



**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 (T1003A, T1866, T1814, T992A-B, T992A-A, T992A-D, T2151, T991A, T1810, T1242 and Allotment 2143) for the Twin Buttes Gathering System Project Submitted by WPX Energy Williston, 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 By-laws (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 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 and 21-082-FWF (Amending Fee Structure); and



**WHEREAS,** WPX Energy Williston, LLC submitted a ROW application for the Twin Buttes Gathering System Project across certain Tribal tracts in allotments T1003A, T1866, T1814, T992A-B, T992A-A, T992A-D, T2151, T991A, T1810, T2142 & Allotment 2143 (with 55.5555556% Tribal Interest), located in Sections 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 & 36 of Township 147 North, Range 92 West, and Section 1 of Township 146 North, Range 92 West, in Dunn County, North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW for this application consists of Pipelines, Utility, Fiber Optic, Electric and Above-Ground Appurtenances; and

**WHEREAS,** The ROW application, has been reviewed and recommended for approval in accordance with the MHA Nation’s approved procedure for authorizing ROWs on Tribal Land.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Subject to the MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Right-of-Ways, and payment of applicable ROW fees, the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the ROW application, attached as Appendix A.1, and consents to the following ROW:

- WPX Energy Williston, LLC – Twin Buttes Gathering System Project:
  - A Pipeline(s) ROW being 23,490.52 feet in length and 30 feet in width consisting of 16.18 permanent acres, and a temporary ROW ranging from 35-70 feet in width totaling 37.570 acres for construction.
  - Utility, Fiber Optics, Electric & Above-Ground Appurtenances being 23,490.52 feet in length and 65-100 feet in width consisting of 53.75 acres.
  - Total disturbance for this project is 53.75 acres.

Across certain tribal tracts in allotments T1003A, T1866, T1814, T992A-B, T992A-A, T992A-D, T2151, T991A, T1810, T2142 & Allotment 2143 (with 55.5555556% Tribal Interest) located in Sections 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 & 36 of Township 147 North, Range 92 West, and Section 1 of Township 146 North, Range 92 West, in Dunn County, North Dakota.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the ROW shall have a 20-year term.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribe 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 Rights-of-Way are incorporated into this consent to approval of the ROW, and therefore, as provided in 25 CFR §169.107(a), the Tribal Business Council requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate these terms and conditions into the grant of the ROW.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Tribe retains the authority to issue fines and set conditions to address and resolve ROW trespass, abandonment, non-use, and other violations, including violations of the applicable MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Rights-of-Way, and further requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to defer to these remedies, in accordance with the intent and notice provisions, as provided 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.

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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 November, 2023, 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 [ ] Voting. [ X ] Not Voting.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Executive Secretary, Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
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Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox  
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