Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-1221-714

Authorizing Execution of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Northern Environmental Technologies, Inc. for Sturgeon Habitat Restoration Work

- 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, did approve a Professional Services Agreement with Northern Environmental Technologies, Inc., dated January 19, 2004, for work related to the stream-side rearing facility for Lake Sturgeon; and
- WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Department has requested a proposal from Northern Environmental to complete work related to sturgeon habitat restoration on the Big Manistee River to improve spawning habitat for lake sturgeon; and
- WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Department's Inland Fisheries Biologist has, in consultation with the Tribal Ogema, negotiated an Amendment to the February 16, 2005 Amended Professional Services Agreement with Northern Environmental for the work requested by the Department; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Sections 7 (e) and (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts with private parties.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes execution of the attached Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Northern Environmental Technologies, Inc. for sturgeon habitat restoration work as described in Northern Environmental's December 9, 2005 Proposal.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council affirms that the terms of the Amendment approved by this resolution shall be subject to the dispute resolution provisions contained in the January 10, 2004 Professional Services Agreement.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, <u>0</u> ABSENT, and <u>1</u> VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 21, 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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