

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

## A Resolution entitled, "Consent to Amend BIA Row No. FBOG101315 (Modification No. 1) across Tribal land (Allotment 537A) for the Bonita Well Pad Project Submitted by Bruin E&P Operating, LLC."

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (the "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 Bylaws (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 Tribes; 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 Council, its Agencies and Officials; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution, provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS, Leases and Rights-of-Way ("ROWs") across Tribal Trust land require the consent of the Tribal Business Council pursuant to federal and Tribal Law; and
- WHEREAS, Applications for Rights-of-Way ("ROWs") on Tribal Land are subject to the requirements of tribal law, including Resolution No. 13-109-VJB (Establishing Standardized Minimum Rates for Oil and Gas Lease Bonus, Royalties and Road and Pipeline Easements), Resolution No. 14-071-VJB (MHA Nation Application for Rights-of-Way and Use of Right-of-Way), Resolution No. 14-089-VJB (MHA Nation Pipeline Right-of-Way Terms and Conditions), and 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 August 15, 2018, the Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 18-214-FWF entitled Consent to approval of a Right of Way across Tribal land for the Fort Berthold 152-93-9C-10-7H, 8H, 9H, 10H, 11H, 12H, 13H, 14H, and 15H-The Bonita Well Pad, Road and Utility Corridor Project which approved Bruin Energy's ROW request to construct the Bonita Well Pad across certain across certain tribal tracts in Allotment 537A in Section 8, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota, with 33.3333333% tribal interest; and
- WHEREAS, On May 31, 2019, the BIA granted to Bruin Energy Row No. FBOG101315 for the Bonita Well Pad across certain tribal tracts in Allotment 537A in Section 8, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota, with 33.3333333% tribal interest and the ROW was designated as Row No. FBOG101315; and
- WHEREAS, Bruin E&P Operating, LLC has submitted a ROW application to amend ROW No. FBOG101315 for the Bonita Well Pad Project which will add 5 wells to the existing pad across certain tribal tracts in Allotment 537A in Section 8, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota, with 33.3333333% tribal interest; and
- WHEREAS, The ROW application, has been reviewed and recommended for approval in accordance with the MHA Nation's approved procedure for authorizing ROWs on Tribal Land.
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Subject to the MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Right-of-Ways, and payment of applicable ROW fees, the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the ROW application, attached as Appendix A.1, and consents to the following ROW amendment:
  - Bruin E&P Operating LLC The Bonita well pad project which will add 5 wells to the existing pad across a certain tribal tract in Allotment 537A, with 33.3333333% tribal interest, in Section 8, Township 152 North, Range 93 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** In accordance with the MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for right-of-ways, the ROW for the Bonita Well Pad will remain subject to the original twenty (20) year term beginning from the date of the BIA's execution of the original grant of BIA Row No. FBOG101315.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Tribe does not consent to waive any bond, insurance, or alternative form of security.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Rightof-Ways are incorporated into this consent to the grant of the ROW, and



therefore, as provided in 25 CFR §169.107(a), the Tribal Business Council requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate these terms and conditions into the ROW grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The MHA Nation retains the authority to issue fines and set conditions to address and resolve ROW trespass, abandonment, non-use, and other violations, including violations of applicable MHA Nation Standard ROW Terms and Conditions, and further requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to defer to these remedies, in accordance with the intent and notice provisions in 25 CFR §169.403(a).

**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.

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## 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, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST: Fribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox

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