



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

A Resolution entitled, "Consent to Approval of a Right-of-Way across Tribal land (1083A, 1082A) for WPX Bird Bear 35-28 submitted by McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc."

- 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 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, McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc. submitted a ROW application for the WPX Bird Bear 35-28 for a Proposed Underground Powerline, across Tribal tracts 1083A, 1082A in Section 34 & 35 Township 150N Range 94W;

WHEREAS, The ROW application submitted by McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc., for the WPX Bird Bear 35-28, described below, 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 McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc.'s agreement to the execution of the MHA Right-of-Way Application and Terms and Conditions, as listed therein, and payment of ROW fees, the Tribal Business Council hereby approves the following ROW application, attached as Appendix A.1, and ROW consent, as follows:

- McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc.—WPX Bird Bear 35-28
 - Powerline being 1,328.61 feet in length, temporary construction easement of 2.161 acres and permanent 0.914 acres Allotment 1083A, Section 34, Township 150 North, Range 94 West, in McKenzie County, 5th Principle Meridian with a 0.8577546297 Tribal Interest,
 - Powerline being 220.58 feet in length, temporary construction easement of 0.326 acres and permanent 0.152 acres Allotment 1082A, Section 35, Township 150 North, Range 94 West, in McKenzie County, 5th Principle Meridian with a 0.6934027778 Tribal Interest,
 - For a total disturbance of 3.553 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The ROW shall have a thirty (30) year term, from the date of the BIA's execution of the grant of the ROW for said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribe does not consent to waive any bond, insurance, or alternative form of security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The MHA Nation Standard Terms and Conditions for Right-of-Ways, executed by McKenzie Electric Cooperative Inc. and the MHA Nation Energy Division, constitute a written agreement as part of the MHA Nation's consent to the grant of the ROW, and therefore, as provided in 25 CFR §169.107(a), the Tribal Business Council requests Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate these terms and conditions into the ROW grant for the WPX Bird Bear 35-28.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council retains the authority, as well as the delegation of authority to the MHA Nation Energy Division and other Tribal departments, 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 FURTHER RESOLVED, In accordance with governing MHA Nation law and policy, as well as applicable federal regulations, all ROW grantees must obtain the prior written approval from the MHA Nation before assigning a ROW that contains any Tribal interest, and therefore, the Tribal Business Council does not pre-consent to any assignment of the ROW; and

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 Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 8th day of April, 2021, 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 8th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Handwritten signature of Mark N. Fox in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

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