

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RESOLUTION # 041705-05

Request for Funding from the United States Department of Agriculture,
Natural Resources Conservation Service,
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP),
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,
Creating Forest Openings Project

WHEREAS: the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

WHEREAS: the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS: the Tribe has established a Natural Resources Department (NRD) and a Natural Resources Commission (NRC) whose purpose is to provide oversight and regulation of utilization of natural resources within the LTBB’s jurisdiction and to provide community input in development and fulfillment of project objectives at regularly scheduled meetings of the Natural Resource Commission;

WHEREAS: the Natural Resource Department mission statement is to “*wisely utilize our natural resources in order to promote, honor and respect our traditional, spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters. We will implement management strategies that protect our resources on, above, below and within the land and waters for the future benefit of our Tribe;*”

WHEREAS: the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department has developed a Strategic Plan that provides direction and guidance for the Department and is updated annually;

WHEREAS: the Strategic Plan, NRD Wildlife and Inland Fisheries Program 2004 Goal Number 1 is to assess and monitor Tribally harvested species to insure species sustainability and continued tribal harvest for seven generations;

WHEREAS: the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this request for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, FY 2005 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program for an LTBB Creating Forest Openings Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik or Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute any documents necessary to receive and administer funds under the grant.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held April 17, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Ettawageshik	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beatrice Law	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rita Shananaquet	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Regina Bentley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary