

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
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Resolution # 04-1020-417

Ratification of Contract with Nichol Stout, and Authorization of the Ogema to Enter Into the Independent Contractor Agreement

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi 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 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 Tribal Council is authorized, under Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify contracts entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is made by and between Nichol Stout, hereafter referred to as the "Contractor", and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (the "Tribe") whose address is 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660, as of October 20, 2004 (The "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, The Contractor shall provide professional consulting services related to the Tribe's obligations under a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funded project to evaluate habitat restoration in the Manistee River Corridor in accordance with the scope of work.

WHEREAS, the Independent Contractor Agreement has been reviewed by the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the materials presented by the Ogema had has determined that it is an appropriate action to ratify the contract;

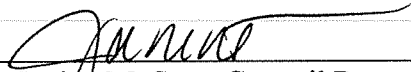
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Independent Contractor Agreement with Nichol Stout,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Ogema to enter into the Independent Contractor Agreement with Nichol Stout

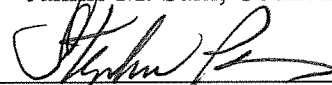
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 20, 2004 at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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