



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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ORIGINAL

Resolution No. #00-0108-04

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the
Tribal Council Speaker to Submit the Trust Acquisition Request
for the "Dontz Farm Parcel- A"**

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and Tribal membership has determined that restoration of the Tribe's historic reservation land base and other lands within the Tribe's historic territory is a critical priority;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the Tribe's historic claim to Reservation lands in Manistee and Mason Counties in Michigan, as well as the Tribe's traditional ties to other Counties in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted a Reservation Restoration Plan to guide land acquisition efforts by the Tribe and the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan establishes as a priority, the acquisition of lands for community development purposes, including housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired certain parcels of land, known as the "Dontz Farm" properties for the purpose of developing such property for housing for Tribal members and other Tribal community purposes; 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 Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Constitution, has the power to acquire lands which are deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Council Speaker is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requests that the United States of America, through the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized designee, take title to the following described parcels of land in trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians pursuant to the Little River Act, 25 U.S.C. 1300k-4(b), described as follows:

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$, except the North 660.00 feet, of the East 1320.00 feet thereof, Section 29, Township 22 North, Range 16 West.

Said parcel contains 140.47 acres more or less.

Also – The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28, Township 22 North, Range 16 West.

Said parcel contains 40.21 acres more or less.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests that the United States of America declare such lands to be a part of the Tribe's Reservation pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1300k-4(d).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, Joan Spalding, to convey the above described property to the United States of America in Trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and to execute any documents necessary to complete that conveyance.

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, 1 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 8, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:



Kathy Berentsen, Councilor