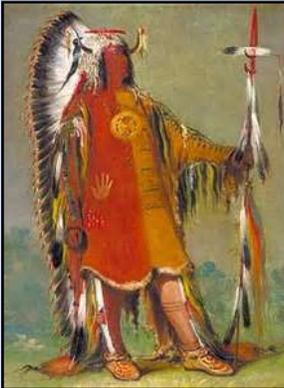




# TBC Four Bears News Letter

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"Mandan Chief Four Bears"

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**V. Judy Brugh, Four Bears Segment Representative  
Tribal Business Council of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara**

**"The Four Bears Segment Representative Presents and Promotes  
the \$500 Christmas Bonus to All Tribal Members"**



*"Merry Christmas 2013 and a Happy New Year 2014"*

Four Bears, North Dakota. The Four Bears Segment Representative along with the Tribal Business Council duly approved Tribal Resolution No. 13-184-VJB "Authorization for a one-time disbursement of funds from Tribal Oil & Gas Royalty and Taxation Revenue to "ALL ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES."

Dear Tribal Membership of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara: "Please be informed of the Disbursement of \$500 to All Duly Enrolled Tribal Members as Approved by the Tribal Business Council at a convened Special Meeting on December 17, 2013. The initial disbursement by December 23, 2013 will be to all eighteen (18) years of age and older as of December 17, 2013. The Second disbursement will be not later than January 2014 to Minors (17 years of Age and Younger.) Duly Enrolled.

The Authorized one-time disbursement shall not be taken exclusively the from the allocated funds of three million for infrastructure and/or housing designated to each representative of the Three Affiliated Tribes and is deemed as a Christmas disbursement, not a Per Cap.

Please update your mailing address at Tribal Enrollment as soon as practical to assure that they have your current mailing address for disbursement. As the \$500 Dollar Checks will be sent VIA US Mail to Your and Yours by the Three Affiliated Tribes Finance Department. V. Judy Brugh, Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara.

## TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES 35 APPLICANTS FOR TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES; MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA

The Tribal Business Council approves Resolution No. 13-169-VJB entitled "Approval of 35 Applicants for Enrollment into the Three Affiliated Tribes"; which states in part the following:

"WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, According to the Article II, Section 1. Membership of the Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution, the membership of the Three Affiliated Tribes shall consist of:

- A. All Persons whose names appear on the membership of the Tribe as of October 2, 1974.
- B. Any person born before the effective date of this amendment and to any member of the Tribe who was a resident of the reservation at the time of birth of said person.
- C. All persons of at least 1/8th Indian Blood of Hidatsa, Mandan, and/or Arikara Tribe.

### AMENDMENT VII, DUAL ENROLLMENT:

- A. Persons enrolled with another tribe and who have received benefits from another tribe in the form of land or payments shall not be eligible for enrollment with the Three

Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, provided that inherited interests shall not be considered as being such benefits.

- B. Persons eligible for enrollment with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation and another tribe shall relinquish whatever rights of enrollment they may hold in the other tribe as a condition to their enrollment with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010 a secretarial election was held to amend Article II of the Tribes' Constitution and a 1/8th Mandan, Hidatsa and/or Arikara blood quantum requirement was adopted for membership eligibility;

WHEREAS, on November 14th, 2013 the Tribal Business Council reviewed the applications of 35 individuals who are determined eligible for membership into the Three Affiliated Tribes under the amended provisions of Article II of the Constitution and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the enrollment of the attached list of 35 applicants for enrollment in the Three Affiliated Tribes.

1. Benson, Takoda Titus r
2. Benton, Keaton Dwayne
3. Carranza, Crystal-Ann
4. Chasing Bear, Ronald

James

5. Chasing Bear, Travis Jon
6. Church, Lydia Rayne
7. Finley, Natalie Faith
8. Garcia, Daniel Joseph
9. Hall, Avrie Mae
10. Hall, Hayden Lane
11. Kirkaldie, Megan Marie
12. Kirkaldie, Samantha Gene
13. Lozano, Chase Lee
14. Lozano, Joseph Manuel
15. Miner, Peyton Jade
16. Morgan, Jesse James
17. O'Brien, Zoe Layne
18. Packineau, Icesys Nikola
19. Poitra, Sparrow Kelti
20. Schommer, Ever Carolyn
21. Schommer, Gisele Marie
22. Sleeve, Rachel Marie
23. Smith, Zanaya Emmalina
24. Solomonson, Jaxon Duane
25. Solomonson, Liam Allen
26. Stracener, Collin Michael
27. Twiss, Jr., John Daryl
28. Vallejo, Samantha
29. Vallejo, Vanessa Marie
30. Vallejo, Victoria Lynn
31. Vanderzanden, Mecaila Rose
32. Williams, Tristen Young
33. Young Bird, Cortlyn Reann
34. Young Bird, Kalin Layne
35. Young Bird, Morgan Allen"

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET PER RESOLUTION NO. 13-170-VJB**

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

The Tribal Business Council approves Resolution No. 13-170-VJB entitled " Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 General Fund Operating Budget and Special Projects Budget for the Three Affiliated Tribes"; which states in full the following:

"WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to 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 III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has the authority and is required by law to adopt an Annual General Fund Operating Budget each Fiscal Year in order to appropriate and expend its federal and general funds; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe operates on a Fiscal Year which began for 2014 on October 1st, 2013 and ends on September 30th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, An FY 2014 General Fund operating budget in the amount of \$72,455,000 has been formulated; and the Tribal Business Council has reviewed and approved said budget; and

WHEREAS, An FY 2014 Special Projects budget in the amount of \$420,720,000 has been formulated and approved by the Tribal Business Council; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council concurs with the Treasurer that deficit spending during fiscal years 2014 should be strictly prohibited and that internal controls will be used to ensure deficit spending does not occur and approved budgets are not exceeded; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves and adopts the attached FY 2014 General Fund operating Budget in the amount of \$72,455,000 and the FY 2014 special projects budget in the amount of \$420,720,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That internal controls shall be strictly enforced to ensure that deficit spending does not occur in 2014; and
2. TAT Finance, contracts and property shall notify the budget administrators when they have reached 90% of their 2014 fiscal year budget allocation; and
3. TAT Finance, contracts and property shall not process and documentation and/or purchase orders for programs in the General Fund Programs or special projects that have exceeded their budget and shall require program modifications (consistent with the approved budgets for the individual line item budget change.)

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the budgets established and approved by this resolution shall not be modified or amended without formal resolution of the Tribal Business Council."

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL PROPOSES RESOLUTION ENTITLED “AMENDMENT TO THE MHA NATION ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE” FOR NEXT TBC MEETING**



**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

The Tribal Business Council Proposes a Resolution “ Amendment to the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Ethics in Government Ordinance”; which states in full the following:

“WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; 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, Pursuant to Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is required to enact an ordinance setting forth what constitutes cause for removal of a Tribal Business Council member pursuant to Section 2 of Article V; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to such power the on August 22nd 2005 and subsequently amended since that date, Tribal Business Council adopted the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Ethics in Government Ordinance to provide rules of ethics for Tribal Council Members as well as other tribal officials and employees; and...

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has determined that Section D 1 of the Ethics in Government should be amended to specifically prohibit public officials and employees from having contracts, and interests therein with companies for the exploration and production of oil and gas on the reservation and has determined that Section D of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Ethics Ordinance to so provide.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article V, Section 3 and Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council hereby amends Section D 1 of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Ethics in Government Ordinance by amending Subsection d as follows:

1. Strike existing Section D. 1.
2. New Section D. 1. Have an ownership and/or pecuniary interest including leasehold interests, in any company that contracts and/or subcontracts for goods and/or services with an oil & gas producing company on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Subcontracts shall include any and all subcontracts directly originating from the initial master contract with the oil & gas producer. The prohibition on financial and/or pecuniary interests any such company shall be specifically limited to MHA Nation Tribal Business Council and any employees, consultants or other contracted individuals of the Tribes’ regulatory departments including TAT Natural Resources, TAT Energy Department, TAT TERO, TAT EPA and TAT DOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council finds that an emergency exists and therefore waives the reading, public notice and comment period required by Resolution #08-56-MP (April 8, 2008) and this amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.”

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES TRIBAL ELDERS DISBURSEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2013 PER RESOLUTION NO. 13-170-VJB**



RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

The Tribal Business Council approves Resolution No. 13-175-VJB entitled “Authorization for a Disbursement to the Elders”; which states in full the following:

“WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to 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 III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Elderly, is defined as an enrolled Tribal member who is 60 years of age or older before November 30, 2013, for the December–2013 disbursement and 60 years of age or older before June 30, 2014 for the July –2014 disbursement and has substantial medical or other needs which are not being met through existing programs of assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to do what it can to help meet the needs of Tribal elders; and

WHEREAS, There are available sufficient Tribal Funds in the Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 budgets to permit each elder to receive an elderly assistance grant in the amount \$600 for health care and other needs of each and every Tribal elder; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council desires to have these funds distributed from the Docket Funds and/or income derived from the Tribe’s lands in accordance with Resolution #03-186-RP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Finance Department to pay each and every living Tribal Member who is an elder, as defined above, a financial disbursement in the amount of \$600 to be distributed on or about December, 2013 and July, 2014 as a part of the Tribal elderly living assistance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Such Disbursement will be paid from available income derived from the Tribes trust lands and income in accordance with Resolution #03-186-RP.

