



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Consent to Approval of a Right-of-Way across Tribal land for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project Submitted by WPX Energy Williston, LLC."*

- WHEREAS**, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws under said Act, and
- WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes (or "Tribes"), the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council, its Agencies and Officials; and
- WHEREAS**, Article IX Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with Tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS**, Leases and Rights-of-Way ("ROWS") across Tribal Trust land require the consent of the Tribal Business Council pursuant to federal and Tribal Law; and
- WHEREAS**, Applications for Rights-of-Way ("ROWS") on Tribal Land are subject to the requirements of Tribal law, including Resolution No. 13-109-VJB (Establishing Standardized Minimum Rates for Oil and Gas Lease Bonus, Royalties and Road and Pipeline Easements), Resolution No. 14-071-VJB (MHA Nation Application for Rights-of-Way and Use of Right-of-Way), Resolution No. 14-089-VJB (MHA Nation Pipeline Right-of-Way Terms and Conditions), and Resolution No. 15-045-LKH (Establishing a Procedure for the Approval of Leases, Rights-of-Way, Setback Variances and Permissions to Survey on Tribal Land), Resolution No. 17-117-FWF (Approval of Fee Structure), and Resolution No. 18-212-FWF (Amending Fee Structure); and
- WHEREAS**, On September 9, 2019, WPX Energy Williston, LLC submitted a ROW application and consent request for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project for Utilities, Fiber Optics and Above Ground Appurtenances across certain Tribal tracts in Allotment 1918 (16.66% Tribal interest), in Section 26, Township 149 North, Range 94 West, and in Allotment 798A (7.96% Tribal interest), in Section 27,



Township 149 North, Range 94 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota as more particularly described in Appendix A.1.; and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW for this application consists of a total of 1.82 disturbed acres; and

**WHEREAS,** WPX Energy Williston, LLC is also requesting the consent of the MHA Nation to assign to McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc., the ROW for the utilities for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to fees established and set forth in Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, the projected compensation to the MHA Nation for this ROW application is \$1,000.00, in addition to a \$3,500.00 assignment processing fee and a one-time application fee; and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW application and consent request, submitted by WPX Energy Williston, LLC for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project, described above, was reviewed and recommended for approval by the MHA Natural Resources Department and the MHA Nation Energy Division in accordance with the MHA Nation's approved procedure for authorizing ROWs on Tribal Land; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 7, 2019, at a duly held meeting of the Energy Committee ("EC"), the MHA Nation Energy Division recommended approval of WPX Energy Williston, LLC's ROW application and consent request for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project, more fully described herein, and in the attached Appendix A.1., and the NRC approved WPX Energy Williston, LLC application and forwarded it to the Tribal Business Council for final action.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Subject to WPX Energy Williston, LLC's agreement to the execution of the MHA Right-of-Way Application and Terms and Conditions, as listed therein, and payment of ROW fees, the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the following ROW application, attached as Appendix A.1, and ROW consent, as follows:

- WPX Energy Williston, LLC – The Spotted Horn 26-35 Project, for Utilities, Fiber Optics and Above Ground Appurtenances across certain Tribal tracts in Allotment 1918 (16.66% Tribal interest), in Section 26, Township 149 North, Range 94 West, and in Allotment 798A (7.96% Tribal interest), in Section 27, Township 149 North, Range 94 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** In accordance with the MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Right-of-Ways, the Tribal Business Council consents to the ROW application and consent request for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project, as described



herein, provided that such ROW will be subject to a twenty (20) year term, from the date of the BIA's execution of the grant of the ROW for said project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council consents to the estimated compensation to the MHA Nation for this ROW application in the amount of \$1,000.00, in addition to the \$3,500.00 ROW assignment fee, and a one-time application fee, which is based on the MHA Nation ROW compensation and application fees established and set forth in Resolution No. 18-212-FWF.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council approves WPX Energy Williston, LLC's request for the consent of MHA Nation to assign to McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc., the utilities ROW for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** In accordance with governing MHA Nation law and policy as well as applicable federal ROW regulations, all ROW grantees must obtain the prior written approval from the MHA Nation before assigning any ROW that contains any Tribal interest, and therefore, the Tribal Business Council does not pre-consent to any further assignment of the ROW for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project, other than what is specifically approved in this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council does not consent to waive any bond, insurance, or alternative form of security.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Right-of-Ways, executed by WPX Energy Williston, LLC and the MHA Nation Energy Division, constitutes a written agreement as part of the MHA Nation's consent to the grant of the ROW, and therefore, as provided in 25 CFR §169.107(a), the Tribal Business Council requests Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate these terms and conditions into the ROW grant for the Spotted Horn 26-35 Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council retains the authority, as well as the delegation of authority to the MHA Nation Energy Division and other Tribal departments, to issue fines and set conditions to address and resolve ROW trespass, abandonment, non-use, and other violations, including violations of applicable MHA Nation Standard ROW Terms and Conditions, and further requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to defer to these remedies, in accordance with the intent and notice provisions in 25 CFR §169.403(a).

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




**CERTIFICATION**

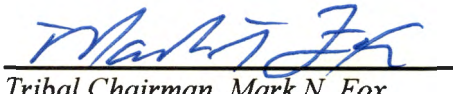
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

  
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*Tribal Secretary, Frederick W. Fox, Sr.*  
*Tribal Business Council*  
*Three Affiliated Tribes*

  
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*Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox*  
*Tribal Business Council*  
*Three Affiliated Tribes*



**APPENDIX A.1**

< Attach: (1) Application Form, (2) Approval Form signed by Department Head and Chairman of NRC per Resolution 15-045-LKH, (3) signed ROW terms and Conditions per Resolution No. 14-089-VJB, (4) map, and (5) other necessary information >