

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
June 29, 1960

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Name of Tribal Organization: Three Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Business Council, Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, No. Dak.

Place of Meeting: Conference Room, New Town, No. Dak.

Quorum present: Yes Special Meeting

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

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

Tardy: Leland Hall

Absent: Charles Fox, Valentine Wells

Chairman James Hall: I think the first thing this Special meeting was called for is how we are going to work out. This will be for eats etc., that we will have to have. Last year we bought bread etc. I think we will have to carry that same thing on. I think that is the first thing.

On this buffalo deal, I thought we were going to get it but he said it was up to the Superintendent.

Guy Fox: Last year it was around \$200.00 and I got meat and other things from Hinsverk Store, he has a locker etc. And I would go with the pickup and pick up the stuff.

I was talking to him and he said anytime you find out about the buffalo, let me know. I can get you plenty of meat.

James Hall: On the meat part, I talked to Frank Chase and he said he bought meat from Watford City, packaged for 27¢ and I think as long as we don't get the buffalo.

Motion made to leave meat and groceries up to the Chairman.
Second, motion carried.

Remarks:

John Starr: We appointed him to look after those things and he should have someone. Like last year we had 9 cases left and we just had to give it out.

Guy Fox: I went out and got the stuff so I would know what I was getting. I think I was short about \$5.00 and I think I paid out to some of the boys and I did not have anything to show for it. The meat and other things I has receipts to show. The last night the Council bought extra grub.

James Hall: I think the whole deal would be to get it wholesale.

Guy Fox: We can do the way we always do, go to the cheapest.

James Hall: I think maybe we should hear from the Committee on this parade and the Rodeo committee.

Guy Fox: We had a meeting with the Kiwanis and we brought that up that the Council take the lead in the parade and right away they said we will get someone that will lead the parade and we will contact you Monday. They haven't contacted us yet and I contacted them and told them that that guy did not show up with the program.

What they want is that they will have just one day parade and we told them we should have it on three days and they got to talking and thought it should be ~~two~~ days. I think our celebration should be three days. I think the committee can work that out.

Guy Fox: On the booklets, we had a dummy made up and I had to have pictures of former queens and I told the printers and he said as soon as you get it, mail it to me and anything else. I think he will charge us about \$150.00 for the booklets.

Then I solicited through town and got \$100.00 so far. I haven't gone back to the other places where some asked me to come back later.

When we went to Minot, we had to explain everything and he said to come after the booklets the 5th of July. I think it will be up to Ben to get the pictures down there, if he is going tomorrow, of the former queens from 1955 to 1959.

Leland Hall: I want to ask Guy something, what is that thing that they are digging?

Guy Fox: that is a bowery.

James Hall: They work out other places.

Guy Fox: I think it will work out. If they are standing around not doing anything they will get into mischief.

James Hall: Well, the thing that I had, how much money does the Tribal Council think it is going to need to feed this encampment.

Guy Fox: Last year it was around \$200.00 and I think we took care of the rations three time the first day and twice the second day and we had to have some more. I don't know how much we spent the last day.

James Hall: How much meat did we have?

Guy Fox: We had a whole beef in the butcher shop and they were packaged.

Leland Hall: I think we will have a lot more people, no wheres near it was last year.

Guy Fox: The first day we won't give them anything.

Motion made to purchase three beef for the celebration. I beef a day.
Second, motion carried.

Motion made to have the Clerks take part in the parade all three days.
Second, motion carried.

B. J. Youngbird: They said the last thing we are going to ask of Mr. Clifford is three Beef, is there a possibility to get a hold of three beef.

Mr. Clifford: No, the reason why is the money has to be paid back to the Tribal funds. That would have to be paid in kind or cash.

B. U. Youngbird: A contract is a contract.

Leland Hall: Pay in kind or cash, some of the old clients that still have to pay back.

Mr. Clifford: It has to be shown has a matter of record. If the Tribe sells they will have to turn that money back. I don't see how it could be done.

Mr. Clifford: The Tribe has to sell them and put the money back into the cattle enterprise, still carried in Corporation Credit records.

Mr. Clifford explained to the Council, regarding repayment cattle.

