



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

**MONTHLY REPORT
 September 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. Shawna Gonzalez | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |
| 2. Beverly Cole | Term Ending: | 9/20/23 |

Monthly Activities:

1. Total cases reviewed for the month (0)
2. Submitted “Open Session Minutes”
3. Submitted “Closed Session Minutes”

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (4)



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**Open Session Minutes
 September 1, 2020**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 1:15p - Shawna Gonzalez

B. Roll Call: Bev Cole

Present: Shawna Gonzalez (ZOOM)
 Bev Cole

Others Present: Shayne Machen
 Sandra DeVerney
 Bev Cole

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve August 18, 2020 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 2-0-0

II. New Business:

- A. Shayne Machen – The redesign of MDHHS (BPS, Foster Care and Guardianship) words “neglect” and “abuse” – needing definition changes in order to benefit Indian children and families.

III. Continuing Business:

- A. Conference Telephone – No discussion as it’s no longer needed now that we are able to have ZOOM meetings.

IV. Adjourn Open Session

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:34 p.m.

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez Supported

by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0-0

V. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Made by: Shawna Gonzalez

Supported by: Bev Cole

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0-0

Binojeeuk Commission
Open Session Minutes
Adopted – June 16, 2011



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**Open Session Minutes
 September 15, 2020**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 1:05 pm

B. Roll Call: Shawna Gonzalez

Present: Shawna Gonzalez
 Bev Cole

Others Present: on Zoom: Elise McCullom Cuellar
 Shayne Machen

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0-0

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 2-0-0

- II. New Business:
 - A. Shayne Machen – Shayne’s last day is October 31, 2020. Shayne has accepted a position with the state.

- II. Continuing Business:
 - A. Discussion: Signing of document for Binojeeuk meeting day change. Per Elise, sign paper and turn them into Grace.

- IV. Adjourn Open Session
Motion to move into Closed Session at

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0-0

- V. Adjourn Meeting
Motion to adjourn meeting at

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Cole	
Y	Y	

Motion approved 2-0-0