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BC Resolution # 07-13-22-L

Obligation for Regenerative Agriculture Consultation Assessment Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings

- 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 Oneida Nation has received Fiscal Recovery Funds (*FRF*) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (*ARPA*) funds to address matters arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has approved application of ARPA FRF through the revenue loss formula set forth in 31 CFR 35.6(d)(2) which applied these federal funds throughout the Nation's budget to governmental programs business units beginning with "42#####"; and
- WHEREAS,** the savings from the application of these funds has resulted in tribal funds being placed in the line "Tribal Contribution Savings" in the Investment Report presented in the Treasurer's Report; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that Tribal Contribution Savings funds should be used as set out in resolution # BC-06-09-21-B, as amended by resolution # BC-06-23-21-C which designates percentage allocations to eight categories (*percentages rounded*) –
- Direct Membership Assistance, 45% of funds;
 - Housing, 17% of funds;
 - Food and Agriculture, 12% of funds;
 - Education, 6% of funds;
 - Culture and Language, 10% of funds;
 - Revenue Generations, 2% of funds;
 - Government Roles and Responsibilities, 3% of funds;
 - Overall Priority – Land, Infrastructure, Sovereignty, 5% of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Regenerative Agriculture Consultation Assessment will look to perform baseline soil health assessments of our agriculture departments, including Tsyunhehkwa, the Oneida Nation Farm, and Orchard. This study will assess operations and create a multi-year recommended action plan to work to incorporate increased best practices of regenerative agriculture practices. This project will include staff training, as well as community producer training. The benefits of this project include decreasing chemicals into our food systems and ecosystems, optimizing soil health of our lands, and increasing healthy foods into our foods system; and

WHEREAS, the Project Owner for the proposed project is requesting \$280,588 obligated from the Tribal Contribution Savings, Food and Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, this project will be concluded by December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has reviewed the proposed project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee approves the obligation of funds for the Regenerative Agriculture Consultation Assessment, in the amount of \$280,588 from Tribal Contribution Savings, Food and Agriculture with Vanessa Miller, Food and Agriculture Area Manager assigned as the Project Owner.

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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13th day of July, 2022; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 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."