



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Commission
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DATE: 11/7/15
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: October 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 Karen Lewis, Secretary Jason Cross.

Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 10/1/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

1. Open Commission seats.
2. 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 October 1st, 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 4:08 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: Gary Lewis, Kerri Collier

MOTION CARRIED

I. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Lewis, supported
by Viersman

Roll Call: #2

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

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Gary Lewis, Kerri Collier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:11pm, by
Vriesman, supported by Cross

Roll Call: #3

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

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 2) Others Present: Gary Lewis, Kerri Collier

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:44pm, by
Lewis, supported by Vriesman.**

Roll Call: #4

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Gary Lewis, Kerri Collier

MOTION CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER
MINUTES, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman.**

Roll Call: #5

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

(Yes – 0 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present: None

III. Public Comment

- None.

IV. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – No updates
- SBLA Revision – Moves to next meeting
- Commerce Corner –
 - Commissioner Cross noted that Crystal Young from WSCC would be at the business expo if the Commission would like to meet with her and discuss any ideas. Commissioner Lewis mentioned that the Commission should utilize some SCORE material in the Commerce Corner.

VI. New Business: Discussion

- Muskegon task force – Item moved to next meeting so Tom can have an opportunity to bring the commission up to speed.

MOTION TO AJOURN, 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: None

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder