

OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution Entitled: "Tribal Match of \$200,000 to the Fort Berthold Land and Livestock Association for Fencing Grant through the Native American Agriculture Fund."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes, also known as the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation ("Tribes" or "MHA Nation"), generally 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 Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides the Tribal Business Council authority to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Council and other Tribal Agencies and Tribal Officials of the Fort Berthold Reservation (or "Reservation"); and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Land and Livestock Association (or "FBLLA") was originally formed as a nonprofit corporation under the North Dakota Nonprofit Corporation Act in 1976 and subsequently granted a nonprofit corporate charter by the MHA Nation pursuant to Resolution 22-216-FWF, with the primary goal to carry out and promote agriculture on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The FBLLA has determined that Range Unit fences throughout the Reservation are in various states of disrepair and subsequently have applied for and been awarded grant funds through the Native American Agriculture Fund (or "NAAF") in the amount of \$200,000; and
- **WHEREAS**, Due to rising costs of materials and labor nationwide, the grant funds may not adequately cover the immediate needs of the project, therefore the FBLLA



has asked the Tribes for supplemental matching funds in the amount of \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby grants the Fort Berthold Land and Livestock Association funds in the amount of \$200,000 to match the aforementioned Native American Agriculture Fund Grant, and funds appropriated will be subject to the accounting requirements of Tribal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FBLLA will work closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Tribes' Range Rider Program, the Tribes' Natural Resource Department, the Tribes' GIS/Water Resource Department, and any other agencies or programs deemed necessary to prioritize, objectively, the immediate needs of the project, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council is authorized to take such actions as 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 9th day of November, 2023, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, I members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [] Voting. [X] Not Voting.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary Fled Fox

Tribal Business Council Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Mark N

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