

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

## A Resolution Entitled, "Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Lease and Change Classification for Certain Lands Near Planned Tribal Park"

- 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, The MHA Nation purchased the Fettig Ranch property in 2020 pursuant to the authority provided in Resolution No. 19-339-FWF; and
- WHEREAS, Following a request submitted to the Department of the Interior by the Tribe pursuant to Resolution No. 21-076-FWF the Fettig Ranch was taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Consistent with the MHA Nation's intent to maintain the Fettig Ranch property for recreation and tourism the lands are currently designated as the site for a proposed Tribal Park; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed Tribal Park is located adjacent to lands owned and managed by the WHEREAS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), depicted on the maps in Attachment A hereto, that are along the Little Missouri River and serve as a primary location for various recreational activities including hiking, camping, and kayaking, among others (the Adjacent Lands); and
- WHEREAS, The Adjacent Lands are more particularly described as:
  - Portions of sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 in Township 148 North, Range 95 West designated as K 933(pt) K 934 (pt), K 936 (pt); and A(pt) (Seg K) K 933 in Dunn County North Dakota; and



- Portions of sections 2, 3, 11 in Township 147 North, Range 95 West designated as A(pt) (Seg K) K 933; and K 917-2, K 929 (pt), K 931 (pt), K 933 (pt) in Dunn County, North Dakota.
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council believes it is in the best interest of the MHA Nation to lease the Adjacent Lands from USACE and request a change in classification under the Garrison Dam and Lake Sakakawea Master Plan so that the MHA Nation may use these adjacent USACE lands to support various recreation activities near the proposed Tribal Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council requests the USACE to lease the Adjacent Lands to the MHA Nation and change their land classification from Multiple Resource Management to High Density Recreation in the Garrison Dam and Lake Sakakawea Master Plan, and take such other action as is necessary to allow the MHA Nation to use the Adjacent Lands for the Tribal Park.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

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

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