

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Natural Resources Meeting
January 12, 1993

PRESENT: John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Chairman; Roger Bird Bear Treasurer; Jim Mossett, Councilmember; George Fast Dog, Councilmember and LaVerne Brady, Recording Secretary.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Harley T. Lone Bear, Realty Officer; Myrna Jacobs, Realty Officer; Carey Dreher, BIA Range Conservationist.

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 2:30PM.

ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Treasurer Bird Bear.
Quorum established.

ITEM 03: RESOLUTION/MINERALS ASSESSMENT:
This was explained by Kyle Baker, Program Director. He stated this is for extra bureau money, which is competitive through a proposal. It has to be approved here, then on to Aberdeen. We are going to get all the past mineral assessments and any studies like coal and oil and do a consolidated mineral study. Another thing, we're still asking for some money for solid waste. Discussion on blue containers and tubs.

A budget was submitted to Natural Resources regarding the environmental issue and it was passed during the meeting.

Committee Member Mossett made a motion to approve resolution, seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 04: RANGE UNIT/PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS:
Mrs. Jacobs, Realty Officer explained the Natural Resources Department received a letter from the Bureau concerning John Stone, Jr., and Pete Fredericks range units and the Twin Buttes Parks and Recreation. They didn't use these until a later

RANGE UNITS (CON'T):

date. She stated the Bureau needs a letter to adjust the payment rental. Either a letter or an approved copy of these minutes. Committee Member Mossett stated we put some of the Little Soldier land purchase into John Stone, Jr's., range unit. The lease agreement was not signed until September so he doesn't want to be billed for the whole year, just what he utilized from September to December.

Committee Member Bird Bear made a motion that these minutes will take care of this matter, seconded by Committee Member Mossett.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second that the range units payments be due beginning September 19, 1993.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 05: PETE FREDERICKS:

It was explained that Pete Fredericks did not use his rental the full time either. Committee Member Mossett stated range unit 5 was his range unit and range unit 24 was originally in his range unit. It was taken away through the tribe and given to Pete.

Items of concern included overgrazing, overstocking and violations. Pete was fined this year for damages. It was recommended that range unit 24 be put back into range unit 5, where it originally was for better range management. This is the Bureau's recommendation. Myrna explained that Pete needs a settlement from the Tribal Business Council to put range unit 24 back into range unit 5.

Mr. Lone Bear explained that what the Natural Resources Department would offer to the committee is that the Bureau of Indians Affairs does our conservation plan. They recommended that these be put back for conservation alone and I think we should support that. They are trying to make the best use of that land for the tribe. It would be producing grazing lease for years to come.

It was questioned if this was highly controversial. Response was yes, if we set a procedure towards conservation because of the abuse of the land.

PETE FREDERICKS (CON'T):

It was mentioned if this item should go before the full Council. Myrna stated she would notify Pete Fredericks of the next Council Meeting.

It was suggested some range people should be here for the meeting.

Carey Dreher, BIA Range was asked to come to the meeting.

ITEM 06: TWIN BUTTES PARKS & RECREATION:

Committee Member Mossett explained this is the same Little Soldier land the Tribe purchased. It was overgrazed.

Committee Member Mossett made motion that the Twin Buttes Parks & Recreation be awarded range unit 17 starting from August 1, 1992 and that they be billed from August to December and to negotiate a six month lease for next year.

Discussion on yearly or five year lease and what is the organization going to do with the land.

Committee Member Bird Bear made a motion to award range unit 17 to Twin Buttes Parks & Recreation, seconded by Committee Member Mossett.

Mr. Lone Bear, Realty Officer stated all permits will have to be renewed in 1994. On range unit negotiations, a tribal member can come in and allocate underneath it so that it's available to any tribal member. Committee Member Fast Dog/2:57.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting.
Motion Carried.

ITEM 07: DANIEL HALL HOMESITE:

It was explained this was a homesite for Daniel Hall on tribal land located in Mandaree. All Myrna needed was a signature on the contract. It was further explained the problems Danny encountered trying to acquire his homesite were the buffalo pasture extension, electricity and he finally found a tribal tract across from Ivan Johnson's.

DANIEL HALL HOMESITE (CON'T):

Committee Member Mossett made a motion to approve,
seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting.

ITEM 08: DARRYL JACOBS HOMESITE:

It was explained this homesite is located near the
Twin Buttes Parks & Recreation also on tribal fee
land purchased from Little Soldiers. 2.5 acres.

It was questioned if everything has been checked
out. It was mentioned his first homesite had some
teepee rings so he could not build there.
Mr. Jacobs was informed this area was designated
for recreational use but in the meantime, survey
was already done which amounted to several thousand

If we make him find another spot, he will have to
pay this himself so he's on the corner of the 80
acres next to the highway.

Committee Member Mossett made a motion for approval
seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Discussion: waiver questioned. Response was yes,
the 2.5 acre part.

Motion and second to amend waive as lot 1, block 1,
Twin Buttes Parks & Recreation.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting.
Motion Carried.

ITEM 09: LISA REDFORD HOMESITE (CON'T):

It was explained the tribe needs to sign as they
own a share of allotment 1131A for a 2.5 acre home-
site. Lisa is obtaining the other landowners sig-
natures and the tribe owns 47%.

Committee Member Mossett made a motion to approve,
seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

LISA REDFORD HOMESITE (CON'T):

Discussion: On a homesite, 100% approval is needed. Three years is open to develop a homesite according to Realty Procedures.

Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting.
Motion Carried.

Discussion on Lillian Holen's homesite.

ITEM 10: FARM PASTURE LEASES: T310A/T1529/T484A

Louis Simonson: It was explained Louis has allotment T310A and T1529. He requested renewal for five more years at \$25.00 per acre South of Parshall.

