

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
RANGELAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for the Rangeland Resource Management Grant (FON: L26AS00063).

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) intends to use grant funding to support the evaluation of soil degradation, riparian vegetation health, watershed conditions, and overall water resource health along the Red River, which forms the southern boundary of the Reservation;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is not to exceed \$250,000.00 for a project period of 2 years with no tribal match commitment;

WHEREAS, proposed project activities include identifying areas of severe soil erosion, quantifying vegetation density for bank stabilization and water filtration, assessing watershed function and hydrologic connectivity, evaluating potential impacts to water quality, and supporting the implementation of best practices for agricultural water quality and long-term planning in accordance with the Nation’s 100-year plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is intended to advance the Nation’s Strategic Goal of Culture and Sovereignty by supporting efforts to assert, defend, protect, and promote the Nation’s rights as a sovereign nation; supporting environmental and cultural prosperity through watershed health initiatives; and promoting quality of life through support for a healthy ecosystem that sustains cultural hunting, fishing, and foraging and through efforts to improve water quality for recreation and public water supplies.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Nation (the “Council”) that this Bill be cited as authorization to apply to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for the Rangeland Resource Management Grant for a maximum federal award not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$250,000.00) with no tribal match commitment.

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

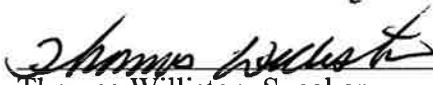
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as he, she, or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on September 12, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 96 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council


Gary Barton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9-14-26

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the application to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for the Rangeland Resource Management Grant. If awarded, the Nation intends to use grant funding to evaluate soil degradation, riparian vegetation health, watershed conditions, and overall water resource health along the Red River, which forms the southern boundary of the Reservation.

Strategic Goals: The proposed project is intended to advance the Strategic Goal of Culture and Sovereignty by supporting efforts to assert, defend, protect, and promote the Nation's rights as a sovereign nation; supporting environmental and cultural prosperity through watershed-health initiatives; and supporting ecosystem and water-quality initiatives related to cultural hunting, fishing, foraging, recreation, and public water supplies.

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GRANT**

Agency: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

CNO Department: Tribal Member Services; Outreach Services

Maximum Federal Award Not to Exceed: \$250,000.00

CNO Match: \$0

Maximum Budget for Total Project: \$250,000.00

Request by Project Director/SEO: Ahndria Ablett, Program Director; Tye Baker, Senior Director of Environmental Services; Daron Sharp, Executive Director of Risk Management; Brian Danker, Senior Executive Officer