



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Council**

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**Resolution #15-0121-015**

*Ratifying Tribal Ogema's Execution of Engagement Letter with the law firm of Olson, Bzdok & Howard dated January 5, 2015.*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Little River Band with political subdivisions or private parties on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Little River Band with governments, political subdivisions and private parties subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council.

WHEREAS, the Tribe employed the law firm Olson Bzdok Howard for the provision of specified employment-related and legislative drafting work; and

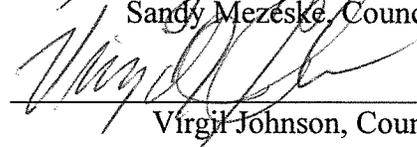
WHEREAS, the law firm has provided satisfactory services and is retained to continue services.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council ratifies the Tribal Ogema's execution of an agreement with Olson Bzdok Howard reflecting the scope of work performed and to be performed in the future under the terms of the letter.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 21, 2015, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Sandy Mezeske, Council Recorder

  
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Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records  
Tribal Ogema