

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
April 22, 1960

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Name of Tribal Organization: Tribal Business Council, Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation

Place of Meeting: Conference Room, New Town, North Dakota

Quorum present: Yes April 22, 1960

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M. on April 22, 1960.

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

Tardy: Thomas Bluestone, Valentine Wells.

Chairman James Hall: One of the first things I want to bring up is, I received a telegram from Alfreda Janis. She will be here 10:00 A.M., Monday morning on this Health Meeting. Seems like this We Shake Hands is heading this. Rupert Stanley seems to know about it. I just thought I would tell you fellows so you will be here on time. She is Executive Secretary of this We Shake Hands and chairman of the Health Committee at Pine Ridge

Fort Totten is coming and Louis LaFontaine said he was coming. Standing Rock flatly refused, so I told Goodhouse to call Louis LaFontaine. It is about this Public Health proposition.

Land exchange, Mamie Packineau and Tribe. It is all made out, but there is one thing in here. There is 40 acres of land involved.

If resolution is approved, will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Packineau states he reserves the fence on his wife's land because the fence is owned by adjoining land owners!

It seems like that land was fenced. If they use it, still belongs to the Tribal land. If it was leased - If there is a fence around it and the Tribe owns it, it is worth some money.

B. J. Youngbird: Give us some more dope on it. What land is she trading for. It would be proper.

James Hall read resolution on land exchange, Mamie Packineau and Tribe.

John White: I think it is that land where that White Tail dam is.

John Wilkinson: It is an even trade.

Motion made to approve the land exchange between the Tribe and Mamie Packineau. Second,

Vote: 5 for, 1 opposed, Chairman not voting.

John Wilkinson: This wire, I suppose they left it until there was going to be a trade. We could say within 30 or 60 days. Now a days I know, if the farmers put the fence up, he retains it when they cancel.

Chairman James Hall: The regulation is 30 days. If it has been fenced before and they didn't remove the fence, it belongs to the land.

Guy Fox: Here is says, Mr. Packineau reserves the fence on his wife's land.

Chairman James Hall: The fence on his land must be his, but the one on the Tribal -

Guy Fox: The fence on the land must belong to the adjoining land owners.

James Hall: The trade could go on, we could check on it and see who could have put a fence on it.

B. J. Youngbird: If it is where I think it is, that dam where the pump is may be Kruger's. Looking at platt book.

John Wilkinson: The tribal land is right against where the fence it. There must be a field. The tribal land is right next, it ~~is~~ owned by someone else. Rest of 40 does not have a fence on it.

John White to check fence on Tribal land.

Mary Whiteman came in concerning her grazing lease. Wanted money in advance for 3 years.

Mr. Morken and Mr. Chauncey were called in.

James Hall: Mary has a problem on some lease. I think she was thinking about on this was - I think she went to the party and made a deal with them for 2 years in advance, to keep up her diets etc. So I thought I would call you in on it.

Mr. Chauncey: Is it in Pennington's unit? I would have to get the range unit.

Mary Whiteman: Yes, I think that is what I signed.

Mr. Chauncey: He has to pay into the office.

Mary Whiteman: I know all that part. I was asking if it was possible if I could collect for 3 year in advance and he told me to come into the office and see. This is the letter I wrote to him. Mr. Elliot wrote me an answer on the back.

Mr. Morken and Mr. Chauncey read letter of Mary Whiteman.

Mr. Chauncey: I think this was in unit 5, money was slow.

Mary Whiteman: When I showed it to the boss, he gave me \$150.00, Pollock.

Mr. Chauncey: I think that is a donation to you. Money has been paid into the Office, so when they pay you outside they are paying you double for the land.

Mr. Morken: They are talking about different money.

Guy Fox: I wanted a three year lease.

Mr. Morken: Those allocations, these are Indian operators, they can get it. When you offer money in a range unit like that, you are looking in the face of trouble. We got a bad situation on range. We have to get a request from Area Office.

B. J. Youngbird: This lady is a sick lady.

Mr. Chauncey explained regulations etc.

Mr. Morken: I have never had a request for range. We are willing, if you want, but I think I know what the answer is going to be. I think they will turn us down. We will have to have a letter from her, for 3 years in advance to complete this, justification because of her health.

Mr. Morken to Mr. Chauncey: Why don't you take her upstairs, find out where the land is etc.

Chairman James Hall: We have another problem that we have been talking about, like assissing these big ranchers, what is the procedure on it.

Mr. Morken: That is something that has been a long drawn out procedure. Ranchers that were coming in were assessed personal property and it was held valid. I don't know if their constitution is the same as ours.

