

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

A Resolution Entitled: "Approval of Negotiations for the Construction of the Twin Buttes Replacement School."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and
- **WHEREAS,** Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe and the Twin Buttes School were successful in securing a congressional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000,000 under the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program for the construction of a new elementary school in Twin Buttes as set out Public Law 108-447, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Law 108-108, which established the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program, the Tribe is required to commit a tribal match of 50 percent of the costs of construction of the new school and the Tribal Business Council has committed to providing the tribal match; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council enacted Resolution No. 03-205-RP which "mandates that all Tribal Programs and Tribal entities shall give the right of first refusal for the work on any project funded by Tribal or Tribal entity dollars and/or PL 93-638 funds to a Tribally-owned contracting firm qualified to perform the work on the project"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has considered two tribally owned contracting firms in Fort Berthold Development Corporation and Twin Buttes Custom Homes to

sole arbitrator. When two (2) arbitrators have been appointed as hereinabove provided, they shall, if possible, agree on a third arbitrator who shall be appointed by written notice signed by both of them within thirty (30) days thereafter with a copy mailed to each party hereto within ten (10) days after such appointment; provided that if the two arbitrators cannot agree upon a third, they shall apply to the AAA for such appointment.

No arbitrator shall be related to or affiliated with, or shall have represented in a legal capacity any party hereto. The arbitrators shall apply the governing law specified in Section 8.25, and shall follow such rules of discovery and evidence as the United States District Court for the State of North Dakota would apply. Within sixty (60) days of commencement of the arbitration actions, and after receiving evidence and hearing witnesses, if any, the arbitrators shall render their award, accompanied by findings of fact and a statement of reasons for the decision. The arbitrators shall have the authority to award in connection with a Financing Dispute any remedy or relief that a court or competent jurisdiction could order or grant, including, without limitation, equitable remedies, specific performance of any obligation created under this Loan Agreement, the issuance of an injunction. The award of the majority of the arbitrators shall be conclusive and binding upon the parties. Any award rendered therein may be entered in and/or enforced in Tribal Court, or if such court shall not have jurisdiction or shall otherwise fail to timely act in the United States District Court of the State of North Dakota (or any federal appellate court), or if such Court shall not have jurisdiction or shall otherwise fail to timely act, in any other court of competent jurisdiction. Any review of the arbitration decision and award shall be limited to enforcement of the decision and award and the findings of the arbitrator(s) shall not be relitigated. The parties further acknowledge and agree that any party may apply to the Tribal Court of the Tribe in the first instance and, after seeking relief from such Tribal Court, to the United States District Court for the State of North Dakota, and seek injunctive relief so as to maintain the status quo until such time as the arbitration award is rendered or the controversy is otherwise resolved. Each of the parties hereby agrees that this arbitration provision is valid and enforceable and therefore waives any defense or assertion to the contrary.

EXHIBIT A

CERTAIN LEGAL PROVISIONS

- Governing Law and Construction. The Loan Documents applicable to the 0.1. Tribe shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the Tribe, provided that in the absence of applicable Tribal law, the substantive laws of the State of North Dakota and applicable federal law shall govern. Whenever possible, each provision of the Loan Documents. and any other statement, instrument or transaction contemplated hereby or thereby or relating hereto or thereto shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under such applicable law, but, if any provision of the Loan Documents or any other statement, instrument or transaction contemplated hereby or thereby or relating hereto or thereto shall be held to be prohibited or invalid under such applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of the Loan Documents or any other statement, instrument or transaction contemplated hereby or thereby or relating hereto or thereto. The parties shall endeavor in goodfaith negotiations to replace any invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with a valid provision the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision. The provisions of this Section are irrevocable and may not be rescinded, revoked or amended without the prior written consent of the Lender. The Tribe acknowledges the Lender has relied upon them in entering into the Loan Documents.
- **0.2.** <u>Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity</u>. Nothing in this Loan Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity from suit, except to the extent that the Tribe hereby provides a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity and consents to be sued should an action be commenced to determine and enforce the obligations of the parties under any Loan Documents; and provided further that the Tribe's consent to suit is only as to arbitration and to court action initiated consistent with the Loan Documents, and provided further, provided that no recourse for the enforcement of remedies for a breach of the Note or this Loan Agreement shall be available except as against Assignment Payments. The Tribe expressly submits to the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of The Three Affiliated the Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation in the first instance and, after seeking relief in such Tribal Court, to the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, in connection with any injunctive relief sought prior to arbitration, or to give effect to any relief ordered or award obtained in any arbitration proceeding.
- **Q. 3.** Arbitration. Any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Loan Agreement or any Loan Document, or the breach thereof, or the making of this Loan Agreement or any Loan Document, including claims of fraud in the inducement (hereinafter referred to as the "Financing Disputes"), shall be settled by arbitration under the rules of commercial arbitration of the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") and Title 9 of the U.S. Code, as modified by this Section.

Any party may, by written notice to the other parties after such a controversy has arisen hereunder, appoint one arbitrator. The other parties to the controversy shall, by written notice, within twenty (20) days after the receipt of such notice by the first party, appoint a second arbitrator, and in default of such appointment the first arbitrator appointed shall be the

perform the construction work required to construct the Twin Buttes Replacement School; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has had drafted a Request for Proposal upon which the tribal companies will be guided in their negotiations with the Tribal Business Council; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to approve the Request for Proposal and move forward with construction of the Twin Buttes Replacement School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the Request for Proposal and General Conditions of the contract for construction of the Twin Buttes Replacement School and requests and authorized the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council to negotiate with FBDC and TBCH concerning the construction of the Twin Buttes Replacement School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that construction of the Twin Buttes Replacement School shall be in accordance of the terms and conditions of P.L 93-638 for construction of the school and in accordance with tribal, state and federal building codes, laws, applicable to the construction of the school; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes Chairman Tex G. Hall to negotiate in good faith with the Tribe's construction entities in accordance with Resolution No. 03-205-RP for a period of thirty (30) days as required in said Resolution and if no contract can be negotiated within said time the Project shall be put out for competitive bids.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Forth Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, $\underline{\omega}$ were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the $\underline{23}$ day of November 2005; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of $\underline{\omega}$ members, $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ members opposed, $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ members abstained, $\underline{\mathcal{O}}$ members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [Yvoting. [] not voting.

Dated this 23 day of November 2005.

Secretary, Nathan Hale Tribal Business Council Chairman, Tex G. Hall Tribal Business Council