

RESOLUTION REGARDING MBE PARTICIPATION

Whereas the Tiverton Wastewater District (TWWD) obtained a loan and a grant from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help fund its Phase 1 Sewer Extension project, and the USDA did not at the time require Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation as a condition of such assistance; and

Whereas TWWD more recently had to pursue supplemental funding for the Phase 1 project due to unanticipated delays and cost increases, and applied to the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for a State Revolving Fund grant under Section 19 of the Federal Clean Act, as well as to the RI Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) for an interim financing loan; and

Whereas RIDEM and RIIB have informed TWWD that the project is eligible for this financial assistance, but is subject to the 10% MBE participation requirement; and

Whereas TWWD and its contractors are unable to meet the requirement at the current (final) stage of the project, because the project was fully designed, engineered, and contracted several years ago; and TWWD for that reason has requested a waiver from the MBE Participation Office of Compliance so it can continue construction of the project; and

Whereas TWWD has conveyed its support for the MBE program and affirmative interest in complying with the MBE requirements in the case of future phases of its sewer expansion project; and the MBE Participation Office of Compliance has indicated it is willing to take this into consideration;

Now, therefore, the TWWD Board of Directors hereby resolves:

that TWWD is committed to complying with the MBE participation requirement in the case of future projects that are funded with Federal or State financial assistance; and more generally to encouraging minority participation in its projects and operations.

A signed copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the MBE Participation Office.

I certify that this Resolution was voted on and approved at the March 27, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting of the TWWD Board of Directors.



Leroy Kendricks
TWWD Board Chairman