



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0407-147

Authorization of Expenditures from the Transition Oversight Committee Budget for the Contract with the Innovation Group, Inc. to Provide Services for Resort Expansion Regarding Feasibility Studies

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 required under Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) to approve the budget for the Tribe for each fiscal year, which occurred by adoption of resolution # 03-1217-424; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is required to ratify the Tribal Council's approval of the budget under Article V, Section 5(c) which occurred on December 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, resolution # 03-1217-424 restricted use of specific program budgets, in this case the Public Information Office, until authorized by resolution of the Tribal Council; and

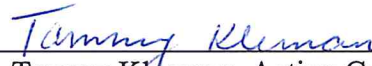
WHEREAS, the Ogema has submitted a contract for services with the firm of Innovation Group, Inc. to develop a feasibility study related to the Little River Casino Resort expansion project; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has also identified that sufficient funds remain in the Transition Oversight Committee budget, Program # 1000-153;

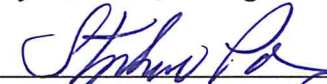
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the use of the Transition Oversight Committee budget, Program # 1000-153, in the amount of \$77,800 for the purposes of obligating funds for the contract with Innovation Group, Inc. to develop a feasibility study related to the Little River Casino Resort expansion project.

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, 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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