

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1217-424

Approving the Fiscal Year 2004 Tribal Government Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C., 1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, has the power to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is delegated the responsibility, under Article V, Section 5(a)(5) of the Constitution to forward to the Tribal Council a budget for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is delegated the responsibility, under Article IV, Section 7(i)(1), to approve the budget, subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the <u>Revenue Allocation Ordinance</u> and <u>Budget and Appropriation Ordinance</u> to identify the processes by which the budget is developed and presented; and

WHEREAS, the budget presented to the Tribal Council contains two sections – financial allocations and narratives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has submitted a final draft budget which has been reviewed by the Tribal Council in joint meetings with the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the budget financial information as a public document;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, under authority delegated in Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) of the Constitution, hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2004 Tribal Operations Budget, which consists of financial information identifying funding allocations and program narratives identifying proposed program activities and forwards that budget to the Tribal Ogema for final action in accordance with Article V, Section 5(c).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council further directs that approval of the budget documents submitted does not include authorization of new positions, programs and/or offices which do not currently exist, or which may require legislation prior to expenditures. The following budgets, or budget related items, are hereby restricted from expenditures until released by authorization resolution of the Tribal Council.

Public Information Office Tribal Historic Preservation Office Ombudsman Transition Oversight Committee

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that narratives for the missing offices shall be submitted by January 19, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that approval of the budget does not approve individual wages, COLA's, merit increases, or other wage related activities and all such individual wages are subject to review based on the completion and application of the results of the wage/salary study. Provided further, that positions not included within the budget shall be required to be brought for approval of budgets and/or job positions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that approval of the expenditures within the budget shall be authorized only in accordance with approved ordinances and regulations of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>5</u> FOR, <u>4</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>0</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 17, 2003, at the Little River Band's Dome Room, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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Attest:

Presentation of Resolution Approving Budget and Appropriating Tribal Funds to Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution approving the Operating Budget and Annual Plan for the Tribal Government for Fiscal Year 2004 and appropriating Tribal funds has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

| Date delivered | to | Tribal | Ogema | |
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| Date delivered | w | Hillai | Ogema. | |

Signature of Council Recorder:

Date: $\frac{12/23}{03}$

Signature of Ogema:

Distribution: Council Records

Tribal Ogema Legal Department Accounting Department