



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
 Binojeeuk Commission
 Administration Office
 2608 Government Center Dr.
 Manistee, Michigan 49660**

**MONTHLY REPORT
 July 2021**

The Binojeeuk Commission is created for the purpose of protecting the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by fully exercising the Tribe’s rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Children’s Code.

Officers:

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| 1. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Corey Wells | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (4)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 7-6-21, 7-20-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 7-6-21, 7-20-21
4. Emergency Closed Session Minutes 7-1-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (4)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (2)
3. Lack of New Commissioners
4. Start the review process to identify if changes need to occur to the by-laws or the child protection ordinance.



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**Open Session Minutes
 July 6th, 2021**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:06 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Sandra Deverney, Holly Karlsen, Jon Hauswirth

C. Approval of Agenda for July 6th, 2021

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 6-8-21(emergency), 6-15-21, 6-21-21 (emergency)

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business: None

- A. Continuing Business: Licensing and monitoring of the NGLC, Discussed the importance for the NLGC to send reports to the Binojeeuk commission, as its licensing body, to ensure that both the commission (and Family Services) and the NGLC are following protocols. Advised that the commission will not be issuing licensing in the future if reports on the steps NGLC are following to ensure adherence to LRBOI Regulations and Ordinances are not submitted. The Binojeeuk Commission is the body tasked with ensuring that ALL childcare facilities are licensed and monitored. There was agreement between the management of NGLC, Family Services and the Commission on this matter.

IV. Concluding Business

- A. Meeting Date July 20th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

V. Adjourn Open Session 1:30 PM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:30 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:41 pm

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**Open Session Minutes
 July 20th, 2021**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:07 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for July 20th, 2021

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 7-6-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business: Discussed potential new commissioners. As the Binojeeuk Commission still only has 2 commissioners. Discussed NGLC and possible Ordinance change recommendations.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date August 3rd, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

V. Adjourn Open Session 1:24 PM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:24 PM
 Made by: Gonzalez
 Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:31pm
 Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0