

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION  
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Regular Meeting  
January 14, 1960

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## MINUTES

Name of Tribal Organization: Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold  
Reservation, New Town, North Dakota

Place of Meeting: Conference Room, New Town, No. Dak.

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Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on January 14, 1960.

Present: Thomas Bluestone, James Hall, Leiland Hall, John Starr,  
Valentine Wells, John White, B. J. Youngbitd. H. L. Malloy.

Tardy: Charles Fox, Guy Fox

Absent: John Wilkinson

Chairman James Hall: We have a quorum, so we can go on a head with our meeting. We will start with the Committee reports.

### Employment Committee Report:

Chairman John White: I have no report to make at this time. I would like to call a meeting with my Committee. There is a project or a construction coming up for an addition to the hospital at Garrison. Whenever the Committee gets together they can notify the rest of the council members, that there is employment. The Council in turn can notify the able bodied men in their respective districts that there are jobs available. They can sign up and will be screened out here at New Town.

Chairman James Hall: I have a letter from Nathan Bear, Clerk of Court. This is in connection with employment. This letter is for the Law & Order Committee. He is requesting for payment of mileage to and from work. I'll read it to you men. Read letter to the Council.

John White: Nathan was informed he would be paid \$75.00 every two weeks and would be on probation for a period of two months. The Employment Committee met and Nathan was notified to appear. He was present at this meeting. He knows what the terms are and how much he was to get.

Chairman James Hall: It is up to the Council whatever they decide.

Motion made to let the question or request of Nathan Bear to ride until January 28, 1960. Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: I have a letter here from Superintendent Morken, I will read it to you fellows. This letter refers to training sessions which are held with the Law & Order personnel throughout the Aberdeen Area.



Chairman James Hall: Matthew Holding Eagle had gone to Bismarck the day of the Conference, due to a sick relative he has to take. He did not trust anyone else to take his care he notified me by phone.

Ben Fredericks had a couple of days off. That is why he wasn't here. Discussion on the subject of training sessions etc.

Motion made that all Law & Order Committee, police officers, and judges be present once a month for instructions. They must make arrangements before time, and must be present at these meetings. Second, motion carried.

James Hall: I believe B. J. has something to report.

B. J. Youngbird: I made the investigations on these phone calls at Mandaree. Some of the phone calls were made by people who called to find out about their sick children and wives. Ben Fredericks had to stand for the bills. He stated he would pay in three installment payments.

Lee Hall: Ben made 10 private calls and some other calls also.

B. J. Youngbird: I am just about to resign from Law & Order.

Lee Hall: I like to make a report on this Law & Order, to hold this, until we return from Washington, D. C.

Chairman James Hall: The Health Committee report will be next.

Health Committee Report:

Valentine Wells: I don't have anything special to report right now. B. J. may have something.

B. J. Youngbird: The people should be asked of their needs, such as their water supplies and all other things on sanitation. Other tribes have gone farther along than we have.

Lee Hall: What about the digger, is it repaired and ready to go?

James Hall: There is a bill, \$220.29, repair bill. The digger is at the Aubol Implement Co., New Town. There is a whole list of repairs and work done on the digger. The School or Education Department was to pay for this bill because they used it last. I understand the School has no money to pay the bill.

Motion made to have the Council pay for the repair bill on the Ford Tractor, Tribal digger. Second, motion carried.

John Starr: On this Health Survey we made, in my segment it is incomplete. I explained to the people on this sanitation, times change and we will be getting more into it. We will eventually get more modern, that is our children will. They will be getting plumbing etc.



A general discussion on kitchen drains, sewage disposals, wells and other needs.

Credit Report:

Guy Fox: We made few of the emergency loans. It seems like everyone is making out requests. The Clerk says she is behind and we should not make any more. All are going in the General Council funds. She is taking care of everything and needs more time to catch up. I don't think we can give any more emergency loans until February 1, 1960. We have been telling all that come in, only extreme emergencies. We should hold it down in order to catch up.

This \$100,000.00 is all in one. \$50,000.00 can be used for some industry. We should call Mr. Morken in. We have \$11,000.00 left out of the \$50,000.00 for the Tribal Land Acquisition Program. The Land Service Enterprise goes in her hands too.

