

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

Resolution No. 80-261

WHEREAS: This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority under said Act, and

WHEREAS: the Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe, and Tribal members, and

WHEREAS: R. B. Edmundson, Inc., on behalf of the E. G. Helis Estate, has filed an application with the Superintendent, Fort Berthold Agency for an Oil and Gas Unit Agreement called the Clark Creek Unit, and

WHEREAS: included in the proposed unit agreement is 400 acres of tribally owned minerals, and minerals owned by individual Indians in trust, the Federal Government and fee interests, and

WHEREAS: Congressional representatives from the State of North Dakota will present to the next session of Congress a bill to return those Federal lands and minerals adjacent to and under the Garrison reservoir within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation to the Three Affiliated Tribes, and

WHEREAS: it is not in the best interest of the Three Affiliated Tribes and its members to approve or join in the unit agreement which may jeopardize the return of this property to the Tribe and its members, and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Three Affiliated Tribes decline at this time to enter into any unit agreement which would include Federal lands adjacent to or under the Garrison reservoir which are within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U. S. Geological Survey not approve any unit agreement whatsoever that would include those minerals owned by the Federal Government adjacent to and/or under the Garrison reservoir until the U. S. Congress has enacted appropriate legislation or until the ownership of those minerals is resolved.

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 11 members of whom 9 constituting a quorum were present at a Special meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of November, 1980, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 members, 0 members opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 passed, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Chairman ~~not~~ voting

Dated this 10 day of November, 1980.

ATTEST:

Austin J. Gillette
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

Lilli Kellner
Secretary, Tribal Business Council