

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0309-105

Approving Payment of Additional Gaming Commission Stipends for February Meetings

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 3, 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(I) to take action, not inconsistent with the Constitution or Federal law, which is necessary and proper to carry out the sovereign powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Commissions Ordinance, November 2001 and then re-adopted in October 2004, to set forth general directions and restrictions regarding the activities of commissions of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance limits the stipends paid to commissioners to no more than four meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance 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 Tribal Council passed Resolution #02-1211-03 *Approval of Six Stipends Per Month Exception for the Gaming Commission* based on the Gaming Commission's occasional need for additional meetings in order to protect the integrity and assets of the Tribe and to meet deadlines and perform business that cannot always occur in four meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission had an extraordinary need to meet in extra sessions in the month of February 2004, primarily to hold hearings for licensees; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission held a total of eight (8) regular and special meetings (and two telephone meetings) in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission is requesting payment of two (2) additional stipends for the month of February.

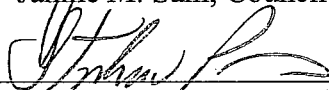
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves payment of two additional stipends for a total of eight to the Gaming Commission for the month of February.

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, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 9, 2005, 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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