



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

## **MONTHLY REPORT December 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:**

1. Shawwna Gonzalez	Term Ending:	9/20/25
2. Corey Wells	Term Ending:	9/20/23
3. Chelsea Densmore	Term Ending:	9/20/25
4. Alicia Knapp	Term Ending:	9/20/25

### **Monthly Activities:**

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (5)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 12-2-22, 12-16-22
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 12-2-22, 12-16-22

### **Discussion Points/Concerns:**

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (5)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Five Cases were heard, 3 cases involving descendant children. No recommendations were needed this month. Briefed on the ongoing Supreme Court ICWA court case. No opinion from the Judge has been issued on one case.



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**Open Session Minutes**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**I. General Business**

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:06 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea  
Densmore

Others Present: Elise McGowan-Cuellar

**C. Approval of Agenda for December 2, 2022**

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 11-18-22**

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

- II. New Business:
- III. Discussion: ICWA Supreme Court Case, Still in court, and it's a battle of PR right now,
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
  - A. Meeting Date December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:16 PM
  - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:16 PM
  - Made by: Knapp
  - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 PM
  - Made by: Gonzales
  - Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*



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**Open Session Minutes**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**I. General Business**

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

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Knapp, Corey Wells, Chelsea  
Densmore

Others Present:

**C. Approval of Agenda for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 12-02-22**

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

II. New Business:

III. Discussion:

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:08 PM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:08 PM

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 PM

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*