## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## Resolution #22-0406-058

Approval of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court opinion to pay Craig W Elhart P.C.

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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
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- WHEREAS, the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations, #R100-01;AC-01, have been approved by the Ogema and Tribal Council which directs that authorization expenditures in excess of \$25,000.01 be made by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal CFO has recommended placement of this expense under 1020-100, 5205 Professional Fees and Legal Service and

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- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court Legal Opinion was issued on November of 2021 expenses where encumbered in 2021, they need to be expensed in the 2021 budget; and
- WHEREAS, the Comptroller General has prepared and presented this information and Resolution to Council for review at a work session on March 29, 2022; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Court issued this opinion on November 22 of 2021 and expedited payment is required; therefore

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of November 22, 2021, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court Opinion totaling \$30,592.65 to Craig W. Elhart, P.C.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

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

Pam Johnson, Acting Council Recorde

Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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