



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**ORIGINAL**  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

Resolution No. #01-0307-09

**Ratification of February 20, 2001 Engagement Letter  
with Michael Dettmer for Preparation of Qualified Opinion Letter**

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 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 the absence of, 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 Tribal Ogema; 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, the firm retained by the Tribe to arrange for placement of a taxable loan for financing the construction and development costs for the permanent casino resort facilities has requested a qualified legal opinion addressing certain matters affecting that loan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did, by Motion on February 21, 2001, authorize the Tribal Ogema to negotiate and execute an engagement letter with attorney Michael Dettmer to complete the work requested; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has, in accordance with that direction, presented an Engagement Letter, dated February 20, 2001, in the form proposed by Mr. Dettmer, which the Ogema has approved and executed on behalf of the Tribe, subject to ratification by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that ratification of the engagement letter with Michael Dettmer 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 Engagement Letter executed by the Tribal Ogema with Michael Dettmer, dated February 20, 2001, engaging Mr. Dettmer to prepare a qualified legal opinion for use in connection with the financing for the Tribe's permanent casino resort facilities..

#### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 1 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 March 7, 2001, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

  
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Lisa M. McCatty, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
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Joan Spalding, Council Speaker