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Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
DEC 05 2023

Date

Resolution No. 43 (2023)

**WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water and Sewer Program is responsible for protecting public health by providing safe, adequate drinking water to our customers and visitors, to ensure sanitary sewer is treated to ensure proper environmental stewardship, and to perform repairs and maintenance on distribution and collection lines across the Qualla Boundary; and

**WHEREAS,** the EBCI faces a critical need to enhance its water and sewer operations and maintenance (O&M) infrastructure to meet the challenges of a changing environment and growing population; and

**WHEREAS,** the Water and Sewer Program has identified a funding source from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water and Office of Wastewater to expand awareness about senior, supervisory, and leadership job opportunities in the drinking water and wastewater utility sector, address the workforce needs of water utilities through leadership development, occupational training, mentoring, or cross-training programs through the "Building Tomorrow's Water Guardians" program; and

**WHEREAS,** no personnel costs will be covered by this grant; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no grant match required.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present that the EBCI Water and Sewer Program be authorized to apply and accept funding from the US EPA Office of Water and Office of Wastewater in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2024-2028.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: Brandi Claxton, Finance Director, on behalf of the EBCI Water and Sewer Program

The attached Resolution/Ordinance 43 dated DECEMBER 5, 2023 was:


PASSED ( X )

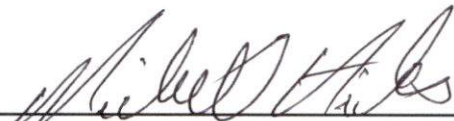
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and ratified in open Council on DECEMBER 5, 2023 by 81 voting for the act  
and 19 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French				X
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle				X
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahnetah	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Mike Parker	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Jim Owle	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Michael Stamper	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

  
ENGLISH CLERK

  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (✓) VETOED ( )

VETO UPHELD ( ) VETO DENIED ( )

DATE: 12-12-23

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED ( )

KILLED ( )

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and  
has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ( )

OMITTED ( )