the campground. Most complaints were from alcohol and drugs. John suggested a "Usage Fee". Virgil agrees to instate a maintenance fee. NRC agrees \$10week for a tent and \$30week for an RV is a far "Usage Fee" for the campground.**
  - V. **Continuing Business:**
  - VI. **Public Comment:**  
None
  - VII. **Next meeting Date: 11/14/22**  
 Grayling Discussion  
 Camping fee letter to the Ogema  
 Cleanup of Tribal Lands  
 Bear Harvest Report  
 Whitetail Report  
 2023 Meeting Dates
- E. Adjourn Meeting**  
 Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:28pm

made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*



# 2023 Meeting Dates

## Natural Resource Commission

5 PM

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, Michigan 49660

January 9th

February 13<sup>th</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1 PM Elk & Bear Draw

July 10<sup>th</sup>

August 14<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

October 9<sup>th</sup>

November 13<sup>th</sup>

December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Grace Hendler**

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**From:** Gary DiPiazza  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 10:46 AM  
**To:** Grace Hendler  
**Subject:** NRC meeting

The December meeting That was to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> of December was cancelled due to illness. So there was no meeting on that date.

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Gary DiPiazza



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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Natural Resources Commission Meeting are held at 5pm  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, Mi 49660

### **2022 Meeting Dates :**

Jan 17, 2022

February 14, 2022

March 14, 2022

April 11, 2022

May 9, 2022

June 11, 2022 (Elk Drawing 1pm)

July 11, 2022

August 8, 2022

Sept. 12, 2022

Oct. 10, 2022

Nov 7, 2022

Dec 12, 2022

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**  
**Natural Resource Commission**

**By-Laws**

**Article 1. Title; Authority; Purpose.**

**1.01. Title.** This entity shall be known as the “Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission,” and may be referred to by the short title of “Natural Resource Commission.” The official office and mailing address of the Commission is 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

**1.02. Authority.** The Natural Resource Commission is created by:

- a. The authority of the Tribal Council to create regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, conferred by Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and
- b. Article IV of the Natural Resource Commission Ordinance, Ordinance #06-500-01, as adopted by Tribal Council.

**1.03. Purpose.** The purposes of the Natural Resource Commission are:

- a. To honor, promote, and maintain the Tribe’s traditional physical and spiritual relationship to the natural environment, and its Tribal Members’ traditional, subsistence and commercial uses of the resources within the lands reserved by the Tribe’s ancestors and the territory ceded in the 1836 Treaty of Washington; and
- b. To regulate the wise utilization of natural resources within the Tribe’s jurisdiction in a way that respects the Anishinaabe traditional spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters and the resources they contain; and
- c. To exercise the powers and authorities described in the Natural Resource Commission Ordinance or other ordinances adopted by Tribal Council related to the regulation, use or preservation of the Tribe’s land and natural resources.

**Article 2. Commissioners.**

**2.01. Membership.** The Natural Resource Commission shall have up to five (5) members, selected according to the Commissions Ordinance, #04-150-01. Commissioners must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be at least 18 years of age;

- b. Be an enrolled Tribal Member;
- c. Not be currently employed by either the Tribe's Natural Resources Department or as a Tribal enforcement officer engaged in the enforcement of the Tribe's natural resources laws.

**2.02.** *Consulting Members.* The Natural Resources Department, the Historical Preservation Department and / or Cultural Preservation Committee and the Planning Department shall delegate consulting members to join the Natural Resources Commission in a non-voting capacity on request of the Commission. The Commission may request consulting members for discussion on various issues, such as land use, Anishinaabe traditions or regulations governing the use of natural resources.

**2.03.** *Terms of Office.* The term of appointed office for a Natural Resource commissioner shall be four (4) years. In accordance with Section 7.01 of the Commissions Ordinance, Ordinance #04-150-01, terms shall begin on September 21 and end of September 20 at midnight, regardless of when the commissioner was appointed or sworn into office.

