



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0129-24

*Ratification of Engagement Letter with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP and
Approval of Final Payment Under Such Engagement*

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, the Tribal Ogema executed an engagement letter with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, to engage the services of Philip Baker-Shenk for services associated with negotiation of the Indirect Cost Rate for reimbursement of such expenses under federal contracts and to assist the Band in recovering certain funds from the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), has the power to ratify contracts negotiated on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, all of the services for which Mr. Baker-Shenk was engaged have been completed to satisfaction of the Band, including recovery of nearly \$200,000.00 in funding from the Indian Health Services; and

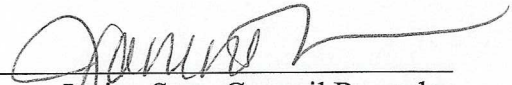
WHEREAS, the engagement letter previously executed by the previous Tribal Ogema was not ratified by resolution of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema is requesting ratification at this time and approval of the balance of fees and expenses billed under that engagement in order to complete the appropriate documentation required for audit purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Engagement Letter, dated April 16, 2002, which was executed by the previous Tribal Ogema, Robert Guenthardt, and Philip Baker on behalf of Dorsey & Whitney, LLP.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves payment in the amount of \$4,064.15 from the Contract line in the Tribal Ogema's Office budget for services billed through November 30, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 29, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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Tribal Ogema
Accounting Department
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