



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

**A Resolution Entitled, “Engagement of The Bowlin Group of Walton, Kentucky to perform an Initial Investigative Phase 1 Study regarding Energy Independence for Fort Berthold Reservation.”**

**WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (“MHA 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 MHA 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 MHA 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 MHA Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the MHA 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,** The Tribal Business Council desires to maximize the natural resources of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for the benefits there from to the Reservation’s occupants; and

**WHEREAS,** The creation of a Tribally owned energy supply system may be the method of maximizing the Reservation’s natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bowlin Group of Walton, Kentucky is firm that specializes in energy transmission and distribution projects.



**Resolution No. 14-003-VJB**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council hereby approves the retention of the services of the Bowlin Group of Walton, Kentucky to perform an Initial Investigative Phase 1 Study regarding the energy independence objective of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby approved regarding the completion of said Initial Investigative Phase 1 Study and the study shall be completed within five (5) weeks of the approval date of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Bowlin Group pursuant to this Resolution.

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**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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members, 3 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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

**ATTEST:**

Chairman, Rex G. Hall  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes