



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

**MONTHLY REPORT
August 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:

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 (4)
2. Submitted dates for open session minutes 8/04/23, 8/18/23
3. Submitted dates for closed session minutes 8/04/23, 8/18/23

Discussion Points/Concerns:

1. Case Managers updated ICWA cases (2)
2. Recommendations issued on ICWA cases (0)
3. Three Case Updates along with a potential case were heard by the Commission this month.



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**Open Session Minutes
August 4th, 2023**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:04 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: RK/SP

C. Approval of Agenda for August 4th 2023

Motion to approve the agenda with edits

Made by: Goff

Supported by: Wells

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for None Submitted

Motion to approve

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff

Motion approved 0-0-0

II. New Business:

III. Discussion:

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business: Friday August 18th, 2023

VI. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session at 1:24PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0



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Open Session Minutes
August 18th, 2023

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 1:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: JH

C. Approval of Agenda for August 18th, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda with edits

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Goff

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes for None

Motion to approve

Made by:

Supported by:

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff

Motion approved 0-0-0

II. New Business:

III. Discussion: Discussed expanding the recommendations so that its more detailed and perhaps fairer to the parents and children. Binojeeuk needs the parent case service plan.

IV. Continuing Business:

V. Concluding Business: 8/30/23 Next Meeting

VI. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session at 1:10PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 PM

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Densmore

Gonzalez	Wells	Densmore	Goff
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion approved 4-0-0