

## RRESOLUTION NO. #95-1142-01

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.) (hereinafter "Little River Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to purchase real property in either Manistee or Mason Counties, Michigan pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Little River Act (25 U.S.C. §1300-4(b)), and petition the Secretary of the Interior (the "Secretary") to take such property in trust for the benefit of the Tribe for gaming and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is required to assess the environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with the establishment of a Tribal Gaming Enterprise in order to have lands taken into trust for the Tribe for gaming purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Manager and Tribal Chairman have reviewed bid proposals from a number of companies to conduct an environmental assessment of the site(s) being considered for gaming purposes;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Manager and Tribal Chairman believe that the scope of work proposed in said bids is sufficient to comply with the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act, as they apply to trust land acquisitions for gaming purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Manager has recommended acceptance of the bid proposal from Espey, Huston & Associates, based on that company's experience, ability to complete the work in a timely manner and price; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), is authorized to manage the economic affairs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 (f)(2) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution; NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes Chairman Robert Guenthardt to execute the consulting contract negotiated between the Tribe and Espey, Huston & Associates, which sets forth the scope of work and terms and conditions under which consulting services are to be provided to the Tribe by Espey, Huston & Associates.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes Chairman Robert Guenthardt, and his designees, to represent the Tribe in working with representatives of Epsey, Huston & Associates to direct and monitor the companys performance of the tasks set forth in the consulting contract and to report back to the Tribal Council.

## Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at a special session held on November 1, 1995 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 11 12 95

BONNIE L. KEUNY, TREASORER AND ACTING SECRETARY