

**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,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board is composed of sixteen (16) tribes and two (2) health organizations in a four state area; North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board is primarily responsible for coordinating efforts to address the health concerns and needs of the Tribes in the Aberdeen Area; and
- WHEREAS,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board is now operating under a master health (with all terms of this contract being currently met) contract under the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638) with the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service; and
- WHEREAS,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board goal is to assist Indian Health Service in raising the health care level of American Indians to the highest possible level through the actual involvement of Indian people in health programs that affect them; and
- WHEREAS,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board acts as a liaison between the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, Dr. Terrence Sloan, and the Tribal Chairmen/Presidents with their respective Tribes/Boards regarding services, programs, and health issues that affect Indian people and to advocate for additional funds and services for Indian people in the Aberdeen Area; and
- WHEREAS,** The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmens' Health Board, through the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, will comply to all provisions of P.L. 93-638 and to all provisions and regulations involved in securing other federally funded funding; and

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TAX COMMISSION (CON'T):

taxation is concerned. The Cotton Petroleum Company VS New Mexico has already hurt us. If we go to court with this Possessory Interest Tax, we could hurt everybody in the US. Hopefully with our recommendations, we won't go to court.

There was a question on how many oil companies doing business on Fort Berthold. There wasn't any exact figures. Of the oil companies that did not respond, are they the ones that have substantial operations on Fort Berthold? Yes, three oil companies and three pipelines responded.

Mr. Walker explained we can implement the tax at the full rates/evaluations and could assess the the tax on the cooperatives and go to court. You can go with our recommendations and we believe our recommendations are down to a point where they will keep us out of court.

Vote: 2 for, 3 opposed, Chairman not voting.  
Motion failed.

ITEM 04: RESOLUTION/TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S HEALTH BOARD: #91-153.  
This resolution explained by Secretary Rabbithead was tabled at the last meeting.

There were questions on issues of Santee Sioux of being the Prime Contractor, of how they would be running the whole thing and being an autonomous organization.

There was a problem with the last be it further resolved. The organization needs to be accountable back to the Tribes and not the autonomous entity under 638 provisions. They are requesting each tribe to pass a resolution authorizing the Santee Sioux to administer the contract.

Secretary Rabbithead made a motion to approve the resolution with the deletion of the last be it further resolved, seconded by Councilman Gillette.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 05: RESOLUTION/TRIBAL ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT: #91-154-JJR.  
Chief Executive Burr explained the contract was completed and all we need is the resolution.  
Mr. Urban Bear Don't Walk would start on October 1.

**WHEREAS,** The Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council believes the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board serves a needed service to the Indian Tribe/Health Organizations of the Aberdeen Area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby supports the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board in its endeavors to contract for educational and health services with the Department of Health and Human Services, Aberdeen Area Indian Health Services with the understanding that the Board's initiatives will not infringe upon funding for the Fort Berthold Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution shall remain in effect and that the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, through the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, is authorized to contract with Indian Health Service until such time that said resolution is rescinded by action of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

**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 Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 2nd day of October, 1991; 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.

Dated the 2nd day of October, 1991.

*John J. Rabbithead Jr.*  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

**ATTEST:**  
*William D. Wilkins*  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council