



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #02-0109-05

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the Absence of,
the Tribal Council Speaker to Execute an Engagement Letter
with Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon for Services in Connection
with Economic Development Processes and Projects**

WHEREAS, the Band'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 Band 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 Band 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 Band has determined that the retention of attorneys with expertise regarding the legal structures for pursuing economic development projects, protecting the Band's assets, and due diligence associated with business acquisition and development is in the best interests of the Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys from Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon have demonstrated expertise in the fields of work the Band requires; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has negotiated a Scope of Work with Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon to perform the services required upon terms that are acceptable to the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that execution of an engagement letter consistent with the Scope of Work proposed by Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon 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 the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker to execute an Engagement Letter with the law firm of Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon for services related to economic development strategies, infrastructure and projects undertaken by the Band.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the obligation of \$100,000.00 from the Legal Department's Contract Services line in support of this engagement in accordance with the Legal Department's Fiscal Year 2002 Program Budget.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 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 Downtown Offices on January 9, 2002, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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