

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0721-302

*Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Grand Valley State University for Services
Relating to Assessment of Riparian Habitat Restoration in the Manistee River Corridor
Under the Tribe's US Fish & Wildlife Service Grant*

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; 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 Tribe has been awarded a US Fish & Wildlife Service grant to conduct assessment of riparian habitat restoration in the Manistee River Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the terms of that grant contemplate that the Tribe will contract with Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to obtain research assistance in completing the objectives of the grant; and

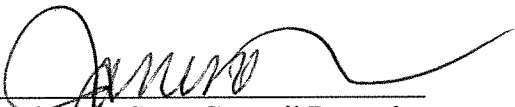
WHEREAS, the inland fisheries biologist responsible for the US Fish & Wildlife Service grant has, in consultation with the Tribe's Legal Department, prepared a contract document to engage GVSU to obtain the services required for a cost not to exceed \$104,900.00;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes execution of a contract with GVSU for research services related to the riparian habitat restoration project.

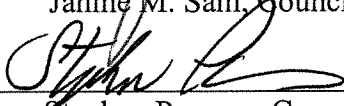
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council agrees to limited waiver of immunity and consents to have any disputes with GVSU, which may arise under the agreement resolved in the Tribal Court.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 21, 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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