Discussion: Tribal members have five years. Non-members have three years. The Tribe has the option to renegotiate after three years on a five year lease.

Chairman Rabbithead entertained motion to approve.

Committee Member Mossett made motion to approve renewal, seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Discussion: These tracts are 80 acres apiece less road right of way. The Indian preference rate is \$24.00 per acre.

It was explained he's also requesting to renew allotment T484A. It's 133 acres at \$25.00 an acre.

Motion and second to include this renewal.

Discussion: Enrolled members can lease up to 800 acres at \$24.00 an acre. After that, to negotiate.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 11: FARM PASTURE LEASES:T264A-A

Randy Meyers: It was explained his application for renewal is also South of Parshall totaling 72 acres at \$27.00 per acre.

Discussion: A number 18 has been added to the stipulation which states that the Tribe reserves the right to renegotiate.

Chairman Rabbithead entertained motion to approve.

RANDY MEYERS LEASE (CON'T):
Committee Member made motion to approve, seconded
by Committee Member Fast Dog.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 12: FARM PASTURE LEASES:Taken Area #10
Hazel Blake - It was explained that Hazel has been
leasing this taken area for years.

Chairman Rabbithead entertains motion to approve.

Committee Member Bird Bear made motion to approve
renewal, seconded by Committee Member Mossett.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 13: FARM PASTURE LEASES:Taken Area #1
Walter Morast - It was explained he's a new lessee
from Zap. It is 40 acres of pasture at \$4.00 per
acre.

Chairman Rabbithead entertains motion to approve.

Committee Member Mossett made motion to approve,
seconded by Committee Member Fast Dog.

Discussion: Was it available to tribal members?
There was no bid on this one.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 14: FARM PASTURE LEASES:T937A
J. Victor Walker - It was explained this is 68
cultivated acres at \$10.83 an acre and 161 acre
at \$3.50. He's also from Zap.

Committee Member made a motion for approval,
seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged motion and second.

Discussion: He's been leasing this for years.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 15: RON BRUGH - Not present.

ITEM 16: MR&I PROPOSED BUILDING:

Mr. Lone Bear explained we have \$150,000.00 from MR&I to build a building. Chairman Wilkinson has signed an agreement to get the plans drawn up. These are done so we'd like to have committee approval to go out for bids. We do have an agreement with the consulting firm already. (blue-prints provided and explained.)

Chairman Rabbithead entertains motion to approve.

Committee Member Bird Bear made motion, seconded by Committee Member Fast Dog.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 17: FMHA LAND PURCHASE FUND:

Mr. Lone Bear explained we haven't purchased any lands because there was some criteria that was sent to us regarding committee approval or how you want to spend this but they said that people that had loans, they should buy them upfront, farm land and etc. There was a question about the types of loans. Response was US Direct or Small Loans or fee lands. The idea is to buy back much of the reservation as we can.

Committee Member Mossett made a motion to approve purchase of fee land as one of the priorities, seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Discussion: A list of people with loans will be sent over for committee recommendation.

Motion and second amended to approve buying fee lands as a priority, land from people with outstanding debts and high payback lands.

Mr. Lone Bear further stated he would bring a list of all properties available for sale at the next committee meeting.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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ITEM 18: BACK TO ITEM 2: Carey Dreher, BIA Range Conservationist in.

Committee Member Mossett stated the committee would like to have the Fredericks situation explained.

Mr. Dreher explained Range units 5 & 24 are two separate range units, not divided by a fence. Mr. Fredericks stated if we put section 14 into range unit 24, then he would fence it, so we recommended that he talk to the tribal natural resources department. Mr. Morgan called and I explained it to him. I told him we would honor the Tribe's request as to which way they wanted to go as long as we follow regulations. The Bureau received a letter from the chairman stating that we should remove section 14 from range unit 5 and to put it into 4 and later on, the Superintendent said we're putting a hold on that, to wait for the Tribe to take a look at it more.

Discussion on problems of overstocking, overgrazing and recommendations.

Committee Member Fast Dog made motion for issue to be presented for consideration at the full council meeting, seconded by Committee Member Bird Bear.

Motion and second amended to reflect that also that range unit 5 and range unit 24 remain as is until issue is resolved.

Chairman Rabbithead acknowledged motion and second.

Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Dreher stated there are several other small issues regarding range units that he doesn't have approval on as the Superintendent wants the tribe to respond in writing approving what we do. He asked if he should CC copies to the Resource Committee? He was advised to put a letter together on the issues.

ITEM 19: IRVIN VOIGHT REQUEST:
Committee Member stated there was a rancher who needed some fencing materials. He protects the

IRVIN VOIGHT (CON'T):
reservation boundary and is requesting if the
Tribe could help him as he has to fix that fence
because over the years, it's gotten too weathered.

Committee Member Mossett questioned Mr. Dreher if
the Bureau could help? Response was no, we don't
have any extra money for fencing in the whole
Bureau.

Further discussion.

Committee Member Mossett made a motion to direct
Mr. Morgan to work with BIA or any other agency to
help Mr. Irvin Voight acquire some fencing material
seconded by Committee Member Fast Dog.

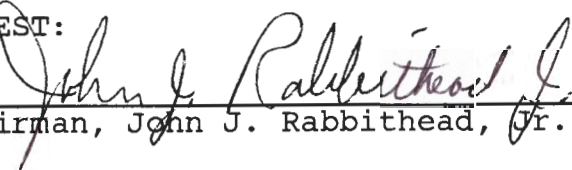
Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ITEM 20: ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting adjourned at 3:48PM.

Approved

Secretary, Roger Bird Bear

Disapproved
1/21/93
Date

ATTEST:

Chairman, John J. Rabbithead, Jr.

1/21/93
Date