



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION NO. #00-0828-04

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH
ZIONTZ, CHESTNUT, VARNELL, BERLEY & SLONIM FOR LEGAL WORK
ASSOCIATED WITH TREATY RIGHTS PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994, with rights of self-government secured to it under the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat. 621); and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is the political successor to, Grand River Ottawa Bands which were signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved a contract with the law firm of Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim, dated April 1, 1995 ("1995 Contract"), pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribe's former Constitution and Bylaws;; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and the Tribe's General Counsel have been satisfied with the services rendered under the 1995 Contract, as the same has been amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to replace the 1995 Contract with a new contract which (1) does not require the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or Bureau of Indian Affairs; (2) is effective from June 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002; and (3) increase the annual ceiling on fees and expenses to accommodate the law firm's increased work in U.S. v. Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the attached Contract has been prepared in order to accomplish the foregoing objectives; and

WHEREAS, the attached contract retains all other provisions of the 1995 Contract without change, including the attorneys' hourly rates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), has the power to authorize contracts negotiated on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and

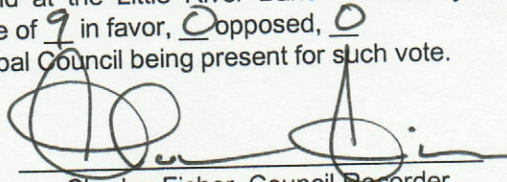
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that execution of the attached revised Contract is in the best interests of the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, Robert Guenthardt, to execute the attached Special Counsel Contract with Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim.

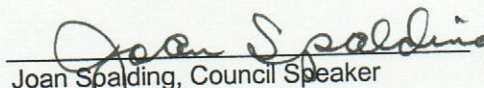
Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at a Regular Session of the Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center in Manistee, Michigan on August 28, 2000, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 8/28/00


Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:


Joan Spalding, Council Speaker