



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

**A Resolution Entitled, “*Legal Counsel Contract Between the Three Affiliated Tribes and
Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP.*”**

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 Tribal Business Council received notice dated May 1, 2020, from the law firm of Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP advising the MHA Nation that Jeremy Patterson and certain attorneys currently working on matters for the MHA Nation are starting a new law firm based in Colorado and Washington, D.C. and will no longer be associated with Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP; and

WHEREAS, The notice sought clarification of whether the MHA Nation wishes to retain the services of Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP, Mr. Patterson’s new law firm, or select a new law firm to represent the Three Affiliated Tribes for any and all pending matters that Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP is currently handling.

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council wishes to select to go with Jeremy Patterson’s new law firm, established as Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP to handle any and all pending matters that Fredericks Peebles & Patterson LLP is currently handling through the end of the fiscal year.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and approves the Legal Counsel Contract with Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP, attached to this Resolution, to handle any and all pending matters through the end of the fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and approves the appropriation of sufficient tribal funds in an amount equal to the total amount of fees and expenses authorized under the attached Contract. The Tribal Chairman and Treasurer are authorized to pay fees and expenses from budget line items other than legal in those cases where the work performed under this Contract concerns or benefits other tribal programs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the Legal Counsel Contract with Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP.

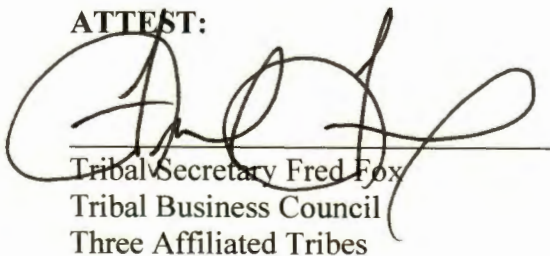
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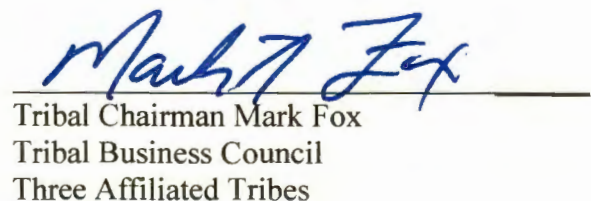
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 9th day of July, 2020, 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.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary Fred Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


Tribal Chairman Mark Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes