



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

## **MONTHLY REPORT June 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. Shawna 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 6-3-22, 6-17-21
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 6-3-22, 6-17-22

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

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (3)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (1)
3. One Case is going before the judge (State of Michigan) to determine if the case will remain under MDHHS or LRBOI care, the family is requesting that after guardianship supervision should be terminated, this is the same case that was in the hospital. Family Services and the Binojeeuk Commission do NOT recommend this course of action as the child in question still does not

seem to be able to make good choice or exercise good judgement. And due to the car accident is further handicapped in that ability until they are fully recovered. Family Services and Binojeeuk Commission have issued their recommendations and we are waiting on the court to decide.



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**Open Session Minutes  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**I. General Business**

A. Call to Order: Shawwna Gonzalez 11:04 AM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present, Elise McGowan-Cuellar

**C. Approval of Agenda for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 5-27-22**

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: Training Opportunities for ICWA, Expert Witness Training**

III. Discussion: Meeting change, moving the meeting to Noon instead of 11:00 AM

IV. Continuing Business:

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 12:00 PM (Noon)

V. Adjourn Open Session 11:18 AM  
 Motion to move into Closed Session at 11:18 AM  
 Made by: Densmore  
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

VI. Adjourn Meeting  
 Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:12 PM  
 Made by: Wells  
 Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*



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## Open Session Minutes June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawwna Gonzalez 12:01 AM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present, Tom Guenthardt, Jon Hauswirth

### C. Approval of Agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Motion to approve agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

### D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for: 6-3-22

Motion to approve Minutes

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

II. New Business:

III. Discussion: Meeting change, moving the meeting to Noon instead of 11:00 AM

IV. Continuing Business: Expert Witness

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Meeting Date July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 12:00 PM (Noon)

V. Adjourn Open Session 12:06 AM

Motion to move into Closed Session at 12:06 AM

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:57 PM

Made by: Knapp

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Motion approved 4-0-0*