Give me your interpretation on that. You want to include everybody, Indians too?

James Hall Sr; No, just non-Indians.

Mr. Morken: Our constitution limits to \$1.00 per head.

Guy Fox: Can you take it out of the unit and still.

Mr. Chauncey: She can take it out and handle it on her own.

Guy Fox: These grazing leases, when they were here, I asked them about the acres and head, they said we pay for every inch of land that we lease, and we pay in advance. I told them Indians don't get their money. Employees tell them and you tell us there is not enough cattle, full value and I bring that question up.

Mr. Chauncey: We write the permit for 1000 head.

Mr. Morken: Are you back to that case.

Guy Fox: I still bring it up and you still never -

Mr. Morken: Guy says he is not getting paid for the number of acres he has in a unit.

Mr. Chauncey: Money is divided on a per acre basis. He get a permit.

B. J. Youngbird: Do I understand you to say, you put 500 head in and pay for 1000 head.

Leland Hall: There was a big semi load of cattle coming into the reservation last night. They have been hauling cattle all night.

Mr. Chauncey: They are suppose to notify us.

Guy Fox: Does Chauncey mean that these operators before they bring in their cattle, they are suppose to notify him.

Mr. Morken: We should have a man there.

Guy Fox: They generally figure out some kind of a scheme. They are pretty smooth about it.

Mr. Morken: You would like to know, under the present constitution and bylaws, if it is possible to levy taxes on non-Indian operators on the reservation similar to the systems out on Pine Ridge and Rosebud. Should I investigate a little first?

Guy Fox: I think they told us in Washington to amend that.

Motion made to have the Superintendent, O. D. Morken, get more information on levying a tax on non-Indian operators on the reservation.
Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: Here is a memorandum I just received from Mrs. Alfreda Janis, Executive Secretay, Oglala Sioux Reservation, Pine Ridge, So. Dak.

Mr. Hall read the contents of the memorandum the subject was on Indian Health.

Mrs. Janis being South Dakota co-ordinator of the "We Shake Hands" project of the association on American Indian Affairs and also a member of the association's national committee on Indian Health.

She was scheduled to go east for the Association's Annual Meeting which takes place on May 2, 3, 1960.

She was requested to report the Indian point of view on the subject. The manner in which Indian Health Programs are fitting in to the Tribes on the Community Development Program.

She stated she would be in New Town on April 25, 1960 at 10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Janis wrote a short letter requesting Chairman James Hall to act as host and Chairman on the 25 of April, 1960 here at New Town.

She also stated that if Mr. Hall could notify the North Dakota Tribes to be present here in New Town for the Conference on that date.

Chairman James Hall: This is all I have, some of you men called for this meeting, if you have anything to bring up, go right ahead.

Guy Fox: I have something I wish to bring up at this time. A party approached me and they want to lease a lot in the Taken Area.

Mr. Fox was referring to the recreational site west of the Four Bear Bridge, which the Tribe is leasing from the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Fox stated that if the council could or wished to appoint two men from each segment and have them work together toward developing and improving the recreational area.

He mentioned Frank Chase being interested in this development and that he would donate his time.

Mr. Fox stated that if Chairman James Hall, Superintendent Morken, Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Olson, could come in and outline a program for this summer's celebration. This would take place during the New Town Rodeo on July 16, 17, 1960.

He stated also if there was a committee, they could meet with those men when names are mentioned.

He thought the council may have a different idea. He mentioned that booths could be set up for exhibits and prizes given out for items or articles made from each segment.

Chairman James Hall: What does the Council think?

B. J. Youngbird: Sometime ago recreational committees were appointed in each segment.

Eugene White was on for Eastern Segment. The Communities should appoint the Committee instead of the Council. In the small industry Mr. Ross was appointed. Frank Chase was appointed as Chairman over all the other committees.

There was some discussion on recreational and various committees.

B. J. Youngbird: Guy Fox and I are still on this committee in the recreational area. I am his assistant.

Chairman James Hall: Walter Plenty Chief is here, he may have something to say.

Mr. Plenty Chief: I have something here, you councilmen can look it over.

Chairman James Hall read the letter to the council of which Mr. Plenty Chief handed to the Chairman.

This letter was addressed to Mr. Walter Plenty Chief, New Town, North Dakota from Congressman Burdick, Washington, D. C. This letter concerned the electoral system of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Mr. Plenty Chief commented on the letter. He stated that the Tribe was like a large family and not separate Tribes. Smart men should be on the Council to take care of our affairs.

