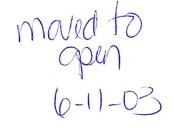


Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0430-110

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 Construction Audit and Financial Close-Out of the Casino Resort Project

- 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 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 Triba, 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 Tribal Council has, pursuant to Resolution #02-0109-05, retained the law firm of Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon as Special Counsel to the Band for various projects related to economic development activities of the Band; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Speaker has, in consultation with the Legal Department, presented an engagement letter to add services to assist the Band with negotiation and, if necessary, arbitration of disputes with Cunningham-Limp Company related to the audit and financial close-out of the Band's casino resort project.

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 negotiation and, if necessary, arbitration of disputes with Cunningham-Limp Company related to the audit and financial close-out of the casino resort project.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with _9_FOR, _0_AGAINST, _0_ABSTAINING, and _0_ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 30, 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

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