

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

A Resolution entitled, "Consent to Suspension of Operations (SOP) across Tribal land for (Allotment MT 1961) for the Suspension of Operations for XTO Energy, 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
- WHEREAS, On November 2, 2015, the BIA granted Assignment of the Oil and Gas Lease from Missouri River Resources to XTO Energy; and
- WHEREAS, XTO Energy submitted an Application for Suspension of Operations of BIA Lease 7420A42689 covering allotment MT 1961 in Section 1, 12, Township 147N North, Range 95 West, in Dunn County, North Dakota, with 100% Tribal Interest; and
- **WHEREAS**, The application to suspend operations has been reviewed and recommended for approval.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves the the Suspension of Operations, SOP for XTO Energy, Inc. for Oil and Gas Lease



7420A42689 on Allotment MT 1961 in Section 1 and 12, Township 147 North, Range 95 West, in Dunn County, North Dakota, with 100% Tribal Interest.

- **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 shall continue to apply.
- **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, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15th day of December, 2021; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] voting. [] not voting.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

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

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