

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION  
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Special Meeting  
January 25, 1960

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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 1:45 P.M. on Jan. 25, 1960.

Present: Thomas Bluestone, James Hall, Leland Hall, John Starr, Valentine  
Wells, John White, John Wilkinson, B. J. Youngbird, also H. L.  
Malloy.

Absent: Charles Fox, Guy Fox

Chairman James Hall: This is a special meeting I called, we have a number of  
resolutions to take care of today. The feeling of the Council was to change  
the wording in the resolution. This resolution will have to be sent to  
Senator Young and others, but we keep one in our files.

The bill will have to be drawn up and introduced. We all have copies of the  
exhibits and understand it.

The next thing or subject is on this here, Governors Interstate Indian Council  
a resolution adopted by the Governors Conference in their 42 annual meeting  
at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, June 18-21, 1950. What is the feel-  
ing and action on this subject I just mentioned?

Motion made to adopt the resolution, how the Governor's Interstate Indian  
Council was formed, adopted March 14, 1950, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Remarks: By B. J. Youngbird: I would like to have Mr. Milligan receive one  
of these copies.

Motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: We have this Grant-Loan Program to go over. We have our  
Tribal Attorney, Mr. Malloy, he can go over these exhibits with the council.

Mr. Malloy: You councilmen must have copies of these exhibits, and I am sure  
you are quite familiar with it. These facts were put on in general before.  
The age group is changed, 25 to 60 years. It goes on what is cost the Welfare  
to care for these families, when the same money could be used in this Grant-  
Loan Program for the same cause.

These exhibits show how many people actually received welfare, shows how many  
left on relocation, also number of people on this Social Security. What is cost  
in dollars, \$1,774,704.00, to get this program in operation.

Mr. Malloy: Let us take one at a time, we will read it through carefully. Exhibit I, Proposed Agricultural Grant-Loan Program, Introduction.

Location: The Fort Berthold Reservation is located in the Northwestern part of the State of North Dakota, with the agency headquarters located at New Town, North Dakota.

Land: Land owned by the Tribe and individually by its members amount to approximately 426,413 of which 88% (373,598 acres) is grassland and 12% (52,815 acres) is farmland. The Tribe owns approximately 5% (21,308 acres), with individual members owning 95% (405,105 acres) of the reservation trust lands. Approximately 155,000 acres of reservation lands were lost as a result of construction of Garrison Dam.

Segments of Reservation: The reservation is divided into five (5) distinct segments, North, West, South, East and Northeast segments and located in five counties, namely; McKenzie, Dunn and Mercer located west of the Missouri River, and Mountrail and McLean east of the Missouri River.

On-Off Population: Resident population of Tribal members is 2,560 and off reservation population is 991 members, total population 3,551.

Land Utilization: Presently the utilization of reservation trust lands for agricultural purposes by members of the Three Affiliated Tribes amounts to only approximately 33%, which is quite alarming considering that 67% of reservation trust lands are being utilized by non-Indians.

Reservation Agricultural Capacity: Agricultural surveys made on the Fort Berthold Reservation in the past indicate a capacity for 184 economical agricultural units.

Economical Agricultural Units: Presently there are approximately 40 economical units operated by Indians on the Fort Berthold Reservation, owning 4,325 head of cattle. Non-Indian owned cattle on the reservation amount to 8,804 head.

B. J. Youngbird: We have to bear in mind that on this land utilization over 60 percent is being utilized by non-Indians.

Mr. Malloy: Under this program the Indian can utilize his land.

Exhibit II, Purpose Justification and Need.

The purpose of the proposed Agricultural Grant-Loan Program is: (1) To provide members of the Three Affiliated Tribes who are landowners an opportunity, which is not otherwise provided, to utilize their lands and thereby elevate their sub-standard economy, (2) To substantially reduce the financial burden placed upon the Branch of Welfare by members of the Tribe due to present economic conditions, (3) To provide members of the Tribe and their families an opportunity to qualify for Social Security benefits, (4) To provide agricultural education and work experience for the children of Agricultural Grant-Loan clients, (5) To enable loan clients under this program to become self-sufficient or qualify for financing from other sources of credit to attain self-sufficiency.

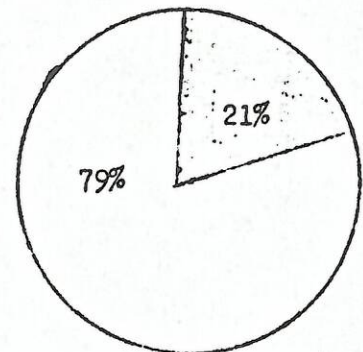
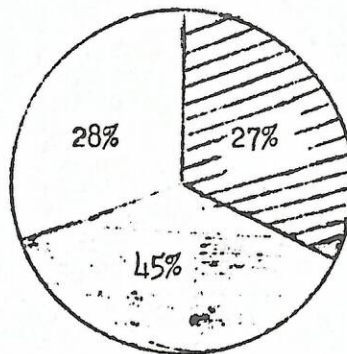
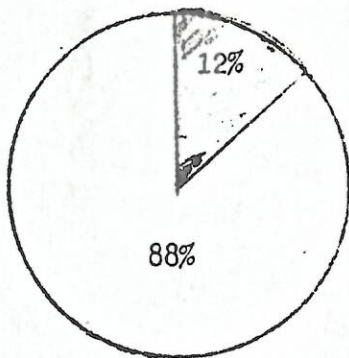
The need for the proposed program is indicated by the increasing welfare and general assistance rolls, the lack of interest shown by tribal members to take advantage of Adult Vocational Training and their reluctance to relocate from the reservation.

Justification for the program is indicated above and by the desire and motivation of tribal members in wanting to better their economic and social status, the favorable historical agricultural background of members of the tribe, the landowners above all should be given an opportunity to fully utilize their lands.

It is believed that if the proposed program is instituted on the Fort Berthold Reservation that the landowners will avail themselves to the fullest extent of the opportunities provided under such a program. It is also felt that an agricultural program on the Fort Berthold Reservation is basic and that the success of most other programs will depend upon the implementation and degree of progress made toward the full utilization of the agricultural potential of the reservation by tribal members.

Mr. Malloy: In other words the people have to have the program.

Exhibit III, Land Usage:

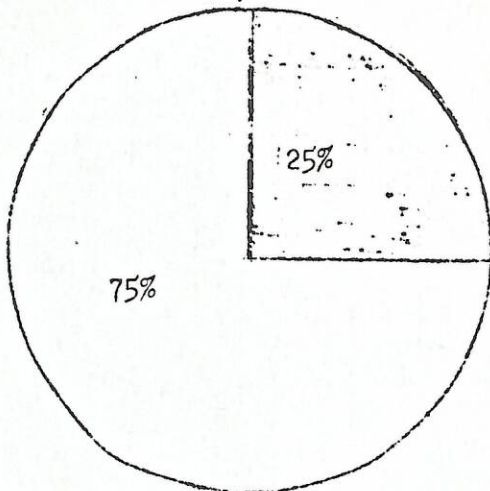


Total Trust Land Acres	%
Grazing 373,598	88
Farming 52,815	12
<u>426,413</u>	<u>100</u>

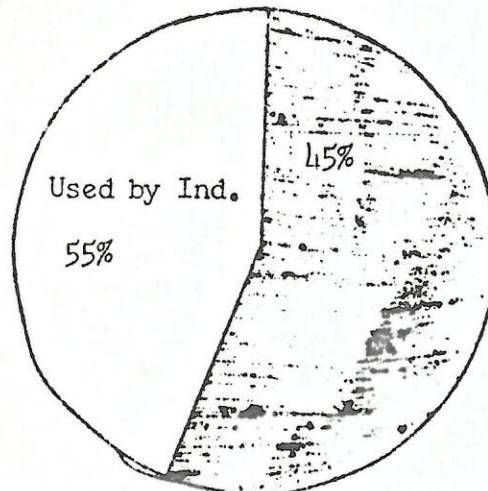
	Allotted Lands (Not Tribal)		Farming A. %	
	Acres	%		%
Used by Indians	96,107	27	10,140	21
Used by Non-Ind.	162,493	45	38,803	79
No Rec. Contract	<u>97,572</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>- - -</u>	<u>-</u>
	356,172	100	48,943	100

Used by Indians 30%  
Used by Non-Indians 70%

33% of Reservation lands are utilized by Indians  
67% of Reservation lands are utilized by Non-Indians



TRIBAL GRAZING LAND	ACRES	&
Used by Indians	4,400	25
Used by Non-Indians	13,036	75
	<u>17,436</u>	100



TRIBAL LAND FARMING ACRES		%
USED BY Indians	2,115	55
Used by Non-Indians	1,757	45
	<u>3,872</u>	100

Exhibit IV, Social Security Program, Quarters of Coverage Needed.

Mr. Malloy gave an explanation on the Social Security Program, retirement age etc.

The Council had a general discussion on the subject.

Mr. Clifford: There is technical angle on this. An example, a man working on a farm receiving \$150.00 per month, how many quarters of coverage was needed etc.

He stated one had to figure income from cattle sales, not trust land, to disregard trust land.

The more trust land income did not have to be reported. The reason being land non taxable, only chattel goods.

Mr. Malloy: One has to make \$400.00 not on self employment income.

John Starr: What about a man over 60 years old?

Lee Hall: How long do you make payments?

Mr. Malloy: Every year and it has to be over \$400.00 net income.

Exhibit VII, estimated program administrative costs - Additional Credit Personnel needed: This part was explained by Dewey Clifford. The need of supervision etc.

	Annual Salaries*
1 Gs-7(g) Field Loan Examiner	\$6,274
1 GS-7(d) Firlle Loan Examiner	5,795
1 GS-3(d) Assistant Credit Clerk	<u>4,035</u>
Total annual Salaries of Additional Personnel	\$16,104

Annual Salaries includes employee benefits.

Housing, equipment and expense of additional personnel:

2 Vehicles for Field Loan Examiners	\$3,000
Incidental operating Expense of Field Loan Examiners	3,000
Equipment, office and other	2,000
Housing for Field Personnel	<u>16,000</u>

Total Administrative Costs of Program, 1st. year \$40,104

It is anticipated that the second year's administrative costs will be borne by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Credit through regular appropriations.

The above indicated administrative costs are to be included in the amount of funds requested for operation of the proposed Agricultural Grant\*Loan Program of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

\*\* The present agency credit staff consists of a GS-9 Loan Examiner, GS-7 Loan Examiner, GS-4 Credit Clerk and a temporary Tribal Clerk.

Due to the need for close supervision and added volume of office work to administer a program such as the one proposed by the Three Affiliated Tribes, the additional credit personnel listed above are necessary.

Exhibit VIII, Funds requested to carry out program.

The proposed program will be administered over a period of ten (10) years with the grant feature of the program taking up to nine(9) years to administer before some of the grant loan clients reach the point of self-sufficiency or be in a position to obtain other financing to reach this goal.

Listed below is a break down of the amount of funds requested and considered necessary to carry out the Agricultural Grant Loan Program:

Exhibit V Loan Funds	\$ 630,000
Exhibit V Grant Funds 1st 5 years	\$789,000
Exhibit V Grant funds on reduced scale from 6th year through 9th yr.	<u>315,600</u>
Total Grant Funds	\$1,104,600
Exhibit VII Administrative Costs for 1st year.	<u>40,104</u>
Total Program Funds Requested	<u>\$1,774,704</u>

Mr. Clifford: The figures you see is the amount that will be needed to carry out this program. This is the selling point. An opportunity to use own land.

The map we have can be used as exhibit X.

Mr. Malloy: To the Council, Shall I read of the resolution on the exhibits?

Chairman James Hall: Yes, you may read the resolution to the Council.