



MANDAN, HIDATSA, & ARIKARA NATION

Three Affiliated Tribes • Fort Berthold Indian Reservation

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 03, 1997, 1:25 P.M.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
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01. **CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, ROLL CALL.** A Special Meeting of the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council was held on Thursday, April 03, 1997, in the Tribal Council Chambers, for the purpose of reviewing and approving recommended changes in the Finance Department by the Comptroller, Dennis Maddox. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., at 1:25 p.m. A moment of silent prayer was held. Present were Russell D. Mason, Sr., Thomas Bird Bear, Austin Gillette, Daylon Spotted Bear, and Edwin Hall. Mark Fox was on travel--5 members present, 2 members not present--quorum established. (Note: Tex Hall joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m. 6 members present, 1 member not present.)

02. **MOTION 01 TO APPROVE AGENDA.** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Edwin Hall and seconded by Austin Gillette. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 not present.

03. **SPECIAL BUSINESS.** TAT Comptroller Dennis Maddox presented his "Initial Assessment & Recommendations" for the Tribal Finance Department. (Copy attached to minutes.) In his recommendations, Mr. Maddox recommended the Tribal Council consider adding two positions to Finance, as follows: Administrative Assistant/ Accountant and Accountant. Additionally, he requested the assistance of two financial consultants for one month. Mr. Maddox said the flow of purchase orders needed to be changed and some of the signatures required on purchase orders needed to be eliminated. Mr. Maddox recommended any future expenditures by the Tribe be "based on the availability of funds", since Finance will not be able to provide an accurate budget balance to the Tribal Business Council until June 15. Frank Henry stated that funding resources should be identified in resolutions. Mr. Maddox said his plan of action and time frames would be "Recovery/Backlog - June 15"; "Conversion to Accrual Method of Accounting - July 15"; by August 15, he hopes to have completely established encumbrance reporting.

MOTION 02 to approve the Comptroller's overall recommendations regarding the improvement of Finance, and to authorize the immediate advertisement for the two positions of Administrative Assistant/ Accountant and Accountant, with an appropriate resolution to follow, was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Edwin Hall. Vote on motion: 6 in favor, 1 not present. Motion carried.

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Financial Advisor David Brendsel presented a report showing the current financial situation of the Tribe, as of April 01, 1997. The report indicates that the Tribe presently has a negative cash-flow situation which is likely to continue.

Frank Henry submitted a FY97 General Fund Summary report as of March 28, 1997, along with a printout of all FY97 Tribal Grants and Donations to date, which have, so far, amounted to \$97,470.00.

04. **NEXT MEETING.** Regular Meeting, April 08 and 09, 1997.

05. **MOTION 03 TO ADJOURN.** Motion to adjourn was made by Tex Hall and seconded by Daylon Spotted Bear. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 not present. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

As Executive Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation, I hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven members, of whom five members constitute a quorum. Six members were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25th day of April 1997, whereupon the Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 03, 1997, were presented for approval by the Three Affiliated Tribes' Recorder. Said minutes were duly approved by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 1 member not present.

Daylon Spotted Bear
Daylon Spotted Bear, Executive Secretary
Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Russell D. Mason, Sr., Chairman
Tribal Business Council