

RESOLUTION NO. 30-11

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION TO DOE FOR "RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY PROGRAM" UNDER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT DE-FOA-0000424

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government on behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, protection and exercise of good stewardship of tribal lands, waters and minerals is a duty and a sovereign right of the tribe;

WHEREAS, widespread application of chicken litter from poultry farming in Northeast Oklahoma and Northwest Arkansas results in run-off into waterways that run through tribal lands and adversely affect our water quality;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is working with the State of Oklahoma and the federal courts to find a solution to the problem that will protect tribal lands while maintaining jobs within the industry;

WHEREAS, the tribe seeks funds with which to determine feasibility of use of poultry litter and other biomass to generate energy;

WHEREAS, such a project has the potential to provide significant energy resources while protecting the lands and waters of the tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Council encourages and supports application by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Department of Energy for a grant to determine feasibility of energy production using poultry litter.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 11th day of April, 2011, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

Meredith A. Frailey
Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Don Garvin
Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 19th day of April, 2011.

Chadwick Smith
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight
Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program: Office of the
Attorney General

Sara Hill 3-1-11
Signature/Initial Date

Group Leader:

Signature/Initial Date

Finance (if needed):

Signature/Initial Date

Government Resources:

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

[Signature]
Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

Brittain 3/1/11
Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Resource 3/14/11

Chairperson:

Snell
Signature/Initial Date

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Act Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION TO DOE FOR
"THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS DEVELOPING RENEWABLE
ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ON TRIBAL LANDS
PROGRAM

TITLE: PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Sara Hill, Office of the Attorney General

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Diane Hammons

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Cara Cowan-Watts

NARRATIVE:

This application to the Department of Energy will be done to secure a planning grant under which a contract would be let to a provider that has high level skill and experience in order to determine the feasibility of a power plant operated on chicken litter and other biomass. The major items on which data would be gathered and analyzed for feasibility include: 1) volume of biomass needed for profitable operation; 2) transportation costs; 3) optimal location among other considerations.

The tribe would like to find a solution to the over-application of chicken litter that would benefit both local (and tribal member) producers as well as protect water resources within the Cherokee Nation. The cost is estimated at approximately \$500,000 for the study.