

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 Council

Vice Chairman John White, Sr., called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.  
on July 29, 1960.

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

Absent: James Hall, Sr., B. J. Youngbird.

John White: We had a special meeting just a short time ago and we just  
adjourned from our Election Board Meeting. One of the council members  
is calling a special at this time.

There are three men who wish to meet with the council and they are Rufus  
Stevenson, Ira Waters, and Leo Young Wolf. At this time they can have the  
floor.

Mr. Stevenson: I would like to bring up something at this time. We are  
all together, the Three Tribes, Arickara, Mandans, and Gros Ventre. I  
believe you all understand the Gros Ventre language, so at this time I'll  
speak in my language to express myself.

Mr. Stevenson spoke in Indian.

John White: Let us hear from the next speaker, we want to hear from all  
before we take up the discussion.

Ira Waters also spoke in the Gros Ventre language.

Mr. Stevenson: Mr. Young Wolf has been in the hospital for quite some time  
and was just discharged not very long ago, he is to be excused.

John White: You heard what the two gentlemen said, what is the action?

Guy Fox: I'll interpret what the men said. What they are explaining is  
that they have had deaths in their families and could not make the pre-  
parations that go with fund raising for these pow wows. They don't come  
right out and say what they want. They say they want help and don't specify  
what they want, amount etc.

Mr. Fox explained to the men that they should be specific on what they  
desire. If they were requesting financial assistance they should state so.

Mr. Fox interpreted for Ira Waters.



Mr. Waters stated that the Little Shell Grass Dance Society never had any fund raising parties, basket socials etc. The society would like to make a loan of \$500.00 for their celebration to be held on August 4, 5, 6, 1960 and would make their payments later on.

John White: You have heard these men's statements.

Charles Fox: What have we got on hand.

Guy Fox: Call Marie Wells.

John White: Sometime back we had a meeting on this subject. I disagreed on using General Council Funds.

Guy Fox to Marie Wells: How much money do we have?

Marie Wells: \$9000.00 in the General Council Funds. There was about \$16,000.00 that came in, if that \$16,000.00 did not come in you would have been broke. There is \$500.00 in the Emergency Fund.

Guy Fox: That is all.

John White: There is about \$6000.00 rough ly in the General Council Fund.

Guy Fox: I think we should get it from the Emergency Fund.

Motion made to take \$500.00 from the Emergency Fund, 1034, to be loaned to the Little Shell Grass Dance Society. Second

Vote: 4 for, 2 abstentions, chairman not voting. One council member left the room due to a phone call. Motion carried.

John Starr: I am very happy that the men have had their wishes granted. These council members have respected you old men.

Rufus Stevenson: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I think you are all my friends and relatives and I want to thank you all for the assistance you have given the Grass Dance Society. I am speaking in their behalf.

Motion made to adjourn.  
Second, motion carried.

Valentine Wells, Secretary  
Tribal Business Council