



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #25-0806-182

Approval of Agreement with RubinBrown, LLP to Perform the Audit of the Financial Statements and Agreed-Upon Procedures of Little River Casino Resort for Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027

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 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 (I) to act, not inconsistent with the Constitution or Federal law, which is necessary and proper to carry out the sovereign powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authorized the development of a gaming operation by adoption of the Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01, and created the Little River Casino Resort by adoption of an enterprise charter in Tribal Council Resolution #99-0314-07; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council pursuant to the Constitution – Article IV – Section 7 (b), authorizes and ratifies contracts negotiated by the Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04, which created the Gaming Commission and authorized it to regulate the gaming operation, including the specific responsibility to engage auditors to conduct an annual of the gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Casino Resort shall conduct its operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Tribe-State Compact, Federal laws, Gaming Ordinance #10-400-01, and Gaming Commission Regulations, any or all of which require an annual audit of each gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission initiated the request for proposals process for fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027 and sought three (3) proposals; and

WHEREAS, two (2) proposals were received/reviewed, and the Gaming Commission determined that it was in the best interest of the Tribe to award RubinBrown, LLP – Certified Public Accountants & Business Consultants the engagement as they have the necessary expertise/experience to perform the audit.

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission approve the agreement for RubinBrown, LLP by Resolution #GC25-0715-13 for fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027, and now is presenting the agreement (proposal) and the 2025 engagement letter to the Tribal Council for ratification.


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorized the Tribal Ogema to execute the agreement for RubinBrown, LLP to complete the audit of the Financial Statements and Agreed-Up-On Procedures Audit of the Little River Casino Resort for fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027 and subsequent engagement letters for 2026 and 2027; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves establishment of an encumbrance in 2025, 2026, 2027 from Program #1030-121, Line Item #5205 each audit year for RubinBrown, LLP for services rendered and direct expenses.

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 Closed Session Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 6, 2025, via Zoom and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker


Susan Thull, Tribal Council Recorder

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