

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

## A Resolution Entitled, "Approving Amendment to Legal Counsel Contract with Fredericks Law Firm LLC"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and Bylaws (the Constitution) under said Act, and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution 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 MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt Resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its agencies and officials; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Nation and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 18-317-FWF the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA)
  Nation entered into a legal counsel contract with the Law Office of John
  Fredericks III (the Legal Counsel Contract); and
- WHEREAS, The Legal Counsel Contract was thereafter assigned to the Fredericks Law Firm LLC pursuant to section 9 of the Legal Counsel Contract; and
- WHEREAS, The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council finds it appropriate to approve an amendment requested by the Fredericks Law Firm LLC to section 4 of the Legal Counsel Contract to increase the annual cap on legal fees from \$500,000 to \$750,000.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and approves an amendment to the Legal Counsel Contract with the Fredericks Law Firm LLC, attached to this Resolution.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and approves the appropriation of sufficient tribal funds in an amount equal to the total amount of fees and expenses authorized under the amended Contract. The Tribal Chairman and Treasurer are authorized to pay fees and expenses from budget line items other than legal in those cases where the work performed under this Contract concerns or benefits other tribal programs.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the Legal Counsel Contract.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox

Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox

Tribal Business Council