



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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Open Session  
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**Resolution #20-0219-067**

*Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Contracts for State Lobbying Services with Scofes Associates Consulting, Inc.*

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 Tribal Council is directed under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution 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 is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to establish laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Little River Band and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its Members, subject to all expenditures of funds being made pursuant to appropriations or budgets authorized by resolution or in accordance with ordinances of the Tribal Council; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is empowered by Article V, Section 5(a)(3) to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Little River Band with private persons or organizations, subject to approval or ratification by Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is party to a contract for state-level contract for lobbying services with Scofes Associates Consulting by virtue of a contract approved by Tribal Council by Resolution #10-0303-72 and first amended by Tribal Council Resolution #14-0827-267; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the state lobbying services and with developments in the Muskegon casino project, the Tribe has determined that it is in its best interest to expand the scope of work under that contract; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe now determines that it is in its best interests to modify the contracts to reflect additional services requested including a monthly price increase.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that Tribal Council approves the Tribal Ogema's execution of a modification to the Scofes Associates Consulting contracts to increase the price and assign Scofes the added responsibility of management and payment of two consulting firms.

### 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 Closed Session Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 19, 2020, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder

  
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Ron Pete, Council Speaker

Attest:

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