



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

Open Session Minutes January 21st, 2022

I. General Business

A. Approval of Agenda for January 21st, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Wells.

Supported by: Gonzalez

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

B. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: Non Submitted

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 Date and Time change for 2022 to the first and third Friday of the month at 11:30 AM. This change is to accommodate Tribal Council Liaisons and other persons to facilitate their attendance at Binojeeuk Commission Meetings.

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. Possible Budget, Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go. How to pass by-law changed and what a Binojeeuk Commission Resolution looks like. Calendar approval for 2022

A. Continuing Business: None

- IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date February 4th, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

- VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:36 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
January 7th, 2022**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawwna Gonzalez 11:05 AM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawwna Gonzalez and Corey Wells

Others Present Jon Hauswirth Elise McGowan-Cuellar,
Nitumigaabow Champagne, Cindy Champagne

C. Approval of Agenda for January 7th, 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: 12-21-21

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

// New Business:

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011

- a. Approval of Date and Time change for 2022 to the first and third Friday of the month at 11:30 AM. This change is to accommodate Tribal Council Liaisons and other persons to facilitate their attendance at Binojeeuk Commission Meetings.

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. Possible Budget, Strategic planning on the future cases and what direction the commission wants to go.

A. Continuing Business: None

- IV. Concluding Business

A. Meeting Date January 21st, 2021 @ 11:30 AM

- V. Adjourn Open Session 11:29 AM
Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:29 AM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:02 PM

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Corey Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	
Yes	Yes	

Motion approved 2-0-0



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**2022 BINOJEEUK CALENDAR
MEETINGS BEGIN @ 11:30 A.M.**

January 7th and the 21st

February 4th and the 18th

March 4th and the 18th

April 1st and the 15th

May 6th and the 20th

June 3rd and the 17th

July 1st and the 15th

August 5th and the 19th

September 2nd and the 16th

October 7th and the 21st

November 4th and the 18th

December 2nd and the 16th



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MONTHLY REPORT January 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. Shawнна 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 1-7-21, 1-21-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 1-7-21, 1-21-21

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. One of the cases for this month shows that the Binojeeuk Commission and the Family Services Department, and in conjunction with LRBOI's Prosecutors Office have agreed on a course of action and the State has disregarded the collective opinion of the tribe in regard to a LRBOI Tribal Citizen. Another Letter to the State was drafted and sent, to stress the importance of listening to the Tribe and its opinion on the wellbeing and

welfare of one of our citizens. Also explained some of the cultural reasonings for the decision that the tribe has come too. Discussion on changes to the Commission By-laws.