



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

**MONTHLY REPORT
 January 2023**

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: | 9/20/25 |
| 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 (2)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 1-6-23, 1-26-23
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 1-6-23, 1-26-23

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Two older cases were updated, Still no ruling from the Judge on one case, opinion was expected in November. Briefed on the ongoing noncompliance ICWA issues involving DHHS.



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Open Session Minutes
January 6, 2023

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:11 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Stephanie Persenaire, Rachel Kop

C. Approval of Agenda for January 6th, 2023

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: 12-16-22 with edits

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: 2023 Calendar. Elise has taken the job as the executive inhouse counselor
- III. Discussion:
- IV. Continuing Business:
- V. Concluding Business:
 - A. Meeting Date January 26th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

- VI. Adjourn Open Session 1:29 PM
 - Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:29 PM
 - Made by: Gonzalez
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

- VII. Adjourn Meeting
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 PM
 - Made by: Gonzalez
 - Supported by: Knapp

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Knapp
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
January 26th, 2023

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:19 PM

B. Roll Call:

Present: Shawna Gonzalez, Alicia Goff, Chelsea Densmore
 Absent: Corey Wells, Cynthia Champagne, Tom Guenhardt
 Others Present: Jonathan Hauswirth, Stephanie Persenaire,
 Rachel Kops

C. Approval of Agenda for January 26th, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for January 6th, 2023

Motion to postpone minutes until next meeting

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

II. New Business:

A. Approval of 2023 Binojeeuk Commission Meeting Calendar

Motion to approve the 2023 Calendar

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

III. Discussion:

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business:

A. Next Meeting Date February 3rd, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

VI. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session at 1:26 PM

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 3-0-1