



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1203-406

Ratification of Contract with Pitney Bowes and Authorization for the Ogema to Enter Into the Contract

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 Purchasing Manager has identified a need to update the Tribe's mail stamping equipment as a result of larger and more frequent mailings being conducted by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager requested bids from three different companies and selected the company that would provide the equipment and billing services that best fit the needs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has reviewed the proposed purchase with the Ogema who has approved such purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has presented the lease agreement to the Legal Department for a legal review, which after Pitney Bowes having accepted the proposed amendments, has received legal review approval; and

WHEREAS, the contract requires certain indemnifications and agreements to jurisdiction which have been identified in the contract which, besides ratification by the Tribal Council, require Tribal Council approval;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the contract negotiated with Pitney Bowes for mailroom equipment and postage billing.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council, in authorizing execution of this lease agreement, authorizes the Tribe's agreement to indemnify the lessor in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Lease Terms and Conditions; provided that the Tribe's agreement to indemnify lessor shall not constitute a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

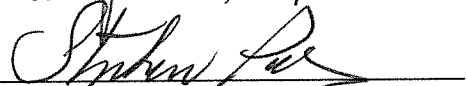
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 3, 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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