

**Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EVA CREEK WIND PROJECT AND REQUESTING A CAPITAL APPROPRIATION AND STATE ASSISTANCE IN LAND RIGHTS AND PERMITTING**

WHEREAS, the State has established a goal of achieving 50 percent of Alaska's energy needs from renewable sources by 2025; and

WHEREAS, renewable resource development can be vital to the economy of Fairbanks and the Interior of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association proposes to build a utility-scale 24MW wind farm, called Eva Creek, north of Healy Alaska in the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Eva Creek Wind Project will be capable of producing electric energy to meet approximately 10% of the renewable energy needs of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Eva Creek Wind Project is proposed to be strategically located on land owned by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association's Northern Intertie transmission line crosses through a portion of this land and will connect the Eva Creek wind project to the Railbelt grid; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association is seeking a \$10 million capital appropriation for a portion of the infrastructure costs, similar to the funds appropriated to AEA for CIRI's Fire Island Wind project; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association must secure various land rights from the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, including a land lease, material sales contract, and various rights-of way and permits for the wind project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the Golden Valley Electric Association Eva Creek wind project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce encourages the State of Alaska and specifically the Department of Natural Resources to work expeditiously with Golden Valley Electric Association in securing land rights and permitting for the Eva Creek wind project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce asks Governor Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature to support Golden Valley Electric Association's Eva Creek wind project by appropriating \$10 million of capital funds to the project and by encouraging the Administration and State Officials to provide the resources necessary to aid in securing land rights and permitting in a timely manner.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to:

Governor Sean Parnell

Interior Legislative Delegation:

Senators Thomas, Paskvan, and Coghill

Representatives: Thompson, Miller, Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Wilson, and Feige

Acting Commissioner John Cramer, Administration

Commissioner Susan Bell, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Commissioner Larry Hartig, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Commissioner Click Bishop, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Commissioner Daniel Sullivan, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner Bryan Butcher, Alaska Department of Revenue

Commissioner Marc Luiken, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Alaska Attorney General, John Burns