

**TO APPROVE FUNDING OF THE DUE DILIGENCE COSTS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER STORAGE UNIT IN HUGO, OKLAHOMA**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE Funding of the Due Diligence Costs for Construction of a Water Storage Unit in Hugo, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”), the Tribal Council of the Nation (the “Council”) shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property;

WHEREAS, the Nation owns and operates a laundry facility (the “Facility”) in Hugo, Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, the Facility is responsible for laundering sheets, towels, and other items from the Nation’s resort properties, which activities reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and allow the Nation’s resort properties to remain in operation;

WHEREAS, the Facility has experienced intermittent water service interruptions due to inconsistent water supply from the local water authority (the “Water Authority”), and such interruptions limit or completely halt the Facility’s ability to launder items;

WHEREAS, the Water Authority may upgrade the local water system, but these upgrades may not eliminate disruptions to the water supply at the Facility, which water supply is critical to the operation of the Facility;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to construct a water storage unit and related infrastructure (collectively, the “Water Storage Unit”) to support the Facility and provide a continuous supply of water in the event of an interruption of the supply from the Water Authority, thereby eliminating any Facility downtime associated with such interruptions;

WHEREAS, the construction costs for the Water Storage Unit will come from the Nation’s allocation under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (the “ARPA Funding”), but the ARPA Funding will not be used to pay for the due diligence costs related to the Water Tower (the “Due Diligence Costs”);

WHEREAS, the Due Diligence Costs total Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000); and


WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Nation to fund the Due Diligence Costs from unrestricted funds.

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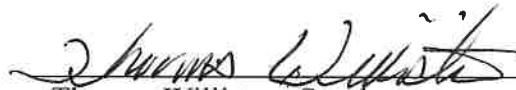
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as approval to fund the Due Diligence Costs related to the construction of the Water Storage Unit from unrestricted funds.

CERTIFICATION

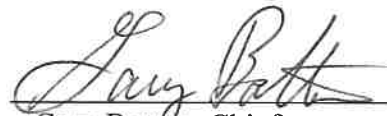
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma, on August 13, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 148 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) 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 Tribal Council

Date: 8-17-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This Council Bill approves the funding of the due diligence costs for the construction of a new water storage unit to serve the Nation's laundry facility in Hugo, Oklahoma. The other construction costs will be funded through ARPA funding received from the federal government. The new water storage unit will provide a consistent and reliable source of water to the Nation's laundry facility in Hugo, Oklahoma, which currently experiences intermittent water service interruptions from the local water authority. The Nation's laundry facility is responsible for laundering sheets, towels, and other items from the Nation's resort properties, which activities reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and allow the Nation's resort properties to remain in operation. Interruptions in water limit or completely halt the laundry facility's ability to launder items, which can have a direct effect on the Nation's ability to combat COVID-19 and operate its resort properties. Construction of the new water storage unit will eliminate the laundry facility's downtime associated with disruptions in the local water supply.

Title of Council Bill: To Approve Funding of the Due Diligence Costs for Construction of a Water Storage Unit in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Agency: Division of Integrated Services

Budget: \$35,000

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Kelly McKaughan