



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

**Resolution # 22-0209-014**

*Acceptance of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Internal Audit Report for Charity & Donations 8600 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 Charitable Donations Budget.

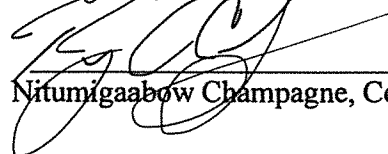
WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has prepared and presented the audit report and any necessary supporting documents to the Tribal Council and Ogema on September 9, 2021.

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 Charitable Donations Budget dated September 9, 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**

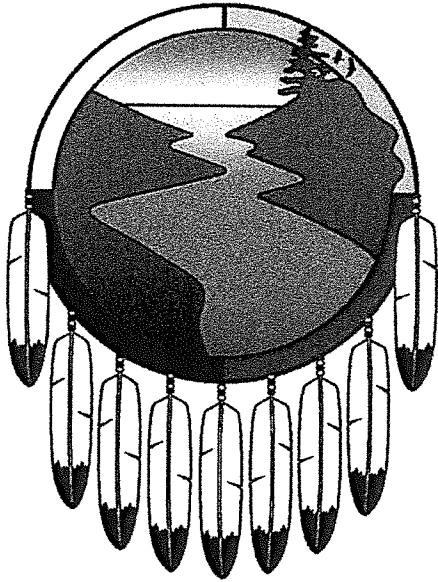
I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 9, 2022, VIA ZOOM, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Julie Wolfe, Council Recorder

  
Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records  
Tribal Ogema  
Tribal Court



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Internal Audit of Charitable Donations, Account 8600 of the  
2020 Budget.

Audit performed by Bradley R Pringle, Comptroller General

### ***Objective/Description***

Our Objective is to review the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Charitable Donations to ensure the tribe is following Tribal Ordinance 14-800-06.

### ***Audit Scope***

Review Charity and Donations requirements, including but not limited to: Ordinances, Regulations, Resolutions, Procedures, Forms, etc.

Review 2020 Budgetary Requirements for 8600.

Review all 2020 transactions under the 8600 Budget.

Review all payments for the above donations for 8600.

### ***Findings***

#### **Review of Constitution**

No Requirements found

#### **Review of Ordinance**

The Tribe has Revenue Allocation Ordinance 01-100-03, which was repealed in 2011. No Issues Found

The Tribe has a Revenue Allocation Plan dated February 25<sup>th</sup> 2008. This plan allows for .10% of Budget for Charitable Donations. No Issues Found

The Tribe also has Guidelines to follow under the Charitable Donation Ordinance number 14-800-06. No Issues Found

#### **Review of Council Resolutions.**

I have reviewed resolution 11-0223-053, the repeal of Revenue Allocation Ordinance. No issues found

I have reviewed resolution 08-0123-20, the approval of Revenue Allocation Plan, No Issues found.

#### **Review of 2020 Tribal Budget/Budget Summery**

The 2020 Tribal Budget was \$24,500,000. So \$24,500 was budget for 2020 Charitable Donations. This was confirmed with Budgets Departments 2020 Budget Summery. On 5/15/2020, the Tribal Budget for Donations was re-budgeted to \$12,450 because of COVID related revenue shortfalls.

**Review MIP software transactions**

The LRBOI Executive Branch Donated \$8,250 in 2020. This consisted of eight Donation from \$500 to \$3,000. Three donations exceeded \$750, which ordinance requires the approval by Council Resolution.

The LRBOI Legislative Branch Donated \$1,000 in 2020. This consisted of two \$500 donations done by Resolutions. The Council Resolutions are as followed 20-0226-072 and 20-0304-082.

**Review of Payment to Charitable Donations**

On June 11, I reviewed the Accounts Payable paperwork for five donations that exceeded \$750.00. Charitable Donations Ordinance says any donation amount exceeding \$750 have to be approved by resolution. Of the five reviewed, two had resolutions attached and the other three did not. I did research all 2020 council resolution/agendas and could not find a 2020 resolution/agenda for the other three large donations audited. These donations were for \$3,000 for the "Vietnam Wall", \$1,500 for the "Michigan Indians School" and \$1,000 for the "Stomp Out Cancer"

**Current review of Charitable Donation Programs;**

Auditors Thoughts: Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020, COVID-19 has changed our business in ways we could have never imagined. In the process, day-to-day work is over looked because of lack of resources and time. The Tribes new Council has its hands on solving some of these resource issues. Currently the Council is working on an updated Charitable Donation program to improve getting donations to "Native first" 501c programs. I expect this will change how future donations are distributed.

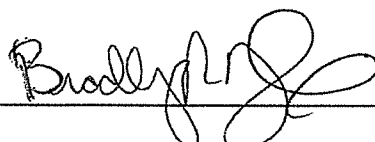
**Recommendations**

It appears that three large donations above did not meet the Charitable Donation Ordinance 14-800-06 requirements. All three failed to meet the requirements found under Article 5 sections 5.03 and 5.04. I would recommend that the Ogema and Chief of Staff review the Section 5.03 and 5.04 of the Charitable Donations Ordinance 14-800-06. The Tribes internal controls include our Accounting staff and they should review the proposed updated Ordinance.

**Corrective Action Plan (As Needed)**

None at his time, as Council is in the process of updating the Charitable Donation Ordinance. Auditor will plan on another Charitable Donation Audit for the last quarter of 2022.

Auditor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Bradley R Pringle

Date \_\_\_\_\_

9/9/2021