

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN EMERGENCY MINERAL ROYALTES GRANT THROUGH THE WYOMING STATE LAND INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF RAWLINS, WYOMING, WATER SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rawlins experienced catastrophic failure of its water service delivery system on March 3, 2022. This water service delivery system serves both the City of Rawlins and Town of Sinclair; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of such catastrophic failure, the City of Rawlins, as well as Town of Sinclair began, and continues as of the date of this resolution, operating without any potable water within the water service delivery system. At one point, the City was supplying potable water to only forty percent (40%) of the homes and businesses in Rawlins, and no water at all was being supplied to the rest of the homes and businesses within the City. This lack of potable water resulted in closures of most businesses, especially restaurants and hotels, the cancellation of school for a period of time, and the closure of county offices for a period of time. A water boil advisory notice was imposed and implemented on March 3, which is still in effect as of the date of this resolution; the exact date when this water boil advisory will be lifted is unknown as it is contingent on water testing results, which testing is underway. The only safe potable water available is being dispensed through an emergency distribution center to all residents and consists of bottled water and well water from spickets located at the Carbon County Fairgrounds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lack of water, both potable and non-potable, is putting at risk the health, safety, and welfare of not only the residents and livestock, which is present within the Glenn Addition to the City, but also leaves the City of Rawlins vulnerable to fire danger without adequate resources to extinguish a fire; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rawlins strategic planning process has identified the need to invest in infrastructure of the water service delivery system that supplies the City of Rawlins and the Town of Sinclair by repairing and replacing the water service delivery system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rawlins recognizes the need to replace the wood staves lines and spring boxes in the Sage Creek Basin water delivery service system, which pipeline is leaking in multiple areas, losing water, and allowing contaminants into the water delivery service system, and the City of Rawlins has been budgeting and allocating funds to address these issues since the current City Council became aware of the problems that exist; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the current City Council became aware of the problems that exist it has taken the following actions to try to address the problems: (1) On September 28, 2021: Transferred \$812,019.05 from the General Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund as an interfund loan, to be used for water service delivery system repairs and maintenance; (2) On September 28, 2021: Designated \$737,980.05 of the City's ARPA first round funding to the Water Enterprise Fund to be used for water service delivery system repairs and maintenance; (3) On February 15, 2022: Authorized the transfer of \$1,252,292 million in Impact Assistance Funding received, primarily from the Chokecherry Wind Project, to be used for water service delivery system repairs and maintenance; the City has undertaken repairs of the water service delivery system in less than ideal winter conditions in the Sage Creek Basin area, which is located 32 miles south of Rawlins in the mountains, as well as along the transmission line to Rawlins; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rawlins seeks assistance in order to pay for a portion of the costs of the wood staves lines and spring boxes replacement, repairing the 20 mile transmission pipeline and blowoff valves, and provide cathodic protection in the pipelines in order to have a safe, reliable, operable water service delivery system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Land Investment Board requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the application governing the water service delivery grant, and to the best of the knowledge of the City of Rawlins, this application meets the criteria; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rawlins agrees to work in cooperation through an agreement with the State Land Investment Board to meet established deadlines for the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RAWLINS, WYOMING**, that an application be submitted by the City of Rawlins for an Emergency Mineral Royalties Grant through the Wyoming State Land Investment Board in the amount of Seven Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$7,797,708.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RAWLINS, WYOMING**, that Mayor Terry L. Weickum, as the chief elected official, is authorized to execute all documents relating to this grant application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RAWLINS, WYOMING,** that Shawn Metcalf, City Manager, is hereby designated to act as the authorized representatives on matters relating to this grant application.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

CITY OF RAWLINS, a Wyoming  
Municipal Corporation

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Terry L. Weickum, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lynn M. Shearer, City Clerk