Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 04-0407-143

Authorization of Budget Modification for Legislative Legal Department to Re-Allocate Funds to the Professional Fees Line - Miller, Johnson, Snell, & Cummisky, P.L.C.

- 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 Tribal Council authorized the engagement of Miller, Johnson, Snell, & Cummisky, P.L.C. to provide legal assistance to the Tribe regarding the Tribe's 401(k) plan; and
- WHEREAS, the firm has estimated the costs for services render are tentatively estimated not to exceed \$4,000.00; and
- WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to be able to make payments to this vendor; and
- WHEREAS, the Professional Fees line contains sufficient funds in an existing project to be transferred to this purpose and the Legislative Legal Department is requesting authorization to make this budget modification;
- NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the budget modification of the Legislative

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Legal Department, Program # 1000-109, Professional Fees Line # 5204 and the budget narrative in the following manner.

1. \$4,000 - Calcutt Rogers & Boynton

This engagement agreement is for the preparation and submission of legal assistance regarding the Tribe's 401(k) plan. The estimated invoiced amount is \$4,000.

2. \$4,000 - Reducing US v. Michigan - Emergency

The allocation of \$96,000 to this activity will be reduced by \$4,000 leaving \$92,000 in the event of the US. v. Michigan case being placed on a fast track litigation schedule.

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 or April 7, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.
Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker
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Presentation of Resolution Budget Modification to Tribal Ogema:
Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution modifying the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2004 as set forth in Resolution #03-1217-424, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.
Date delivered to Tribal Ogema:
Signature of Council Recorder:
Action by the Tribal Ogema: Approved Disapproved (attach comments) Date:
Signature of Ogema: