



**City of Conway, Arkansas**  
**Resolution No. R-23-43**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY TO UTILIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC WORKS/ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR OFF-SITE WATER IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF CONWAY INDUSTRIAL SITE**

**Whereas**, the Economic Development Administration provides funding for public works in communities that have experienced economic distress; and

**Whereas**, the City of Conway has experienced a loss of over 625 manufacturing jobs since 2019 with the closure of Kimberly-Clark and other facilities; and

**Whereas**, Westrock Beverage Company, LLC will invest or cause to be invested \$370 million in construction of manufacturing and distribution facilities, eventually providing 700 jobs that will more than replace recently lost manufacturing jobs; and

**Whereas**, other manufacturing and industrial concerns have expressed interest in development facilities in Conway; and

**Whereas**, substantial expensive upgrades of electricity, water and sewer will be required to accommodate operations of Westrock and other anticipated manufacturing and industrial concerns; and

**Whereas**, Conway Corp operates utilities for the City of Conway and will provide match for the grant; and

**Whereas**, Economic Development Administration funding will enable the full investment to be made without overburdening Conway Corp utility customers with the cost of major upgrades to the system.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** The City of Conway will partner with Conway Corp in making application for Economic Development Administration Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance funds for the project.

**Section 2.** The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute all agreements and contracts regarding this project.

**Section 3.** All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**PASSED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**Approved:**

  
**Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Attest:**

  
**Michael O. Garrett**  
**City Clerk/Treasurer**