

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0625-185

Approval of Five Stipends Per Month Exception for the Enrollment 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.); 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) to create regulatory commissions by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council created the Enrollment Commission by adoption of the Enrollment Ordinance in 1994 and re-affirmed through subsequent amendments to the ordinance and delegated it the authority and responsibility to regulate the enrollment activities of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Commissions Ordinance, November 2001, to set forth general directions and restrictions regarding the activities of commissions of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance limits the stipends paid to commissioners to no more than four meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance requires approval by the Tribal Council by adoption of a resolution to authorize payment of a stipend in excess of four per month; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission meets to conduct regular meetings reviewing enrollment applications, hearing appeals on enrollment decisions, and reviewing and developing regulations regarding the enrollment process; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission strives to conduct this business as much as possible within the limited four meetings per month under the Commissions Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission has requested an additional stipend to be authorized each month in order to accomplish the auditing responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission has requested approval for an exception to the four meeting limitation in section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance to be allowed to conduct five meetings per month where deadlines and business demands require such meetings; and

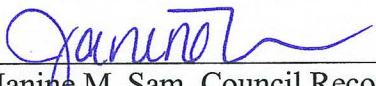
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that this is a reasonable request given the large scope of enrollment activities that the Enrollment Commission will be facing given enrollment auditing, application reviews and decisions, and hearing appeals;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves an exception to section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance to allow members of the Enrollment Commission to receive five stipends for the month of June.

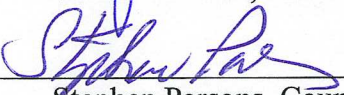
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 25, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center 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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