



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0803-361

*Authorization for Additional Enrollment Commission Meetings to Review Audit Findings
for August, September, October, November, and December 2005*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 Tribal Council created the Enrollment Commission and delegated responsibility regarding applications for enrollment and maintenance of the Tribal roll; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance which require an audit/review of each member file to verify documentation and accuracy of eligibility determinations; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission has received notice of the first set of audited files to be presented and has determined that separate meetings will be necessary in order to adequately address on-going new applicants and to have reasonable and timely responses to audited/reviewed files;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council authorized additional Enrollment Commission meetings for November, December and January under Resolution # 04-1117-466; and for February and March under Resolution # 05-0202-52; and for April, May, June, and July under Resolution # 05-0406-141; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission has asked for additional meetings to adequately address on-going new applicants and to have reasonable and timely responses to audited/reviewed files along with the associated appeal hearings.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes, in accordance with section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance, the following additional meetings of the Enrollment Commission for the purposes of conducting review of the audited/reviewed membership files, in addition to the regular meetings scheduled.

- a. August - 4 special meetings
- b. September – 5 special meetings
- c. October - 4 special meetings
- d. November - 4 special meetings
- e. December - 5 special meetings

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 3, 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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