



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0618-181

Authorization to Enter into Contract with Seyferth, Spaulding Tennyson, Inc. to Provide Public Relations Services

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (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, the Tribal Council has determined that the Tribe is currently experience multiple activities that require professional assistance in order to present the Tribe's activities to the members and media in a manner which clearly identifies the Tribe's involvement and actions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has further determined that these actions may be related to criminal or civil litigation and that the consulting services are more appropriately managed through the Tribe's Legal Department with authorization of the Tribal Council prior to presentation of information or materials to members, the media or any other person or entity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has researched public relations firms by conducting a search of the Internet via professional associations web sites, and identified 8 firms that had the appropriate skills listed in crisis management, public relations, and specifically media relations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized contact with a narrow list of three firms that identified qualifications that most met the Tribe's immediate needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Speaker, working with the Legislative Counsel, identified Seyferth, Spaulding Tennyson, Inc., as the firm that met both the needed qualifications and were able to provide immediate services;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Legislative Counsel, as legal counsel for the Tribal Council and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, to execute the Contract with Seyferth Spaulding Tennyson, Inc.

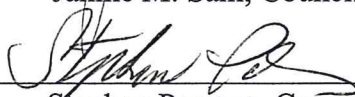
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby directs that all public relations arising out of this contract shall require approval by the Tribal Council and that the Tribal Council Recorder is hereby appointed as the contact person of the Tribal Council to discuss progress, ideas and bring forth action for approval.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 1 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 June 18, 2003, 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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