



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

A Resolution entitled: *“Approval to lease 120 Acres of Lands located in Mountrail County to Slawson Exploration, for Oil and Gas Development on the Fort Berthold Reservation*

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

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribe 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 III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council and other tribal agencies and tribal officials on the Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Article IX, Section 5(i) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council of the Tribe to make assignments and leases of Tribal lands and otherwise to manage tribal lands, interests in Tribal lands, and property upon such lands, in conformity with Article IX of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** Article IX of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Berthold Reservation comprises approximately 1,000,000 acres and has within it potentially significant oil and gas resources as the Reservation lies within the generally accepted geologic formation known as the Williston Basin, a geologic formation that has been developed since the early 1950’s; and

**WHEREAS,** the Three Affiliated Tribes has been approached by Slawson Exploration for oil and gas development on the Fort Berthold Reservation in the Township 151N Range 90W, and section 28, 33 containing 120 acres total.

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Business Council desires to enter into a straight Tribal Oil and Gas Lease Agreement with Slawson Exploration, to lease 120.00 tribal mineral acres within the Fort Berthold Reservation, for oil and gas development on the Fort



Berthold Reservation, for the consideration of \$800.00 per acre bonus, twenty (20) percent royalty and \$2.50 per acre rental for a five (5) year lease,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby affirms and ratifies its approval of the lease of 120.00 acres of tribal for oil and gas development to Slawson Exploration for the consideration of \$800 per acre bonus, 20% royalty and \$2.50 per rental for five years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves of entering into a straight Tribal Oil and Gas Lease Agreement with Slawson Exploration to include the following stipulations:

1. The Amount of the royalty payments shall be twenty (20%) percent.
2. The bonus paid per acre shall be Eight Hundred dollars and no cents (\$800.00).
3. The initial term of the lease shall be five years with an annual delayed rental of \$2.50 per acre for lands
4. The amount of land to be available for lease is acknowledged to be approximately 120.00 in section 28 80acres and 33 40acres of 151.00N-092.00W.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Business Council approves the lease of the aforementioned 120.00 acres to Slawson Exploration, for the terms and conditions described in the Resolution and designates the Tribal Oil and Gas Department finalize a straight Tribal Oil and Gas Lease(s) with Slawson Exploration consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOVLED**, which the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council is hereby authorized to execute a finalized straight Tribal Oil and Gas lease Agreement(s) on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes and that the Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer may sign as a co-signatory on said Agreement.



**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

**ATTEST:**

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

Tribal Chairman, Marcus D. Levings.  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes