



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-0407-094

Continuing the Compensation for Election Board Members

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 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 Tribe Council adopted the Election Ordinance, #08-200-02, which provides, in part, guidance in the compensation of the Election Board members; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.02 of the Election Ordinance provides that Board members shall receive a stipend for attendance at meetings and conducting an election. The amount of such stipend shall be set forth in a resolution adopted by Tribal Council. The Election Board shall notify the Tribal Council and the membership when an election is intended to begin, and during such time, the stipend may not be decreased. Nor may the stipend be decreased during the two (2) month period immediately following an election or during any existing election challenges, whichever is longer; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, in Resolution #01-1107-07, directed that compensation of members of the Election Board should be set by resolution, and that the compensation levels cannot be affected during an election period, *Election Ordinance, Section 4.02*; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #07-0530-291, approved setting compensation for Election Board members paid monthly at \$600.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #09-0422-103, which approved the Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #11-0420-131, which approved the Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #13-0501-095, which continued the approved Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #15-0415-113, which continued the approved Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #15-0812-240, which corrected and clarified Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #17-0426-154, which continued the approved Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution #18-0627-204, which continued the approved Election Board Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Resolution # 19-055-122, which continued the approved Election Board Compensation.

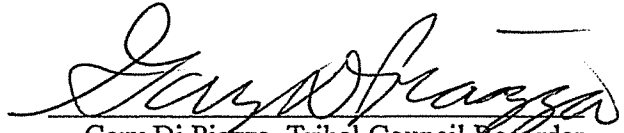
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby directs to continue the Compensation of Election Board members shall be set as follows:

1. *Regular Meetings during non-election period.* Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated with a \$125 stipend for each meeting attended, and that such stipend shall be inclusive of mileage and other related expenses of traveling to and from meetings.
2. *Regular Meetings during election period.* Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated with a \$150 stipend for each meeting attended, and that such stipend shall be inclusive of mileage and other related expenses of traveling to and from meetings during an election period. An "election period" shall be deemed by the Election Board notifying the Tribal Council and the membership when an election is intended to begin, and during such time, the compensation may not be decreased. Nor may the stipend be decreased during the two (2) month period immediately following an election or during any existing election challenges, whichever is longer.


3. *Special Election.* Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated with a \$150 stipend for each meeting attended, and that such stipend shall be inclusive of mileage and other related expenses of traveling to and from meetings during the Special Election period, as prescribed by the Constitution Article X, Section 4(b), or the conclusion of all election challenges, whichever is longer.
4. *Election Board Office Staffing during non-election period.* Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for each hour worked staffing the Election Board office during non-election period as defined above. The Election Board Office shall be staffed 3 days a week for 1-hour increments for a total of 3 hours a week. Under no circumstance shall the combined hours spent staffing the Election Board Office exceed the stated amount unless approved by Tribal Council Resolution.
5. *Election Board Office Staffing during election period.* Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for each hour worked staffing the Election Board office during any regular and special election period as defined above. Under no circumstance shall the combined hours spent staffing the Election Board Office exceed 120 hours in any given election period unless approved by Tribal Council Resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 4 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 7, 2021, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder



Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest: