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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SUBMIT A WATERSMART: APPLIED SCIENCE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

- 1. WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has a funding program entitled "WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants" and pursuant to this program, the BOR makes funds available for development or improvement of hydrological information, water management tools, modeling and forecasting capabilities; and
- 2. WHEREAS, the NUA wishes to apply for Applied Science funds to cover a portion of the cost of the Lake Thunderbird Predictive Level Optimization Tool (PLOT) project by the deadline of April 21, 2021; and
- 3. WHEREAS, the BOR has directed applicants to include in the application an official resolution adopted by the applicant's board of directors or governing body and permitted submission up to 30 days after the application deadline of April 21, 2021; and
- 4. WHEREAS, the official resolution verifies 1) the identity of the official with legal authority to enter into an agreement; 2) the board of directors, governing body, or appropriate official who has reviewed and supports the application submitted; 3) the capability of the applicant to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan; and 4) that the application will work with the BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The NUA hereby finds that it is in the City of Norman's and public's interest in health, safety and welfare of the community to file the Financial Assistance Application with the BOR to seek funds made available under the WaterSMART: Applied Science Grant and the NUA to enter into a cooperative agreement with the BOR to seek such available funds.

SECTION 2. The NUA understands and supports the application that will be submitted and finds:

(a) The NUA has legal authority to enter into an agreement with BOR to receive a grant; and the NUA is able to provide the minimum 50% non-federal cost share specified in the funding plan for this application.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. The NUA hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager or his designee, the Director of Utilities, to:

- (a) file and sign, for and on behalf of the NUA, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from BOR for the Lake Thunderbird Predictive Level Optimization Tool (PLOT) project;
- (b) provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application including executing a financial assistance agreement from the BOR and any amendments or changes thereto; and



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(c) represent the NUA in carrying out the NUA's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the NUA and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
SECTION 4. The NUA will work with BOR to meet established deadlines required for entering into a cooperative agreement to obtain the aforementioned grant funding.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Norman Utilities Authority this day of April, 2021.
Breea Clark, Chairman
ATTEST:
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Brenda Hall, Secretary