



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 02-0918-07

*Approval of Engagement Contract with Joseph Eve & Company to Perform a
'Compliance Audit' and Authorizing the Tribal Council Speaker to Sign the Engagement
Contract*

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.); 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2), "to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members. All expenditures of funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets authorized by resolution or in accordance with ordinances of the Tribal Council;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted amendments to the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, # 02-100-04 which places the Internal Audit Department and auditing requirements within the responsibilities of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that engagement of a audit firm to conduct a 'compliance audit' of the Tribe's ordinances, regulations, policies and procedures is an important beginning in implementation of the audit responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, one of the key elements in engagement of the audit firm was knowledge of Tribal government operations, experience in auditing in Indian country, and the ability begin the audit as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council identified two audit firms that met these qualifications and received a proposal from Joseph Eve & Company; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has reviewed the proposed contract and has identified no changes or amendments that may be required in the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that entering into this contract meets the requirements of Internal Audit Department responsibilities as set forth in the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance;

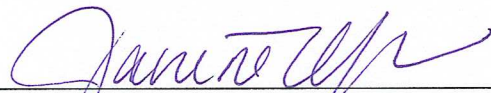
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves entering into a contract with Joseph Eve & Company to perform a 'compliance audit' and authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker to sign and return the contract.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes payment of the \$10,000 retainer fee identified within the contract to be paid from Tribal Council budget #100, line # 5204, and directs the Tribal Council Recorder to monitor and manage the contract activities and to review and approve invoices to be paid which are resulting from this contract.

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, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 18, 2002, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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