



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-1220-438**

*Authorizing the Tribal Ogema to Execute a Snow Removal Contract with Seng Crane & Excavating, Inc., and Agreeing to a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity*

WHEREAS, the Band'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 Band adopted a 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 Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally-recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.)(hereinafter "IGRA"), which permits Indian tribes to operate Class II gaming activities on lands held in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Business Board of the Little River Casino Resort ("Resort"), during its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29, 2003, approved a Snow Removal Contract ("Contract") with Seng Crane & Excavating, Inc., ("Seng") wherein Seng will provide snow removal services for the Resort; 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 is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, 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, Seng has requested a limited waiver of sovereign immunity from the Tribe to allow disputes arising under the Contract to be resolved through the Commercial Division of the Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the limited waiver of sovereign immunity to allow disputes, arising under the Contract, to be resolved through the Commercial Division of the Tribal Court is in furtherance of important Tribal purposes and tribal business enterprises and that such waiver is authorized by and is consistent with Article XI, Section 1 of the Tribe's Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Contract with Seng and agrees to the limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consents to have disputes between the Tribe and Seng which arise under that Agreement decided in the Tribal Courts.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Ogema to forward a copy of this Resolution, together with the executed Contract to the Business Board of Little River Casino Resort.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 20, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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