



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

MONTHLY REPORT September 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. 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 9-7-21, 9-22-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 9-7-21, 9-22-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (2)
3. Lack of New Commissioners
4. Introduction to the new Family Services Director
5. Discussed ongoing changes at NGLC and what the Commissions role will be regarding NGLC
6. Expert Witness discussion, and discussion on the updated and expanded list.



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Open Session Minutes September 7, 2021

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Kimberly Crampton,
Sandra DeVerney

C. Approval of Agenda for September 7th, 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: 8-17-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business:

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date September 22nd, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 1:26 PM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:26 PM
Made by: Gonzalez
Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:45 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
September 22, 2021**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 9:07 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Kimberly Crampton,

C. Approval of Agenda for September 22, 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: 9-7-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business:

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011

III. Discussion: Expert Witness, Jason Cross is still the expert witness and LRBOI needs to update the list of Expert Witness to reflect the changes in the Family Services Department.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date October 5, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

V. Adjourn Open Session 9:21 PM
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 9:21 PM
 Made by: Gonzalez
 Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:34 PM
 Made by: Shawwna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0