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

## A Resolution entitled, "Approval of Setback Variance Requested by Marathon Oil Company for the Doll USA Project."

Whereas, This Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes ("MHA Nation" or "Tribes"), having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws under said Act; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of its Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its Agencies, and Officials; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has authority to engage in activities on behalf of and for the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution provide that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with Tribal lands and resources; and

WHEREAS, On August 9, 2012, the Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-087VJB entitled "The Missouri River, Badlands, and Sacred Sites Protection Act," which requires a one-half mile setback for well sites/drilling pads from the Missouri River, Little Missouri River, and designated sacred sites or villages in the Badlands; and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2012, the Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-139-VJB, entitled "Amending the Missouri River and Badlands Protection Act to Allow Variances upon Recommendation by the Tribal Energy Office," which authorizes the MHA Energy Division to consider setback variance requests and make recommendations to the Tribal Business Council to approve such requests "when minerals would be stranded due to the setback provisions or where the applicant has made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River"; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2017. the Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 17-038 FWF, entitled "Amending the Missouri River, Badlands, and Sacred Sites

Protection Act, Concerning Variances," (Second Amendment) by amending the first Resolved paragraph, section 1.) of Resolution 12-139-VJB, as follows:
"The Tribal Business Council may, in its discretion, grant a variance from the half mile setback provision upon the recommendation of the Tribal Energy Office. The Tribal Energy Office may recommend a variance when minerals would be stranded due to the setback provisions or where the applicant has made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River. In no event shall a setback of less than 1000 feet be allowed" ("1,000 foot Lake setback restriction"); and

WHEREAS, Applications for setback variances within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation are subject to other requirements of Tribal law, including Resolution No. 15-045-LKH (Establishing a Procedure for the Approval of Leases, Rights-of-Way, Setback Variances, and Permissions to Survey on Tribal Land), Resolution No. 17-117-FWF (Approval of Fee Structure), and Resolution No. 18-212-FWF (Amending Fee Structure); and

WHEREAS, On November 1, 2019, Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") submitted to the MHA Energy Division a setback variance request for the Doll USA Project, as set forth in Exhibit A, and more specifically as follows:

DOLL USA WELL PAD: Drilling and completing up to nine (9) wells, four (4) existing wells and five (5) new wells, within one-half ( $1 / 2$ ) mile of Lake Sakakawea.

LOCATION: W $1 / 2 \mathrm{SW}^{1} / 4$ of Section $14, \mathrm{SE}^{1} 1 / 4$ of Section 15 , and $\mathrm{NE}^{1} / 4$ of Section 15, in Township 151 North, Range 94 West, 5th P.M., McKenzie County, North Dakota.

ACRES OF DISTURBANCE: 8.00 acres of fenced-in well pad and 5.57 acres of access road and multiuse corridor.

## DRILLING SPACING UNIT:

1,280 acre DSU: All of Sections 3 \& 10, Township 151 North, Range 94 West, $5^{\text {th }}$ P.M., McKenzie County, North Dakota.
2,560 acre DSU: All of Sections 2, 3, 10, \& 11, Township 151 North, Range 94 West, $5^{\text {th }}$ P.M., McKenzie County, North Dakota.

DISTANCE FROM WELL PAD: One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-four feet $\left(1,874^{\prime}\right)$ to the 1854 High Water Mark; and

WHEREAS, On November 1, 2019, Marathon met with the MHA Energy Division to review and consider all other alternatives for the construction and siting of the Doll USA Project; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Energy Division reviewed, processed, and fully vetted Marathon's request for a setback variance for the Doll USA project, and has determined that Marathon made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to fees established and set forth in Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, this setback variance application is subject to a $\$ 3,000.00$ processing fee, in addition to the one-time application fee; and

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2019, at a duly held meeting of the Energy Committee ("EC"), the MHA Energy Division recommended approval of Marathon's setback variance request for the Doll USA Project, the EC approved said request, and forwarded it to the Tribal Business Council for final action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves Marathon's setback variance request for the Doll USA project, as set forth in Exhibit A, and more specifically as follows:

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DISTANCE FROM WELL PAD: One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-four feet ( $1,874^{\prime}$ ) to the 1854 High Water Mark; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pursuant to Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, approval of the setback variance request described herein is subject to a processing fee in the
amount of $\$ 3,000.00$, which Marathon Oil Company must pay within fifteen (15) days from the passage of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

## 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 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 $19^{\text {th }}$ day of December 2019; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 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 [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.
Dated this $19^{\text {th }}$ day of December, 2019.


Tribal Secretaly, Fred $\$$ N. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


