

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION  
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

REGULAR MEETING  
July 14, 1960

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MINUTES

Name of Tribal Organization: Tribal Business Council, Fort Berthold  
Reservation, New Town, North Dakota

Place of Meeting: Conference Room, Fort Berthold Agency  
New Town, North Dakota

Quorum present: Yes Regular Council

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. on July 14,  
1960.

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

Chairman James Hall: First thing, we don't have any money in our Loan  
Fund, and we figure the only way we could do it is give it to them out  
of Council funds.

Mr. Morken: Isn't there any money on deposit?

Leland Hall: There is \$900.00 but not deposited in the bank.

James Hall: We have two applications here. They have had two deaths in  
their family, one right after the other.

Mr. Morken: When do they want the money?

B. J. Youngbird: As quick as they can get it.

Mr. Morken: You will probably get it tomorrow. That is the quickest.

Leland Hall: Why not deposit some of that \$900.00 tomorrow.

James Hall: What does the bookkeeper say?

Guy Fox: She said we can't get any funds.

Mr. Morken: You should have a resolution drawn up for that \$900.00.

Motion made to authorize the Tribal Attorney to draw up a resolution for  
depositing \$1000.00 for the emergency loan. Second, motion carried.

Proposed resolution on \$1000.00 to be deposited in the bank for Emergency  
Loans was read.

Motion made to approve the resolution. Second, motion carried.

A memorandum from Tribal Clerk regarding employment was read.

Mr. Morken: I am having trouble in the Branch of Credit. The last two days they were trying to get these documents for Mr. Baird, plus the fact that it is not so easy to handle personalities.

I don't think that the girls work hard or harder, but some of the records are available in the Tribal Office only. Take your Tribal Land Leasing Department, when you lease to someone and they sublease to someone else, they just have to go to the Tribe for information.

She made out a budget, she had instructions at the time the budget was made last year. I asked Bob to make it, that is strictly Tribal. Marie felt in her heart that we should make that budget out. It is a give and take. They have been having to write these documents so many times, something like 60 pages of that stuff they got out.

Your Tribal positions are the Clerk in the Credit Office, GS-3 rating. With the closing of the Stock Association, these accounts will be transferred to the Tribal Office and as soon as we can get these accounts closed there will be a lot less work with the Branch of Credit, and I don't think we will need that clerk.

The other is in the Branch of Realty. You will find out what that position is doing when the bulletin comes out. They have compiled data which will be a benefit to the Tribe. Now she is being paid out of Tribal Enterprise money yet. That is going to go out of the picture. These are the two positions that are financed by the Tribe.

Explained two vacancies in Branch of Realty, qualifications etc.

James Hall: Well, what is the pleasure of the Council.

Mr. Morken: I will try to stop that stuff.

Motion made to leave the matter up to the Superintendent to straighten out. Second, motion carried.

James Hall: Well, we will go on with our meeting. We will call on the Recreation Committee to make their report. I think the man with the tent is waiting for his money.

Guy Fox: On the recreation report, \$1000.00 was advanced to me and I deposited it in the bank, \$990.00 was left after bank charges were taken out. Then I got another advance of \$500.00. Read from check stubs, money that was paid out for labor, expenses etc. Read amounts of money that was taken in from bowery, tickets etc. I have to show where that come from so that is about all. Next time I will finish.

James Hall: You still have to pay the tent man. We will have to pay him out of Council funds. The Council will have to go on record to pay that, \$75.00 to Louis Brown.

B. J. Youngbird: I thought they said pay Louis Brown and let the rest of them come in with their bills.

John Wilkinson gave a report on hired police for celebration.

James Hall: There was no kick on the rest of them but just John there. What are we going to do about Mr. Brown, it is up to the Council.

Leland Hall: We will have to pay him, no way around it.

Stephen Bird came in and spoke to the Council in the Gros Ventre language, I did not understand.

James Hall: I think that piece of land is held up by the Tribe. The one that Louis Brown is living on. Whenever the restoration deal is approved, this piece is farm land.

B. J. Youngbird: I understand him to say, all he wants is to set his house, probably five acres. He has lived in Montana for twenty years and he wants to come back and be among us.

Motion made that the Tribal Land Committee meet with Mr. Stephen Bird. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to approve resolution on payment for use of Louis Brown's big top. Second, motion carried.

Attorney Malloy: These are the proposed amendments by the Committee. Read proposed amendments to the Constitution. First I will read the present and then the proposed.

Motion made to postpone proposed Constitution & Bylaws until July 18, 1960 and meet with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Second, motion carried.

Attorney: I think that is the only way, to have the Committee here. It is going to be a good sized job.

James Hall: Since we have postponed our meeting on the Constitution & Bylaws until Monday, we will go on with our Committee reports.

B. J. Youngbird, Chairman of Health Committee: Our outfit is broke down at Guy Fox's place, we will get that fixed. I am meeting with Twin Buttes, Mrs. Peterson, and the local doctor to get something established in Twin Buttes.

The Vermillion trip, we thought we did a fine job of representing Fort Berthold.

B. J. Youngbird: On the Health, I was kind of up in the air. I called the ambulance, a lady in Minot Hospital wanted to be transferred to Garrison Hospital and they made such a fuss about it.

Thomas Eagle said they called Dr. Wilson and he told them it was out of his jurisdiction. I think it is about time we repossess that ambulance and put it some place where we can make use of it.

Chairman James Hall: On this Sanitation deal, what is taking place?

B. J. Youngbird: We sent out questionnaires, they are coming in every day. That will be the quickest way. If they are interested, they will send them back.

John Starr: There has been some rumors on this health. Nothing to prove, the only way is to show them in any district. That the people would get interested if there was something to show. This can mean nothing to them.

James Hall: That is right, the way Jerome talks. We set up \$5000.00 to try an help, they are not doing a lot about it. They dropped way down to nothing, they have cut that way down so I don't know.

B. J. Youngbird: He said he was going to give me a complete report.

Mr. Morken: What was the proposal that was made to you .

James Hall: The beginning it looked like, if they would contribute at least one-half, they would take care of the rest. Now they only thing they are talking about is privies and garbage pits, so I don't know. We were all worked up thinking there was --

Mr. Morken: I will try to get together with the Sanitation man, he tries to help the Indian along, to find out. It is all part of community development program, it is difficult.

John Wilkinson: When we were in Vermillion in these different groups, I asked the question supposing one district did not go along would that hinder the rest? They said it was up to the Council.

B. J. Youngbird: The main thing they are asking is how much work can you contribute. That is what the survey is for.

Mr. Morken: A method of deriving that figure. Overall appropriation and use that one figure.

Mr. Morken: Now for the first time, we have been able to sell the men in range unit 5 the idea of building dams. If you remember they have had this land and have not done anything about it.

Mr. Morken: Now through the Soil Conservation at Killdeer, they are making arrangements to build a half a dozen dams.

I think we should really get these boys to get through with their commitment. Explained about getting trucks and hiring James Danks.

Guy Fox: In the earlier part of the year I contacted Jimmy to see if he wanted to operate this. He said I don't have time to monkey with this. Does he get paid from the Tribe then. We just have enough to carry us through the fiscal year.

Mr. Morken: Her is the way I look at it. If it takes one man four months, it will take two men two months.

Guy Fox: I don't know where we are going to get out money.

Mr. Morken: The quicker you get the dams built the quicker you will get the money.

You want \$2000.00 with the understanding that the Committee will pay it back. I would like to tell Chauncey to get the tractor. We are going to have at least one-half dozen dams in that unit. So if it is all right with your Committee, I will go inform Mr. Chauncey.

Motion made to confirm the action of the Soil Committee.  
Second, motion carried.

Leland Hall: Can we get the \$2000.00 anytime. There is a resolution for that.

James Hall: Well, we are through with this health.

B. J. Youngbird: I will get the report and I will report in.

Guy Fox, Chairman of Welfare: On this, I think we got a lot of dry milk still in the warehouse. The Council agreed to give it to anyone that asked for it and could use it, so we know where those items went.

Do you know just how much Cornmeal and dry milk is left?

John Brave: I don't know, might be about 200 cases of dry milk and 10 bahers of cornmeal and 600 lbs of rice.

Mr. Morken: You want my report, we order a car load of flour. Explained split shipments etc.

General discussion took place on shipment of cornmeal and dry milk, also on cards that were lost.

Guy Fox, Chairman Credit Committee: Due to the fiscal year, the office was closed down for two weeks and the individuals never got their checks so we don't have any money coming in on our emergency loan funds.

Guy Fox: I would like to refer back to the Council's action to give our Clerk a chance to get her books up to date and catch up on her work and we will have a new start. That means if we shut down, there will be no more loans until she gives us the go sign. I would like to put that into a motion.

Motion made to close down Emergency loan for two weeks, only in case of extreme emergency. Second, motion carried.

Guy Fox: That is taken care of and I see the voucher is made out to pay Louis Brown and I still have to pay the garbage collectors. Where am I going to get the money to pay these guys.

Mr. Morken: Have you deposited your money with the office yet.

Guy Fox: I am still working on the booklets and consessions and bowery.

Mr. Morken: You got \$1500.00, do you have receipts showing you spent that.

Leland Hall: I would like to ask Mr. Morken a question, is checks going to be made at the Aberdeen Area Office.

Mr. Morken: No, but that is coming, that is what they claim. They pay every two weeks.

John Starr: Is that that machine there were talking about.

Leland Hall: I wonder if they would be faster.

Mr. Morken explained how checks are made out procedures etc., her in Fianance department. That is what is going to heppen in Realty. They are going to get each individual and his or her land on this card and it is there. You will just have to push a button and they will come out with this imformation. Clear up a lot of heirship. When they are on your card, they are there.

Leland Hall: A lot of them have been asking me about that.

Guy Fox: What about those men hired to distribute that meat. We will pay them through the voucher. Who is responsible for that \$1000.00?

James Hall: It will have to paid out of the Council fund. I will have to check with Heinsverk and get that bill.

Mr. Morken: I think we should have a meeting and talk nothing but pow-wow on the problems that we had and the corrections that could be made. For example, know accidents, how lucky we are. Little things like that we are lucky on. Your P.A. system burned out.