



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #22-20

FEBRUARY 18, 2022

AMENDED MARCH 7, 2022

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Business Council met in an emergency virtual session on March 7, 2022, on Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMS, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

Whereas, Indian Election Cooperative ("IEC") and the Pawnee Business Council agree in principle with respect to the support of a broadband project for the general purposes of helping people and businesses living and operating in rural communities within IEC's service territory and within the Nation's historic boundaries and reservation to gain access to reliable high-speed broadband service at a low cost, to receive improved health care and educational services, and to improve their overall quality of life (the "Broadband Project").

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation is eligible for Rural Electric Service ReConnect program federal funding grant available to the Pawnee Nation through the USDA and to contribute all award dollars obtained toward the Broadband Project

Whereas, The Nation desires that the Broadband Project will give it the ability to train, employ, and subcontract to tribal members, develop technical capacity in high-speed broad band service, develop goodwill with business interests and the general community, and preserve the integrity of its identity.

Whereas, Certain agreements are necessary for scoring favorable on the ReConnect application including: (i) Operations and Maintenance Agreement, (ii) Pole Attachment Agreement, (iii) Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement ("IRU Agreement"), and (iv) co-location agreement.

Whereas, The Pawnee Business Council on behalf of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma hereby approves the submission of the ReConnect Grant not to exceed the amount of \$25,000,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby authorize President to apply for the ReConnect Grant, execute agreements necessary to have the application to score favorably, and to develop a working relationship with Indian Electric Cooperative for providing broadband service to Pawnee members and those within the historic territory of the Pawnee Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 7th day of March 2022 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 7th day of March 2022

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council