

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 1762 U.S. 31 South Manistee MI 49660 (231) 723-8288

ORIGINAL

Resolution No. #01-0404-05

Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to Submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the former "Manistee Orchards-C" Property

- 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 have 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 Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan has identified acquisition of lands within the Manistee Reservation as a priority; and
- WHEREAS, the United States has previously taken into trust certain properties, referred to as the former "Manistee Orchard-A and Orchard-B Parcels", for gaming and related Tribal governmental purposes; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has also acquired an approximate 188 acre parcel adjacent to the other Tribal lands referred to as the "Manistee Orchard-C Parcel; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to consolidate its trust land holdings by having the former "Manistee Orchard-C" property added to its trust holdings; 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

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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 governments or 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), viz:

Part of Section 21, Township 22 North, Range 16 West, lying Southeasterly of the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad Right-of-way also known as the C&O Railroad, Township of Manistee, County of Manistee, more particularly described on Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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, to convey the above described properties 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, / ABSENT, and O ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on April 4, 2001, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Lisa M. McCatty, Council Recorder

Attest:

Joan Spalding, Council Speaker SERVING KENT, LAKE, MANISTEE, MASON, MUSKEGON, NEWAYGO, OCEANA, OTTAWA AND WEXFORD COUNTIES FAX (231) 723-8020