

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY25 ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
(EMDP)**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the FY25 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) grant (FON # BIA-EMDP-2025).

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) provides that the Tribal Council (the “Council”) shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation;

WHEREAS, the Nation is aware that the Reservation has a number of natural resources and understands the importance of analyzing such resources in order to value and grade the feasibility of developing each resource;

WHEREAS, the Nation deems it necessary to assess the value and feasibility of developing natural gas combined heat and power to benefit the Nation and its Tribal Members by enhancing energy resiliency;

WHEREAS, the Nation is evaluating the installation of a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) system at its Headquarters in Durant, OK to improve heating reliability and enhance energy resiliency through onsite electricity generation. The project scope includes an in-depth feasibility analysis—covering both technical and financial viability—to determine the cost-effectiveness of pursuing a CHP system;

WHEREAS, the following grant proposal is being submitted to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the FY25 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) on behalf of the Nation: Choctaw Nation Natural Gas and Combined Heat and Power Assessment;

WHEREAS, the Nation is currently contemplating, subject to receipt of grant funding, contracting with Baker Tilly (Austin, TX) to have the EMDP project performed as outlined under the scope of work. Ultimate selection of a contractor will be subject to the Nation’s competition bid rules, where applicable. Baker Tilly is a 90-year-old professional services firm that offers experienced renewable energy professionals who deliver innovative project finance and development support;

WHEREAS, the Nation is willing to consider developing any potential energy and mineral resource discovered, and the Nation will further consider public release of non-proprietary data or reports obtained by the EMDP project;

WHEREAS, the Nation confirms that the information provided in the Verification of Eligibility is accurate; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the FY25 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) grant (FON # BIA-EMDP-2025).

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the Nation’s application to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the FY25 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) grant (FON # BIA-EMDP-2025).

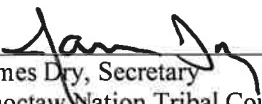
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as

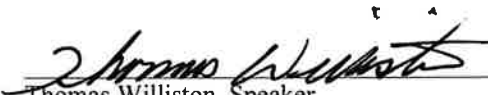
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the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 Tvska Homma, Oklahoma on August 9, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 88 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-12-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the application to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the FY25 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) grant (FON # BIA-EMDP-2025). This grant will fund an investment-grade design and engineering study for a potential Combined Heat and Power (CHP) system at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters in Durant. The study will evaluate replacing existing boilers with a CHP plant that could improve energy efficiency, reduce reliance on the electric grid, and enhance facility resiliency.

Strategic Goal: Exercising sovereignty through the Nation's natural resources and enhancing energy resiliency in Choctaw Nation Tribal Operations buildings.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY25 ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EMDP)

Agency: Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

CNO Department: Integrated Services, Utility Authority (CNUA)

Maximum Award: \$2,500,000

CNO Match: N/A

Maximum Federal Award for Total Project: N/A

Request by Project Director/SEO: Trent Marlett, Project Director; Stan Self, Director of CNUA; Nick Cody, Executive Director of Tribal Properties; Kelly McKaughn, SEO of Integrated Services

NUMBER	COUNCIL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS	DATE
	Letter of Appointment for Donald Chitwood to Serve on the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Gaming Commission	08/09/25
	Letter of Appointment for Vickie McClure to Serve as a Trustee of the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation	08/09/25
	Letter of Appointment for Vickie McClure to Serve as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation	08/09/25
CB-81-25	Approve the Disposal of Surplus Capital Assets – Equipment	08/09/25
CB-82-25	Approve the Disposal of Surplus Capital Assets – Vehicles	08/09/25
CB-83-25	Approve the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for Year FY2026	08/09/25
CB-84-25	Approve the Application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for FY2026	08/09/25
CB-85-25	Council Bill Rescinding CB-37-89 and CB-12-95 Enacting the Choctaw Nation Membership Act	08/09/25
CR-09-25	Authorize Drawdown of Investment Bonds Account Held by the United States for the Benefit of the Nation	08/09/25
CB-86-25	Approve the Demolition of 3625 South 9 th Street in Durant, Oklahoma	08/09/25
CB-87-25	Approve Application for the 2025 Technology to Support Services for Victims of Crime	08/09/25
CB-88-25	Approve Application for the 2025 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP)	08/09/25
CR-10-25	Resolution to Approve Premature Sale of Bonds	08/09/25
CR-11-25	Resolution for Confirmation of Honor Guard Commander Bruce Jessie, Sgt. Major of the Army, Retired, to Serve on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs	08/09/25
CR-12-25	Resolution for Nomination of Stacy Shepherd to Serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education	08/09/25
CB-89-25	To Name the Coalgate Community Center the <i>James Frazier Community Center</i>	08/09/25