

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

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the 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 on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (j), of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Department provides many valuable services to the Tribal Government and tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Department has undertaken these activities utilizing employees funded through various federal grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, The diminishing level of federal funding will make it impossible for the Natural Resources Department to continue to provide these services unless supplemental funding is provided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves providing the Natural Resources Department with \$5,770 of the the projected May 1986 oil lease rentals as a partial installment of the attached Request For Funding as proposed by the Natural Resources Department.

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 Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, 10 were present at a REGULAR Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of APRIL, 1986; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) ~~(not voting)~~

Dated this 11th day of APRIL, 1986.

John Charging
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Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Alyce Spotted Bear
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Chairman, Tribal Business Council

**Three Affiliated Tribes
Natural Resources Department
Funding Request**

Introduction

The Natural Resources Department provides many valuable services to the tribal government and tribal members. The nature of many of these services is such that they are not paid for by existing federal contracts or tribal fees. Such services include but are not limited to:

1. Establishing and maintaining a database for the existing oil and gas leases on Lake Sakakawea;
2. Negotiating oil and gas agreements;
3. Reviewing oil and gas leases;
4. Inspecting and reporting on abandoned oil well locations;
5. Promoting oil and gas development on Fort Berthold;
6. Attending on-site inspections and providing input on drilling locations and access roads;
7. Maintaining and making maps of the Reservation.

Benefits of the services provided

As result of activity No. 1 above the Natural Resources Department identified an additional \$106,000 in rental income for calendar year 1986. The Natural Resources Department has quantified the income per month from these leases over the remaining life of the leases. This money has not been budgeted by the Tribe.

As a result of activity No. 2 above the Tribe and tribal members have received several thousand dollars more in oil and gas bonuses. For example the Frio Tribal Minerals Agreement resulted in the Tribes receiving a bonus of \$51.75 an acre instead of \$12.00 an acre. Individual Indians also received a \$51.75 bonus per acre instead of no bonus. On another minerals agreement the Tribes received \$30.00 an acre instead of no bonus. On one other agreement the Tribes will receive \$100.00 an acre instead of \$15.00 an acre. These activities alone resulted in over \$12,000 of additional income to the Tribes.

The other activities listed above also provide tangible and intangible benefits to the Tribes and tribal members. Reclamation activities on several plugged and abandoned drilling locations will be undertaken during the next few weeks, in part, as a result of the Natural Resources Department. These activities will benefit both Indian landowners and Indian owned businesses.


Need for and source of funding

To date the Tribes have not spent one dollar of tribal funds or income on any of these activities. Activities such as these have been undertaken by employees paid with federal funds. The activities are not within the scope of work of the federal grants or contracts paying the salary of the employees. Because of the shrinking federal funding available the Natural Resources Department will not be able to continue to provide these services unless tribal support is increased. The following table shows a budget prepared using a portion of the \$20,770 lease rentals due in May 1986.

Budget

Line Item	Amount
Personnel (Texx @ 1040 hours)	\$9,734.40
Fringe	
FICA	\$696.01
SUTA	\$295.89
Medical	\$517.25
Fringe Total	\$1,509.15
Local Travel	\$250.00
Supplies	\$450.00
Other	
Space Cost	\$1,300.00
Phone	\$300.00
Vehicle O & M	\$750.00
Other Total	\$2,350.00
Total Direct Charges	\$14,293.55
Indirect Charges @ 26%	\$3,716.32
Total	\$18,009.87

Tribal Controller concurrence:



Budget Justification

The funding provided would be used to cover the costs incurred by tribal employees in providing these services. In particular, the personnel line item would be used to pay for one half year of Texx Lone Bear's salary. Texx Lone Bear is involved in several of the activities mentioned. One half of Texx's salary is paid by the Pesticides Enforcement Grant. The other half of Texx's salary was to have been paid for by a PL 93-638 Mineral Lease Compliance contract. However, because of the mandated budget cuts within the Bureau and the fact that the lease compliance money is unbanded this funding has not materialized.

The travel money would be used strictly for on reservation and instate travel. The other line items, i.e, supplies, phone, space costs, and vehicle operation and maintenance simply cover expenses incurred by the Department in providing the services.

Summary

In summary, funding this request would result in the continuation of important services to the Tribe and tribal members. It would affirm the Tribes committment, as the governing body of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, to provide essential governmental functions.