Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-0216-74

Authorizing Additional Fees and Payment of Fees for James M. McClurken & Associates

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 ratified the contract with James M. McClurken & Associates for development of historical information reports in conjunction with the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Project; and
- WHEREAS, the final meeting with the contractor, legal counsel and legal staff resulted in over-expenditures related to the McClurken contract, but clarified the work product which will be delivered at the conclusion of the contract period; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received confidential updates regarding the work product and finds that the additional expenditures under the 2004 contract were warranted, and that funding existed in the Professional Fees line of the Legal Department budget;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the additional expenditures of \$5000.00, for a total final 2004 fees invoice of \$5913.01 and authorizes the payment of that invoice.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>6</u> FOR, <u>2</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 February 16, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Tammy Kleeman-Brown, Tribal Councilor

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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