

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

A Resolution Entitled "Approval of Application and Execution of Documents for a Loan and a Grant from the USDA Rural Development in the Amount of \$2,304,386 for South Segment Area 2 Transmission and Distribution Project for the Fort Berthold Rural Water System."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated generally authorized 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, The Three Affiliated Tribes is eligible to apply for a loan and grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) Development, in the amounts of \$2,304,386 to be used for a water delivery project for the South Segment for the Fort Berthold Rural Water System of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the principal terms of which are that the loan is amortized over 40 years at an approximate annual interest rate not to exceed 4.75%; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI Section 5 (a) of the Constitution provides that The Tribal Business Council shall have the power to manage the economic affairs of the Three Affiliated Tribes and administer any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and The Tribal Business Council thereby has the power to borrow funds that are necessary for the Tribe to continue exercising all of the powers of government; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe and Tribal Business Council has established the Fort Berthold Rural Water System whose primary responsibility is to develop effective, efficient and safe, drinking water systems for the members of the Tribe on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Rural Water System is proposing to construct a water source delivery project for the South Segment Area 2 (Project) to be funded by a combination of USDA Rural Development grant and Loan funds through the Rural Development Water or Waste System Rural Utilities Service grant and loan program for a total project cost of \$2,304,386





WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes is eligible to apply for a loan and grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) Rural Development, under the Water and Waste System Program in the combined amount of \$2,304,386 to be used for a water source delivery project for the South Segment for the Fort Berthold Rural Water System of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, This loan will be paid back from annual appropriations of the Tribe as they become available for the balance; and

WHEREAS, In order to obtain these funds, the Tribe must submit a variety of forms required by the USDA, as per the attached, including:

- 1. Notice of Intent to File an Application
- 2. Tribal Resolution authorizing Application
- 3. Copy of Notice of Intent to File an Application as it will appear in the newspaper
- 4. Evidence of Solicitation of Engineering Services
- 5. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws/Certificate of Incorporation/Organizational Certificate
- 6. Attorney's opinion that applicant is a duly organized body politic
- 7. NDRUS Bulletin 1780-2 Fact Sheet
- 8. Intergovernmental Clearance
- 9. RD Instruction 1900-D Documentation
- 10. RD 442-3, Balance Sheet/Current Financial Statement
- 11. Last year's financial audit
- 12. Assignment of income of trust property
- 13. Test for credit: RUS Bulletin 1780-22, Water and Wastewater Eligibility
- 14. Exhibit A-1 of RD Instruction 1940-Q, Restrictions on Lobbying
- 15. Notice of Eligibility Determination
- 16. SF 424.2 Application for Federal Assistance
- 17. Other Loan and Application forms relative to this federal funding program.

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has determined that, based on the interest rate and long-term payback of the loan, and in order to obtain the necessary funding for selected water supply and distribution projects for the Fort Berthold Rural Water System, it is in the Tribes' best interest to enter into and execute the aforementioned documents and Agreements with the USDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves applications for a loan and grant with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$2,304,386 to be used for a water delivery project for the South Segment for the Fort Berthold Rural Water System,



the principal terms of which are that the loan is amortized over 40 years at an approximate annual interest rate not to exceed 4.75%, with the final loan documents subject to approval of the Tribal Business Council; and

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the following loan documents necessary to apply for the loan from Rural Development:
 - 1. Notice of Intent to File an Application
 - 2. Copy of Notice of Intent to File an Application as it will appear in the newspaper
 - 3. Evidence of Solicitation of Engineering Services
 - 4. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws/Certificate of Incorporation/Organizational Certificate
 - 5. Attorney's opinion that applicant is a duly organized body politic
 - 6. NDRUS Bulletin 1780-2 Fact Sheet
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 - 15. Assignment of income from trust property.
 - 16. Other Loan and Application forms relative to this federal funding program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and/or Treasurer of the Tribal Business Council to execute the aforementioned documents, as may be necessary, on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and to further execute such other documents as may be necessary to obtain the aforementioned loan.





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, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 29 day of 2010; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of members, 2 members opposed, <u>D</u> members abstained, <u>O</u> members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [voting. [] not voting.

Dated this 29 day of September 2010.

ATTEST:

V. Judy Brugh, Tribal Secretary

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

Marcus D. Levings, Tribal Chairman

Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

