



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

***A Resolution entitled, "Request for Reservation Proclamation of Figure Four Ranch"***

**WHEREAS,** The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation ("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,** 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 Constitution 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 Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(i) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to manage Tribal lands, interests in Tribal lands, and property upon such lands, in conformity with Article IX of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1999 the Nation purchased the Figure Four Ranch, for the purpose of incorporating the Ranch into the Tribe's agricultural industry; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 20, 2011 the Nation, by Resolution No. 112-VJB, formally requested the Federal Government to accept title to the Figure Four Ranch in trust for the Tribe for a buffalo ranch and agricultural purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Figure Four Ranch is approximately 9,303.79 acres in size, the legal description of which is more particularly described in Resolution 112-VJB and Appendix A hereof; and

**WHEREAS,** The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by 25 U.S.C. § 467 to issue a proclamation adding the Figure Four Ranch to the Fort Berthold Reservation when taken in trust pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 477; and

**WHEREAS,** It is appropriate to proclaim the Figure Four Ranch a part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation because it is adjacent and contiguous to the Reservation and was formerly within the Reservation boundaries.



**APPENDIX A**

**Figure Four Ranch Legal Description for Proclamation Request**

Dunn County, Township 148 North, Range 95 West, 5th Principal Meridian:

Section 4: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 5: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7: Lots 2, 3, 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lot 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 9: Lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 17: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 18: Lots 1, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 19: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 20: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 28: Lots 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 29: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , less lands taken by the United States of America, and less a tract of land situated in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said section 29, said point being 3,301.65 feet west of southeast corner of said section 29, thence westerly along the said south line, 658.35 feet; thence north, 400.00 feet, thence east 300.00 feet' thence southeasterly to the point of beginning.

Section 30: Lot 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 30: Lot 5, less a tract more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot 5, thence westerly along the south line of said lot 5, 732.95 feet thence northeasterly to a point 455.08 feet north and 400.00 feet west of the said southeast corner, thence easterly parallel with the said south line to the east line of said lot 5; thence southerly along the said east line to the point of beginning.

Section 31: Lot 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 32: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , being parts of Lots 1, 2, and 3, less a tract of land in lot 3, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 660.00 feet south and 3,100.00 feet west of the northeast corner of said section 32, thence west 200.00 feet, thence north, to the north line of said lot 3, thence southeasterly to the point of beginning.

Section 33: Lot 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Dunn County, Township 148 North, Range 96 West, 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian:

Section 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 2: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$



Section 13: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 14: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 23: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 24: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 25: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 1, 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 26: Lots 5, 6, 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

McKenzie County, Township 149 North, Range 95 West, 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian:

Section 25: Lot 4

Section 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 33: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 34: S $\frac{1}{2}$ , less all that portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$  of said section 35, lying within a strip of land, said strip being 80 feet wide, lying 40 feet on each side of the following described center line: beginning at a point on the east line of the said S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 34, 305.2 feet from the SE corner thereof, said point being on the centerline of the state highway as surveyed and staked over and across the said S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 34, thence running S25° 31' E 339.8 feet to the south line of the said S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 34, excepting all that portion lying within 33 feet of the section line.

Section 35: S $\frac{1}{2}$ , less all that portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section 35, lying within a strip of land, said strip being 80 feet wide, lying 40 feet on each side of the following described center line: beginning at a point on the west line of the said SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, 305.2 feet from the SW corner thereof, said point of being on the center line of the state highway as surveyed and staked over and across the said SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, thence running N 25° 31' E 315 feet, excepting all that portion lying within 33 feet of a section line.

