



MANDAN, HIDATSA, & ARIKARA NATION

Three Affiliated Tribes • Fort Berthold Indian Reservation

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 04, 1997, 1:00 P.M.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
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01. **Call to Order, Prayer and Roll Call.** A special meeting of the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council was held on Wednesday, June 04, 1997, for the purpose of reviewing the business proposal submitted by the Twin Buttes Community. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., at 1:00 p.m. Council members present were Chairman Mason, Vice Chairman Austin Gillette, Secretary Daylon Spotted Bear, Four Bears representative Edwin Hall, Mandaree representative Tex Hall, New Town/Little Shell representative Thomas Bird Bear. Treasurer Mark Fox was on official travel. Approximately 30 members from the Twin Buttes community were also present, including Thomas Fredericks of Fredericks, Pelcyger, Hester & White law firm, and Patty Fredericks of Miller & Schroeder Financial. Others present were Christopher D. Quale, Tribal Supervising Attorney; Terry Red Fox, Executive Director, Fort Berthold Housing Authority; Roger J. Wikner and Steven W. Erickson of Miller and Schroeder Financial; and Gary Oterstadt (phonetic) and Larry Filippi, CAM Project Management, Inc., Baxter, MN.

02. **Special Business - Proposed Twin Buttes Manufacturing Company.** The proposal to construct and establish a modular-home manufacturing company in the Twin Buttes area was presented by Gary Oterstadt, Thomas Fredericks, and Patty Fredericks. Thomas Fredericks said the Twin Buttes Community is seeking a charter from the Tribe. Miller & Schroeder is being asked to finance the project. The company would be chartered under the Tribe and wholly-owned by the community. The Tribe is being asked to guarantee the project from the Tribes' general fund and/or JTAC funds. In addition, a temporary waiver of TERO fees and taxes until the company's loan is paid back, and 40 acres of tribal land to build the facility on is being requested. Gary Oterstadt went over some of the prototypes that the manufacturing company is looking at, which would be mostly 3-BR homes. The company would manufacture pre-fab homes, not trailer homes. Both Messrs. Fredericks and Oterstadt said it is expected that the company will spawn several tribally-owned, company-owned, or individually-owned businesses to support it, such as truss manufacturers, cabinet makers, a cabinet assembly plant, truckers, excavators, etcetera.

Three funding options for the loan package were reviewed by Patty Fredericks. Chairman Mason said the Tribes' financial advisor would be asked to review the financial options. Christopher D. "Kip" Quale said he had reviewed the charter, and it looks fine. Tom Fredericks said they need to get a charter approved, as they have a financial company that is ready to go.

- 03. Motion to Approve Charter for Twin Buttes Manufacturing Company.**
Austin Gillette requested a poll to see if the council members were in favor of this and in favor of doing the guarantee. All those present spoke in favor of the project. In addition, Mr. Tex Hall said it was obvious that a lot of thought, research and work had gone into the planning. Mr. Gillette then made a motion to approve the charter, pending a review by the TAT Legal Department. Motion seconded by Edwin Hall. Discussion. Kip Quale said there was a resolution in the back of the charter, that approves the charter. Mr. Gillette said, "Pending your review, but at least we'll approve it, and if there is some changes to be made, we'll amend it." It was agreed that the resolution would have to be modified. Vote on motion to approve charter, pending review by Legal: 6 in favor, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Note: Meeting was recessed at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m., at which time, further discussion was held on JTAC planning and the necessity for continued improvement of health care on the reservation.

- 04. Next Meeting.** Special Meeting, Monday, June 16, 1997.
- 05. Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Daylon Spotted Bear. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 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 (6) members were present at a Special Meeting held on the 16th day of June 1997, whereupon the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 04, 1997, were presented for approval by the Three Affiliated Tribes' Recorder. Said minutes were duly approved by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 member absent.

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

ATTEST:

Austin Gillette, Vice Chairman
Russell D. Mason, Sr., Chairman
Tribal Business Council