



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

A Resolution Entitled: *Authorization for Application to Native Voices Endowment for The Arikara Language Revitalization Project*

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, Article VI, Section (j) of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes continue to speak three separate and distinct Tribal Languages of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara; and

WHEREAS, The Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Legacy was created within the Endangered Language Fund for the purpose of revitalizing and perpetuating aboriginal languages of the American Indian Nations whose ancestors encountered the 1803-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition and will make grant awards up to \$25,000 for eligible recipients including tribal members tribal government language programs, community language programs and tribal schools and colleges, and

WHEREAS, The researcher, Susan Paulson; staWisaaNAhkata' is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and



WHEREAS, Susan Paulson is currently teaching the Arikara Language at the Fort Berthold Community College and is interested in preserving and revitalizing the Arikara Language for Arikara Members; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson recently participated on a panel at the “Arikara Language Summit” conducted in the White Shield Community which is a predominantly Arikara community, at which time she agreed to assist the White Shield Community, White Shield School, and the Arikara Community living in other districts especially Parshall, Four Bears, and New Town; to do whatever possible to provide opportunities for the language to be learned; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson has the goal to develop the Arikara Language at the Fort Berthold Community College by developing an Arikara III and Arikara IV level of language classes in order to help develop fluency for future Arikara language teachers.

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson intends to submit a grant application to the Endangered Language Fund, *Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy* and the Three Affiliated Tribes are eligible because they experienced contact with the 1803-1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition; and

WHEREAS, Susan Paulson intends to request funding for the “*Arikara Language Revitalization Project*” to assist future language teachers to gain fluency and language teaching skills, for the purposes of teaching future generations the Arikara language and ultimately revitalizing the use of the language in homes and at community events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council recognizes the Arikara Language Revitalization Project as a tribal community language program which is an eligible recipient of grant funds under the Native Voices Endowment and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes Susan Paulson to submit the grant application to the Endangered Language Fund, *Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy* on behalf of the Arikara Language Revitalization Project as the Grant recipient for purposes of receiving said grant funds to be expended for the purposes outlined above and in the grant application

Abstract

Arikara Language Revitalization Project

Submitted by Susan Paulson

Purpose:

The Arikara community including the White Shield School and the Arikara people living in all districts, have identified a need to develop strategies that will preserve and revitalize the Arikara language. The strategies recently identified at the Arikara Language Summit were varied and addressed needs in all age groups. The money available from the Endangered Language Fund is minimal at \$25,000. The strategy that the team would like to address is: To provide intensive language practice through a summer experience and train at least four individuals to be Arikara Language Teachers.

Collaborations:

As a member of the team I will request this funding for members of the *Coalition to Revitalize the Arikara Language*. This coalition is broad based and includes the White Shield School; White Shield Community; White Shield Elders; the Fort Berthold Community College; Arikaras not from White Shield; and the American Indian Studies Research Institute (AISRI) of the University of Indiana, Bloomington. The grant will include a Memorandum of Understanding which will be developed with interested entities. The AISRI has worked with the Arikara Community and especially the White Shield School since the early 1980's. As such, they have developed Arikara Multimedia Language Curricula and are continuing to develop curricula in language as well as history. The Institute is the repository for original recordings of a multitude of elders living in the 1970's through the 1990's such as language, stories, and songs. The Institute maintains these primary sources and continues to use them to develop more usable curricula. It is logical that the AISRI is critical to the revitalization of the language.

Matching Costs:

As the Director of this project, I will use my time as a match for the project and no funds will be allocated to me for administrative work. The AISRI has agreed to match, staff time, facilities, and other in-kind contributions to meet the 1-1 matching requirement. Other entities who sign the MOU may also contribute in-kind.

IRB Requirements:

Any deliverables gained from the project will be retained at AISRI and the Fort Berthold Community Library also known as the Fort Berthold Community College Library and at the White Shield School. These materials will be available to the tribal community at cost. The project will be training students wanting to teach Arikara and will involve secondary research. Human subjects primary research is not envisioned in the project.



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Marcus D. Wells, Jr. "Eeh-Bah-Dah-Gish"

(Bald Eagle)

October 10, 2007


Native Voices Endowment
The Endangered Language Fund
300 George Street, Suite 900
New Haven, CT 06511

Re: Grant Application submitted by Susan Paulson entitled, "Arikara Language Revitalization Project"

To Whom It May Concern:

Assurances have been presented that are congruent with the protocols and values of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara tribes legally known as the Three Affiliated Tribes. The project including the research and use of the materials upon conclusion of said research meet the ethical standards of the tribe.

Sincerely,


Marcus D. Wells, Jr., Chairman
Three Affiliated Tribes



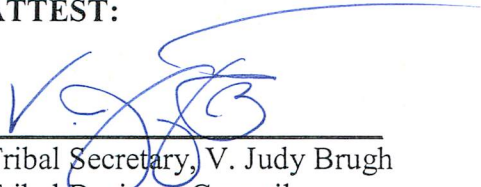
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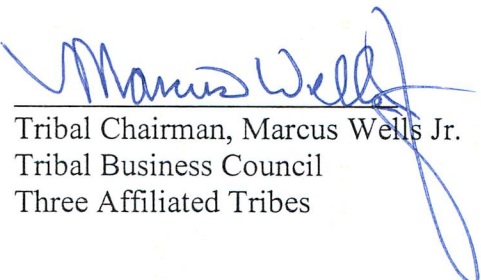
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of October 2007; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [] voting. [] not voting.

Dated this 11th day of October 2007.

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


Tribal Chairman, Marcus Wells Jr.
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