



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #00-1212-06

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the
Tribal Council Speaker to Execute a Contract or Engagement Letter
with Engineering Firm(s) for Geotechnical Studies Required for
Design and Construction of a Community Water/Wastewater Systems**

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.)(hereafter "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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-330)(hereinafter "NAHASDA"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the development of community water and wastewater treatment systems is in the best, long-term interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, a Strategic Plan for Construction of the Community Water/Wastewater Facilities (hereafter the "Strategic Plan") has been prepared by Indian Health Services Consultant Engineer, Jonathan Anderson, P.E.; and

WHEREAS, a critical step in meeting the timelines identified in the Strategic Plan is retention of a firm with sufficient technical expertise to complete geotechnical studies of locations being considered for the water tower, community wells and wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Director, in cooperation with the Tribal Ogema's Office, is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms to complete the geotechnical studies required; 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 authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the chief executive officer of the Tribe; and

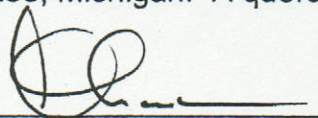
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that execution of the contract(s) or engagement letter(s) with engineering firms to complete the required studies will advance important Tribal purposes and tribal business enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute one or more contracts and/or engagement letter with qualified engineering firms to complete geotechnical studies necessary to evaluate the location(s) being considered for the water tower, community wells and wastewater treatment plant.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Ogema shall assure that, to the extent practical within the time constraints identified in the Strategic Plan, competitive bids be obtained for all consultant work to be procured.

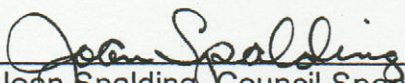
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 3 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 December 12, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.



Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:



Joan Spalding, Council Speaker