



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Commission
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DATE: 9/17/15
TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Commerce Commission
RE: September 2015- Monthly Report of the Commerce Commission

The Commerce Commission submits this monthly report as required by the Commissions Ordinance to the Tribal Council. The Commission submits its administrative functions and monthly reports separate from those of the Commerce Department.

Name, Purpose, Officers:

1. This report is from the Commerce Commission.
2. The purpose of the Commerce Commission is as follows: To promote diversification of the Tribal economy, entrepreneurial efforts of Tribal members and to provide oversight and policy supervision to the Department of Commerce and programs administered by that Department.
3. The Officers of the Commission are Chairperson Kareen Lewis, Vice-Chairperson Peggy Vriesman, Secretary Jason Cross. The remaining Commission members are: VACANT

Activities During Past Month:

1. The Commission convened on 9/3/2015 and minutes of that meeting are provided.

Special Concerns of the Commission:

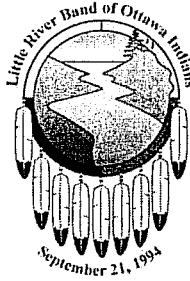
1. Reappointments of two of the current Commissioners.
2. Appointment of two vacant Commission seats.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Cross", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary

Commerce Commission Chairperson



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
COMMERCE COMMISSION
OPEN SESSION**

The Little River Band Commerce Commission met on September 3rd, 2015 at 4:00 pm, in the Big Manistee Room at LRCR in Manistee. Following are the minutes from that meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Kareen Lewis at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call: #1

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain –0, Absent –0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

MOTION CARRIED

I. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA by Lewis, supported
by Viersman

Roll Call: #2

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

MOTION CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve –

Discussion – Commissioner Cross stated that the he would complete the minutes for this meeting and he and Commissioner Lewis would collaborate to get the minutes caught up from the previous secretary. The goal would be to have all of the minutes finished before November.

Roll Call: #3

K. Lewis -	P. Vriesman -	Jason Cross -

(Yes – 0 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 0) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

III. Public Comment

- Commissioner Lewis wanted to state that she appreciated the return of the discounts to Tribal members at the resort. Commissioner Cross hoped that employees would also be able to get some discounts eventually as well. Government employees are a part of our community and they should be allowed some discount.

IV. Old Business: Thomas St Dennis

- CDFI – Tom stated that Tribal Council was in agreement with the MOU with Chi Ishibok and we are currently waiting on the legal review. Commissioner Cross offered to send a sample resolution for an MOU to Tom and Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis will be communicating with the Chi Ishibok leadership to work out the details.
- SBLA Revision – there was a lengthy discussion regarding the SBLA. Commissioner Cross found a few inconsistencies in the document that would need to be changed. There was also some discussion regarding larger proposed changes. The Commission decided to wait on the larger philosophical changes until a later date. The smaller changes would be made prior to sending the document to Tribal Council for approval.
- Commerce Corner – Commissioner Lewis wanted to see if we could have some resources listed for the membership. Tom stated that he would get with Glenn to make this happen.

VI. New Business: Discussion

- None

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 4:40pm, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #7

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0 Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION at 5:16pm, by Lewis, supported by Cross.

Roll Call: #8

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross -y
R. Pete - y	K. Sensabaugh -y	

(Yes – 3 No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AJOURN, by Lewis, supported by Vriesman

Roll Call: #9

K. Lewis - y	P. Vriesman - y	Jason Cross - y

(Yes –3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Vacant – 2) Others Present: Thomas St. Dennis,

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Cross, MSW
Commerce Commission Recorder