



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

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MONTHLY REPORT

March 2022

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. Shawwna 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 3-4-22, 3-17-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 3-4-22, 3-17-22

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Discussion on Bylaws, adoption of bylaws and submission of the changed bylaws to Tribal Council. One adoption this month ending Binojeeuk Commissions oversight of the case. One Case was in a car accident and to date is unresponsive at the hospital.



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Open Session Minutes March 4th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:01 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephine Persenaire, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Kim Crampton, Natasha, Cindy Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for March 4th, 2022

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: 2-18-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011

- III. Discussion: Natasha updated her progress; she has had 8 interviews so far and is learning a lot. She has been volunteering at the Elder Lunches and discussed changes that can be made to support climate change. Also discussed what concerns the elders may have regarding climate change, including things like temperature change and plant changes.

IV.

Continuing Business:

A: Motion to approve Binojeeuk Commission Resolution **22-0304-001**,
Approval of changes to Binojeeuk Commission Bylaws

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

B: Kim talked about the expert witness need for the tribe. She sent paperwork that describes the expectations of the job.

C: NICWA training will be available via zoom.

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date March 18th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

V. Adjourn Open Session 1:18 PM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:18 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:00 PM

Made by: Shawwna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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Open Session Minutes March 17th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawwna Gonzalez 1:10 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawwna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for March 17th, 2022

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 3-4-22: Postponed until 4/8/22

II. New Business:
Signature on by-laws.

III. Discussion:

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date April 8th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 1:15 PM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:15 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: Shawwna Gonzalez
Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0