



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

**A Resolution Entitled, "*Authorizing Contracts with Three Tribal Elders for Services to the Tribes' Parks and Reserve Program.*"**

**WHEREAS,** The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes ("MHA Nation" or "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,** The MHA Nation purchased the Fettig Ranch property in 2020 pursuant to Resolution No. 19-339-FWF; and

**WHEREAS,** Following a request submitted to the Department of the Interior by the Tribes pursuant to Resolution No. 21-076-FWF, the Fettig Ranch was taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** Consistent with the Tribes' 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 MHA Nation created the Tribes' Parks and Reserve Program to develop the park space to preserve the fragile badlands ecosystem as well as conserve and reestablish native plants and animals for the enjoyment of the MHA population as well as national and international tourists; and

**WHEREAS,** Paige Baker and Gerard Baker are Tribal elders with expertise in national park management/development as well as the traditions and practices of the MHA Nation. Edward Hall is also a Tribal elder with knowledge in tourism development and sustainability, who has expertise in the traditions and culture of the MHA Nation.



**WHEREAS,** The Tribes' Parks and Reserve Program seeks approval to contract with Paige Baker, Gerard Baker, and Edward Hall to review park development/programming and advise program personnel as the park evolves and begins delivering services to the public. Such services are at the cost of \$50.00/hour each for 520 hours per year that results in \$26,000.00 per elder for a total cost of \$78,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby approves the appropriations and expenditure of Tribal funds in the amount of \$78,000.00 from the FY2024 Tribes' Parks and Reserve Program budget for the payment of fees in accordance with the terms and conditions of Contracts for Services or Consultant Contracts with Paige Baker, Gerard Baker, and Edward Hall, Tribal elders with expertise, for the services as stated above; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council is hereby authorized to execute such Contracts and take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

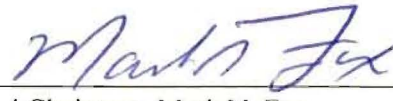
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 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  Voting.  Not Voting.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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

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