

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 Special Meeting

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. on July 22, 1960.

Present: James Hall, Charles Fox, John White, Leland Hall, John Wilkinson,  
Valentine Wells, Guy Fox.

Absent: B. J. Youngbird, John Starr, Thomas Bluestone.

Chairman James Hall presiding opened the meeting.

Chairman James Hall: This meeting was called for rescinding our previous action that the Council took. Guy Fox can inform you men about this budget business.

Guy Fox: The purpose of this meeting is on the budget. We have to rescind our previous action of the \$135,000.00.

Motion made to rescind previous action on the \$135,000.00.  
Second, motion carried.

Motion made to approve the budget and resolutions. Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: Here is a request by Yvonne Wells, Clerk. She is requesting a raise in her salary. The reason is in regard to changes of salary schedules. Tax and social security will be deducted from her gross salary. In order to comply with Civil Service salary schedule rate, instead of hourly pay basis, she is requesting a salary equivalent to a G. S. 2.

Motion made to approve the request of Yvonne Wells on her salary raise.  
Second, motion carried.

John White: The Welfare Committee should meet with Mr. Onstrud and Mr. Milligan. The Chairman, James Hall, should go along also with the Committee.

Motion made to have the Welfare Committee go to Bismarck, also the Tribal Business Council Chairman, to meet with Carl Onstrud and Ed Milligan for three days, July 25, 26, 27, 1960. Second, motion carried.

Guy Fox: I have a bill from Stephen's Lumber Company, New Town. This bill is for the Tribal Council for the Recreational Development. Cement, cedar posts and other, it is tax exempt.

Chairman James Hall: While we are waiting for Mr. McLean, Charles Fox has something to bring up. The Celebration Committee of Little Shell District have a problem.

Charles Fox: The Antelope Society of Little Shell are having some financial difficulties. Rufus Stephenson is the president of this organization, but he hasn't been active in the fund raising part of it. The Committee is coming before the Council one of these days whenever they have a meeting.

Discussion on the subject by the Council.

It was stated that if they gave an organization assistance they would be doing that for all the various district on every celebration that may take place.

The feeling of the Council members that were present objected to the proposition brought up by Charles Fox. The reason for objecting to it was that they turn down a Church organization sometime ago. This was the general feeling from the Council.

Guy Fox: I have a time sheet for John Brave, he has been paid for Police duty for three days from the Recreational Development Funds. As I see it he has been over paid. Call Mr. McLean in on this, we have to straighten it out.

On th. wages for work on Saturday and Sundays can they be paid?

Mr. McLean: You have to have a resolution stating for payment work done Saturdays and Sundays.

Guy Fox: John Brave is paid a straight salary. He is the Sgt. at Arms for the Tribal Council. He put in two days at the pow-wow. Who told him to go to the South Segment Celebration?

John Wilkinson: I did, I told him to go to Twin Buttes. I figured they would need additional police.

Discussion.

Motion made to have a resolution supporting the payment for any work done on Saturdays and Sundays, authorized by the Council. Second, motion carried.

James Hall: We requested you to sit in on our meeting. The Welfare Committee are going to Bismarck to see Mr. Caryle Onsrud and others on Welfare. We have a question to ask. When is the interest money to be paid out?

The money should be in soon, as the children will be making preparations for the coming school term. They will be needing it to purchase school clothes etc., and those that are requesting the segregated share.

Mr. McLean: The segregated shares vouchers are sent in already. There has been a change and it is rather slow. Minneapolis Office has moved to Chicago or is moving out. Checks have to be sent from Chicago now and it is taking a little time.

Minneapolis and Chicago are consolidated to save expenses. We will get it out soon as possible.

James Hall: Thank you Mr. McLean that is all.

Guy Fox: On our Claims Attorney's Contract when does the contract expire? I have been asked that question by the people in my segment.

James Hall: I don't recall the expiration date.

There was some discussion on Claims against the United States.

James Hall: Someone call Mr. Comeau down to the Conference Room.

What we called you down here for is this Bruce's home needing protection. After that robbery and kidnapping took place. The people are criticizing us or the Council rather. The Bruce family want protection.

Mr. Comeau: They are under watch by the law. We can't put a man on day and night to watch the home, it is too expensive, runs into money. Those criminals will never come back, they made their get away. The threat that George Bruce got from these men after they let him off on the road, was if he reported to the Police before twenty minutes was up they would get him. That was all. I know they wouldn't come back. We have to reason use common sense. The search is not over they, the law, will get them sooner or later.

There was more discussion and Mr. Comeau explained to the Council that everything is taken care of.

Motion made to adjourn.  
Second, motion carried.

/s/ Valentine Wells, Secretary  
Tribal Business Council