



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

MONTHLY REPORT February 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. Shawna 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 2-4-21, 2-18-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 2-4-21, 2-18-21

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (3)
3. Discussion on why the State of Michigan is not taking the recommendations of the tribe. The State Court agreed with DHHS and went against the Tribe and the independent reviewer on recommendations. One descendant child walked on this month, and one of the children in a ICWA case was seriously injured in a car accident. Bylaws were modified for grammar, formatting and content and will be passed to Tribal Council for approval next month.



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Open Session Minutes February 4th, 2022

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 11:31 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda for February 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: 1-7-21 & 1-21-22

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- a. Approval of Calendar for Binojeeuk Commission Regular Meetings for 2022.

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

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

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:49 AM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:49 AM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:35 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
February 18th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:02 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth, Kimberly Crampton, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

C. Approval of Agenda for February 18th, 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: 2-4-2022

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- III. Discussion: Bylaw changes to Binojeeuk Commission to adjust time and date. Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

A. Continuing Business: None

IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date March 4th, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

- 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 2:06 PM
 Made by: Shawwna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0