

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 under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (k) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to make recommendations to the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning the removal of employees assigned to duty on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Declaration of Policy set forth in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (Pub. Law 93-638; 25 U.S.C. § 450a et seq.) provides that the United States Congress recognizes the obligation of the United States to respond to the strong expression of Indian people for self-determination "by assuring maximum Indian participation in the direction of educational as well as other Federal services to Indian communities so as to render such services more responsive to the needs and desires of those communities"; and
- WHEREAS, The operation of our range and grazing leases has been subject to controversy for several years; and
- WHEREAS, The Indian ranchers and the Indian landowners are caught in this controversy and it does not appear that efforts are being initiated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to resolve this problem; and
- WHEREAS, The staff of the Office of Land Operations of the Fort Berthold Agency has difficulty in communicating with our Indian people and, in some instances, has encouraged or displayed outright hostility; and
- WHEREAS, the former Agency Land Operations Officer, Mr. James Quackenbush, was involved with a gun incident with a member of our Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, His assistant, Mr. Royal Handegard, leaves the impression that he is in support of such conduct of the previous Bureau employee and numerous ranchers complain that they cannot communicate with said Royal Handegard; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribes are anxious in facilitating a good and harmonious relationship between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Three Affiliated Tribes and their members; and

WHEREAS, Based upon information and belief of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes grounded in first-hand knowledge of certain members thereof and in reliable and reputable sources, said Royal Handegard, in his official capacity as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has engaged in certain conduct and has made certain determinations which (1) have been in contravention of the policy inherent in the principle of the trust responsibility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Indian community of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and (2) have been detrimental to and have continued to threaten the economic security and welfare of the Three Affiliated Tribes and their members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby recommends to and strongly urges the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that said Superintendent forthwith cause to be implemented whatever formal procedures are required for the immediate removal of Royal Handegard from Federal service as an employee of the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

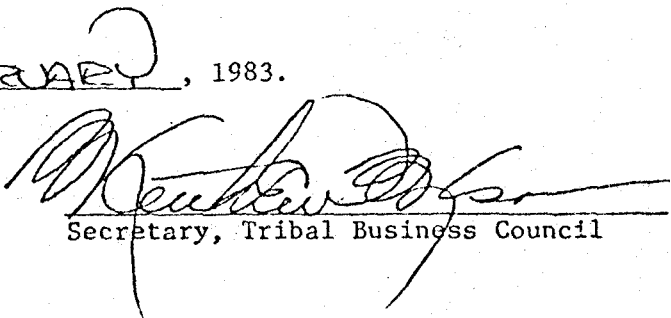
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs seek and select a replacement for Royal Handegard with the specific intent of improving communications between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Three Affiliated Tribes and their members.

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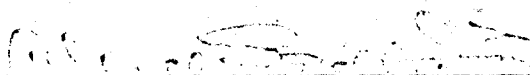
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, were present at a REGULAR meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 18 day of FEBRUARY, 1983; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 members, — members opposed, 1 members abstained, — members not voting, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (Not Voting)

Dated this 18 day of FEBRUARY, 1983.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council