



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Open Session
09/06/17

Resolution #17-0906-303

Approving Tribal Ogema to Accept the Bid for Legal Services from Jana Simmons of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, to Represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(b) to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema on behalf of the Tribe with political subdivisions or private parties on all matters within the authority of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tribe with governments, political subdivisions and private parties, subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council; and

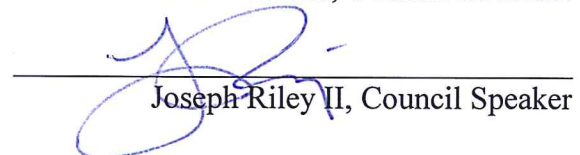
WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema by and through the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board has received bids for legal services for the Board and determined this bid meets current need for representation for ongoing matters for the Board.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's execution of Agreement with Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 6, 2017 at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Sandra Lewis, Council Recorder


Joseph Riley II, Council Speaker

Attest:

cc: Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Election Board
Unified Legal Department