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Binojeeuk Commission
Administration Office
2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee, Michigan 49660

MONTHLY REPORT
August 2020

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. Beverly Cole | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (2)
2. Submitted “Open Session Minutes”
3. Submitted “Closed Session Minutes”

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (0)



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**Open Session Minutes
 August 18, 2020**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 1:11 pm

B. Roll Call: Shawna Gonzalez

Present: Shawna Gonzalez (via Zoom)
 Bev Cole

Others Present: Sandra DeVerney
 Shayne Machen (Zoom)
 Elise McGowan Cuellar (Zoom)

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda
 Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes

Motion to approve Open Session Minutes:
 Made by: Shawna Gonzalez
 Supported by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0

II. New Business:

- A. Latest Binojeeuk Commission Compensation Resolution #20-0805-214. Tribal Council moved to pay commissioners \$150 per each meeting, whether in person or online/phone.
- B. Shayne Machen – Needing input and recommendation: Proposed bill to change wording “relative”. ICWA doesn’t have a word for “relative” which can be dangerous in taking away the rights of Native Americans having priority in adopting Native American children.

III. Continuing Business:

- A. Bev Cole – Family Services Conference Room telephone. Bev is questioning why Binojeeuk is being asked to pay for the telephone in the FS Conference Room. Per Sandra DeVerney, an email was sent to her from George Levasseur in IT and told her to fill out the Requisition he had sent her and that payment would come out of the Binojeeuk budget. Shawna will contact Kathleen Bowers for a copy of the Binojeeuk Budget. Elise will look further into the issue as it doesn’t make sense that Binojeeuk has to pay for the telephone.

IV. Adjourn Open Session

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:54 pm

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0

V. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2: 10 pm

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0