

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #99-1023-02

Approving Supplemental Appropriation for Attorney Contract Retainer for the Tribal Election Board in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Net Gaming Revenues

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 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, has the power the provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, 7(i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is convinced that the Tribal Election Board requires independent legal counsel to assist it in its efforts to resolve the pending disputes relating to the run-off election for Office of Tribal Ogema and other election-related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, did negotiate and approve the form of a Special Counsel Contract with Peninsula Legal Services, for a period commencing October 14, 1999, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Tribe's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council wishes to provide Peninsula Legal Services with a retainer to facilitate the prompt undertaking of the work under the Special Counsel Contract and that net gaming revenues received from July 1999 operations can be applied toward such expenses.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000.00 of the gaming revenues for the purposes of providing a retainer to Peninsula Legal Service.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to request the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Account No. 01182019510 for a check in the amount described payable to Peninsula Legal Services.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with S FOR, AGAINST, ABSENT, and ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held on October 23, 1999, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

Kathy Berentsen, Councilor