



**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 Bruin Bonita URD Line Project Submitted by McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc."*

- 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 provide 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,** The MHA Nation and McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("McKenzie Electric) executed a "Public Utility Right-of-Way Consent Terms and Conditions" agreement effective January 1, 2016, governing McKenzie Electric's construction, operation, maintenance, modification, rebuilding, or removal of electrical and distribution lines and associated facilities on the Fort Berthold



Indian Reservation, and said agreement contains specified compensation terms; and

**WHEREAS,** On August 30, 2019 McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc. submitted a ROW application and consent request for the Bruin Bonita URD Line for a Proposed Underground Power Line, across certain Tribal tracts in Allotment 537A (33.33% Tribal interest) in Section 8 and 9, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota as more particularly described in Appendix A.1.; and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW for this application consists of 416.82 feet in length, encompassing 0.288 permanent acres and 0.673 temporary acres for a total disturbed 0.961 acres; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with the Public Utility Right-of-Way Consent Terms and Conditions agreement between the MHA Nation and McKenzie Electric, the projected compensation to the MHA Nation proportionate to its interest in the encumbered lands for this ROW application is \$500.00 and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW application and consent request, submitted by McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc. for the Bruin Bonita URD Line Project, described above, has been 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 for approval of McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc.'s ROW application and consent request for the Bruin Bonita URD Line Project, more fully described herein, and in the attached Appendix A.1., and the NRC approved McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc.'s application and forwarded it to the Tribal Business Council for final action.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Subject to McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc.'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:

- McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc. – The Bruin Bonita URD Line Project, for a Proposed Underground Power Line, across certain Tribal tracts in Allotment 537A (33.33% Tribal interest) in Section 8 and 9, Township 152 North, Range 93 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 ROW for the Bruin Bonita URD Line will be subject to thirty (30) 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 for this ROW application and consent request in the amount of \$500.00, proportionate to its interest in the encumbered lands for this ROW application, which is calculated pursuant to the Public Utility Right-Of-Way Consent Terms and Conditions executed by the MHA Nation and McKenzie Electric.

**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 an assignment of the ROW for the Bruin Bonita URD Line Project submitted by McKenzie Electric.

**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 Public Utility Right-of-Way Consent Terms and Conditions, executed by McKenzie Electric and the MHA Nation, 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 Bruin Bonita URD Line 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 >