Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution #22-0615-105

Approval for the Natural Resources Department to submit a performance partnership (PPG) Grant Application for \$798,156 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in support of the Indian General Assistance Program, Water Quality, and Brownfields Programs

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; 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, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has funding available for funding sources that can be combined into a Performance Partnership Grant; and
- WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Department has achieved Treatment as Sovereign (State) for Clean Water Act Section 106 and Clean Water Act Section 319; and

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WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Department currently maintains an Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) and Brownfields (CERCLA 128a) Program meeting previous goals and deliverables under performance partnership grant programs.

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region V has negotiated with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Department funding levels for FY2023/FY2024 programs including Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128a, Clean Water Act Section 106, and Clean Water Act Section 319 programs, and to combine the funding into a Performance Partnership Grant.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians herby approves the submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Performance Partnership Grant for a total of \$798,156.

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 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 15, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.

Pam Johnson, Acting Council Recorder

Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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