

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Resolution No. 016-24-018

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) has made funds available through the Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024 ("Grant Program"), Funding Opportunity Number TEMP-24284, and

WHEREAS, no matching contribution is required, and

WHEREAS, the BIA soliciting applications to build Tribal capacity for energy resources regulations and management, and White Earth Nation is interested in funding to develop Tribal management and the technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Tribal land, and

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee recognizes the need for non-construction funding for Tribal Utility Authority Phase II, which will further the development of one or two utility districts identified in Tribal Utility Authority Phase I, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to cover the cost of constructing with a consulting firm to perform a feasibility study to continue the development of a Tribal Utility that will generate and distribute electricity within a utility district, now

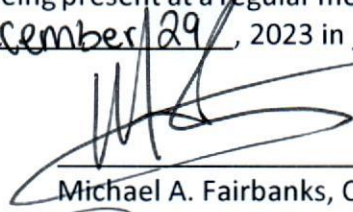
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, funding opportunity No. TEMP-24287 for the White Earth Tribal Utility Authority Phase II and if awarded, to accept grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nate Mathews, Executive Director, Tribal Utility Commission, will serve as the Tribal Point of Contact for matters related to the grant opportunity and project.

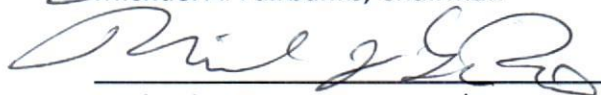
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that , if funding is awarded from the Department of Interior, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, then the Treasurer of the White Earth Reservation, Minnesota is hereby authorized to disburse the award funds for the purposes approved hereby.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer or Executive Director to enter into negotiations and to sign the application and all necessary contracts and documents pending legal review for the above-stated purpose.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on December 29, 2023 in Mahnomen, Minnesota.



Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer