



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #22-1214-217

Ratification of Master Services Agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for Sediment DNA Manoomin (wild rice) Project

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 Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a MSA from Science Museum of Minnesota to provide services including sediment core sampling, cutting, and sedaDNA analysis for *Zizania aquatica* and *Zizania palustris* at sites throughout the 1836 ceded territory to look for historic wild rice DNA in lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Department receives Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding for manoomin focused projects. Including funding to better understand the manoomin seed banks of 1836 ceded territory waters for a total of \$63,825; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been reviewed, by the Unified Legal Department; and

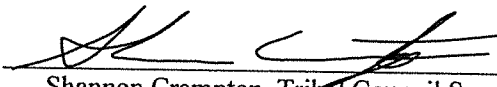
WHEREAS, nothing in this Contract shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or any of its subordinate enterprises or entities and

WHEREAS, venue for any dispute arising out of this Contract shall be the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. This Contract, and any disputes arising out of this Contract, shall be governed by the laws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the Agreement with Science Museum of Minnesota incorporating the contents of this resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 14, 2022, via ZOOM, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker


Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Council Recorder

Attest:

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