Chairman James Hall read of the Agency Depository. It seems it is all mixed or all in one. Our Clerk said we have used \$42,000.00. Mr. Morken said we to look at the expenditures, we have about 6 or 7 months to go yet.

Guy Fox: That is about all I can report. The Clerk stated we have gone over. The income coming in such as hunting permits etc., takes care of some of the expenditures.

Lee Hall: What about the emergency loans, are we going to stop it?

James Hall: They are emergencies, but they should know. I mean the people. It isn't just for anything.

Lee Hall: They are calling coal, wood or fuel needs as emergencies.

Valentine Wells: The Council went on record not to issue any more loans until after the 1st of February, 1960. Only on extreme emergency cases. I believe it was up to the Credit Committee to determine and check if the need was an extreme emergency. In medical cases or where expense money is needed. The doctor has to give a note or an authorization from Esther Peterson for hospitalization.

Mr. Morken: On General Assistance, a certain individual gave false statements in order to get assistance. I told this party to be truthful, he was only hurting himself by lying. I know you fellows are aware of such cases.

Hardship cases discussed and general assistance to those who need it.

John Starr: The other day when I was delivering checks, I saw a certain home that did not have a stick of wood. The only thing I could see was an axe and chopping block. I don't know how these people are keeping warm. Their road is blocked. I had to walk to the place and it is quite a distance to the main highway. I know the people are having a rugged time. There are others too, and it must be like that in the other parts of the Reservation. These conditions do exist I am sure.



Mr. Morken took names of the hardship cases to see if some of these could be remedied by Mr. Holliday. Mr Morken stated "we don't anyone to starve", and if the council knew of any cases where assistance is needed to report it.

Discussion on general assistance and welfare etc.

Chairman James Hall: I have something here written either by Carl Whitman or Mr. Nye. I shall read it to you men. This is for Fort Berthold and it is about a Production Research Project.

Motion made to approve and set up two projects in the experiment on grasses etc., in the Western and Eastern Segments, needle grasses.  
Second, motion carried.

John Starr: We should have it in the South Segment too.

James Hall: These two projects are more on an experimental basis, if it is good, it can be used throughout the Reservation.

I have a resolution 5970 of the Rosebud Sioux, Tribal Council. This resolution was adopted on December 18, 1959 by a unanimous vote, none opposing it. The certification was signed by the President, Robert Burnette and Secretary, Antoine Roubideaux of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. I will read it to you men.

James Hall read the resolution and stated the Council should adopt it.

Motion made to adopt the resolution and insert the heading for Fort Berthold and sent copies to the White House Conference and Senator Young.  
Second, motion carried.

James Hall: I have a letter or notice addressed to me, from Land Operations Officer, Neil W. Chauncey, of this Agency. Similar letters were sent out to those people leasing land. The letter reads like this:

Dear Sir:

This is to remind you that until your bond papers have been executed your grazing permit on Range Unit No. 100 cannot be approved.

A grazing permit is not valid until the bonding requirements have been met. Please complete the bond papers at your earliest convenience and return them to this office along with the permit papers.

Sincerely,

/s/ N. W. Chauncey  
Land Operations Officer

Motion made to take up bonding issue with the Area and Central Office.  
Second

Remarks: If we don't take it up and do something about it, it will be at a stand still. This should be taken up through channels.



Motion made to take up the Bond issue with the Agency Staff.

Second

Vote: 4 for  
4 abstentions  
none opposing, chairman not voting.

Motion carried

Superintendent Morken called in to discuss the bonds.

Mr. Morken: Call the Range man in and take it up.

James Hall: Some one better get the Range man. What is the reason for this bond business?

Mr. Morken: This bonding is a regulation, it is in the Blue Book. I can give a suggestion and that is to go on a revokable permit.

Mr. Balsiger, Area Office, Mr. Elliot, Agency Staff called in the Conference Room to discuss on the subject, bonds.

James Hall: What can we do on this bond business, what is the reason for this? If I got a bond and I should fail, the bond company would jump me for it. Then I would have to sell my cattle. My operation is small and there are others like that. This never happened before.

Mr. Elliot: There are 32 Indian operators. 17 have completed some sort of a bond. Some got a cash bond, some a corporated bond, most have a surety bond. A grazing permit is not valid until the bonding requirements are met. The cash bond is cheaper.

James Hall: The Tribe should put up the bonds.

Mr. Morken: It can not be done under the Constitution and Bylaws. As I stated before, this bonding is a regulation.

Superintendent Morken to James Hall: Have you tried to get a bond?

James Hall: No, I haven't, and I don't think I can get it. Credit is no good.

Mr. Morken: Why are you crying about it? You haven't tried at all. Why don't you try, I am sure you can get it.

John Starr: All these problems that are coming up are due to Joe Chase's deal. A whiteman can get a bond anytime he needs it. The Indian cannot do it.

Guy Fox: The Bureau at no time has tried to help in consolidation, they force leases on us.

There were more discussion on bonds.



Mr. Morken: Mr. Elliot is going to the Area Office.

Mr. Elliot to Mr. Hall: Do you want me to find out what the possibilities are for the Council?

The Council members: Yes, all in accord.

Mr. Elliot: This is what you want, "The council wants to know if the council can put land for Indian operators, other than cash. Can Council pledge Indians operators payments. What steps will be necessary for council to take to qualify as bonding agent for Indian operator.

Mr. Morken: I am not sold on it. I'll sent in your request.

Mr. Starr: I have something I wish to bring up it is a request. Let me go back on our school building. We of the South Segment people worked hard alone without the help of any other segment. We talk of Community Development etc., and at this time our gym is in need of a score board. We are requesting a \$100.00 to assist us in purchasing a score board for our school.

James Hall: What does the Council think?

Motion made to refer to the loan board or Emergency Loan.  
Second, motion carried.

B. J. Youngbird: We never had to rely on the Council for anything for our School in the Eastern Segment.

Lee Hall: We, also didn't have to get help from the Council for our School in the Western Segment.

Mr. Morken: The schools in the Eastern and Western Segment were fortunate to have those score boards and other items, through the school board.

Mr. Balsiger: I am leaving tomorrow there is some material to be typed out for the clerk. What I like to do is this, on the changes. A typed stencil revamp the substances that were delated. We can run stencils for Area and then give it to the Council for there copies. I'll be gone tomorrow, Mr. Malloy can answer any questions that may be asked by the Council.

James Hall: Here is a resolution on land sales to the Tribe.

Motion made to approve the Resolution.  
Second

Remarks: John White, the Council took a stand not to pay the difference. Motion not carried due to a previous action taken, where the Council went on record. Not to pay the difference. The Council would have to rescind the motion first.

Motion made to approve the purchase of Gray Woman's eatate by the Tribe.  
Second, motion carried.

John White: I received a memorandum from Esther B. Peterson, Indian Field Representative, Public Health Office. The subject was on dental students. A reminder to provide transportation for the students going to the dentists in Garrison, North Dakota. Six students to Dr. Stewart, five students to Dr. Gibbons. These students were due at the dentists early this morning.

I called and was notified that they were taken care of. They used the Tribal ambulance and Dr. Wilson's care to take them.

Ed Grinnell: We had a Agricultural meeting on land classification, survey. 60,000 acres in Western Segment. 18,000 acres in the South Segment. I want to find out land types on earth acre basis. I want to attach the dollar value on an acre.

James Hall to Mr. Grinnell: You want to contact those men from Fargo on this.

Ed Grinnell: Have to find out land types, this will be use for land exchanges.

Mr. Hall: What is the idea of the Council?

Ed Grinnell: This map on land classifications shows even land on the Reservation. This survey will determine every acre on the reservation and how much it is worth etc.

Lee Hall: There isn't much that can be done now.

Valentine Wells: Mr. Chairman, if that is all I will make a motion to adjourn.

Second, motion carried.

James Hall to the Council: There is a Special meeting to morrow January 15, 1960 at 1000 P.M. Be sure and come.

/s/ Valentine Wells, Secretary  
Tribal Business Council