

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

CERTIFIED MOTION # 042315-01

Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
FY 2015 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Climate Change Forestry Project

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak, known in English as Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Tribe has established a Natural Resources Department and a Natural Resources Commission whose purpose is to provide oversight and regulation of utilization of natural resources within the LTBB's jurisdiction and to provide community input in development and fulfillment of project objectives at regularly scheduled meetings of the Natural Resource Commission;
- WHEREAS** the Natural Resource Department mission statement is to "*wisely utilize our natural resources in order to promote, honor and respect our traditional, spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters. We will implement management strategies that protect our resources on, above, below and within the land and waters for the future benefit of our Tribe;*"
- WHEREAS** LTBB has completed the "Ziibimijwang Forest Management Plan" to protect the land and forest, maintain and improve cultural value, maintain and improve wildlife value, and improve forest health at the Tribal Farm located at Carp Lake;
- WHEREAS** the Natural Resource Department has been tasked with implementation of the forest management plan;



WHEREAS the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) supports agriculture and environmental quality;

WHEREAS each state annually establishes priorities for the EQIP program and the State of Michigan has established a priority for tribal projects on agriculture lands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this request for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, FY 2015 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for a 10-year LTBB Climate Change Forestry Project.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the LTBB will provide a \$1,732 annual matching contribution through cash contributions for a total of \$17,320 over the 10-year project period.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LTBB Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, Tribal Administrator, or another designee from the Tribal Chair is authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for, receive, and administer funds under the grant.

CERTIFICATION

Received by the Executive Office on 3/30/2015 by [Signature]

The Executive concurs and recommend this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 3-30-15
[Signature]
Executive, Tribal Chair/Vice Chair

Received by the Legislative Office on 3-30-15 by [Signature]

As Tribal Council Treasurer and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Certified Motion was duly approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held April 23, 2015 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 4-24-2015
[Signature]
Marcella R. Reyes, Treasurer

Date: 4-24-15
[Signature]
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary