



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0407-145

*Ratification of Engagement Letter with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon Regarding
Resort Expansion Legal Services*

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 Tribal Council is responsible, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts negotiated by the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is responsible, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(e), to employ legal counsel on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has presented an engagement letter for the legal services of Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon in regards to review of specific activities related to the Little River Casino Resort expansion project; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the contract and determined that entering into the contract is an appropriate action in order to provide legal review of contracts related to the Little River Casino Resort expansion project;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the contract with Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon regarding Resort Expansion and authorizes the Ogema to enter into that contract.

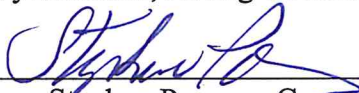
IT IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes payment of expenditures related to this contract from the TOC Program Budget # 1000-153.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 7, 2004, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Tammy Kleeman, Acting Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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