**2.04.** *Causes for Removal of a commissioner.* In addition to those causes for removal established in Section 7.08 of the Commissions Ordinance, the Commission may seek the removal of a commissioner who:

- a. Fails to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the commission without prior notification to the commission; or
- b. Exhibits unprofessional conduct that causes a negative reflection on the commission.

**2.05.** *Officers.* The Natural Resource Commission shall have the following officers, which shall be elected by motion for a one-year term of office. The Commission shall elect officers annually at its first regularly scheduled meeting in December.

a. *General.*

1. No commissioner shall serve simultaneously in two (2) officer positions, unless an officer is acting in another's absence as provided below.
2. There shall be no prohibition against successive terms in Office.
3. A vacancy created in an officer position shall be filled by majority vote of the Commissioners for the remainder of the one-year term.
4. The commissioners shall be specially notified of any impending election of officers.

b. *Chairperson.* The chairperson shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To call all meetings to order and to preside at all meetings;
2. To sign all official documents of the Commission. In an emergency, the chairperson may sign correspondence and submit the correspondence to the Commission for ratification at the next regular Commission meeting
3. To represent the commission at all meetings with outside entities, unless Tribal Council or the Chairperson designates another commissioner to act as a representative at a given meeting. Such representation shall include, but is not limited to, attendance at monthly Tribal Council meetings or work sessions, attendance at CORA meetings and other intertribal meetings relevant to the Tribe's natural resources laws or regulations;
4. To ensure the submission of the monthly report to Tribal Council
5. To ensure the submission of the commission's annual budget to the Tribal Council;
6. To manage and report on the finances of the commission to the Tribal Council or Tribal Ogema;
7. To appoint another commissioner to the duty of the minutes and the agenda in the absence of the Recorder.

c. *Recorder.* The Recorder shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To carry out the chairperson's duties in his or her temporary absence;
2. To be as acting chairperson, upon permanent absence of the chairperson, Until election of a new chairperson at the next available meeting.
3. To oversee the preparation of the agenda;
4. To oversee the preparation of the minutes;
5. To ensure notification to the commissioners of meeting date changes, as needed;
6. To pick up mail for the Commission as needed;
7. To ensure the submission of stipend sheets for the Commission;
8. To ensure the posting of meeting schedule notices.

9. To oversee the preparation of the monthly report to the Tribal Council, upon approval of the Commission, by motion, for signature by the Chairperson.
10. To oversee the preparation of the commission's annual meeting schedule and resolution for signature by the chairperson, upon approval of the Commission, by motion;
11. To keep a list of current commissioners and their appointment dates; of officer's seats and year elected, and contact information including addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.
12. To keep a copy of the regular meeting schedule for the next calendar year.
13. To oversee the drafting of correspondence for signature by the Chairperson upon approval of the Commission by motion.

**Article 3. Commission Duties and Responsibilities.**

**3.01.** *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Natural Resource Commission shall have the following specific duties and responsibilities:

- a. To ensure the protection of the environment and natural resources within the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' ancestral lands and waters through the development and adoption of regulations and;
- b. To implement the provisions of the Natural Resource Commission Ordinance, #06-500-01, and all ordinances governing commercial and subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering and other activities pertaining to natural resources by any person on Tribal lands and Ceded Territory
- c. To issue orders and directives regulating commercial and subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering and other activities pertaining to natural resources by persons on Tribal lands or waters or within the Ceded Territory that are not inconsistent with Tribal law;
- d. To review the impact that commercial and subsistence hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering and other activities pertaining to natural resources have on the health and diversity of fish, wildlife and plant populations, or other natural resources, within Tribal lands and the Ceded Territory;
- e. To recommend to the Tribal Council such ordinances or amendments to ordinances as may be required to better protect and manage the natural resources within Tribal lands and the Ceded Territory;

- f. To adopt such emergency regulations, not to exceed 90 days in duration, as may be deemed necessary by the commission to protect fish, wildlife and plant populations, or other natural resources;
- g. To review lists or other reports regarding all persons to whom each type of Tribal license or Tribal permit has been issued;
- h. To review and approve applications for special use and special trespass permits and interview the applicant for a special use or special trespass permit;
- i. To review and approve forms and applications from the Tribal Natural Resources Department for use by Tribal Members and other members of the public;
- j. To review the numbers of each type of Tribal license or Tribal permit outstanding and to determine if it is in the best interests of conservation to continue such permits;
- k. To prepare and present to the Tribal Council a proposed budget requesting an appropriation of funds to permit the Commission to carry out the responsibilities of this ordinance and all Tribal laws governing commercial and subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping, or gathering of natural resources;
- l. To act as the hearing body and to issue decisions and orders to suspend, deny, revoke or take other action regarding a license or permit to hunt, fish, trap, or gather, in accordance with hearing procedures in the Natural Resource Commission Ordinance or adopted by the Commission;
- m. To suspend or revoke licenses or permits issued by the Natural Resource Department for fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering and other activities, as set forth in Natural Resource Commission Ordinance or regulations adopted by the Commission;
- n. To recommend policies and procedures to the Tribal Council for authorizing the use of Tribal lands by non-Tribal members for hunting, fishing gathering, or camping purposes.
- n. To develop camping regulations and regulations for the issuance of camping permits and to develop regulations to identify and designate additional campsites on Tribal lands; and
- o. To develop regulations or procedures for ordering the temporary or permanent closure of designated campsites by the Commission to protect Tribal resources and to implement those procedures when deemed necessary.



## **Article 4. Commission Meetings.**

### **4.01. Regular Meetings.**

- a. The Natural Resource Commission shall have 1 regular meeting per month.
- b. The Commission shall establish its regular meetings schedule for the next calendar year no later than the last meeting before the end of the current calendar year. Upon adoption, the meeting schedule shall be posted at Tribal properties and on the Tribal website or social media page(s). The meeting schedule also shall be published in the Tribe's next available newsletter and submitted to Tribal Council with the Commission's yearly January report.
- c. The meeting place shall be at the Natural Resource Building Ground level or other location as directed by the Tribal Council. The meeting location shall be posted with the meeting schedule and monthly agenda.

### **4.02. Special Meetings.**

- a. Special meetings may be called as needed to conduct business or convene hearings that, if delayed, would be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the Tribe, its members or the regulated activity.
- b. The chairperson or any two (2) commissioners may call a special meeting on 24 hours' notice to the commissioners and the public. Notice also may be provided by telephone to commissioners with follow-up by written notice at the earliest possible time. Written notice may be delivered by hand, fax, e-mail or text messaging;

**4.03. Public Informational Meeting.** The Natural Resource Commission shall have at least one (1) annual public informational meeting that shall be convened and governed pursuant to the requirements of the Natural Resource Commissions Ordinance.

**4.04. Quorum and Attendance.** The Commission must have one (1) officer and two (2) other commissioners present to make a quorum at meetings.

### **4.05. Agenda.**

- a. Every meeting of the Natural Resource Commission shall be conducted in accordance with an agenda delivered before the meeting by hand, mail, fax, e-mail or other transmission method, to each commissioner and posted for the public.
- b. At the time of the meeting, the commission may, by motion, accept additional items for the agenda which were not given prior notice, with the exception of the election of officers.

- c. At the time of the meeting, the commission, by motion, may move items within the established meeting agenda.
- d. Each agenda shall be drafted to clearly identify the following:
  - 1. Opening prayer;
  - 2. General Business;
    - i. Call to order and time of call;
    - ii. Roll call of commissioners present;
    - iii. Approval of agenda;
    - iv. Approval of available open session minutes;
  - 3. Law Enforcement Update
    - i. Continuing business
    - ii. New business
  - 4. Natural Resource Department Update
    - i. Continuing business
    - ii. New business
  - 5. Legal Department Update
    - i. Continuing business
    - ii. New business
  - 6. Regulations
    - i. Continuing business
    - ii. New business
  - 7. Public comment
  - 8. Hearings, if any.

