

RESOLUTION NO. 96-93-DSB

**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 interestS of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof, including the protection and preservation of property, wildlife and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Tribal Business Council to establish a working, equitable partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in an effort to enhance productivity of Tribal agricultural resources while protecting the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the four North Dakota tribes, namely the Turtle Mountain Chippewa, the Fort Totten Sioux, the Standing Rock Sioux and the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara, have been working together in a cooperative effort to achieve similar goals with the USDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council has authorized the acceptance of the attached "Mission Statement" of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Three Affiliated Tribes and the USDA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council designates said "Mission Statement" as a standard for the cooperative working relationship between the Tribes and the USDA in future dealings.

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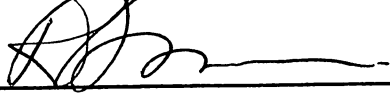
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 10th day of May, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 10th day of May, 1996.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council



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MISSION STATEMENT

with

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

OF

AGRICULTURE

1996

attachment to R#96-093-DSB.

VISION:

Our Native American culture will live in productive and sustainable harmony with Mother Earth forever.

MISSION:

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes, a sovereign Nation, intends to establish an effective working partnership with the USDA by sharing the stewardship of management and development of Tribal natural resources while preserving and protecting the integrity of the delicate balance of the natural world.

GOALS: Long Term

1. Bring USDA programs and services, comparable to those of neighboring counties, to Reservations within the State of North Dakota.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Through consultation with the USDA, set up a full service USDA center. These centers shall be administered in partnership with Tribes to provide services similar and equal to those provided by county NRCS and ASCS offices on each Reservation within five years of the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement.

- B. Since conservation district legislation has been passed in all 50 states, as well as several territories, Tribes shall request the creation of a Tribal Soil Conservation District on each Reservation separate from and independent of, but equal to, county SCDs. One of the first steps in the formation of these districts will be the establishment, through local election, of a Tribal conservation district board to work with local operators and land managers in an effort to balance area agricultural needs with environmental quality protection.

GOALS: *Short Term*

1. Provide education to Tribal staff and cross training of Tribal, USDA and BIA employees on Conservation Programs and issues.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. In order to effectively educate Tribal staff in the complexities of USDA administered programs, Tribes shall seek training for Tribal personnel directly affected by this Memorandum of Agreement in USDA approved and/or produced training seminars. Tribes may request the assistance of USDA personnel in training and information services on individual Reservations. Such training would be sought immediately upon the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and be an ongoing process to be reviewed on an annual basis.

- B. To provide for a partnership approach to the handling of matters dealing with the management of natural resources within Reservation boundaries and under USDA supervision, the Tribes of North Dakota request that USDA staff receive some form of periodic training in Tribal policy and culture, as it pertains to the

protection and utilization of natural resources, both currently and historically.

2. Provide outreach educational opportunities to landowners, operators and interested public residing within Reservation boundaries.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. USDA outreach programs will provide information and training to interested parties on the Reservation. Such services may be provided through seminars conducted at the Tribal Service Centers or through presentations at various locations throughout the Reservations. Field presentations on working conservation programs would be scheduled on an annual basis to provide information, education and incentive to operators in sustainable agricultural practices that are environmentally compatible.
- B. Individuals with adequate schooling and/or work experience in agricultural and natural resources fields shall be sought for employment with the Tribal programs both now and in the future.

3. Develop an integrated Resource Management Plan in cooperation with the

USDA.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. An integrated Resource Management Plan shall be formulated through the cooperative efforts of USDA and Tribal staff to form the basis for the establishment of Tribal SCD's and Service Centers and their operations. Such a plan would need to address educational and outreach needs of the local community including the cultural aspects of Reservation agricultural practices and traditional relationships with the natural world. The plan would additionally provide incentive, information and instruction in conservation and agricultural practices which, while increasing productivity, would adequately protect natural habitat and wildlife species, preserve clean air and water and prevent or minimize soil losses.

4. Utilize contracting authority under PL 93-638 with the BIA to assume a major role in the planning and management of Tribal and allotted lands.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. In order to remain actively involved in BIA land operations and leasing and in an effort to utilize Tribal lands more effectively, the Tribes may

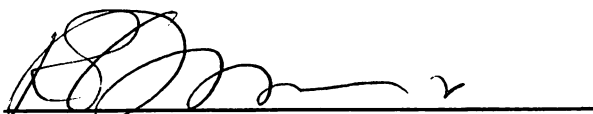
elect to contract for these services.

5. Prevent Tribal trust (allotted lands) from going out of tribal jurisdiction due to foreclosure upon mortgages of said lands by various commercial, state and federal lenders.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Provisions shall be made to amend the tribal law and order code to include foreclosure procedures dealing with allotted trust lands.
- B. An MOA will be entered into with the FSA, BIA and the Tribes which recognizes this procedure.

**Adopted by the Three Affiliated Tribes
at a regular Council Meeting**



**Russel Mason, Sr.
Tribal Chairman**

5-10-96
Date