



# *Jena Band of Choctaw Indians*

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

JBC 2024- 0821

**WHEREAS**, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a sovereign federally recognized Indian tribe, Acknowledged as a Sovereign Indian Nation by the United States Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (the "Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (the "Tribe"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Tribal Constitution to act and exercise Tribal Authority on behalf of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has the duly authorized right to promote self-government on the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Lands;


**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2007, pursuant to the authorities granted by the Reorganization Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior proclaimed all lands held in trust by the United States of America to be the initial reservation of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was notified by CableSouth Media III, LLC dba SyftConnect ("CSM") of CSM's intent to submit a bid through the Louisiana BEAD Program to construct and operate an underground fiber network on Tribal Lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council supports and consents to CSM's proposed plan to construct and operate a fiber network on Tribal Lands, and should CSM be successful in its bid, the Tribe will work with CSM on the planning, routing, and construction of the network to mutually agree upon the fiber network within JBCI Tribal Lands and assist in expediting the permitting process in order to prevent any construction or operational delays.

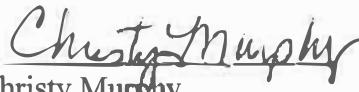
## CERTIFICATION

The stated resolution was enacted and adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal Council, with a quorum present; the vote was 4 (for), 0 (against), and 1 (absent).

  
Libby Rogers

  
Lacy McGuffee

  
Christine Norris

  
Christy Murphy

Absent  
Jessica Chelette

**TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA TRIBAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. TBN-R-2024-53**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA (i) CONSENTING  
TO CABLESOUTH MEDIA LLC (DBA, SWYFTCONNECT)'S PROPOSAL TO  
CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A FIBER NETWORK ON TRIBAL LANDS, (ii)  
PRESERVING THE TRIBE'S RIGHT TO UTILIZE GRANT FUNDING, AND (iii)  
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING THE TRIBE OF CULTURAL  
ARTIFACT DISCOVERY**

**WHEREAS**, the Tunica- Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana ("Tribe") is a sovereign and federally recognized Indian tribe, acknowledged as a Sovereign Indian Nation by the United States Government, with the inherent sovereign authority over its lands;

**WHEREAS**, the Tunica- Biloxi Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the duly elected governing body of the Tribe, as authorized by Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Tunica- Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana ("Tribal Constitution");

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is empowered and authorized by the Tribal Constitution to act and exercise Tribal Authority on behalf of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has the duly authorized right to promote self-government on the Tunica- Biloxi Reservation and Tribal Lands;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has the authority and responsibility to act on behalf of Tunica- Biloxi members regarding their general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, the jurisdiction of the Tribe shall extend, to the fullest extent possible under Federal law, to all land now owned by the Tribe, and any land acquired by the Tribe, whether held in trust or in fee status as set forth in Article III, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Tunica- Biloxi Reservation and Tribal lands are subject to the Tribal Laws and customs and, where applicable, Federal law, and the laws of the State of Louisiana shall be applicable only in instances where the Tribal Council has expressly incorporated and adopted Louisiana Law pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Tribal Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Tribal Constitution to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has submitted a complete application for tribal broadband connectivity and infrastructure development grant funding to improve the health and welfare of Tribal members and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was notified by CableSouth Media LLC dba SwyftConnect ("CSM") of CSM's intention submit a bid through the Louisiana BEAD Program to construct and operate an underground fiber network on Tribal lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby supports and consents to CSM's proposed plan to construct and operate a fiber network on Tribal lands ("CSM's Project"), subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Project Collaboration. Should CSM be successful in its bid, the Tribe will retain ownership and will ensure open access of the fiber network or broadband connectivity and infrastructure development project. The Tribe reserves the right to charge tax associated with the network's use or operation. The Tribe will work collaboratively with CSM on the planning, routing, and construction of the network. Additionally, the Tribe will assist in the permitting process to prevent any construction or operational delays. The network may be used at the Tribe's discretion to support fiber network or broadband connectivity and infrastructure development or other related initiatives.
2. Grant Funding Utilization. The Tribe has previously submitted a complete application for tribal broadband connectivity and infrastructure development grant funding. The Tribe reserves the right to utilize any grant funding that may be awarded in connection with the fiber network or broadband connectivity and infrastructure development project, which may be used at the Tribe's discretion to support fiber network or broadband connectivity and infrastructure development or other related initiatives.
3. Right to Withdraw and Terminate. In the event the Tribe successfully receives a grant funding award for tribal broadband connectivity and infrastructure development prior to the commencement on construction activities by CSM, the Tribe may terminate its participation and withdraw its consent in the CSM's Project by providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CSM, without any penalty or further obligation.
4. Notices. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications shall be in writing and be delivered by email or certified or registered mail.

