

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
Fort Berthold Reservation  
New Town, North Dakota

SPECIAL MEETING  
May 2, 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, No. Dak.

Quorum present: Yes Special Meeting, May 2, 1960

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M. on May 2, 1960.

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

Absent: Valentine Wells

Tardy: Guy Fox, John Wilkinson.

Chairman James Hall: This special meeting was called by the land Committee and I think it goes back to the Tribe to Aberdeen and what you are going to do about the pay on that trip and a few other things we want to take up. I think we will just start with this.

Chairman James Hall read resignation of Nathan Bear, Clerk of Court, effective April 29, 1960.

That is it and now we don't have a Clerk of Court. Employment Chairman, you will have to start looking around for a Clerk of Court.

Chairman James Hall read memo concerning trophy case for agency office. I don't know what the cost would be, that is up to you gentlemen.

B. J. Youngbird; Mr. Chairman, I think the important thing is our clerk. Are you ready to present your outfit. I noticed in some of the past minutes some of the former actions of the Council, those have to be on full members.

Chairman James Hall: I remember one.

Leland Hall: Did Mrs. Lone Fight give you that letter? They want to add that to their debt.

James Hall: This Aberdeen trip is a work shop deal, on the 10th and 11th, to discuss problems etc. Read letter.

Alright John, bring out what you have?

John Wilkinson: Land exchange between the Tribe and Isabelle Good Bird. The Tribe would have to pay two-hundred and some dollars difference.

Leland Hall: Read this. Did you read this?

Chairman James Hall read letter from Isabelle Good Bird regarding her land exchange with the Tribe.

Maybelle Lone Fight was called into the meeting.

B. J. Youngbird: May I question you, who wrote this letter? Is she capable of handling her own affairs?

Maybelle Lone Fight explained, talking in Gros Ventre.

B. J. Youngbird: Are you her guardian and who appointed you?

Maybelle Lone Fight: Yes, I am, Miss Vigen.

General discussion took place on the land exchange.

John White: If you will recall, the Council took a stand of not paying the difference.

James Hall: Oh, I think you are out of luck because the Tribe went on record of not paying any difference.

Leland Hall: Well, what are we going to do about those that owe?

John Wilkinson: Whats binding is what Ben stated. It is just like Helen Gough's case, she has a guardian. We just can't jump in there. It has to work through channels to be on the safe side.

James Hall: Then you would have to go back and rescind the action of not paying any difference.

Judge Little Swallow talking to Maybelle Lone Fight.

James Hall: Seems to me like they felt in order to consolidate their land holdings - If they had this, they would have quite a bit of land consolidated.

Leland Hall: There is a lot of them that owe to the Tribe. There is no way for her to make a settlement if we don't take any action.

B. J. Youngbird: You better get your minutes, you will have to have 2/3. Rewarding it what ever it is, the way you want it.

James Hall: Well, what are you going to do about it?

B. J. Youngbird: Well, there is nothing you can do about it. Get your minutes of that in here.

Leland Hall: I think there is a lot of them. It is going to hinder the transactions.

James Hall: I just wonder how that will work out. This will go to the Emergency Loan fund.

Leland Hall: No, on the taken area, some of the other debts.

James Hall: It might work that way, it is up to the Council.

Leland Hall: If the action still stands, they are going to hinder a lot of them.

Motion made to take land exchange between Tribe and Isabelle Good Bird up with the Area Office after Judge Little Swallow get a statement.  
Second, motion carried.

Judge: How soon are you going to the Area Office?

James Hall: We will be leaving Monday. Have Marie look up the minutes.

John White: You better get Kirkaldie in here and let him explain.

More discussion on land exchange.

John White: Mr. Chairman, let us take up the Clerk of Court.

B. J. Youngbird: Do you have somebody?

John White: Well, if not, I have one that is putting in for a job, that is George Foote.

Judge: The place is locked up.

B. J. Youngbird: What about that Clerk job, is the Tribe still paying that?

James Hall: That has to be reconsidered. We will have to reconsider that whole action. The party that made the motion was not present so that has to go back before the Council and reconsider. I don't really know what the action was.

B. J. Youngbird: I think according to the bulletin, it was up to the fiscal year.

Motion made to have a meeting Friday, May 6, 1960, at 1:00 P.M. and call in all interested parties, on taken area lease.  
Second, motion carried.

James Hall Sr.: What about this trophy deal?

Motion made to authorize to have a trophy case.  
Second,

Remarks: They use to have one in Elbowoods, I wonder what they did with it.  
Motion carried.

James Hall: What about this Aberdeen trip, that has to be reported by the 6th. We have to fill in this.

John White: I will be farming about that time.

James Hall: You mean you don't want to debate about that time.  
We will have to leave monday.

John White: I got to farm.

Chairman James Hall: Lets do away with this Aberdeen trip. Who wants to go. 6 of the council members willgo.

Motion made to leave on the 8th of May.  
Second, motion carried.

Motion made to have a Special Meeting with the Superintendent on May 13, 1960. Second, motion carried.

John Starr: John B. Brave wants to know about his job.

Chairman: Well, he is appointed as Sgt. at Arms.

Motion made to have george Foote appointed as Clerk of Court, temporarily.  
Second, motion carried.

Motion made to have Carl Whitman justify his mileage, \$500.00 he is asking for. Second, motion carried.

Ben Kikaldie: explained the land exchange with Isabelle Good Bird and the Tribe. We will fix up something for you mearncil men to take with you to Aberdeen.

Motion made to take the land exchange for Isabelle Good Bird and Tribe to Aberdeen. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to rescind the previous action of not paying the difference on land exchange. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to have the expenses up to \$30.00 per day for Aberdeen trip.  
Second, motion carried.

John White: When are we going to go into sanitation improvements.

Chairman James Hall: We should get out and get busy.

Motion made to take Valentine Wells off as Health Committee Chairman and appoint B. J. Youngbird. Second, motion carried.

Joe Jerome: The succes of this program is to have an active Health Committee, furnish labor. May 4, 1960 meeting of Health Committee at White Shi@d.

Motion made to have Leland Hall and John Starr be on the Health Committee.  
Second, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.  
Second, motion carried.

/s/ Guy Fox, Acting Secretary  
Tribal Business Council