Mr. Starr to Mr Plenty Chief: Are you saying that they would do away with the precinct?

Mr. Plenty Chief: Yes.

Chairman James Hall: This is a big question. When the amendments are made, it is up to the people then.

There was more discussion on the recreational committee.

J. W. Starr: As I see it in our Segment the biggest trouble is in transportation expenses etc., to go to and from meetings, The distance is the main problem, that is from Twin Buttes to New Town.

Another thing is the trouble of getting the people together now. The farming season is on, most of them are busy. My partner, Valentine, and I can be on the committee providing it is okay with the people in Twin Buttes.

Guy Fox to Charles Fox: What about your segment? I thought Fred Lone Bear was on the committee.

Charles Fox: He was on, but he never does anything about it.

Chairman James Hall: We have to get a hold of some money. There is \$42,000.00 here in the agency.

Mr. Morken: It has to go in the treasury and request it back.

Guy Fox: I just signed a voucher \$10,000.00 it has to go in the treasury.

Superintendent Morken: Call Mr. McLean in.

Mr. Morken: What is the status of the money situation?

Mr. McLean explained and gave the figures on the Tribal monies.

Mr. Morken: What about the enterprise money?

Guy Fox: We have about \$700.00. We have a caterpillar to repair, that isn't enough to cover it.

McLean: \$1,600.00 for Soil Conservation, \$9,000.00 Stock Association.

Mr. Morken: How much money did it cost you for surplus commodity distribution?

No comment.

A discussion took place on the Tribal caterpillar, the repairs it needed, the work the cat could be going instead of lying idle. Some of the council members said that there was a lot of earth moving to be done. The trouble was that it was quite expensive to keep the cat in repair.

Mr. Morken: We have \$59,000.00 in Washington, D. C., U. S. Treasury, \$50,000.00 Land purchases, Tribal, \$50,000.00 Industrial Development, \$45,000.00 in New Town special deposit. This makes a total of \$204,000.00. There is money laying in this office, the Tribe isn't broke.

Mr. Morken to Mr. Chauncey and Mr. Hansen: How much money is there in the enterprise monies?

Mr. Chauncey: We have \$1,400.00

Mr. Morken: What is the story?

Mr. Chauncey: gave an explanation on the soil conservation enterprise, the work done etc.

Mr. Chauncey also stated he would like to meet with the soil Conservation or Enterprise Committee.

Mr. Morken: Can you build a dam for Fettig and those outside? What are the charges?

Mr. Chauncey: Yes.

Mr. Hansen: The charges are on a percentage by the year. Tribal 14¢ a yard, Outside 18¢ a year.

Chairman James Hall to Superintendent Morken: Where can we borrow some money?

Valentine Wells: I did not hear the answer.

It was announced that the Soil Conservation Committee to meet Wednesday, April 27, 1960.

The delinquent loan clients on the Emergency Loan 1034 was brought up and discussed, and also the 1960 crop loans extensions etc.

Motion made to extend the loans that are delinquent. Second
Remarks: Chairman Hall: We should check on the regulations.

Guy Fox: We should treat them all alike, no extentions.

Vote: 6 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.
Motion carried, chairman not voting.

Mr. Wilkinson: The clients should get an extention.

Guy Fox: I don't quite get your motion.

Mr. Wilkinson: explained.

B. J. Youngbird: The motion is carried, let us go on some other business.

Chairman James Hall read a letter from Governor John E. Davis. This letter concerned all judges, prosecuting attorneys, law officers and personnel who handle law enforcement.

Motion made to have the Chief Judge and associated judges attend the Governor's Traffic Court Conference, April 28, 29, 1960 at 8:30 A.M., State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.
Second, motion carried unanimously.

Guy Fox: Call Mr. Morken in we want to discuss these delinquencies on this Emergency Loan 1034.

There was a discussion on collection for the delinquents. Some suggestions were made as to method etc.

Mr. Morken: Here is a suggestion, you councilmen should tell your people the importance of having the people meet their obligations.

It was stated that \$47,000.00 had been loaned out.

Mr. Morken: Do you understand what we have discussed this afternoon?

The council members said they did.

Chairman James Hall: Is there anything else to take up?

Thomas Bluestone: I have something to bring up and that is Carl Whitman's mileage. We were suppose to take this deal up whenever all the councilmen were present.

Chairman James Hall gave an explanation on Carl Whitman Jr. deal where he had to make the necessary trips to the Court house at Mandaree, to Parshall on telephone bills etc., and back to New Town when he was auditing books for the Tribe.

Chairman James Hall suggested to wait, as there were two men out of the room.