



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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ORIGINAL

Resolution No. #00-1111-02

**Ratification of October 13, 2000 Engagement Letter
with GVA Marquette Advisors, as Amended**

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 Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally-recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.)(hereinafter "IGRA"), which permits Indian tribes to operate Class II and III gaming activities on lands held in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the development of the permanent casino/resort facilities is in the best, long-term interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, prospective lenders providing financing for the permanent casino/resort project will require preparation of an updated marketing analysis and the preparation of that document requires retention of a firm with sufficient technical expertise; and

WHEREAS, potential lenders have suggested that the firm of GVA Marquette Advisors prepared a revised marketing analysis, which is based upon the project scope as currently defined; and

WHEREAS, GVA Marquette Advisors has prepared a proposal, dated October 13, 2000, to complete specific revisions requested by prospective lenders at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, plus expenses; and

WHEREAS, the terms of that engagement ²⁶letter were amended to clarify the scope of work, which amendment has been accepted by GVA Marquette Advisors; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a 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, 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 Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the chief executive officer of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that ratification of the engagement letter executed with GVA Marquette Advisors will advance important Tribal purposes and tribal business enterprises.

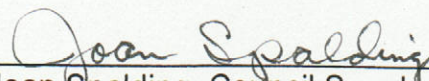
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the October 13, 2000 engagement letter with GVA Marquette Advisors, as amended, to update the marketing/feasibility study for the permanent Casino Resort project being considered.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on November 11, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.



Charles Fisher, Council Recorder



Joan Spalding, Council Speaker

Attest:

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