

**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 villages of the Three Affiliated Tribes were since the discovery of our lands by the Europeans a major hub for many aspects of trading and visits by the traders and explorers, Prince Maximillian and Karl Bodmer visited the Three Affiliated Tribes in 1832, to record and live among the tribes,
- WHEREAS, Since the visit of Maximillian and Bodmer, the Three Affiliated Tribes have had to go Through many different times that have reduced them to the remnants of what they were When they were visited by the explorers,
- WHEREAS, Tatanka Film has approached the Three Affiliated Tribes for a partnership and venture to produce a series on the explorers' life among the Tribes,
- WHEREAS, This is the first time in history of the Three Affiliated Tribes history that they have Been approached to consult and portray the people in a realistic manner
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes, by entering into this partnership, at present, are not committing anything financially to this venture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council do hereby Support this venture and approves this preliminary agreement.

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 is composed of 7 members, of whom five constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened, and Held on the 9th day of October, 1997; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by An affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and That said resolution has not been recinded or amended in any way.

Chairman voting (not voting)

Dated this 9th day of October, 1997


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council

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Mr. Benedict F. Freitag / Producer
Tatanka Film Ag.
Zollikerstrasse 138
8008 Zurich, Switzerland

October 9, 1997

Dear Sir:

I am writing to follow-up upon our conversations over this last month and to formalize our agreement. This is our letter expressing the intent of the Three Affiliated Tribes to participate in a collaborative project centered on a twelve part mini- series for prime time television in Europe.

The Three Affiliated Tribes expresses our specific intent to participate in a joint venture with Tatanka Films on this mini series project. Our commitment is to negotiate solely with Tatanka Films for a period of twelve months.

As a demonstration of our intent, the Three Affiliated Tribes will provide Tatanka Film with the access to fully research the point of view of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes, and make the original sounds of their tongue, customs and music an integral part of the script and dramatic presentation. We will also provide access to materials, locations, and necessary permits for the construction of movie sets.

As this project develops further we intend to participate in every measure possible in the independent film company to be formed by the joint venture. We anticipate that this company will be located here on our reservation. At this time we have detailed our Economic Development Specialist and our Cultural Affairs Officer from our staff to work with you on the details and further developments. As before our contact point for you will be our Cultural Affairs Officer Elgin Crows Breast.

We are excited by this opportunity to tell the story of Maximilian zu Wied and Karl Bodmer who visited here and thru their narratives and paintings captured much of our lives and culture during their stay. I agree with you that this joint project would be a fitting twentieth century addendum to Karl Bodmer's statement 'indianer waren meine Freunde'.

I am hopeful that we will be able to bring this project to fruition. If there is any way that we can be of further assistance to you in this endeavor please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Mason
Chairman Three Affiliated Tribes

Elgin Crows Breast
Cultural Affairs Officer _____

T. Baker
Economic Development Specialist _____