

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG)

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant.

WHEREAS, the Nation realizes the need for economic development and is hereby building a one-of-a-kind national test site ("National Test Site") to support innovative research, development, testing, and evaluation of emerging manned and unmanned aerial system technologies in a safe and low-risk environment;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture is awarding up to Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$499,999.00) with a recommended match of Five Hundred Thousand One Dollars (\$500,001) for a total budget of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000);

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is the best interest of the Nation to apply for the USDA grant to build a Multipurpose Makerspace Building for this National Test Site on the Daisy Ranch to ensure privacy and strict management of airspace and ground risk during test operations as well as to assist external clients supporting the program with on-site electronics work, fabrication work, woodwork, plastics, 3-D printing, and other light industrial type work; and

WHEREAS, the operations of the National Test Site will be managed by the Choctaw Nation Strategic Development Division to coordinate with external clients and local business leaders.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant.

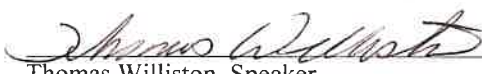
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this bill be cited as approval to allocate up to Five Hundred Thousand One Dollars for the recommended match if awarded the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on February 13, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 40 -21 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 2-16-21

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Rural Business Development Grant. This application is made to the United States Department of Agriculture for up to Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$499,999.00) with a recommended match of Five Hundred Thousand One Dollars (\$500,001) for a total budget of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The grant funds will be used to build a Multipurpose Makerspace Building for this National Test Site on the Daisy Ranch to ensure privacy and strict management of airspace and ground risk during test operations as well as to assist external clients supporting the program with on-site electronics work, fabrication work, woodwork, plastics, 3-D printing, and other light industrial type work.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG)

Agency: Department of Agriculture

CNO Dept: Advanced Technology Initiatives

Budget: \$499,000

Match Required: \$500,001

Total Budget: \$1,000,000

Request by Project Director/SEO: Robert Huck, PhD, Project Director; John Redman, Senior Manager Economic and Community Development; Brian Post, Advanced Technology Initiatives Senior Director; James Grimsley, Executive Director of Advanced Technology Initiatives; Tammye Gwinn, SEO Strategic Development