Resolution #14-0723-213

Approval of a grant submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under the FY2014 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG) in an amount of $600,000.00 for a sewer force main replacement and capacity upgrade along the US-31 corridor

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníšihinaábék (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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; 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, LRBOI (Tribe) has, in an evidenced-based manner and over an extended period of time, determined that there is a long standing need for the replacement of the referenced sewer line; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been working with other community stakeholders, i.e., the City of Manistee, Manistee County and Manistee Township over an extended period of time to effectively address these needs; and

WHEREAS, there are basic agreements in place with all of the above identified project stakeholders; and
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WHEREAS, funding through HUD’s ICDBG can be used to improve the community’s utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, LRBOI has the capacity to effectively manage the project in its entirety and further has a long-term stake in the project’s sustainability (LRBOI’s Wastewater Treatment Plant will provide ongoing services); and

WHEREAS, LRBOI is an eligible and qualified applicant and further offers its commitment to carry out any and all project related activities in a timely and professional manner, and further warrants that has the long-term financial capacity to maintain the involved structure and systems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program in an amount not to exceed $600,000 for Fiscal Year 2014.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Ogema to execute any relevant grant application documents necessary to complete the application for submission prior to the July 29, 2014 deadline.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 23, 2014 at the Little River Band’s Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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