

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

- WHEREAS; This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority is under said Act; and
- WHEREAS; The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and tribal members; and
- WHEREAS; There is a backlog of applications for spring, sewer, and well development to be considered for approval/disapproval; and
- WHEREAS; Home Improvement Program funds are administered through the Office of Environmental Health for spring, well and sewer development, and tribal staff are excluded from decision making; and
- WHEREAS; Richard D. Melton, Project Engineer for Fort Berthold, Office of Environmental Health, now oversees the spring, well, and sewer development and makes decisions without input from tribal HIP staff and local IHS Construction Inspector often eliminating applications without full information; and
- WHEREAS; The process by which decisions are made about which applications are accepted and not accepted is not in the best interest of tribal members needing immediate assistance in the development of wells, sewer, and springs; and
- WHEREAS The role of the Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health, is that of technical assistance to the projects, and
- WHEREAS The HIP Director and IHS Construction Inspector are both familiar with the Reservation, the families, the home locations, and would be most helpful in getting the well, sewer, and spring development underway, and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the HIP Director and IHS Construction Inspector take responsibility to review applications for well, sewer and spring development, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Indian Health Service evaluate the role of the Project Engineer, Office of Environmental Health, Minot office, his relationship with the tribal HIP and local IHS staff, and the progress made in the development of wells, springs, and sewers since becoming Project Engineer for Fort Berthold; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Indian Health Service report to the Tribal Business Council their findings and a decision will then be made concerning the Project Engineer position.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 11 members of whom 7 constituting a quorum, 8 were present at a Special meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 20 day of April, 1979; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 members, + 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (~~voting~~).

Dated this 20 day of April, 1979.

ATTEST:

Austin H. Dillotte
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

Ellie Walker
Secretary, Tribal Business Council