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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0211-61

Ratification of Consultant Payment Agreement with Levi Stone, Captain and Authorizing the Ogema to Enter Into the Agreement

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 Ogema has identified that commercial fishing by Tribal members is an important activity of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified that the existing trap net commercial fisherman requires one final year of assistance through a consultant in order to learn the final tools of the trade of commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fisherman, Levi Stone, Captain, has paid a consultant for the prior year's fishing season which resulted in his inability to hire on helpers such that he was unable to learn the trade from a Captain's responsibility perspective; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema and the Captain have discussed this matter and proposed a reimbursement process for the consulting fees for the remainder of this calendar year only in order to finalize the learning requirements of the Captain; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has reviewed the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received the agreement, has discussed this proposal with the Ogema, and has determined that this is an appropriate action;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Consultant Payment Agreement between Levi Stone and the Tribe and authorizes the Ogema to execute that agreement.

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, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 11, 2004, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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