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5. Compliance with Laws. CSM agrees to comply with any and all applicable Tribal laws, regulations, policies, and permits as well as applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and permits in the execution of the project. CSM acknowledges and agrees to comply with the Tribe's Archaeological and Historic Resources Code as well as any other applicable Tribal law.
6. Cultural Artifact Discovery Procedure. In the event that CSM or its contractors discover any cultural artifacts or heritage sites during the course of construction, CSM must immediately cease work in the affected area. CSM shall notify the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer ("THPO"), or designee, not less than twenty-four (24) hours after any such discovery. A meeting shall be convened within a reasonable time after discovery between CSM representatives and the THPO, or designee, to determine appropriate steps, which may include site assessment, documentation, and consultation.
7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Tribe as evidenced by the certification and signature of the Chairman and Secretary.

*(Certification on next page)*

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe, certify the Tribal Council is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 5, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noted, convened, and held this 21st day of November 2024; and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 members in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 21st day of November 2024.

  
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Marshall Pierite, Chairman; or  
Marshall R. Sampson Sr., Vice-Chairman

  
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Beverly C. Rachal, Secretary-Treasurer





**CHITIMACHA**

TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

**CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION**

**CHI-TC # 134-24**

**WHEREAS**, the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana is a Native American Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chitimacha Tribe is a sovereign Indian Nation, and recognized as such by the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chitimacha Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Chitimacha Tribe, as authorized by Article V, Section I of the Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the people of the Chitimacha Tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council, as the governing body of the Chitimacha Tribe, has the authority and responsibility of providing for the health, education, welfare and safety of the Chitimacha People; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has identified access to affordable broadband as a priority for Chitimacha tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was notified by CableSouth Media, LLC, dba SwyftConnect ("CSM") of CSM's intention to submit a bid through the Louisiana BEAD Program to construct and operate an underground fiber network on Tribal Lands.

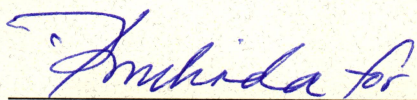
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chitimacha Tribal Council hereby supports and consents to CSM's submitting a bid to construct and operate a fiber network on Chitimacha Tribal lands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Chitimacha Tribal Council hereby agrees, in the event that CSM's bid is successful and upon execution of an agreement duly reviewed and approved by legal counsel, to work with CSM on the planning, routing, and construction of the network, including assisting in the permitting process as appropriate in order to prevent construction or operational delays.

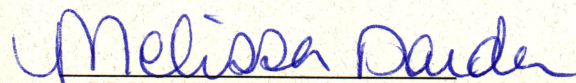
**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Chitimacha Tribal Council, certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 5 members of whom 5 were present for an e-mail poll held this 12th day of December, 2024, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members for, 0 members against, 0 members abstaining; pursuant to the authority contained under Article VII, Section I of our Tribal Constitution and Bylaws approved January 14, 1971.

**ATTEST:**

  
Kimberly Walden, Secretary-Treasurer

**APPROVED:**

  
Melissa Darden, Chairman