

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage all economic enterprises of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** Luff Exploration Company has recently approached the Tribes with an offer from the owner of a particular producing oil well for the sale of the well which is located within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Luff Exploration has approached the Tribes additionally in the capacity as operator of the well with a concomitant offer of its own to transfer to the Tribes well operations, in conjunction with the potential sale of the well to the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** In an effort to achieve the capacity to make an informed decision on behalf of the Tribes, in lieu of summarily accepting the excessively appealing purchase price of \$5,000.00, the Tribal Business Council sought from the Mining and Minerals Specialist of the Tribe's Natural Resources Department an analysis of research on geological, economic and historical data and other information relevant to the production and operation of the well; and
- WHEREAS,** Having reviewed and discussed the requested analysis presented to the Council by the Mining and Minerals Specialist of the Tribes, the Tribal Business Council has made the informed decision on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes that it would be in the best interests of the Tribes to purchase the producing oil well at issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes and directs that payment be made in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as and for the purchase price of the producing oil well and all related equipment installed at the location upon execution of the requisite documents, which well is described as follows: Drags Wolf #1, NW/4 SW/4 Section 27, T152N, R94W, McKenzie County, North Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby accepts and authorizes the transfer of operations of the above-described producing oil well from Luff Exploration Company to the Three Affiliated Tribes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council to execute on behalf of the Tribes all documents required to perfect the transfer of title to the above-described oil well and all related equipment installed at the location and to transfer well operations.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8th day of June, 2000; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 1 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2000.

Dayton Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council