RESOLUTION NO. 2023-003

A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of a Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) administers a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and offers integrated management plan grants under the Missouri Clean Water Law (Chapter 644, RSMo.); and,

WHEREAS, Clean Water Regionalization Incentive Grants are intended to incentivize connections that reduce the number of small, struggling facilities through regionalization, and, thus, this grant will fund 100 percent of all eligible costs (planning, designing, and constructing the sewer connection); and,

WHEREAS, MDNR is requiring the City of Diamond to eliminate its wastewater lagoon for various reasons, the replacement cost of which would be exorbitant for residents of Diamond; and,

WHEREAS, officials from the City of Diamond have recently approached Joplin city officials to discuss jointly applying for the Regionalization Incentive grant; and,

WHEREAS, the future risk to Joplin would be minimal if connection were to be made, since risk would be managed via an intermunicipal agreement between Joplin and Diamond, which would set forth the responsibilities of both parties, including ownership, maintenance, sewer billing, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager of the City of Joplin, Missouri, or his designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit documents which are necessary in applying for the Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this ___ day of _____ 2023, by a vote of _____

Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney