

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

A Resolution Entitled: "Directive to the Office of Trust Fund Management to Make Available Funds for Withdrawal from Three Affiliated Tribes MHA Nation Peoples Fund Account PL10017014 in the Amount of \$14,650,000.

- 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, also known as the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation ("Tribes" or "MHA Nation") provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides 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, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Each Fiscal Year the Tribal Business Council adopts an Annual General Fund Operating Budget which includes earnings and income from the MHA Nation Peoples Fund Account #PL10017014; and
- WHEREAS On October 10^{th,} 2019 The Tribal Business Council adopted Resolution No. 19-234-FWF adopting the FY- 20 General fund operating Budget for the Three Affiliated Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has authority according to the terms of the said Constitution to direct the Office of Special Trustee to disburse funds held in the



MHA Nation Peoples Fund account which contains funds derived from Oil and Gas Leases on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Funds are available in the MHA Nation Peoples Fund PL10017014 to be withdrawn in the amount of \$14,650,000 and the Tribal Business Council has decided to draw these funds down.

- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council hereby directs the Office of Special Trustee to relinquish the amount of \$14,650,000 from the MHA Nation Peoples Fund Account PL10017014 to the Three Affiliated Tribes for disbursement to enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes in accordance with the 2020 General Fund budget and resolutions No. 13-004-VJB, No. 14-111-VJB, No. 14-112-VJB, and No. 19-234-FWF; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Tribal Finance Department, within the Three Affiliated Tribes will submit a Standard Form 1034 to the Office of Special Trustee with the attachment of Resolution No. 19-234-FWF; and
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, the Office of Special Trustee will be given specific instructions to where the funds from the MHA Nation Peoples Fund Account PL10017014 shall be transferred on the Standard Form 1034.

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 9th day of September, 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 9th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

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