

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Special Meeting
February 29, 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 2:00 P.M. on February 29, 1960.

Present: Thomas Bluestone, James Hall, Leland Hall, John Starr, Guy Fox, John Wilkinson, B. J. Youngbird.

Absent: Charles Fox, Valentine Wells, John White

Reading of minutes of last meeting, any corrections?

One correction, Council action on Flandreau Boy Scout request.

Motion to give \$50.00 to each boy representing Fort Berthold Reservation National Jamboree, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Second correction.

Chairman James Hall and Attorney Malloy did not go to Aberdeen Area Office. They went straight through to Washington, D. C.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
Second, motion carried.

Mr. Ralph Baker speaking for Joe Face on a lease.

Joe wanted to cancel the lease for the last three years. Joe requested \$3.50 per acre. Mr. Dalby stated that if Joe Face did not sign the lease, he will get Superintendent Morken to sign the lease. Dalby wanted to buy two buildings. Mr. Dalby paid Joe Face \$20.00. Joe took the money.

Ralph Baker said he brought Joe in to New Town to get his money to pay back Mr. Dalby. The buildings are worth a lot more money than \$20.00. Joe's mother bought them at Elbowoods, No. Dak.

I reported that to John Drissen and John Drissen promised me he would go right to Dalby and have him get the buildings back.

I am speaking for the heirs of this land. Any Indian should lease their land as they see fit, we are told that we can not lease any land.

This lease was made up January 1958, expired December 31, 1960.

John Drissen read the lease to Malloy on regulations. If Dalby violated any regulations of his lease, it can be cancelled.

Mrs. Baker stated that John agreed to take the check right back the next day. As yet he has not taken the money back.

Mrs. Baker: If the gentlemen dont want to work for us, they should go else where and work for white people.

John Drissen: Jerome Dalby, I heard had bought two little buildings, Mr. Baker did tell me the buildings are worth far more than what Dalby paid for them.

John Drissen stated that if Dalby is such a person as that, he should not lease any Indian land. I will recommend that all his leases be cancelled.

Ralph Baker: 1958 the lease money laid in the office from October to after January, so Joe requested the change of lease. He wanted \$3.50 per acre instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ share.

Mr. Baker said Joe's lease check was held from October to January.

The Indian must get their own checks, checks made out to the land owner, so they can get additional benefits.

I have been here 10 different times, complaining to John Drissen year after year.

That check was made in the fall and he received his check in March.

The leasors sell all the grain in their own name and get all benefits. The Indian's name should be on the grain checks.

We are told we cannot cancel any leases and rent it to someone else. We have ~~done~~ that before and we can do it again.

Joe Face and Margaret Birdbear want \$3.50 per acres this year instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ share.

John Drissen stated that he would like one of the Tri al Land Committee to go with him to Dalby's farm.

We want the $\frac{1}{4}$ share contract cancelled and a \$3.50 per acres contract drawn up. We want the buildings brought back, we don't want to sell them, unless they are willing to pay what their mother paid for it.

Motion made that Chairman of the Land Committee and John Drissen go to Dalby's tomorrow, March 1, 1960 and straighten out the leases.
Second, motion carried.

Long Tail land in question. Ralph Baker stated that the land in question was farmed by Jack Baker, he farmed 80 acres.

The Agency stated that 55 acres is farmable land.

Mr. Baker stated his wife had farmed 80 acres before and got crops.

Mr. Hanson should not hold Indian down, instead he should try to get all he can for the Indian.

Mrs. Baker said she farmed the full 80 acres ever since she was 15 years old and she said there are no two creeks, only one creek.

Mr. Malloy stated that in order to break a contract you must first prove a leaser violated the contract.

John Drissen stated that this is the first time I know of this lease. It is 47 acres and if such is the case, I will look into it. I will write him and give him order. If we cancel the lease then we must write up a contract to whoever leases it. It must be determined by the Committee

James Hall: That is taken care of.

Motion made to have lease cancelled as to what Mrs. Baker desires if he does not pay \$280.00 cash lease or in advance.

The bill was introduced in Washington. The bill being S. No. 3071, the Grant-Loan Program.

Mr. Drissen: I have one or two questions to ask.

Mr. Morken: I believe we should think about this thing. This \$3.50 may be a good thing now, that is a good proposition but what about the next two years. Someone says to you, I'll give you so much money for your land, then in the next two years, this fellow will say he cannot afford to pay that much for your land and so in the end the landowner will have to lease his land for little or nothing and will get a small profit for his land.

Since the Land Operations Department took over they have spent a lot of time straightening records for the benefit of the landowners. Leases are all current and up to date, considering all the heirs and not just one heir. When they took over they found money that should have been paid landowners dating back to 8 months, you don't find that in Hansen's desk.

Mr. Drissen: I have a resolution concerning the Huber land. The tribe wants to buy it. We can start negotiating. It belongs to the kids. Land lost by taxes, kids bought it back, not all the kids bought it back. Tribe can grant easement, all water not needed for stock, turn all water over to school, 13 gallons per minute enough for 2 head of cattle. 256.78 acres.

Motion made to adopt the resolution.
Second, motion carried.

Mr. Drissen: Tom Smith, 100 acres, taxable land, listed for sale. Tax money delinquent amounts to \$63.65 and current taxes for this year, \$13.25. Total \$76.90 due delinquent taxes. Penalty tomorrow. Deed would have to be signed, by husband, not living with him.

Mr. Drissen: She is on welfare.

James Hall: Rought country where land is located, by Hans Creeks.

Reads letter from Senator Young stating they should wait a week longer before appearing in Washington. Will was passed or introduced.

Call from Ed Milligan. Best to leave this coming weekend. We should meet on Friday and then we can decide Friday. Milligan states that hhey are having a meeting on Civil rights.

B. J. Youngbird: You are going to have some though guys to meet like Watson.

Mr. Malloy: If he is prejudiced, he should not be on there, we expeat a lot of trouble.

B. J. Youngbird: Mr. Gamble.

James Hall: He has softened up since we met with him. He was opposed to introducing this bill. Stated he did not think hhey should do it but it has been done.

Milligan will call and let us know.

Mr. Malloy: reads three resolutions regarding the dissolution of the Fort Berthold Stockmen's Association.

Motion was made to adopted resolutions as read.
Second, motion carried.

Motion to approve the amendments of Attorney Malloy's contract with the Three Affiliated Tribes, \$8.00 to \$12.00 and miles traveled.
Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall suggested that the Tribe pay the expenses of Attorney Lord, Joe Chase's attorney, to appear for Joe Chase on Civil Rights Committee, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Morken was called into the Council room to give his advice. He said that in order to pay Mr. Lord we must have a contract. He said that he just received a new regulation which might stall the payment of Mr. Lord or it might not be approved by the Interior Department.

Motion to adopt a resolution to give \$50.00 each for two boys for their trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Second, motion carried.

Mr. John Brave requests mileage from home to work. No officer gets mileage at anytime. The Council felt that John will.

Motion to leave John Brave's deal as is.
Second, motion carried.

John Wilkinson stated that the Law & Order Committee was to meet and discuss Mr. Fredericks case but I had to go to Minot, No. Dak. so we had no meeting.

Mr. Hall said that we should act on that now because Ben Fredericks is waiting for his check, he needs his money. Everybody get sick leave so we should pay him.

Morken stated that each police should have time sheets.

Where does it say that B. I. A. is taking over the Tribal Business Council business, we want to know where in the federal regulations or federal law states that.

Motion to adjourn.

Second, motion carried.

B. J. Youngbird, Acting Secretary
Tribal Business Council