

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0122-14

Authorizing the Ogema to Execute a First Amendment to the Special Counsel Attorney Contract with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee on Behalf of the Tribal Gaming Commission

- 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, the Tribal Council has approved a continuing budget resolution which appropriates funds to continue programs and services at their Fiscal Year 2002 level pending approval of the Tribal Government Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2003; and
- WHEREAS, funds for contractual services were included in the Gaming Commission's Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 and is included in the Commission's Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2003; and
- WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission will have a need for continued assistance from outside counsel for certain matters during Fiscal Year 2003; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously authorized execution of a Special Counsel Attorney Contract with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee to provide legal services to the Gaming Commission through December 31, 2002; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to extend the Agreement with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee through December 31, 2003 under the same terms and conditions, including annual ceilings on fees and expenses, contained in the original Contract, dated May 1, 2002; 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 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.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that the attached First Amendment to the Special Counsel Contract with the Law Office of Richard G. McGee is hereby approved and the Tribal Ogema is authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the Gaming Commission.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>1</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>0</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 22, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Distribution: Council Records

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Tribal Ogema
Richard G. McGee