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Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina
DEC 05 2023

Date

Resolution No. 44 (2023)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources (NR) Program is responsible for protecting, preserving, and enhancing natural resources for the benefit of the Cherokee community; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Program has been tasked with creating a Forestry Program to provide forest management activities on Tribal lands to support economic, ecological, and cultural values; and

WHEREAS, the NR Program has worked closely with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to identify partnership and funding opportunities to support forest restoration work on Tribal lands and USFS lands to enhance the availability of culturally significant plants and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the NR Program and the USFS have entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement to provide funding to support planning efforts, forest and air monitoring, traditional knowledge sharing, forest restoration activities, and administrative support costs through one full-time position (25%) within the Natural Resources Program from FY24-28 also provides operational and contract support to accomplish forest management objectives on both Tribal and USFS lands; and

WHEREAS, the Good Neighbor Agreement also provides operational and contract support to accomplish forest management objectives on both Tribal and USFS lands; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget allows for an estimated \$107,260 in personnel expenses; and

WHEREAS, a grant match is required in the estimated amount of \$85,392 over the grant period.

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 Natural Resources Program be authorized to apply, participate in, and accept USDA- Forest Service funding in the estimated amount of \$1,050,000 for fiscal years 2024-2028 for a total estimated project cost of \$1,135,392.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the EBCI will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$85,392 through in-kind; and

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Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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 Natural Resources Program

The attached Resolution/Ordinance 44 dated DECEMBER 5, 2023 was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

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 ()