

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-87**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING
A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND
APPLICATION FROM THE KOTZEBUE
ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION TO FUND
KOTZEBUE 100% RENEWABLE POWER –
DESIGN AND PERMITTING PHASE, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: under Section 11.08.010 of the Borough Code, the Borough Village Improvement Commission was established to identify village service and capital improvement needs, plan and implement capital improvement and public service programs, and oversee investment of the Borough’s Village Improvement Fund (VIF); and

WHEREAS: under Section 11.08.020 of the Borough Code, the Commission is responsible for advising the Borough Administration with respect to working with village residents, Borough communities, and village utilities to identify projects and programs for recommended funding; and

WHEREAS: on November 10, 2020, the Village Improvement Commission passed Commission Resolution 20-19, approving and recommending six applications for final approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly including an application from the Kotzebue Electric Association (KEA) in the amount of \$475,000 to fund the Kotzebue 100% Renewable Power – Design and Permitting Phase project; and

WHEREAS: it is KEA’s five-year goal to provide 50% of Kotzebue’s annual electricity needs from renewable energy, and doing so will cut imported diesel for electrical use in half, stabilize electric power costs, and enable community stove-oil savings; and

WHEREAS: to meet its five-year goal, KEA will need to install more wind and solar power along with a larger energy storage system to allow Kotzebue to run on 100% renewable power and turn off diesel generators; and

WHEREAS: KEA intends to use the requested funds to produce “shovel-ready,” permitted construction drawings and specifications to be

used to apply for funding or financing to procure and construct wind turbines and an energy storage system; and


WHEREAS: KEA will also contribute \$50,000, approximately \$25,000 of which will be contributed through KEA staff time managing the project over a 12-month timeframe, and approximately \$25,000 of which will be contributed through in-kind support with housing, equipment, and local transportation for engineers and technicians; and

WHEREAS: the proposed use of funds meets the VIF eligibility requirements, will benefit the community as a whole, and has been established as a priority; and

WHEREAS: the Assembly wishes to approve the VIF application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY: Kotzebue Electric Association's application in the amount of \$475,000 to fund the Kotzebue 100% Renewable Power – Design and Permitting Phase project is approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

