



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

A Resolution Entitled, "Authorizing an Amendment to the Economic Development Administration's approved 'MHA Nation 2016-2022 Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)'"

- WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws (the Constitution) under said Act, and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution 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 MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the 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,** Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Nation and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe is committed to developing "food sovereignty" on the Fort Berthold Reservation by implementing indoor growing methods that capture natural gas to provide heat and power to greenhouses; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe is dedicated to providing all the necessary resources, including applying for pertinent grants to plan, develop, and implement a successful Gas Capture Greenhouse Project; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe intends to seek federal grant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA); and
- WHEREAS,** The EDA, DOE, and ANA grant applications require the Gas Capture Greenhouse Project to be included in the Tribe's approved Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and



WHEREAS, In 2016, the MHA Nation’s Planning and Grants Department developed the “MHA Nation 2016-2022 Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council through Resolution No. 16-298-FWF approved the CEDS Documents; and

WHEREAS, The EDA subsequently approved of the MHA Nation’s CEDS document; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation’s CEDS document must be amended to include the Gas Capture Greenhouse Project before the Tribe may be eligible to apply for grant opportunities with the EDA, DOE, and ANA; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe must initiate the formal amendment process for the MHA Nation’s CEDS document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the MHA Nation’s Planning and Grants Department to initiate and expedite the formal amendment process of the MHA Nation’s CEDS document to include the Gas Capture Greenhouse Project as a “key element” and “investment priority.”

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council instructs the MHA Nation’s Planning and Grants Department to make available on the MHA Nation’s website a fully amended CEDS document in a manner that allows the EDA, DOE, and ANA agencies to access it via a web link and also will make copies available in a portable document format to be attached electronically to grant applications.



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 14th day of May, 2020, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary Fred Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes