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

MONTHLY REPORT
October 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:
1. Shawnna Gonzalez   Term Ending: 9/20/23
2. Corey Wells   Term Ending: 9/20/23

Monthly Activities:
1. Total cases reviewed for the month   (3)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 10-5-21, 10-19-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 10-5-21, 10-19-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:
1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Lack of New Commissioners
4. Graduate Student Introduction
5. Expert Witness Training
6. Traditional Adoption Information

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Open Session Minutes
October 5, 2021

I.   General Business

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

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawnna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Kimberly Crampton, Jon Hauswirth, Amanda McQueen, Natasha Myhal.

C. Approval of Agenda for October 5th, 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: 9-22-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business: Graduate student from University of Colorado/Bolder, do a community-based research project. On education, and the historical declines of Lake Sturgeon and how it impacts community health. Looking at the effect of climate change has on the community and the efforts to restore the rights of the community to hunt fish and gather. What community values are important for her to follow when she is a gust here. And she is interested in the Muskegon Aera.

III. Discussion: Expert Witness, NITWA placed for expert witness training.

    A. Continuing Business: None

IV.   Concluding Business

        A. Meeting Date October 19, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

V.   Adjourn Open Session 1:27 PM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:27 PM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI.   Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:47 PM
Made by: Shawnna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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Open Session Minutes
October 19th, 2021

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawnna Gonzalez 1:13 PM

B. Roll Call:

   Present: Shawnna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

   Others Present: None

C. Approval of Agenda for October 19th, 2021

   Motion to approve agenda
      Made by: Shawnna Gonzalez
      Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

   Motion approved 2-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for October 5th, 2021

   Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:
      Made by: Shawnna Gonzalez
      Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

   Motion approved 2-0--0

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Adopted – June 16, 2011

II.   New Business – Adoption update, Information from Jay will be shared at the next meeting when we have Family Services in attendance

III.   Continuing Business:

IV.   Adjourn Open Session 1:18 PM
           Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:18 PM
           Made by: Shawnna Gonzalez
           Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

V.   Adjourn Meeting
           Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:28 pm
               Made by: Shawnna Gonzalez
               Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0