Guy Fox: I think we will have to pay about \$600.00 if we are going to buy butcher stuff. About \$600.00, I think we can get by on that.

Motion made that \$1000.00 be allowed for the beef and other things for the three days, and if anything is left over that it be put back into the Council fund. Second, motion carried.

John Wilkinson explained about the Congregational Church Conference being on the same dates as the Celebration at the Recreational site. He felt the Church Conference should get a beef.

Leland Hall: They are still carrying it out on the same dates.

John White: No changes.

John White: Instead of giving them money, we should see that they get the stuff. They got just a small beef.

Guy Fox: I think the best thing is to have the heads of that Church come in.

James Hall: It is a pretty rough deal. There might be only just the heads there. This is a celebration we don't have anything to say about. That is what we started out with, we could probably be changed if we knew it soon enough.

A general discussion took place.

B. J. Youngbird: I suggest that we just don't say anything about it or we will be getting ourselves into something.

John White explained \$5.00 given toward the Celebration at the recreation area at the funeral of Ruth Hopkins.

Leland Hall: There is some people that want no part of the queen contest.

John Starr: I suppose there is a party that want to take it over themselves.

James Hall: Frank Chase put on the show in 1958. He carried it on through gate receipts. 1959 we done the same thing. Nothing came out of here.

B. J. Youngbird: And they said all White Shield crowned.

James Hall: We will have to check the record.

Guy Fox: Last year we gave it to Ben, he was responsible for the queen. We never decided until the last minute and that was brought up in ~~the~~ meeting. The council thought that could be taken care of right here instead of somewhere else. Wasn't you here? I think you were here.

More discussion took place on the queen contest.

Guy Fox: That is where you can make money. Bring out your work and sell it there and we will try and continue so it will get larger and your products will sell better.

Superintendent Morken was called into the meeting.

James Hall: One thing we would like to have you here for is this audit. I saw a letter in there that Ted Bolman had wrote to Burdick on this Tribal Court. The audit should go back 10 years.

Mr. Morken: I think you should have the auditors start where Carl left off. Somebody is putting preasure.

Motion made to reconsider previous motion regarding audit. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to have the auditors come in and audit the books. Chairman of the Tribal Business Council to contact auditors. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to authorize the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council to go ahead and hire auditorz. Second, motion carried.

James Hall: We should have a report to the Council on the Bull Program.

Mr. Morken: The Stock Association has been in the process of liquidation for the past two years and at least two proposals have been submitted to the Area and Central Offices and did not meet with their approval.

Mr. Morken: Now the last proposal by the Central Office was this: That the seventy-seven thousand and some odd dollars be returned to the Tribal Council general fund because this seventy-seven thousand and some odd dollars is the result of the sale of bulls.

Now if you people remember it was the intent of the Stock Association to repay those members on the basis of usage. Well, it was determined that the rehabilitation funds were a grant to the Three Affiliated Tribes, not the Stockmens Association and therefore, they are requesting that the seventy-seven thousand and some odd dollars be returned to the Tribe and not distributed as proposed in the dissolution papers.

Now they did state that the sale, it is \$1200.00, not be distributed, but it is their hope and mine that it would be better to take the entire amount and place it in the General Council Fund, because if you distribute it some won't even get a dollar.

The Stockmens Association will have to call a Board of Directors Meeting to take final action on this.

In as much as Clifford is transferring and in all probability will not be here, we made a request of Mr. Hatchet that he be here to discuss with the Board of Directors.

It is my recommendation to the Council, Board of Directors, and the Stockmens Association that they accept the proposal by the Central Office.

That was given to the Three Affiliated Tribes, that means every Indian and not to the Stockmens Association. Did I explain that, do you understand that?

Council members: Yes

Motion made that the entire cash assets of the Fort Berthold Stockmens Association be placed on deposit in the Three Affiliated Tribes general council fund in accordance with the recent request of the Central Office. Second, motion carried unanimously.

More discussion on Stockmens Association.

James Hall, Sr.: Going back to the queen contest.

Mr. Morken: Dr. Howard is coming out as one of the judges.

Guy Fox: We asked them how they were going to arrange the parade and they say you see Morken and Bill Nye.

Mr. Morken: I'll find out about it. I was going to arrange with them. Mr. Fettig will lead the parade. I suggest Fettig lead the parade with a chief on each side of him. The big parade is Sunday. We will have to agganze the time schedule.

Motion made to follow the suggestion of the Superintendent that the Chairman and Vice Chairman ride along side of Fettig at the head of the parade. Second, motion carried.

Mr. Morken: I suggest that you ask him first.

More discussion took place on the parade.

Mr. Morken: I don't have a resolution formulated but I would like the Council to go on record authorizing your officers to sign this resolution.

During the last year, the State Department of Public Instruction has handled surplus commodities and they refuse to continue as of July 1, 1960.

The only alternative the Bureau could see, that the Bureau enter into agreement with the State Department of Public Instruction for the purpose of continuing the surplus commodity program. Then it is necessary that we enter into agreements with the Tribe so that the Tribe is responsible to us.

The responsibilities of the Tribal Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes will be financing, receipting, storing, distributing, recording etc.

Now as I see it there won't be any changes. Eligibility will be checked by our branch of Welfare.

B. J. Youngbird: The only thing that will be taken off is working through the State.

Mr. Morken: There is to be a workshop August 11, 1960 at 9:00 A.M., at Bismarck, so we should have the Chairman of the Welfare Committee and the Commodity Clerk go to better acquaint themselves with the program.

General discussion took place on surplus commodities.

Motion made to authorize representatives to sign resolution so Mr. Morken can get it in. Second, motion Carried.

Mr. Morken: What we should attempt to do is that we should try to carry on an adult educational program. Dry Milk is something that is difficult to use. Now you cannot give any commodities to clubs for demonstrations. Now we can get special authority. We have to justify that so, if we can arrange this, we should set aside so many pounds for demonstration purposes.

Guy Fox: What about the Catholics, at a certain time they have that school in our West Segment. I know that was brought up in the Council before.

Mr. Morken: I don't think you could. It is a sectarian group. I don't think you could get it. Like schools they will give it to state schools but not church schools.

Mr. Morken: Now, there is one thing, who is responsible for getting the dancers to Minot? That has to be a precise operation. I understand that this thing is going to take place and they are going to focus the camera on these dancers. They have to be actually in operation, therefore, you should be sure and have everyone there ready to go. They don't know anything about the Indian culture, I know some of the trouble we have.

Guy Fox: I think the Committee want Ben to explain different types of dancing.

Guy Fox: One thing, I brought it up in our last meeting and the Council said the Judge has the authority to make out permits and I asked him and he said "no". In that resolution know time limit to stop the dances. The council said it was up to the Judge and he has no authority.

Mr. Morken: There isn't any authority, we thought the judge could set the time limit, closing the dances.

More discussion on dance permits, time limit and police protection.

Motion made that no drunks on grounds at Celebration of July 8, 9, 10, 1960. Second, motion carried.

Mr. Morken: The Chief of Police can deputize. That is the only man that can deputize.

Motion made to have a resolution drawn up on the time limit on celebrations, dances or socials. Motion died.

B. J. Youngbird: Anyone who requests sets his own limit. The judge has the authority to write out-

Judge Little Swallow: Mr. Chairman, as far as I am concerned I don't think I have a right to issue a permit. Being that this is the governing body.

Motion made to give the Chief Judge the authority to issue permits with the cooperation of the party requesting the permit to set the time limit. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to draw up a resolution for the use of \$1000.00 for beef and groceries. Second, motion carried.

B. J. Youngbird: Mr. Chairman, I want to be excused.

Guy Fox: Buy what we need, buy it through the IIM account. Marie can handle that. This is just for meat and groceries. I think this can be handled that way.

Mr. Morken: You know fellows, I think you should close your office for two weeks. Because Marie has not been able to catch up. We closed our office and Marie never has.

More discussion on the closing of the Tribal Office.

John White: We should do something about the cement blocks in the warehouse. Didn't some of them get some on time.

Discussion on cement blocks.

Motion made to adjourn.
Second, motion carried.

Valentine Wells, Secretary
Tribal Business Council