



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

A Resolution entitled, “Authorization for a One-Time Disbursement of Funds from Tribal Oil & Gas Royalty Revenues to All Enrolled Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes.”

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 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to administer any funds or property within the exclusive control of Tribes and to make expenditures from available tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes have benefitted greatly from the oil and gas development and activity on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council wishes to provide the enrolled membership with a disbursement of the Tribes’ oil and gas royalty revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby formally approves a one-time disbursement of funds from oil and gas royalty revenues to all enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes as of December 31, 2023 and regardless of age shall receive a one-time disbursement in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2024 will be required to have a legal guardian fill out an “Instruction for Disbursement Form” and return to the Tribes’ Tribal Finance Dept. Forms will be available at the Tribes’ Finance Department, segment offices, and the MHA Nation website; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2024 that do not have a completed “Instruction for Disbursement Form” returned to Tribal Finance by April 1, 2024 will have disbursement held in a Trust account until the age of 18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled members under the age of 14 as of April 1, 2024 in the custody of the Three Affiliated Tribes child welfare agency or another such tribal agency or state child welfare agency through ICWA shall have their disbursement held in a Trust account until the age of 18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authorized one-time disbursement shall be taken exclusively from existing oil & gas royalty revenues of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no funds for the one-time disbursement approved by this Resolution shall be taken from any funds on deposit for the benefit of the *Nuxbaaga Iidaa Uuh Waa Zaah, Sahnis waaplsis, Aki numuk aki tawatesh sha geddish, The People’s Fund*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Three Affiliated Tribes shall work to identify the appropriate accounts and to make ready for issuance of the one-time disbursement in accordance with this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Disbursement authorized by this Resolution shall be sent via U.S. Mail to the last known address of the recipient individual no later than December 16, 2023.

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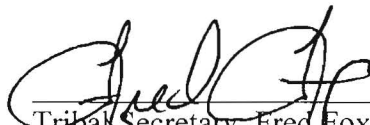
CERTIFICATION

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 9th day of November 2023; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 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 9th day of November 2023.

ATTEST:


Tribal Secretary, Fred Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


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