



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-1019-533

Directing the Development and Reporting on Tribal Forest Properties and Obtaining Work Plan to Improve Forest Management

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, 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 responsible, under Article IV, Section 7(a)(4), to provide for the making, holding and revoking assignments of the land and interests therein; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that a health forest ecosystem supports the hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering rights of the membership and the long term management of Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that forest management work plans or review has not been adequately conducted as a result of existing expertise in the Natural Resource Department and available time to conduct such a review is insufficient as a result of pre-existing work assignments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that forest management review and work plans should be made a priority and obtaining a firm or firms with sufficient expertise should be identified and engaged to begin forest management review and development of work plans;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby directs the Natural Resource Department to develop, with the assistance of the Purchasing Supervisor –

1. a request for bids or proposals for forest management review and work plan development services;
2. presentation and finalization of bid selection;
3. identification of appropriate funding levels to implement the plan; and
4. other actions necessary to complete a forest management review and work plan development.

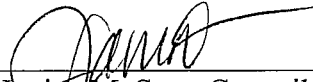
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Natural Resource Department shall forward to the Tribal Council

1. A recommendation from the bidding process, a copy of the RFP and all bids;
2. A resolution requesting budget modification or supplemental appropriation to fund the contract;
3. A contract for ratification by the Tribal Council.

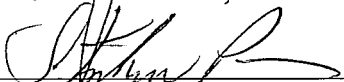
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT upon receipt of the report from the vendor, the Natural Resource Department shall forward the report to the Natural Resource Commission for development of a recommendation to be made to the Tribal Council regarding forest management.

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, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 19, 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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