

**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 IX Section 3 of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes the leasing of tribal land; and
- WHEREAS,** The Fort Berthold Agency held an oil and gas lease sale in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior on October 25, 1989; and
- WHEREAS,** Before and after the sale there was discussion between the Tribes and Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding a reservation wide lease sale to be held during the spring of 1990; and
- WHEREAS,** To date the Tribal Business Council is unaware of any measurable progress being made toward such an oil and gas lease sale; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council desires that a reservation wide lease sale be held as expeditiously as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council also recognizes that at this time the Fort Berthold Agency may not have adequate personnel to prepare and advertise such a sale; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council believes that any or a combination of the following could be done to expedite the sale:
- 1) request supplemental personnel or funding from the Aberdeen Area Office;
 - 2) reassign existing staff within the Realty Section;

- 3) utilize cost savings from the lengthy vacancies in the Realty Officer and Realty Specialist to hire temporary personnel; or
- 4) utilize cost savings from the lengthy vacancies in the Realty Officer and Realty Specialist to contract with the Tribes the preparation of the lease sale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prepare a reservation wide oil and gas lease sale as expeditiously as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby requests the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency to examine the four alternatives presented above as a means to expedite the preparation of the sale.

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 7 members of whom 5 constitutes a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 17th day of April, 1990; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting).

Dated this 17th day of April, 1990.

Edward Lou Fifer
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Edward Lou Fifer
Chairman, Tribal Business Council