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**V. JUDY BRUGH, SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, FOUR BEARS  
SEGMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 10, 2013 OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES PER  
TALL SALT ADVISORS**

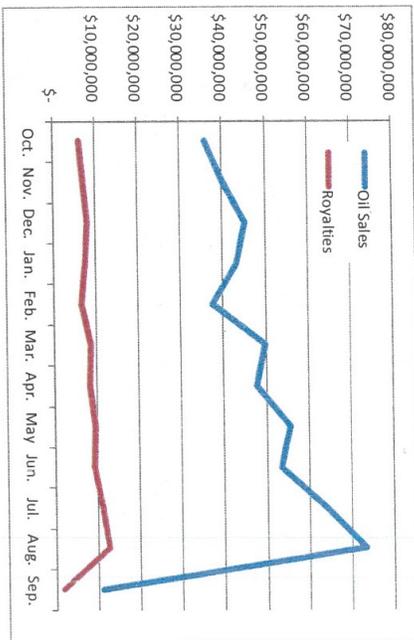
**Oil Sales & Royalties - Monthly**

TALLSALT ADVISORS

The following table presents total monthly oil sales (\$) and royalties earned (\$) for the latest 12 months as reported in the monthly Royalty Report provided to MHA by ONRR. The average royalty percentage is calculated for each month.

**Oil Sales & Royalties**  
MHA Tribal Well Royalty Interests  
Last 12 Months  
Based on data through September 2013 from Royalty Report dated October 2013

	Oil Sales **	Royalties *	Royalties %
Oct.	\$ 36,051,584	\$ 6,468,859	17.9%
Nov.	\$ 40,229,498	\$ 7,271,274	18.1%
Dec.	\$ 45,300,681	\$ 8,132,097	18.0%
Jan.	\$ 43,140,095	\$ 7,741,658	17.9%
Feb.	\$ 37,460,120	\$ 6,691,828	17.9%
Mar.	\$ 49,737,970	\$ 8,880,085	17.9%
Apr.	\$ 47,632,518	\$ 8,423,367	17.7%
May	\$ 55,622,042	\$ 9,897,508	17.8%
Jun.	\$ 53,379,364	\$ 9,488,061	17.8%
Jul.	\$ 63,823,292	\$ 11,284,186	17.7%
Aug.	\$ 73,427,143	\$ 12,693,515	17.3%
Sep.	\$ 11,158,629	\$ 1,960,439	17.6%
Last 12 months	\$ 556,962,938	\$ 98,932,876	17.8%



Note: The reporting cycle and timeliness of operator reporting results in a time delay of 3 to 4 months before substantially all the data for any given month is reported on the monthly Royalties Reports provided by ONRR.  
 \* Royalties equal "royalties after allowances" as reported in the monthly Royalty Reports provided by ONRR to MHA. Only includes data for Product Code 01 (Oil).  
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**V. JUDY BRUGH, SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, FOUR BEARS  
SEGMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION**

**TAX REPORT DECEMBER 23, 2013 OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES**

**Three Affiliated Tribes**

**Taxes Collections**

Oct. 01, 2012 Through Sep. 30, 2013



Reporting Month	Production Tax	Extraction Tax	Motor Fuels Tax	Total Collections
Oct 2012	\$4,442,277.30	\$4,160,781.26	\$216,318.17	\$8,819,376.73
Nov 2012	\$4,850,616.94	\$4,655,079.89	\$157,443.35	\$9,663,140.18
Dec 2012	\$5,447,498.63	\$5,314,361.46	\$175,126.81	\$10,936,986.90
Jan 2013	\$5,336,710.77	\$5,309,089.84	\$162,590.88	\$10,808,391.49
Feb 2013	\$5,571,108.24	\$5,641,972.29	\$170,139.30	\$11,383,219.83
Mar 2013	\$5,486,767.86	\$5,424,473.08	\$185,873.82	\$11,097,114.76
Apr 2013	\$4,853,510.78	\$4,827,779.43	\$163,025.63	\$9,844,315.84
May 2013	\$7,271,798.09	\$7,481,209.17	\$177,514.69	\$14,930,521.95
Jun 2013	\$6,133,660.20	\$6,265,231.24	\$185,796.78	\$12,584,688.22
Jul 2013	\$6,332,845.86	\$6,523,619.37	\$190,656.94	\$13,047,122.17
Aug 2013	\$6,577,402.71	\$6,683,910.59	\$188,831.77	\$13,450,145.07
Sep 2013	\$10,731,052.12	\$8,587,127.01	\$208,719.38	\$19,526,898.51
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$73,035,249.50</b>	<b>\$70,874,634.63</b>	<b>\$2,182,037.52</b>	<b>\$146,091,921.65</b>



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Tribes of the Fort  
Berthold Indian  
Reservation; Home  
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**“Working Towards a Better  
Tomorrow for Our Children”**

The Four Bears Segment Representative News Letters is a monthly newsletter that will be published and distributed upon publication after receipt of minutes and resolutions of each months respective Council meeting to insure the timely communication of official action of the Tribal Business Council the Governing Body of the Three Affiliated Tribes; the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation as well community updates.

The information for the Four Bears News Letter is derived from the Official Actions of the Tribal Business Council at duly convened Tribal Business Council Meetings which are held at the Tribal Headquarters at 404 Frontage Road; All Are Welcome to Attend.

If, you have any suggestions or recommendations for the Four Bears News Letter, please don't hesitate to give the Four Bears Segment Staff a call at 701-627-4781, extension no. 8109. Thank You.

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