



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #23-1025-181

Approval of 2023 Annual Elders Conference at the Little River Casino Resort, to be held on November 4 & 5, 2023 and Further Approving the Estimated Budget Involved as Outlined and Supported in the Informational Packet Submitted by the Elders Committee (as contained herein)

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 finds that this year's event is similarly structures as compared to past Elders Conferences and supports the cultural values as well as the health, safety and general welfare and wellbeing of Tribal Elders values which are in keeping with the primary goals and objectives of the Tribal Council; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the funds are available to the committee in the 2023 budget as documented in the information provided to the Tribal Council by the Committee; and


WHEREAS, the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations, #R100-01;AC-01, have been approved by the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council which directs that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$12,000.00 be made by the Tribal Council; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the purchase of meals for the 2023 Elder Conference on November 4 & 5, 2023 at the Little River Casino Resort in the amount not to exceed \$31,685.

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 25, 2023, at the Little River Band Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Council
Tribal Ogema
Purchasing Office
Elders Committee