

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

A Resolution Entitled, "Approving IMDA Lease With Marathon Oil Company"

- 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 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 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, Article IX Sections 1 and 3 of said Constitution provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribe has engaged in negotiations with Marathon Oil Company regarding an oil and gas lease covering approximately 374.79 tribal minerals acres which was previously incorrectly leased by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and
- WHEREAS, Marathon has agreed to the terms of an Indian Mineral Development Act lease (the "Lease"), attached as Exhibit A, which provides for a twenty-two percent (22 %) royalty rate, a bonus of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per net mineral acre, and a payment of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for past production on the leased premises.
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council finds the terms of the Lease acceptable and hereby approves the attached Lease.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute the Lease, to approve with any nonmaterial revisions deemed necessary to obtain approval of the lease by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to take such further action as is 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 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 10th day of March, 2021, 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 10th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox

Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox

Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes