Resolution # 09-0819-237

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2009-13 -3rd QTR to Fund Costs Associated with contracting a Neutral Election Official for Professional Services related to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians / United Steel Workers elections in the Amount of $ 20,000.00

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníšchinaábek (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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, to exercise the inherent powers of the Little River Band by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Fair Employment Practices Code, Ordinance #05-600-03; which has been amended from time to time; and
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is required under the terms of the Fair Employment Practices Code to engage the services of a Neutral Election Official who will oversee elections and preside over unfair labor practices charges filed against the Resort; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized the professional services of David Peterson to act as the Neutral Election Official for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians / United Steel Workers elections; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received billing statements from the Neutral Election Official which cannot be paid due to depletion of funds in the Legislative Legal Professional Fees budget; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds, #2009-017, from the Accounting Department signed by the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of funds from the General Fund will require a modification of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, which was approved on December 17, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves an appropriation to the Operating Budget for the Tribal Government for Fiscal Year 2009 to include an appropriation of $20,000.00 from the General Fund – Gaming Proceeds to fund past and future costs associated with the contracting of the Neutral Election Official.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this supplemental appropriation shall be allocated in the 3rd quarter as follows:

Fund # 1020 – Legislative Branch, Program # 109 – Legislative Legal, Acct. # 5205 – Professional Fees, $20,000.00.
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 19, 2009 at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Presentation of Resolution Budget Modification to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution # 09-0819-237 modifying the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 as set forth in Resolution #08-1217-435, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema: 8-20-09

Signature of Council Recorder:

Action by the Tribal Ogema: ___ Approved ___ Disapproved (attach comments)

Date: 8-20-09

Signature of Ogema:

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