



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

A Resolution entitled, "Missouri River Trail Development Task Force"

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Kent Conrad has encouraged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a Lewis & Clark Nature Trail along the original path taken by the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1805 in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kent Conrad has supported the development of a Task Force to engage in planning and discussion on the development of a world class nature based trail along the Missouri River in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Missouri River nature based trail traverses the Fort Berthold Reservation providing the Three Affiliated Tribes with an opportunity for development of biking, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, and other nature based trails; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kent Conrad's office is encouraging participation of the Three Affiliated Tribes in the planning of the Missouri River trail system; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby designates Scott Eagle and Amy Mossett of the Tourism and Independence Center, and Paul Danks and Fred Fox of the Natural Resources GIS Division to serve as the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara representatives on Senator Conrad's Missouri River Nature Trail Development Task Force.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3403

April 25, 2002

Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers
Commander and Chief of Engineers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Lieutenant General Flowers:

I encourage the Corps of Engineers to develop a Lewis & Clark Nature Trail along the original path taken by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804-05 in North Dakota.

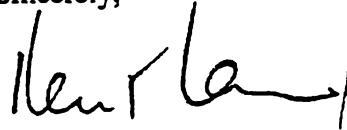
The entire Missouri River Corridor in North Dakota holds remarkable potential for hiking, birding, biking, backpacking, winter camping, photography, cross country skiing, and the study of unique flora and fauna first recorded by Lewis and Clark. In addition, North Dakotans feel a very special connection to the approaching Lewis and Clark Bicentennial because of the extensive amount of time these famous explorers spent along the Missouri River corridor in our state. After two hundred years, much of the natural beauty of the Missouri River within North Dakota remains intact for visitors to enjoy.

In my view, a nature trail would be an important first step in providing increased public access along the corridor and would significantly add to the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages. Also, it would provide an excellent way to celebrate the cultural heritage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota. I believe such a nature trail would be low-cost, low-impact, and would gain the strong support of stakeholders in the area.

I am encouraged that we are able to work together so effectively on other priorities for the people of North Dakota and look forward to continuing to work with you closely as you develop a response to this request. Please feel free to contact Zabyn Towner at (202) 224-2043 or Mylo Candee at (701) 258-4648 of my staff at any time to discuss this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



KENT CONRAD
United States Senate

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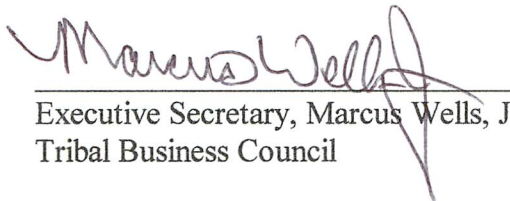


CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8 day of August, 2002, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

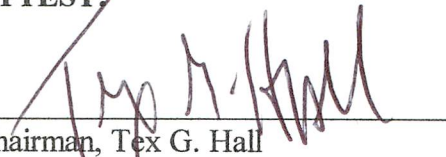
Chairman [] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 8 day of August, 2002.



Executive Secretary, Marcus Wells, Jr.
Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tex G. Hall
Tribal Business Council