



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution # 22-0126-007

Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Natural Resource Department Budget.

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 adopted, in accordance with Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, and the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010 which identifies how internal audits are conducted and reported; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has performed internal audits of the 2020 Natural Resources Department Budget.

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit report and any necessary supporting documents to the Tribal Council and Ogema on December 8th, 2021 and in work session on January 11th, 2022

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the internal audit reports for the Natural Resources Department Budget dated December 8th, 2021 and any respective Corrective Action Plans and authorizes their dissemination to individuals as deemed appropriate by the Comptroller General and or Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

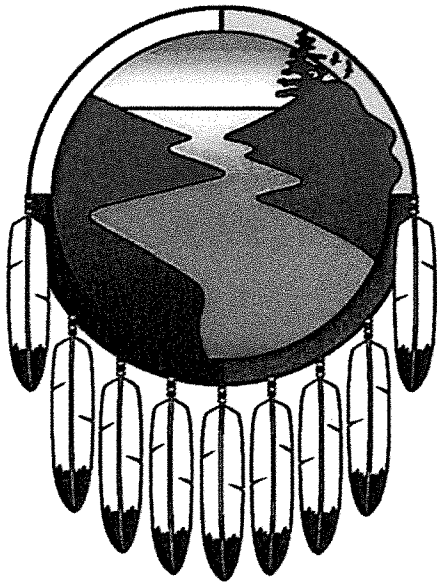
I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT at a Regular session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 26, 2022, VIA ZOOM, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Council Recorder


Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records
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Tribal Court



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Internal Audit of Natural Resource Department
Budget/Expenses to determine Compliance with Accounting Standards.

Audit performed by Bradley R Pringle, Comptroller General

Objective/Description

Internal Audit of 4031 Natural Resources Department budget and expenses, per internal audit schedule, to ensure compliance with accounting standards found in Budget and Appropriation Act of 2013 of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Audit Scope

Review the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013.

Review 2020 4031 Natural Resources Department budget.

Review 2020 4031 Natural Resources Department spend/expenses.

Audit all over expense budgetary line items.

Audit random expense budgetary line items.

Review Accounts Random Payable Records.

Findings

Reviewed Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, No Issues Found.

Audited/ Review:

- 2020, 4031 Natural Resources Department Budget Worksheet, No Issues Found.
- 2020, 4031 Natural Resources Department spend on MIP software reports. Found two line items overspent 5300 Rental and Leasing, after reviewing current and past expenses for 5300 Rental and Leasing, the department did not budget for enough funds to cover their expenses. These are monthly fixed GSA expenses; this can easily be corrected for next budget cycle. 6003 Phones and Beepers, after reviewing current and past expenses for 6003 Phone and Beepers, the department did not budget for enough funds to cover their expenses. These are fixed monthly service expenses; this can easily be corrected for next budget cycle.

- 2020, Budget Worksheet, Audited all expense line items compared to budget. 4031 expenses totaled \$395,592.70 on a \$909,502 Budget. No Issues Found.
- Page 63 of Year End report from CFO pertaining to 2020 4031 Natural Resources Department Budget. Found above two line items overspent 5300 Rental and Leasing and 6003 Phones and Beepers. See notes above!

Auditor requested seven (7) Accounts Payable records from Tribal Accounting for 2020. Unfortunately, I received an email from CFO stating that his staff does not have the time to pull any of this information due to several large projects between now and end of the year. NO Account Payable Audit was completed.

Natural Resources has seen a big reduction in 2020 labor expenses from 2019. I discussed this big reduction with Director Frank Beaver and he said that some labor expenses were transferred to a grant source 4068 BIA Inland Natural Resources Budget. I reviewed the 4068 labor transfer. No Issues Found.

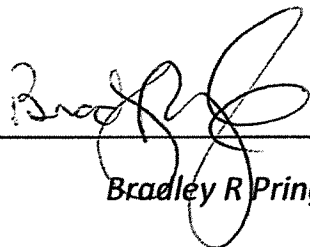
Recommendations

None, Review this audit with Executive and Natural Resources Administration.

Corrective Action Plan (As Needed)

None at this time

Auditor Signature: _____


Bradley R Pringle

12/8/21.

Date