

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
May 6, 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, North Dakota

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Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M. May 6, 1960.

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

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Special meeting called for Taken Area land, army man present, Woodrow
Ittner.

James Danks given floor to discuss en leasing on Taken Area.

If an Indian leased land around the taken area, and another person over
bids him and takes the taken area, the person leasing around the area of
the taken area will be out of luck,

Army Engineer: I can't resolve anything now.

Chairman: We been present.

Valentine Wells: I took over the minutes and did not hear what was discussed
before.

B. J. Youngbird: On this taken area, the main reason is for flood control.

Mr. Ittner: Yes, every year the water rises. Mr. Powell makes the adjust-
ment.

B. J. Youngbird: We have to contact Mr. Powell?

Mr. Ittner: Yes.

Leland Hall: The taken area should be fenced.

James Danks gave an illustration on grazing lease. He also stated that
in the taken area there was a charge of 42¢ an acre, while on the reserva-
tion it was 33¢ per acre.

Guy Fox: Maybe something should be worked out between the leaser and
the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Chairman James Hall: We were promised the free use of the shoreline through Congress, on Public Law 37. Senator Kerr knocked it out. We were promised too if we introduced a bill they would help us and try to pass it, but it never turned out that way. We were not paid for minerals. Ten years have gone by and this area was paid by the Tribe for Indian use.

B. J. Youngbird: I think it is understood. We negotiated with the Army Engineers. I think Congress fell down on it. I call it violation of the Treaty. If you trace back all negotiations with the Tribes was done by the U. S. Army. They said we want to control the floods, Congress said that not the Army.

Mr. Wilkinson: What about Standing Rock Reservation or on the OaHe Dam.

Mr. Ittner: There using the same policy, the shoreline etc.

Mr. Wilkinson: It seems as though we are the guinea pigs, other reservations copy our programs.

The recreational areas was brought up.

Mr. Youngbird to Ittner: Can you prepare something and maybe we can meet again and discuss these things.

Mr. Ittner: Maybe we can recommend to have the area turned over.

More discussion on the recreational area.

B. J. Youngbird: Can we sub-lease on the recreational area?

Mr. Ittner: Yes, you can have hamburger and hot dog stand erected. I have been questioned by tourists where they could park their trailers.

If you have set ups like that, I could direct them there. There is not many areas developed to accommodate the people.

B. J. Youngbird: Maybe the White Shield people that are in here have something to bring up.

Chairman Hall to Guy Fox: How about the recreational area west of the bridge?

Guy Fox: Some improvements were made, a pump was installed, it cost about \$300.00, and there were other things done.

Guy Fox to Ittner: How much space can we allow or what size lots and how much can be charge.

Mr. Ittner: Rentals vary from \$15.00 to \$45.00. Some are \$20.00, \$30.00 a year for rental.

Guy Fox: Another thing we would like to line up the lots and roads.

Mr. Ittner: The army will stake out the lots, but will not build roads.

The Counties will help, the State is too busy building other roads they wouldn't be thinking about recreational areas.

Guy Fox: We would like to have the recreational site staked out, whenever it can be done.

One of the council members mentioned trees for the recreational site.

Mr. Ittner stated that they could get trees from Fort. Lincoln Nursury.

Guy Fox: On these lots, how far can the lots be from the edge of the water? I believe in our recreational site it is measured for the 1850 foot mark.

Mr. Ittner: For cottage sites it is on the 1855 mark.

Guy Fox: Can we renew the lease.

Mr. Ittner: You have priority, can be leased again.

Chairman Hall: The Tribe has lease on this area for 25 years.

Guy Fox: If the Tribe should build cottages etc., can the Tribe sell to the Corps of Engineers if such a time should arise?

Mr. Ittner: The Corps of Engineers is interested in only the land. The cottages can be sold to someone else. Camp accomodations can be furnished and you have the right charge. You are not obligated free services, to tourists.

Boat ramps were also mentioned.

