Resolution # 09-0617-169

To authorize and appoint a Governmental Center Project Task Force to oversee the design, development and construction management process for a new Governmental Center

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaàbek (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) 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 to establish subordinate bodies and to delegate decision-making authority to such bodies in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(f); and

WHEREAS, The Ogema and Tribal Council have approved for efforts to proceed in the planning and development of a new governmental center, in order to consolidate existing Tribal governmental functions and services onto one site, thereby providing for savings in operation and maintenance costs, and to provide for improved service delivery for Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution # 09-0603-151, the Ogema and Tribal Council have approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal to advertise for an architectural firm to be responsible for the design and development of a new governmental center; and

WHEREAS, The Ogema and Tribal Council desire that a body, to be known as the Governmental Center Project Task Force, be empowered with all project management and decision-making authority necessary to facilitate the planning and development of a new governmental center.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council does, hereby, establish a Governmental Center Project Task Force with the authority to recruit and select an architectural firm, provide direction to the architectural firm during the design and development process, as well as be empowered with all necessary project management and decision-making authority during the subsequent construction process for a new governmental center.
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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council does appoint as voting members the following individuals to serve on the Governmental Center Project Task Force specific to the government center project:

Virgil Johnson                  Patricia Ruiter                  Robert Hardenburgh
Robert Whiteloon                Candace Chapman                  Norbert Kelsey
Larry Romanelli and/or his designee

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council does hereby grant all necessary authority and management, including the budget, work authorization orders, and decision-making responsibilities with respect to the construction process for the new governmental center to the Governmental Center Project Task Force.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this subordinate body, the Governmental Center Project Task Force, shall be required to establish a quorum and to act by motion and roll call vote, with majority vote prevailing, on any matter that comes for approval or action of the Task Force.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the delegation of authority and conveyance of decision-making authority for the Governmental Center Project Task Force shall remain in effect until the Tribal Council takes official action to dissolve the Task Force.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Resolution # 09-0610-154 approved on June 10, 2009 be hereby rescinded.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Committee member attendance is mandated. Absences are excused only due to business related travel. Any member of this Committee that misses three meetings shall be removed from the Committee and a replacement shall be named at the next Council meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with _6_ FOR, _0_ AGAINST, _1_ ABSTAINING, and _2_ ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 17, 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

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