

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution # 05-1026-553

To Authorize the Formation of an Aki maadiziwin Community Center Work Group

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 through Resolution #04-1208-496 determined that there is a need to construct and operate a Community Center facility to provide for enhanced service delivery, including social, educational, cultural and recreational purposes for the membership at large; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution #04-1208-496 approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000, grant already awarded to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council through Resolution #04-1208-496 committed to a Cash Match in the amount of \$500,000 to support the costs of constructing the Community Center Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that a project of this magnitude requires the involvement and participation of the membership as well as the Tribal government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the formation of a Community Center Work Group, which main purpose is to review the responses to the Request for Proposal approved on this date, to develop ideas and recommendations as to the Community Center design, functions and location. The Community Center Work Group shall perform its functions on a voluntary basis and no stipends are budgeted for those who serve. This is a Tribal Council advisory work group and does not perform executive, nor legislative functions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution based on the powers granted by the Constitution in Article IV, Section 7(c) and Section 7(i)2, requests the submission of names to be appointed to the Community Center Work Group in addition to three members of Tribal Council (Shannon Crampton, Norbert Kelsey and Stephen Parsons), the Tribal Ogema, the Grants Director, the Housing Director, the Planner, and a representative from the Legislative Counsel's office.

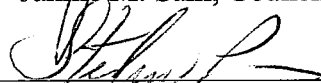
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of structuring the operations of the work group it is further authorized that they nominate a chair at their first meeting, so that individual can serve as liaison between Tribal Council, the Tribal Ogema, and the various departments that will be involved in the project.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 26, 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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