



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #98-0322-02

Approving Membership Rolls for Purposes of
Preparing List of Registered Voters for Secretarial Election
Authorized by Public Law 103-324

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, Section 7 of the Little River Act (25 U.S.C. §1300k-5), as amended by Section 21 of Public Law 103-435, 108 Stat. 4566, required the Tribe to submit to the Secretary a membership roll of all individuals eligible for membership and currently enrolled in the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Section 8(a)(1) of the Little River Act requires the Secretary to conduct, by secret ballot, an election for purpose of adopting a new constitution for the Tribe under the procedures applicable to elections under 25 U.S.C. section 476, commonly known as the "Indian Reorganization Act"; and

WHEREAS, the constitution election to be conducted by the Secretary, (hereafter the "Secretarial Election") will be held on May 13, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of that Secretarial Election requires the preparation of a list of eligible voters from the Tribe's membership rolls; and

WHEREAS, Section 8(a)(2) of the Little River Act (25 U.S.C. §1300k-6(a)(2)), provides that the governing documents in effect as of the date of enactment of the Little River Act shall be the interim governing documents for the Tribe until such time as a new governing document is enacted under the Secretarial election required by the Little River Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article III of the Tribe's Interim Governing Document defines qualifications for inclusion on the membership rolls of the Tribe as follows:

An individual is eligible for membership in the Tribe, if that individual:

(a) Is at least one-fourth (1/4) Indian blood, of which at least one-eighth (1/8) must be Michigan Grand River Ottawa or Michigan Ottawa blood; and,

(b) Traces to members of the historic Grand River Bands residing in Manistee, Mason, Wexford or Lake Counties in the State of Michigan, who were listed on the schedule of Grand River Ottawa in the Durant Roll of 1908 as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 18, 1910; or,

(c) Traces to individuals listed on the 1870 Annuity Payrolls of Chippewas and Ottawas of Michigan listed under the following Chiefs:

Kewacushkum	Pay-quo-tush	Me-tay-wis
Shaw-be-quo-ung	Penayse	Kaw-gay-gaw-bowe
Maw-gaw-ne-quong	Ching-gawa-she	Aken Bell; and,

(d) Is not currently enrolled in any other federally recognized or state-historic Indian Tribe, band, or group.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Article III of the Tribe's Interim Governing Document required the Tribal Council to promulgate ordinances governing the enrollment process; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has, pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Tribe's Interim Governing Document, enacted Tribal Council Ordinance No. #94-1018-01 and Ordinance No. 97-200-01, which vest the Tribal Enrollment Committee with the responsibility for determining if an applicant for enrollment meets the qualifications for membership and certifying to the Tribal Council, such individual's eligibility for inclusion on the membership roll of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee and Enrollment Officer have presented a roll consisting of 2,403 individuals who have applied for membership, who meet the enrollment qualifications defined in the Tribe's Interim Governing Document and whose eligibility for enrollment have been certified by the Tribal Enrollment Committee in accordance with Tribal Council Ordinance No. #94-1018-01 and/or Ordinance No. 97-200-01; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Registrar has prepared a list, consisting of 1,887 persons included on such membership roll who will be 18 years of age or older as of May 13, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the membership roll presented by the Tribal Enrollment Committee, and list of registered voters prepared by the Tribal Registrar, and is satisfied that all individuals listed on such roll meet the qualifications for enrollment contained in the Tribe's Interim Governing Document; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby certifies that, as of March 20, 1998, the membership roll of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians contains 2,403 individuals.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby certifies that 1,887 persons listed on the approved membership roll, as of March 20, 1998, will be 18 years of age or older on May 13, 1998 and are eligible to vote in the Secretarial Election to be held on May 13, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby approves the list of members who are eligible to vote in the Secretarial Election, as of March 20, 1998, and directs the Tribal Registrar/Enrollment Officer to list of eligible voters, consisting of 1,887 individuals to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Michigan Agency.

Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at a Special Session held for this purpose on March 22, 1998 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 3-22-98


Charles Fisher, Council Secretary


Robert Guenthardt, Chairperson