Resolution #14-0319-074B

Creating a Shoreline Project Task Force

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 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 create subordinate bodies, establish Commissions, and delegate power to such organizations in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(f); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has recognized the need for the establishment of a Task Force to oversee the development of a second site Casino and/or other amenities in Muskegon County; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council wishes to utilize the skills of the Shoreline Project Task Force during the planning and construction phases of the Tribe’s project to be constructed in Muskegon County.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council does hereby establish a Shoreline Project Task Force which will consist of the following members, with the designated voting authority as identified herein:

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker - Voting Member
Pat Ruitert, Tribal Councilor – Voting Member
Wendell Long, General Manager, LRCR – Non-Voting Member
Larry Romanelli, Tribal Ogema – Voting Member
(May Delegate Voting Right to Robert Memberto)
Robert Memberto, Commerce Director – Voting Member When Designated
By the Ogema

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council does hereby grant all necessary authority and management of the Shoreline Project, including any construction process, budget, work authorization orders, and decision making responsibilities with respect to the Muskegon Project to the Shoreline Project Task Force.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this subordinate body, the Shoreline Project Task Force, shall be required 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 Ogema may designate his voting authority to the Commerce Director as identified above by notifying the Task Force in writing.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at an Regular Closed Session Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 19, 2014, at the Little River Band’s Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Ogema
Tribal Council