



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0914-462

Authorizing Execution of Engagement Letter with Pash & Associates to Complete an Organization Assessment of the Natural Resource Department for Future Budgeting and Legislative Planning

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council has the power to promote the general welfare of the Tribe through the enactment of ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i) of the Constitution, has certain fiscal powers relating to the approval of budgets and management of funds within the control of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of those powers, the Tribal Council wishes to evaluate the financial, staffing and programmatic responsibilities that will be necessary to permit the Tribal government to effectively carry out natural resource-related responsibilities that will be assumed as a result of various policy initiatives being pursued by the Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to retain a consultant to assist the Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema obtain information necessary to permit the Tribal government to evaluate and plan for future budgetary requirements and legislative initiatives that will guide the Tribal government in implementing these future programmatic responsibilities; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified a management consultant with the necessary skills and experience to assist the Tribe with this effort and has obtained a proposal to complete this analysis, which has been presented to the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the execution of an engagement letter with Pash & Associates to complete a program assessment of the Natural Resource Department, as described in the company's proposal, as directed by the Tribal Council, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for fees and expenses.

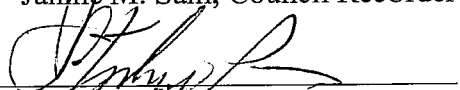
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 14, 2005, at the Little River Band's Conference 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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