



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

*A Resolution entitled, "Consent to Certain Right(s) of Way across Tribal land."*

**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, also known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation ("Tribes" or "MHA Nation"), 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 and fee land require the consent of the Tribal Business Council pursuant to federal and Tribal law; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (or "BOR") provides funding for the Fort Berthold Rural Water Supply system (or "FBRW") to aid the MHA Nation in providing safe drinking water to its members throughout the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, The FBRW is operated by the MHA Nation pursuant to a contract under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, The FBRW intends to acquire a right of way on Tribal Lands to install a fiber optic line to the new water treatment facility. The application for right of way will be in the name of the FBRWSS and its assigns; and

**WHEREAS**, The MHA Nation's processing fee for this ROW assignment application is \$100.00 per Allotment Number, equaling \$100.00; and

**WHEREAS**, The application(s) for ROW(s) described herein have been reviewed and recommended for approval in accordance with the MHA Nation's approved procedure for authorizing ROWs on Tribal land; and



**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council finds it appropriate to authorize a ROW in the West Segment to the FBRWSS for a Fiber Optic line connection for the new Mandaree Water Treatment Plant described herein, and to waive the provisions for payment and bond in consideration of the public benefit that the FBRW system provides.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby consents to the following ROW(s) to the United States Department of Interior (acquiring agency BOR) and its assigns for the construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the FBRW system:

1. Tribal T1725 in the E ½, of Section 25, Township 150 North Range 94 West, Mc Kenzie County, 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian of North Dakota, containing 1.000000000 share, as more particularly described in Appendix A.1.
2. Allotment 1083A in the E ½ of Section 25, Township 150 North Range 94 West, Mc Kenzie County, 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian of North Dakota, containing .8580546295 share, as more particularly described in Appendix A.1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the term of the ROW(s) shall be perpetual (subject to termination in accordance with applicable federal regulations), and the requirements for compensation and bond are hereby waived; and

**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 Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting there of duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 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  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

Tribal Secretary Fred Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

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