



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

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for a Reservation Wide Hydrology Study (Water Resources Investigation)"

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, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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, The Business Council finds it in the best interest of the MHA Nation to conduct a Reservation Wide Hydrology Study ("Water Resources Investigation"); and

WHEREAS, The Business Council also finds it in the best interest that an investigation and preparation of a Reservation wide inventory and analysis of the water resources, including groundwater and surface, of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is important; and

WHEREAS, Due to the increased demand for water, both groundwater and surface water, it is important to the MHA Nation to have such an inventory and analysis in order to regulate and protect MHA Nation's water resources; and

WHEREAS, The Hydrology Study will be useful in the development of the MHA Nation water permitting policy within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Business Council hereby directs the Fort Berthold Rural Water to seek federal assistance to help pay for the cost of the Hydrology Study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Business Council hereby authorizes the Fort Berthold Rural Water engage a contractor to conduct a Hydrology Study/assessment of the water resources of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Business Council hereby authorizes and appropriates an amount not to exceed \$74,000 for conducting said Hydrology Study.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Business Council hereby places a cap of \$74,000 for the cost of conducting the Hydrology Study subject to any federal assistance that Fort Berthold Rural Water may secure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.




CERTIFICATION

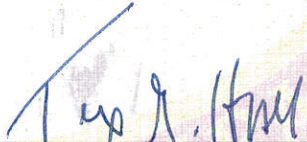
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 18th day of December, 2012, 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 18th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:


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


Tribal Chairman, Tex Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes