



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-1109-583

Authorizing Execution of Contract Addendum with Environmental Consultants & Services, Inc. (EC&S) to Complete Phase I Environmental Updates on the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust and Dontz-B Properties

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), has the power to ratify contracts negotiated on behalf of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Brownfield Program Coordinator has recommended that EC&S be retained to complete certain Phase I environmental updates which the Bureau of Indian Affairs requires in order complete the transfer of certain properties into trust; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Coordinator has requested authorization to engage EC&S under the same terms and conditions as that firm is presently engaged to complete similar work under a contract for Brownfield work for the Tribe in order expedite the completion of such work before snowfall; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes it is in the Tribe's interest to expedite the completion of this work.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes execution of an addendum or other appropriate document to authorize EC&S to complete the Phase I environmental surveys/updates for the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust and Dontz - B properties under the same terms and conditions of the existing contract with EC&S.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>6</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>1</u> ABSTAINING, <u>1</u> ABSENT, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 9, 2005, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Israel Stone, Tribal Councilor

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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