

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## **Resolution # 04-0317-123**

Authorization of Expenditure to Pay Invoices from Calcutt Rogers & Boynton for 401(k)
Plan Legal Services

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 Legal Department had engaged Calcutt Rogers & Boynton under an engagement letter that concluded on December 31, 2003, for which invoices for ongoing activity begun under the contract have been received; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has received the partial work product from the contract which was approved for action by Tribal Council resolution # 03-0226-59; and
- WHEREAS, the invoice, in the amount of \$7956.59, and a potential March invoice for additional fees, has been received by the Legal Department; and
- WHEREAS, all employees who may access these legal services, and the Purchasing Manager, have been notified that there is no existing contract with this firm and that no further invoices will be authorized by the Legal Department; and

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WHEREAS, the Legal Department is requesting authorization to pay the invoiced amount of \$7956.59, and the March invoice when it is received, notwithstanding that there is no current contract with this firm during 2004, at which time the legal services were being utilized; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of the February invoice of \$7956.39, and, upon receipt, the March invoice, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 17, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

anine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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