

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

**CERTIFIED MOTION # 030917-01**

Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
FY 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
Reed Road Crossing Improvement 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** the Natural Resource Department's Environmental Services Program provides water quality services that assess habitat conditions and conduct biological surveys and research specific to each body of water to aid in lake management and watershed plans to determine best uses and management strategies for LTBB surface waters.

**WHEREAS** the Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced FY 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds available to address

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water quality and aquatic organism passage and habitat in an effort to protect a multi-tribal fishery.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this grant application to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for a Reed Road crossing improvement project to create better water quality and aquatic organism passage and habitat within the Maple River watershed.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the LTBB Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, Direct Services 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 2/24/17 by PS

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

Date: 2/24/17

Regina Vasco Bentley

Executive, Tribal Chair/Vice Chair

Received by the Legislative Office on 2-24-17 by Legislative Leader

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 March 09, 2017 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 03-10-2017

Aaron Otto  
Aaron Otto, Legislative Leader

Date: 3-11-17

Julie Shananaquet  
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary