

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

A Resolution entitled, "Request for all Unused Year End Tribal Priority Allocation Funds, to be used for Oil and Gas Production and Royalty Auditing and Reconciliation Services on Allotted Lands"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation ("Nation" or "Tribes") having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 ("IRA"), and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Nation 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, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Nation 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 Nation 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 Nation 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 for the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI Section 5(d) authorizes the Tribal Business Council to advise and consult with the Interior Department on activities that may affect the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has engaged a contractor to provide oil and gas production and royalty audit and reconciliation services on Tribal lands, but no such services are currently being provided on allotted lands, and
- WHEREAS, During consultation with the Interior Department it was learned that there may be unused year end Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) funds available to provide oil and Gas royalty auditing and reconciliation services on allotted lands, if such funds are requested by the Nation, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby formally requests the Bureau of



Indian Affairs to assist the Nation in requesting all unused year end TPA funds, to be utilized to provide oil and gas production and royalty auditing and reconciliation services for mineral owners on allotted lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to take such action as is necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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, were present at a Regular Toc Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 28th day of November, 2011, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, we members opposed, we members abstained, we members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 28th day of November . 2011

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh

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ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall

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