



MANDAN, HIDATSA & ARIKARA NATION

Three Affiliated Tribes * Fort Berthold Indian Reservation
Tribal Business Council

Office of Chairman Mark N. Fox

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NEW TOWN, ND— Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation Chairman Mark N. Fox said today that he supports transparency in government and ethical journalism. The statement below can be quoted in part or in full:

“The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation is committed to upholding freedom of the press. But we are greatly disappointed that a so-called “journalist” has chosen to use her current position within the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) to attempt to further personal political agendas. It is not the policy of the MHA Nation to comment on scurrilous accusations, but we offer the following response.

The MHA Nation is governed by its Constitution and our Tribal Business Council, its governing body. The members of the Tribal Business Council are elected by tribal membership and do not operate in secrecy. We remain committed to transparency for our people and the press.

KMHA broadcasts all our Tribal Business Council meetings, with the exception of when the council is discussing personnel, sensitive, and legal issues.

Disinformation flows freely on social media, misleading our tribal members with stories of corruption. While inflammatory posts and articles generate clicks, the reality is that the Tribal Business Council and Fox Administration adhere to the MHA Nation Constitution. We honor freedom of the press. We honor transparency. We do not condone false, baseless attacks that cast our nation in a bad, and false, light.”

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