



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #25-0212-025

*Authorizing Biskaabiiyaang Commission Compensation and Maximum Number of
Monthly Meetings Allowed*

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 authorized under Article IV, Section 7 to create regulatory commissions, and has adopted the Commissions Ordinance to govern the development and operations of commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted emergency amendments to the Commissions Ordinance on January 7, 2009, which provide that Tribal Council shall set the amount and maximum number of stipends to be paid per month to Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that each Commission is valuable and holds a critical role in the structure of Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #10-0106-003 – Setting Commission Stipends and Maximum Number of Monthly Stipends Allowed; Setting Stipend Level for Elders Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution # 19-0131-027, Re-Authorizing and Clarifying Compensation for Commissions and Maximum Number of Monthly Meetings Allowed and Rescinded Resolution # 18-1010-396 ; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Biskaabiiyaang Commissions Ordinance by Resolution # 25-0108-002, which established the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council shall now set the Stipend amount and maximum number of monthly meetings allowed for the Biskaabiiyaang Commission

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Commissions Ordinance, monthly compensation and monthly meeting frequencies are set for this Commission as follows beginning FY2025:

Biskaabiiyaang Commission- 1 meetings per month - \$125.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the compensation paid is on a per meeting basis beginning in January 2025. Each Commission member that is duly sworn in and holding office that attends a meeting in accordance with each body's By-laws is eligible to be paid compensation set forth in this resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each Commission remains accountable to submit monthly reports to the Tribal Council no later than the 2nd Tuesday of each month for business transacted in the prior month in accordance with the Commissions Ordinance. Failure to timely file and submit the monthly reports may result in a suspension of compensation payment until such time as the past due reports are submitted.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Commissions Ordinance under Section 9.05, Commissioners who are authorized to travel on behalf of their commission are subject to the requirements of the Tribe's travel regulations. For each day of approved travel, commissioners shall be paid the same amount of compensation set by Tribal Council resolution.

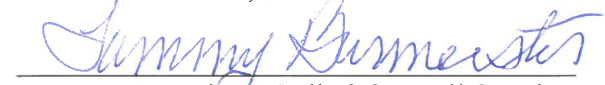
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Commissioners who are employees of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are no longer granted five (5) days to attend travel on behalf of the commission and would need to take PTO to travel.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit a Commission from making a written request to Tribal Council for approval, by Resolution, requesting additional meetings provided that the proposed Resolution shall clearly identify the circumstances that require the additional meeting(s). Any Commission that exceeds the number of meetings authorized by this Resolution without prior written consent of the Tribal Council shall not be eligible to receive compensation for the additional meeting(s). All Commission meetings conducted in accordance with the Commission's By-laws and Ordinance shall be held valid even if the meeting exceeds the number authorized by this Resolution.

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 1 ABSENT, and at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 12, 2025, at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center and via Zoom, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest: NONE

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