

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

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization and Approval of Consultant Contract with Analysis Group"

- 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, Article VI, Section 5 (1) 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 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, on July 11, 2008, Lake Sakakawea & Associates, LLC ("LSA") filed a claim against the Tribe for breach of the December 9, 2002 Participating Lease between LSA and the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, LSA is seeking over \$20 million in damages from the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Participating Lease, LSA's claim will be heard by a panel of three arbitrators in an arbitration proceeding to be held in Bismarck, ND beginning on March 4, 2009; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council has retained the law Firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP ("Hobbs Straus"), to represent the Tribe in the arbitration with LSA; and
- WHEREAS, LSA has indicated that it will rely on expert witnesses to make its claim for damages against the Tribe in the arbitration proceeding; and
- WHEREAS, Hobbs Straus recommends that an economic consultant be retained to assist the Tribe in disputing LSA's claims for damages; and



- WHEREAS, Hobbs Straus has identified a leading national economic expert on tribal gaming, Dr. Alan Meister, PhD and Dr. Meister and his firm, the Analysis Group, have experience defending damages claims in arbitrations and lawsuits; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council determines that it would be in the Tribe's interest to agree to a contract engaging Dr. Meister as a consultant for the limited purpose of assisting it in the arbitration; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the Contract to engage the services of Dr. Alan Meister, Ph.D. and the Analysis Group as consultant to the Tribe in its arbitration with LSA and authorizes Tribal Chairman Marcus Levings to execute said contract.

## 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 Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and
held on the 17th day of Mach, 2009, that the forgoing Resolution was duly
adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of members, 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 17th day of March, 2009.

Acting Tribal Secretary, Arnold D. Strahs

Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Chairman, Marcus Levings
Tribal Business Council
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