Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 04-0630-281

Approval of Additional Stipend for the Month of June, 2004, for the Housing Commission

- 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) to create regulatory commissions by ordinance; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council created the Housing Commission by adoption of the Housing Ordinance and delegated it the authority and responsibility to manage housing activities of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the <u>Commissions Ordinance</u>, November 2001, to set forth general directions and restrictions regarding the activities of commissions of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the <u>Commissions Ordinance</u> limits the stipends paid to commissioners to no more than four meetings per month; and
- WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the <u>Commissions Ordinance</u> requires approval by the Tribal Council by adoption of a resolution to authorize payment of a stipend in excess of four per month; and

- WHEREAS, the Housing Commission is required to develop and submit an annual and five year Indian Housing Plan under NAHASDA and that failure to submit the plan by the deadline date of July 1 would jeopardize funding for the next funding year; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Commission began working on the IHP by reviewing the 2003 IHP and gathering information, but was unable to complete the plan in the regularly scheduled meetings; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Commission is meeting in two four hour increments on June 28 and June 29 in order to complete the IHP and submit that document on time; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Commission is requesting approval for two additional stipends to be paid for the June 28 and June 29 meetings; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that this is a reasonable request given the complexity of the Indian Housing Plan that must be developed and submitted by the Housing Commission;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves an exception to section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance to allow members of the Housing Commission to receive two additional stipends for work conducted on June 28 and June 29, 2004.

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 June 30, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room 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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