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 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(d) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to negotiate with agencies of the United States such as the Bureau Of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, There exists a need to gather a group of knowledgeable elders for the purpose of acquiring information concerning culture and history, sacred sites, historically significant areas, events surrounding the establishment of the Reservation boundaries, broken promises, etc.; and
- WHEREAS, Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has indicated funds for such a project could be made available
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the execution and filing of the attached Proposal "A Living History of Fort Berthold: An Aid For Economic Development"

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 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, were present at a Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 23 day of 1989; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of members, members opposed, members abstained, members not voting, and that said

Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the Bud day of Mand, 1989.



THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES . FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION Mandan, Hidatsa. and Anikana Tribes

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

P.O. Box 220 • New Town, North Dakota 58763 • (701) 627-4781

March 23, 1989

Edward Lone Fight Tribal Chairman

Dr. Alonzo Spang Superintendent Ft. Berthold Agency Bureau Of Indian Affairs New Town, ND 58763

Delvin Driver, Sr. Vice-Chairman

Parshall/Lucky Mound Segment Re: Proposal - A Living History Of Ft. Berthold: An Aid For Economic Development

Ted Lone Fight III Secretary Mandaree Segment

Dear Dr. Spang:

Lawrin "Hugh" Baker Treasurer Four Bears Segment

Please find attached the above referenced

Austin Gillette

White Shield Segment

Three Affiliated Tribes Proposal. It has been developed based upon our earlier executive dis-

Titus Hall

cussions. I believe that the data to be gather-

New Town/Little Shell Segment

ed will be of great value to both the Tribe and

the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Jim Mossett Twin Buttes Segment

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Chairman

Tribal Business Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES PROPOSAL

A LIVING HISTORY OF FORT BERTHOLD AN AID FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Problem/Needs Statement

The Three Affiliated Tribes and the Bureau Of Indian Affairs often are lacking locally developed and verified information concerning the historical, cultural, and other events/issues that have affected the Tribes and the Reservation. Sites of cultural or spiritual importence need to be deliniated so they are not disturbed by economic development activities.

Also, the Tribes lack locally developed information that might be utilized for tourism development. Most of what is written about the Reservation has been developed by Non-Indians.

Often older members of the Tribes provide information concerning historical events, especially about the Reservation's boundaries, that is at odds with the existing documentation. As these persons age or pass on, more of this knowledge is lost.

There is a need to gather a group of knowledgeable elders to record this information. This issues that result may be addressed then or at a later date as funds become available to do so.

Proposal

The proposed Project's Goal, as suggested by the Title, will be to obtain a living history of the Reservation through its elders to assist in future economic development efforts.

The Objective, or how this will be accomplished, is to provide for gathering tribal elders to present verbal and written information concerning Tribal:

- o Culture and History
- o Sacred Sites
- o Historically Significant Areas
- o Events Surrounding The Establishment Of The Reservation Boundaries And How They Differ From The Historical Record
- o Broken Promises

The Methodology to be utilized to collect this information will be to bring 30 elder (50+ years old) Tribal members to the Tribal Administration Building and tape their testimony for later transcription to a written text. The 30 would consist of five elders from each the Reservation's six communities. They would be provided mileage and a stipend. Additional costs would be for transcription and the cost of tapes. Tribal Office staff

would assist in implementation when funds are made available.

Results and Evaluation

The Results and Benefits from the Project would be the accrual of information from persons who were alive during the historical events or had heard those who had lived them. This could be used for legal research, avoiding desecration of the sacred/cultural sites on and near the Reservation, providing locally developed information for tourism sites, etc. The project would be evaluated through its completion and by the distribution of the information collected to the appropriate agencies.

Budget Request

Cost of Tapes for Transcription = \$25.00

Stipends

30 Persons x \$50 per person = \$1,500.00

Courtroom Stenographer

@ \$1,300 per day x 1.5 days = \$1,950.00

TOTAL = \$3,475.00