

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

# A Resolution entitled; "Marathon Oil Company Lease Agreement with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation."

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

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- 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 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., Subsection (a) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council to manage all economic affairs; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3., of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council to Lease Tribal Land; and
- WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Company of Dickinson, Post Office Box 1368, 3225 Highway 22 North, North Dakota, 58602-1368; have duly presented a Offer to Lease the Tribal Acreage for the development of Oil and Gas within the Exterior Boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Terms to such lease five year lease are from the Period of March 8, 2007 thru March 7, 2012 which state the following:

"A Lease bonus of One Hundred (\$100.00) per net mineral acre for a five (5) year term lease and for so long thereafter oil and gas production occurs, along with a royalty of eighteen (18.00%) and Two Dollars (\$2.00) per net mineral annual rentals."

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes in accordance with the power vested in it by Article VI, Section 5., Subsection (a); of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby duly approves an Oil & Gas Lease with Marathon Oil Company; within the lands described below:

## Offer to Lease

T151N-R93W Section 4: Lots 3 (40.58), 4(40.71), S/2NW/4 T151N-R93W Section 6: Part of the W/2 (92.830 tract acres) T152N-R93W Section 29: N/2 SE/4 (480 tract acres) T152N-R93W Section 32: Part of the N/2 and part of the SW/4 (270.660 tract acres) Mountrail County, North Dakota **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes the Chairman and Secretary to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Oil & Gas Lease; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that in accordance with Article IX, Section 3 of the Constitution this transaction shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Interior or his authorized representative.

### 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, <u>7</u> were present at a <u>Special Meeting</u> thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the <u>8th day of March, 2007</u>; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>4</u> members, opposed <u>3</u>, members abstained <u>0</u>, members not voting <u>0</u>, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2007.

Chairman voting [X] yes [] no

Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Chairman Tribal Business Council