

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

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

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorize and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe is concerned about the current state of Indian agriculture, and desires to lend its support and assistance to the various Indian land owners and agribusinessmen on the reservation, to address the problems related to Indian agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe is aware of the Northern Plains Indian Land and Livestock Association, and its goals and objectives generally to promote Indian agriculture and advocate the interests of landowners and Indian agribusinessmen; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe is desirous of taking part in and becoming a member of the said Northern Plains Land and Livestock Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribes hereby approves of the goals and objectives of the Northern Plains Land and Livestock Association, and resolves to participate in the Association in accordance with the governing documents of said Association,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribe hereby appoints Shawn Fredericks its representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the Northern Plains Indian Land and Livestock Association.

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 seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum. 6 were present at a special meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 23rd day of March, 1989; 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of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (Voting) (Not Voting)

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1989.

(Active) Jim M. Moss
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Shawn Fredericks
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

NORTHERN PLAINS INDIAN LAND AND
LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Preamble

The agricultural land base within the various Indian reservations of the Northern Plains is vital to the social and economic welfare of the Northern plains Tribes and its members. The preservation of individual Indian owned land within the respective reservations is necessary in order to protect the legitimate interests of the various Indian landowners and agribusinessmen. The Northern Plains Indian Land and Livestock Association (NPILLA) is hereby established as a regional association, for the general purpose of protecting and promoting the interests of the many individual Indian land owners and agribusinessmen of the various tribes in the Northern Plains; Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming.

I. PURPOSES.

A. In accordance with the spirit and intent behind the formation of NPILLA, the purposes of NPILLA shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. To provide an entity through which the various Indian landowners, farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers can collectively address the problems currently facing Indian agriculture.

2. To ensure that the federal trust responsibility is enforced, and that trust land and resources are adequately protected under applicable law.

3. To promote Indian agriculture and agricultural products, and assist in the improvement of the agricultural economy in Indian Country.

4. To promote change in federal and tribal policies with a view toward improving the current state of Indian agriculture, and to develop needed solutions to the problems currently facing agriculture.

5. To advocate the interests of Indian landowners and agribusinessmen, and provide a forum through which these interests can be effectively communicated to the public.

II. ORGANIZATION.

A. Membership. Membership is open to all agricultural Indian Tribes in the Northern Plains, encompassing Montana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming, and all individual Indian land owners and farmers and ranchers doing business in Indian Country within these Northern Plains States.

B. Board of Directors. The governing body of NPILLA shall

be the Board of Directors. There shall be two directors from each participating reservation. One director shall be appointed by the governing body of the Tribe, and the other director shall be appointed by the local Indian land and livestock, cattlemens, or similar association. If there is no such association existing on a Northern Plains Reservation, then the director may be appointed by the farmers and ranchers and landowners from the reservation. Each director shall have one vote, and the act of a majority of the directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the NPILLA.

1. Committees. The directors shall elect among themselves a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, which officers shall comprise the Executive Committee. In addition to the Executive Committee, the Board shall have the authority to establish such other Committees as they deem proper for the efficient operation of NPILLA, and to delegate to the Committees such powers and duties as the Board deems appropriate.

2. Powers and Duties of the Board And Executive Committee. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall have such additional powers and duties as are delegated in the Bylaws, consistent with the purposes and objectives of NPILLA.

3. Bylaws. At its first organizational meeting, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the Board shall adopt Bylaws to govern the internal operations of the Board, the Executive

Committee, and NPILLA in general, which shall more specifically define the role of and relationship between the Board, the Executive Committee, staff, if any, and other committees created from time to time by the Board.

4. Appointment And Term Of Office. The directors' term shall be perpetual, at the will of the bodies which appointed them. Upon a director's death, retirement, recall or termination, the body from which the director was appointed shall immediately appoint another director to fill the vacancy.

III. MEETINGS.

A. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually, at a site to be selected by the Executive Committee. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held quarterly at a site or sites of the Executive Committee's choosing. Agendas of regular meetings shall be prepared by the President and mailed out by the President or Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of any regular Board or Executive Committee meeting. Agendas for regular meetings shall provide for the introduction of new business by any Board or Committee member in addition to the established agenda.

B. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, any five directors, or upon petition of any fifteen individuals eligible for general membership in NPILLA.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee or other committee may be called by the President or Chairperson, or by any two committee members. The request or petition for a special meeting shall be in writing, and shall describe the item(s) to be addressed at the special meeting. Upon receiving a written request for a special meeting, the President shall prepare an agenda of the items to be addressed at the special meeting, in accordance with the written request.

C. Notice of Meetings. Notice of all meetings shall be mailed along with the agenda, and shall state the time and place for the meeting.

D. Quorum And Manner of Action. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct any regular or special meeting of the Board, Executive Committee, or other Committee established by the Board. A simple majority of the members of the Board, Executive Committee, or other Committee present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Action taken at any meeting shall be by simple majority vote of the quorum, unless otherwise specified by these articles or by the Bylaws. Official acts of the Board or Committees shall be evidenced by Resolution, or by motion properly seconded and carried, and evidenced by the minutes of the meeting at which the action was taken.

IV. AMENDMENT. These Articles may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors then

holding office.

RESOLVED: The foregoing Articles of Association are hereby adopted at the organizational meeting of the Northern Plains Indian Land and Livestock Association, duly called and convened on this ____ day of _____, 1989, by an approved vote of the delegates ____ for, ____ against, and ____ abstaining.

Chairman,
Organizational Meeting