

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #14-0903-277

Approving modifications to the compensation for the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors

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 legislative powers of the Little River Band are vested in the Tribal Council at Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members and to govern the conduct of members of the Little River Band and other persons within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) of the Constitution vests the authority in the Tribal Council to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate those funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance Number 10-800-03, which provides for appropriate monitoring, oversight and direction regarding the management and operation of any and all existing and future Gaming Enterprise(s), which Ordinance shall be effective on September 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors act provides for staggering terms of Board members, and further provides that the terms of office for all seats expire consistent with the expiration of the current Ogema's term of office; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 8.06 of the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act provides that each at-large member of the Board of Directors shall be paid compensation as authorized by Resolution of the Tribal Council, and further provides that compensation may not be diminished during any term of office.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, in accordance with the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03, hereby approves modification to the compensation for at-large members of the Board of Directors at \$1,500.00 per month stipend effective on the beginning of each term following the adoption of this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors shall continue to have all reasonable travel expenses and associated costs related to conducting official business paid by the Tribal Government; provided that all travel arrangements shall be processed by the Tribal Government Purchasing and Travel Office in accordance with Tribal laws and approved regulations and policies.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT invoices shall continue to be issued by the Tribal Government directly to the Little River Casino Resort for all compensation and reimbursable travel expenses and associated costs paid to the members of the Board of Directors, and the Little River Casino Resort shall promptly reimburse the Tribal Government.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Board of Directors to include an appropriation in each gaming operation fiscal year budget sufficient to cover compensation and reimbursable expenses associated with the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010.

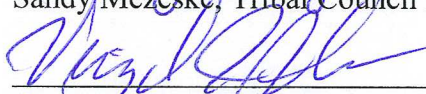
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this Resolution specifically rescinds and replaces Resolution #12-1107-295.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT at a regular session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 3, 2014, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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