



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #16-0622-175

Approval of a grant submission to the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the FY2016 Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to explore, plan and pursue tribal and tribal member economic development through agricultural opportunities

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, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has, in an evidenced-based manner, determined that there is a long standing need for tribal economic development; and

WHEREAS, agricultural-based solution-seeking has occurred tribally, and with state and regional authorities including the United States Department of Agriculture to effectively address these issues; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is working to pursue tribal economic development through agricultural solutions and has the capacity to plan, develop and manage related efforts as well as provide long-term sustainability through ongoing economic and community development activities through the Commerce Department and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC); and


WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has leadership and other internal support systems in place to carry out project activities in a timely and professional manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 with the understanding the 50% match involved will be met with in-kind services.

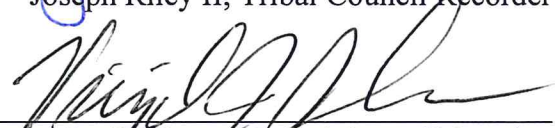
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Ogema to execute any relevant grant application documents necessary to complete the application prior to the June 24, 2016 deadline.

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, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 22, 2016 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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