

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

A Resolution entitled, "Approval of a 60 Acre Oil and Gas Lease and a Loan to Missouri River Resources (MRR) to Allow MRR to Participate in the Chokecherry Well"

- 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, 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 (i) and Article IX of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Business Council to lease tribal lands and resources, including minerals; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council created Missouri River Resources (MRR) to participate in and profit from the oil and gas exploration on Reservation lands, and to ensure the MHA Nation receives the benefits of the natural resources that lay beneath its and; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council finds it in the best interest of the MHA Nation to approve an oil and gas lease of 60 acres within a 1280 acre spacing unit operated by Enerplus, and to authorize a loan to MRR in the amount of \$579,281.99, to allow MRR to participate in the Chokecherry well to be drilled by Enerplus.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves the lease of tribal lands, specifically 60 acres, more or less, in the Mandaree Segment of the Fort Berthold Reservation in Dunn County, North Dakota, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached oil and gas lease, and requests immediate approval by Bureau of Indian Affairs, covering the real property described below:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4SW/4) and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (W/2SW/4SW/4) of Section 22, Township 149 North, Range 93 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dunn County, North Dakota, containing 60.00 acres, more or less. (Allotment No. T852A-A)

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council authorizes and approves a loan to MRR in the amount of \$579,281.99, to be used to pay MRR's share of the costs to drill and complete the Chokecherry well, to be repaid from MRR's share of production from the well over a term not to exceed 7 years from the date production in paying quantities commences, and to be evidenced by a Promissory Note Executed by MRR consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

**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, <u>5</u> were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the <u>9th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2012, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of <u>5</u> members, <u>0</u> members opposed, <u>0</u> members abstained, <u>0</u> members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [ ] Not Voting.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2012.

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST:

Tribal Chairman, Tex G. Hall

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