Guy Fox: I would like to have the Army Engineers stake out our area. We have about a 200 acre lease west of the bridge.

Fees, electricity, for the tourists were discussed.

Mr. Ittner and Guy Fox were to make a tour and see what could be staked out etc., at the recreational site.

Chairman James Hall: Read a letter from Ted Lone Fight, this concerned a land exchange between Isabell Good Bird and the Tribe. There was some discussion on it.

Motion made to approve the land exchange providing the party waive the difference. Second, motion carried.

Joe Gray Wolf: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council.

Joe Gray Wolf stated that the following names: Charles Grady Sr., Thomas Rogers, Bryan Rogers, Willie Grady, Herbert White Owl, William Wells, and Joe Gray Wolf did not want the Legion, Post 300, to be involved in any Indian politics. Post 300 did not want to have anything to do with political squabbles.

John White and Superintendent Morken were present at the meeting at the Hill Top and can verify that Post 300 didn't want to get involved.

Chairman James Hall: Is there anything else to discuss or bring up?

William Deane: I thought we were to negotiate on this Item 19 in the Taken Area with the Army Engineers.

John Wilkinson: I thought that the people who are concerned could sit in on the meeting and hear for themselves the things that were to be brought up.

B. J. Youngbird to William Deane: Do you want to lease direct from the Engineers?

William Deane: The Tribe was holding it for individuals. Some of the segments are having difficulties. It is all right if they are going to hold it like before. We wanted to lease direct from the Corps of Engineers. Other places are having range wars, but we are getting along.

Chairman James Hall to William Deane: Are you will to lease it again? You have it for this year.

Lee Hall: If it is leased out right you may have to bid for it.

Chairman James Hall: If the Tribes leases the Area, it will take care of the Indians. We as a Tribe get it for the minimum price, if it is leased outright, it will be higher.

B. J. Youngbird: I have something. As the Health Committee, we would like to have the iron junk in these schools. We would like things such as fixtures, pipes and bath tubs. Indians could use it.

Motion made to request the Area Office, Aberdeen, South Dakota for surplus items. Second, motion carried.

B. J. Youngbird: We have another thing, we would like to have the Tribal Council set aside \$5000.00 for Health funds. We need to purchase a well driller to dig wells.

Chairman James Hall: There was some funds left from Law & Order after it was turned over to the B. I. A.

Motion made to have the B. I. A. take over all of the Law & Order including Judge and Clerk of Court, July 1, 1960. Second, motion carried.

Lee Hall: We would like to hear the report from the Health Committee.

B. J. Youngbird: The Health Committee is making another survey to see how the people stand in the line of sanitation and what is needed etc.

Valentine Wells: I would like to ask a question. Who is going to operate the digger. I know it was turned over to the Health Committee. A party from my Segment wants to have a basement dug and a ditch for a sewer.

B. J. Youngbird: Joe Jerome is the operator for the digger, and it is to be used only for ditch digging.

Lee Hall: What are charges for ditch digging?

B. J. Youngbird: The Health Committee recommends to charge \$2.00 per hour and gas and oil to be furnished.

Motion made to charge \$2.00 per hour for ditch digging and gas, oil to be furnished by the party whom is having the job done. Second, motion carried. Remarks: Only ditch digging, garbage pits and privies.

J. W. Starr: Joe Jerome brought up the subject on a 300 gallon water tank which could be used at Church gatherings and celebrations. He also stated that they have a two wheel trailer that could be used to haul the tank. This trailer was in need of repairs and may cost about \$100.00 to repair.

This tank was located at Brunswick, Georgia and he also mentioned some medium size bull dozers also from the same place. If they were requested the Tribe would have to pay the freight to New Town.

Motion made to have the Council request for the water tank and a bull dozer from Brunswick, Georgia. Second,
Motion amended to have two bull dozers shipped to New Town.
Second, motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn.
Second, motion carried.

/s/ Valentine Wells, Secretary
Tribal Business Council