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BC Resolution # 05-12-21-E

Approval of Use of Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund for Cemetery Improvements, CIP 14-002

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund was created by resolutions # BC-09-28-16-B, BC-07-12-17-A and BC-01-23-19-D, and the procedures for use of the fund set forth in resolution # BC-12-12-18-B and BC-01-23-19-C, *Updating and Clarifying Access to the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund As Amended*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has set aside land for use as a cemetery for members and their families which is governed by the Cemetery Law, Chapter 127; and
- WHEREAS,** the land set-aside for the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds has been identified as having a high water table and other geological formations consistent with the Oneida Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** there have been Capital Improvement Projects implemented to address the issue through site grading and groundwater management systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the Capital Improvement Project has been implemented in phases to address the immediate needs and develop a long-term proposal to manage the groundwater issues in this area; and
- WHEREAS,** the current Capital Improvement Project, Phase IV, has a budget estimate of \$237,000 set-aside, with approximately \$164,000 remaining unobligated; and
- WHEREAS,** the final estimate to conclude this portion of the Capital Improvement Project which will result in rendering the site suitable to continue to operate as the Oneida Sacred Burial Grounds requires an additional \$72,800 to complete; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund to finalize these site improvements in the best interests of the members and their families to provide a suitable resting place for those members who have passed on; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee does approve the allocation of \$73,000 from the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund for the purposes of Capital Improvement Project # 14-002; identifies Paul Witek, as the responsible party for expenditure of these funds; and finally, all unexpended funds at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2021 shall be returned to the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Fund.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee authorizes this exception to the Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development fund approval processes requiring the recommendation of the Community and Economic Development Division Director until such time updated processes can be presented.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of May, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 1 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."