

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: March 10, 2009
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CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 09-15

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF TWO WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated its strong support for wind energy development through the passage of resolutions to pursue construction grant funds, engage in a wind turbine tower foundation demonstration project, and initiate a state-sponsored renewable energy fund;

WHEREAS, in the past twelve months, the City of Bethel applied for and was awarded two grants from the Alaska Energy Authority in the amounts of \$399,777 and \$2,598,320, respectively;

WHEREAS, the first grant award calls for a cash match of \$399,777, of which \$199,888 will come from the second grant award and \$199,889 will come from the City of Bethel;

WHEREAS, in Resolution #08-03, the City of Bethel agreed to provide a cash match up to \$250,000 for a grant-funded project that would pay for the purchase, installation, operation, and maintenance of one or more commercial wind turbines;

WHEREAS, an City in-kind cost will be incurred to construct sand pads for each wind turbine;

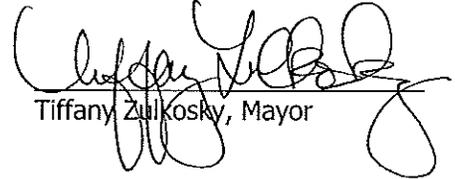
WHEREAS, per City of Bethel Resolution #08-23, the City intends to establish an energy enterprise fund and provide a direct public benefit by allocating a portion of the revenues over expenses achieved each year from the energy enterprise fund to the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, thereby subsidizing the City's cost to deliver water and sewer services;

WHEREAS, both grants will fund the *Bethel Wind Power Project Times 4*, that includes the purchase, transportation, installation, and commissioning of four 100 kW wind turbines and training on how to operate and maintain them;

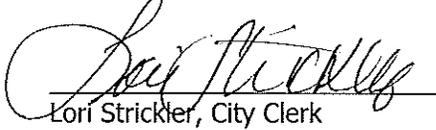
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council hereby accepts and approves the two grant awards funding the *Bethel Wind Power Project Times 4* from the Alaska Energy Authority and agrees to abide by the terms of the grant agreements.

ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 2009 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.


Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk