

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORI BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
March 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.

Special Council: March 25, 1960

Chairman James Hall Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 p. m. on March 25, 1960.

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

Tardy: Harry L. Malloy, Tribal Attorney.

Absent: Charles Fox

Chairman James Hall: You all know what this meeting is for. This Law & Order business is on our agenda. I'll be calling on different segment reports etc.

B. J. Youngbird: I think this meeting was called for unfinished business.

James Hall Sr.: I'll have the Western Segment representatives give their report on the outcome of their meeting.

Guy Fox: In the Western Segment I put in some suggestions to the people. I told the people to put this Law & Order into a vote, if they wanted it to be turned over to the Bureau or keep it and have the Tribe run it. A vote was taken up.

Our decision to turn the Law & Order to the Bureau.

Leland Hall: The people said to go along on it for one year.

Northeast Segment, Thomas Bluestone: A vote was taken up and the results were:

9 votes for Law & Order to the Bureau
1 opposed
4 abstentions

Northeast Segment report on Law & Order:

This meeting wants a directive or a memorandum from the Bureau of Indian Affairs stating that the Bureau will authorize a guarantee of one year trial period for the purpose of finding out whether the Indians of the Fort Berthold Reservation will be satisfied with the Indian Bureau operating the police force.

This meeting recommends that if the Fort Berthold Reservation should receive substantial amounts of money either from the Court of Claims or from other sources by July 1, 1960, that it should retain its present Police force.

Members present:

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Bear
Adrain Foote
Rollo Jones
Tom Spotted Wolf
Mickey Packineau
Billy Hale

Elsie Foote
Mrs. Tom Spotted Wolf
Thos Bluestone
Tom Wells
Cari Whitman
Ed Grinnell
Herman Young Bird

Northeast Segment carried the vote in favor of the resolution as made by the Business Council.

Eastern Segment, John Wilkinson: There is no way of holding the Law & Order due to the lack of funds. The people were in favor of turning it over to the Bureau.

John White: We had a meeting in a Church basement. The people were in favor of turning the Law & Order to the Bureau. I reported the financial status.

B. J. Youngbird: The people want it on a one year basis.

South Segment, John Starr read his report as follows:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss turning the Law & Order to the Bureau. The number of people attending this meeting was 38, were silent, very much quiet.

As it seemed to me that this move was ignored altogether from all the people who were there. Instead, without further discussion, Nathan L. Soldier made a motion that the voters there turn this Law & Order to the Twin Buttes representative to decide for the people. It was said that the representatives should know right from wrong. Therefore, washing their hands from this Law & Order situation. Seconded by Victor Young Bear.

12 voted giving powers to representatives to give their decision. 6 voted against. In all 18 voting, 20 not voting.

My decision is to stay neutral signed J. W. Starr, Secretary to the Community Chairman, John Stone.

Valentine Wells: Since, the majority of the voters were in favor of having their representatives make the decision, I believe this Law & Order should be turned over to the Bureau for at least one year. This would ease the tension, gripes, and expenses etc.

Chairman James Hall: We have this children and youth conference next for discussion.

Guy Fox: We haven't adopted the Resolution on this Law & Order yet.

Motion made to adopt the Resolution 60-16 turning our Law & Order to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Second

Motion made and seconded the resolution to be amended to read the Law & Order be turned over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs together with the Court, Judges and Clerk of Court.

Motion carried.

Vote on the first motion, carried unanimously.

Superintendent Morken to the Council: You have decided to turn the Law & Order over to the Bureau and assume the responsibility?

Chairman James Hall Sr. : Yes, the equipment, the judge etc.

B. J. Youngbird moved to have the Tribal Business Council recommend Superintendent, O. D. Morken for the position of the Area Director at Aberdeen, South Dakota to replace Ben Riefel and by resolution 60-17.

Second, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hall: On this children and youth Conference, which is to be held at Washington. What is the Council's action.

It was moved and seconded to have Mrs. Margie Bruer recommended to attend the White House Conference on Youth and children at Washington, D. C.

Motion carried.

James Hall: I have a telegram, it is kind of bad news. I'll read it to you men.

To: James Hall, Chairman Tribal Council, Emmet, North Dakota

In checking with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee find that they have not held a single meeting since the start of the Civil Rights Debate and that they do not plan to hold any until this question is disposed of. This could go on for two or three weeks. Awfully sorry. Regards.

Milton Young, U. S. Senator

What is the thinking of the Council on this telegram?

No comments.

There was some discussion on the appointment and delegates to the Youth and Children Conference.

Chairman James Hall: Call Mr. Morken in the room he may know the answer on this, I am refering to the delegates to the Conference at D. C. Who pays the expenses etc.

Mr. Morken: The state takes care of that, expenses.

B. J. Youngbird: I wrote to the Governor. I recommended Mr. Margaret Breuer.

Mr. Morken read the telegram from Senator Young and asked the Council if they were going to Washington, D. C.

B. J. Youngbird: Senator Young is going to be in Bismarck on March 28, 1960. There is a Republican Convention going on there.

Mr. Morken: I am concerned on these spring crop loans. The farmers will be going in the fields soon. If you go to Washington, the loan board will not be here to take care of crop loans. The telegram, it doesn't look good, if this Civil Rights Debate is going to be on for two or three weeks.

Some discussion on the subject.

Chairman James Hall: B. J. Youngbird has to go to this N. C. A. I. Conference at Washington, D. C. He is on the Executive Council. What is the pleasure of the Council on this N. C. A. I. meeting. He has to be there on March 31 to April 5, 1960. He has to have traveling time.

No Comment.

James Hall: We should go to Bismarck and see Burdick and Senator Young. The best thing to do is contact the Senators at Bismarck and see what can be done. Let's get this lined up right away.

B. J. Youngbird: If you want to see these men, you have to call them up and make arrangements.

James Hall: What are your thoughts?

Motion made to have a delegation of four councilmen meet with Senator Young and Congressman Burdick and make arrangements etc., at Bismarck, North Dakota. Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: What about B. J. Youngbird on this N. C. A. I. Executive Council Meeting? He will have to be paid from March 28, to April 8, 1960.

Motion made to have B. J. Youngbird attend the N. C. A. I. Executive Council Meeting at Washington, D. C.
Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: I have one more thing on this lobbyist. How are we going to go about it. We'll have our Tribal Attorney, Malloy prepare the resolution.

Remarks:

Guy Fox: Is he going to be paid like a councilman?

James Hall: Just his expenses to be paid over there and back.

Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn.

Second, motion carried.

/s/ Valentine Wells, Secretary
Tribal Business Council