9. Closed session - for items pertaining to contracts, litigation, personnel or hearings on request of the Tribal Member subject to the hearing
  - i. Approval of available closed session minutes
  - ii. Closed hearings, if any
  - iii. Litigation update
10. Return to open session
11. Agenda items for next meeting
12. Adjournment

**4.06.** *Open and closed meeting sessions.*

- a. Commission business shall be conducted in open session; however, the commission by proper motion may move that a topic under discussion be discussed in closed session.
- b. Records of the Commission shall be considered public documents; however, confidential records pertaining to contracts, litigation, personnel, or hearings on the request of the Tribal Member subject to the hearing shall remain confidential and non-public documents, and shall be discussed in closed session.
- c. No persons, other than commissioners, shall attend closed sessions of the Commission, except upon proper motion of the Commission. Legal counsel may be permitted to remain in closed session unless excused by motion of the Commission.

**4.07.** *Minutes.*

- a. Commission minutes shall be drafted to clearly identify:
  1. The date, time and place the commission meeting or hearing was called to order;
  2. The names of commissioners and guests present, and whether a commissioner is not present;
  3. Adoption of the agenda, and any amendments;
  4. Any action taken regarding each agenda item;

5. Meeting Minutes are the detailed notes that serves as an official record of the meeting;
6. The date and time the meeting was concluded and the manner in which it was concluded (i.e., loss of quorum, complete, etc.);
6. The date(s) of any minutes approved;
7. The time a commissioner arrives or departs the meeting if the commissioner arrives late or leaves early; and
8. The date, time and place of the next regular meeting.

**4.08.** *Stipend; Attendance.* Commissioners may attend by telephone or by real-time electronic remote access with audio and visual technology. A commissioner shall be entitled to a stipend only if the commissioner is in attendance for at least half of a commission meeting, unless otherwise determined by motion of the remaining commissioners present. Tribal Council may overrule the commission's motion to grant a stipend to a commissioner under this subsection.

**Article 5. Employees; Liaison.**

**5.01.** *Employees.* The Natural Resource Commission does not have the power to employ individuals.

**5.02.** *Liaison.*

- a. The Natural Resource Department shall identify a liaison to whom the commission shall forward correspondence, requests and other like material. The liaison shall be responsible for ensuring the delivery of Department reports or other information to the commission.
- b. The Tribal Council shall assign as a liaison a Council Member to provide communication between the Council and the commission.
- c. The commission chairperson shall act as a liaison to Tribal Council to provide communication to the Department and Tribal Council at work sessions, public meetings or otherwise. The commission may select a commissioner other than the chairperson to act as liaison by majority vote.

**Article 6. Travel and Training.**

**6.01.** Any travel requested by a commissioner shall be presented to the commission for approval by motion at least 30 days, when possible, before the date of departure.

6.02. Any commissioner attending training shall complete an evaluation form to be presented to the commission at the next available meeting for the review, or as soon thereafter as possible.

**Article 7. Amendment; Repeal.**

**7.01. Amendment.**


- a. The commission shall review its by-laws by the end of each year for amendments and re-authorization.
- b. Amendments must be presented at least one (1) meeting before scheduled action by the commission, and must be adopted by a majority vote of the commissioners present.
- c. Amendments shall be final after presentation to and approval by Tribal Council resolution.

**7.02. Repeal.**

- a. These by-laws may be repealed by the presentation of a resolution to the Tribal Council by the commission containing the reasons why a repeal of these by-laws is necessary.
- b. The commission must approve the resolution requesting repeal by a majority vote of the commissioners present.
- c. The Tribal Council may unilaterally repeal these by-laws by amendment to the creating ordinance, or by adoption of a resolution repealing these by-laws.


**CERTIFICATION**

I, Boo Battice, as Chairperson of the Natural Resource Commission, do hereby certify that the Natural Resource Commission adopted these By-Laws at a regular meeting.

  
Boo Battice

August 20, 2018  
Date

I, Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder do hereby certify that the Tribal Council, approved these By-Laws by the adoption of Tribal Council Resolution #18-0905-262.

  
Sandra Lewis

September 5, 2018  
Date