

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0319-80

Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Spectrum Gaming Group, L.L.C. for Transition Training

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Band's Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Council Speaker is authorized to represent the Band in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Band, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council identified the need to retain a consultant to provide training to the Tribal Council to prepare the Band's Leaders to transition control of management of the Band's Casino Resort enterprise to Band; and
- WHEREAS, Spectrum Gaming Group, LLC ("Spectrum"), was identified as the best consultant to provide this service based upon Spectrum's proposal submitted in response to a Request for Proposals authorized by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been provided a proposed Professional Services Agreement with Spectrum, in a form approved by the Band's Legal Department to provide transition training; and

WHEREAS, under terms of Exhibit D to that Professional Services Agreement, the Band would agree to have any disputes arising under the Agreement submitted to binding arbitration and enforceable in the Commercial Division of the Tribal Court.

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 and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Spectrum Gaming Group, LLC in the form presented.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in authorizing execution of that Agreement, the Tribal Council specifically agrees to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consents to have disputes resolved through binding arbitration, as described in Exhibit D to that Agreement, which agreement to arbitrate shall be enforceable in the Commercial Division of the Tribal Court.

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 Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 19, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorde

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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Legal Department