Section 35: NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Better described as:

Dunn County, Township 148 North, Range 95 West, 5th Principal Meridian:

Section 4: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S1/2NW1/4, and SW1/4

Section 5: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S1/2N1/2, S1/2 (ALL)

Section 6: ALL

Section 7: Lots 2, 3, 4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, Lot 1, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2S1/2, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 9: Lot 4, S1/2SW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 17: SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4



Section 18: Lots 1, 3, 4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, Lots 3, 4, E1/2SW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: Lots 3, 4, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 29: S1/2SE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, Lot 1 and the SE1/4SW1/4 EXCEPT a tract of land described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 29, thence north on the West line of Lot 1 a distance of 662.13 feet, thence N 89°53' 25" E on an assumed bearing a distance of 1317.08 feet to the East line of Lot 1, thence S 0°08' 33" E on said East line of Lot 1 for distance of 261.6 feet, thence N 89°52' 02" E a distance of 300 feet, thence Southeasterly to a point on the South line of Section 29, said point being 658.35 feet easterly of the W1/16 corner common to sections 29 and 32, thence S 89°52' 02" W a distance of 658.35 feet to said W1/16 corner, thence continue S 89°52' 02" W on the Section line a distance of 1316.70 feet point of beginning.

Section 30: Lot 4, E1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, Lot 5 EXCEPT a tract more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, thence North on the East line of Lot 5 a distance of 455.08 feet, thence westerly parallel to the South line of Lot 5 a distance of 400 feet, thence southwesterly to a point on the South line of Lot 5, said point being 732.95 feet westerly of the Southeast corner of Lot 5, thence East along the South line of Lot 5 a distance of 732.95 feet, to the point of beginning.

Section 31: Lot 3, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 32: A portion of Lots 1, 2 and 3, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 32, thence S0° 31' 31"E on an assumed bearing on the East section line a distance of 660.00 feet, thence S 89°50' 38" W a distance of 3,100.00 feet, thence northwesterly to a point on the North line of Section 32, said point being located 3300 feet westerly of the Northeast corner of Section 32, thence N 89°52' 02" E on the north line of Section 32 a distance of 3300.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

Section 33: Lot 1, N1/2NW1/4

Dunn County, Township 148 North, Range 96 West, 5th Principal Meridian:

Section 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2

Section 2: SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4

Section 12: ALL

Section 13: SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4



Section 14: SE1/4SE1/4

Section 23: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 24: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 25: E1/2NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, Lots 1, 2, W1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 26: Lots 5, 6, 10, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

McKenzie County, Township 149 North, Range 95 West, 5th Principal Meridian:

Section 25: Lot 4

Section 26: SE1/4SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2

Section 34: S1/2 SUBJECT TO a road right of way for McKenzie County Road #53, said right of way being 80 feet wide, lying 40 feet on each side of the centerline of said county road

Section 35: NE1/4 and the S1/2 SUBJECT TO a road right of way for McKenzie County Road #53, said right of way being 80 feet wide, lying 40 feet on each side of the centerline of said county road

Said property contains 9,303.79 acres, more or less, including surface and mineral interests.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nation, having formally requested the Figure Four Ranch be transferred to the United States in trust for the Nation, now requests a Proclamation under 25 U.S.C. § 467 that the Figure Four Ranch, when taken in trust, be formally added to and made a part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

**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.

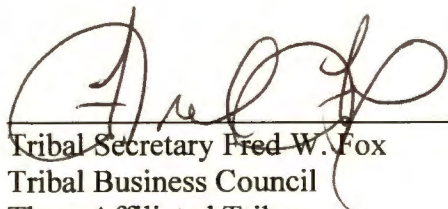
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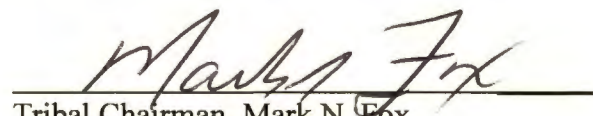
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, \_\_\_\_\_ were present at a \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_\_\_ members opposed, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstained, \_\_\_\_\_ members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [] Voting. [  ] Not Voting.

Dated this 11 day of January, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tribal Secretary Fred W. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
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Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
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