

THREE AFFILIATED TRADES  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION  
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING  
September 30, 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 Special Meeting

Chairman Robert Fox called the meeting to order on September 30, 1960.

Chairman Robert Fox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Thomas Bluestone, Charles Fox, Robert Fox, James Hall, Sr.,  
Leland Hall, David Little Swallow, Sr., John Starr, John Stone,  
Ralph Wells, Jr., John Wilkinson.

Minutes were read by Secretary John Stone.

Motion was made by John Starr that the minutes will stand approved as  
read. Seconded by James Hall. Motion carried.

The newly elected Chairman to appoint the various committees.

James Hall: There is a list on the door.

Robert Fox: According to this, it has been prepared. The Chairman has  
the authority to appoint these committees and this morning when I got  
the call that I had been elected Chairman, I took a piece of paper and  
wrote out the committees. I wrote out the names of the men who would  
act on the various committees and I am going to make the appointments now.

Claims Committee, Chairman: Thomas Bluestone  
John Stone  
John Wilkinson

Employment Committee, Chairman: Charles Fox  
Ralph Wells  
Leland Hall  
John Stone  
John Wilkinson

Law & Order Committee, Chairman: David Little Swallow, Sr.  
James Hall  
John Wilkinson  
Ralph Wells

Land Committee, Chairman: John Wilkinson  
John Starr  
Thomas Bluestone  
David Little Swallow  
Leland Hall

Educational Committee, Chairman: John Stone  
Ralph Wells  
Thomas Bluestone  
Leland Hall

Credit Committee, Chairman: John Stone  
John Wilkinson  
Ralph Wells  
David Little Swallow

Welfare Committee, Chairman: Ralph Wells  
James Hall  
John Stone  
David Little Swallow  
John Wilkinson

Soil Conservation, Chairman: James Hall  
John Starr  
Charles Fox  
Thomas Bluestone  
John Wilkinson

Sanitation Committee, Chairman: Leland Hall  
John Stone  
John Starr  
James Hall

Relocation Committee, Chairman: Leland Hall  
David Little Swallow  
Ralph Wells

Robert Fox: These will be our working committees for the year. In order to make our committees successful, we get to function. The names will be posted and each one of you will probably get a copy for your files.

Now the Chairman has the authority to appoint these committees, there is no need for a motion, so they will stand as they are.

Secretary John Stone read over the list of committees to the Council members.

Robert Fox: The floor will open for any business. We have had discussions on the N.C.A.I. I think that is something that should be straightened out.

One thing I forgot and that is the Sgt at Armes. Now, Jim, what has been done, will you tell us your experience as Chairman.

James Hall, Sr.: Well, I don't know how long John Brave has been on. That is up to the Chairman. It takes action of the council.

Robert Fox: I am not going to make any appointments. I will put it before the council, let you decide. Is there any discussion?

John Starr made a motion that the council keep John Brave on as Sgt. at Arms. Seconded by James Hall. Vote: 5 for, 4 opposed. Motion carried.

James Hall: I think you forgot one committee. That is the sanitation committee and I have a plan that was written out, I tried to locate it.

John Stone: Won't that come under health.

James Hall: Yes, that is right.

Robert Fox: We are now open for discussion on the N. C. A. I.

Leland Hall made a motion to pay the N. C. A. I. dues. Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried. 9 for, 0 opposed.

Robert Fox: Now what are the dues? David, will you check. May I ask what the dates are to this meeting?

James Hall: I think it was to be in September, but was postponed until after the general election, sometime in November.

John Wilkinson: I suppose they are waiting for the dues before we get a notice.

James Hall: We have got a notice. The Chairman votes for the whole Tribe and the individual members can vote also. That N. C. A. I. they have different workshops. The same time I got in as Chairman we went to Missoula, Montana and they just sent I and B. J., and there was only two committees we could serve on. They have several different workshops and if they could be spread out on them, you could give your problems on your reservation. They have many lawyers on there, claims attorneys etc, they are to work over the resolutions etc.

We got three resolutions they worked up for Fort Berthold. I don't remember what they were, but they concerned land, minerals etc.

Robert Fox: I think I have copies of those resolutions.

David Little Swallow: I have not scrutinized these here but these concern this.

James Hall: As I say, it was postponed until after the general election.

Secretary, John Stone, local letter from N. C. A. I., dated Aug. 22, 1960.

To Officials of the Three Affiliated Tribes:

According to our records, the 1960 dues for your tribe are not paid. Dues payment, or evidence that your tribal dues payment is in process (tribal governing body resolution or voucher) will have to be sent to the Washington office of NCAI by October 14 if your tribe is to be in good standing and eligible to vote at the 1960 convention. This is in compliance with a rule adopted by the NCAI Executive Council meeting March 31, April 1-2, 1960.

Again according to our records, the last person designated by your tribe to be your official tribal representative on the NCAI Council was James Hall, Sr. The NCAI constitution also provides that each member tribe may designate an "alternate" who may vote in the absence of the tribe's regular representative. Our records show that your tribe named \_\_\_\_\_ as your alternate on the NCAI Executive Council.

This notice will remind your tribe that it is entitled automatically to one voting representative and an alternate of the member tribe's governing body's own choosing on the NCAI Executive Council as long as the tribal dues are paid, which makes it a member in good standing. Your tribe may change its designated representative and alternate as often as it wishes (except during the week of each annual convention) or it may leave the same person or persons in the capacity of representing your tribe on NCAI governing body so long as it wishes. Your representatives need not even be a member of your own tribe. The only limitation placed upon your free choice of your representative or representatives is that they must be Indian.

Please advise of any changes in council membership.

/s/ Helen L. Peterson  
Washington Office, for the  
Treasurer and Secretary

Interruption:

Marie D. Wells, Clerk: This is Mr. Armond Whittmayer, he sells hunting permits for the State. These permits are suppose to have the age etc., on them. If he took this book and sold them, he could bring the money back. I don't know if that is -

Mr. Armond Whittmayer: We have a lot of calls for these permits for hunting on the reservation. If you want to, I could take a book and sell them for you in Parshall. I brought a bunch of names over and some like to hunt down there and they want permits. I could help you out.

David Little Swallow: Are you loaded?

Mr. Whittmayer: No, I will put it to you flat. If you don't want to, you don't have to. It doesn't make any difference.

Marie Wells: Maybe you should call Corraau down.

James Hall: The only thing is the receipt we use for hunting license.

Mr. Whittmayer: It doesn't make any difference, I will be helping you out.

Robert Fox: As long as it has been done in the past.

James Hall made a motion that the Council allow hunting license to be sold. Second by Charles Fox. Motion carried.

Marie Wells: I will just take the numbers he took.

Robert Fox: The 14th of October we should have our dues in.

John Starr: I think Ben said \$100.00, I thought he said \$400.00.

James Hall: The Chairman does the voting.

James Hall to make a telephone call to the N.C.A.I.

Robert Fox: According to the budget, is there a certain amount of money designated for phone calls etc.

John Starr: Yes.

Discussion on commodities.

John Wilkinson: We had a welfare committee and John took care of the East end. Tom took care of Parshall.

Robert Fox: You get your committee chairman. When your committee meets, you can work it out for yourselves. If you hire help, it will be up to you.

Secretary, John Stone read notice from NCAI.

To the Chiefs, Governors, Headmen, Officers, Councilmen and individual members of the Indian Tribes of the United States, to our Associate Members, our friends, and the General Public:

The NCAI Executive Council has voted to postpone the 1960 Convention until after the general election.

Notice continued.

Therefore you are hereby notified that the Seventeenth Annual Convention will be held November 11-18, 1960, at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Please ~~Notice~~ change in place.

Let us be reminded of the purposes of our organization as set forth in the Preamble: To enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people; to preserve Indian cultural values; to seek an equitable adjustment of tribal affairs and tribal claims; to secure and preserve rights under Indian treaties or agreements; to promote the common welfare of the American Indian and to foster the continued loyalty and allegiance of American Indians to the flag of the United States.

Today the need for Indian unity of purpose and action is greater than ever before and it will become increasingly necessary if the tribes are to retain their land and other natural resources. Exploding populations in this country and all over the world are putting greater demands on land. The sovereignty of Indian tribes is gradually diminishing and the attacks on tribal governing bodies are increasing. If American Indians are to retain their natural resources, their authorities, their identity as a people, and if we are to make better progress in developing our human and natural resources we must continue and increase our efforts to work together and to enhance our effectiveness.

Therefore, I call upon all of you to select worthy representatives and send them to the coming convention of this only national all-Indian organization, in order that together we may work to further our purposes and to preserve the Indian heritage in America.

/s/ Clarence Wesley, President

Robert Fox: Since the meeting is not going to be until next month, we can discuss what we intend to do, send a group as a whole etc.

John Stone: Mr. Chairman, if you want to take that over until the next meeting, that will be the 7th of October.

James Hall: I think we should give Bob the authority - we should adopt a resolution for the payment of that.

Robert Fox: We have to get our treasurer bonded yet and we talked to one of the fellows and he is willing to co-sign with John. Then I think the Council should pass a ruling giving the Chairman the authority to pay for that, dues. So the floor is now open for that motion.

Motion made to adopt a resolution for payment of NCAI dues. (Res. 60-5)  
Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried. 9 for, 0 opposed.

Robert Fox: Did we table anything?

John Stone: Treasurer.

Robert Fox to John Wilkinson: Treasurer, will you make your report.

John Wilkinson: I imagine, I will have to see Walker, but I have a man to co-sign with me.

Robert Fox: Our treasurer will be bonded. According to the Constitution the chairman has his own \_\_\_\_\_. I am not going to handle any money, I am not going to sign any checks. The constitution stated the Chairman must countersign, but my signature will not cash a check. As I say, one bonded man should be enough on our Tribal Council. There is a lot of confusion, so I will go according to what the Constitution states.

David Little Swallow: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the Chairman schedule the various committees when they are to meet.

Robert Fox: What did you do last year on these committees.

John Starr: I noticed that the Land Committee was the busiest. They were just on the go and they had to take care of them.

Robert Fox: Did you have anything in mind David?

David Little Swallow: Well there has to be system so we could follow.

John Wilkinson: When we started off, we tried to have a system but where there is people coming in from a distance, you can't stop the people from coming in and they spent their last dollar on gas and that is why we had no limit. We tried that. Then that is where we catch heck from the people. We could try it again, but -

James Hall: The amount of the NCAI dues is \$400.00.

Robert Fox: Well, I think we have to work together in setting up this schedule, as far as the meetings are concerned. I am in accord with David when he says we should have a schedule.

Leland Hall: It is pretty hard to set up a certain day. Mr. Chairman, I think we are a little misrepresented there.

I did not get the exact words of Leland Hall's statement but it concerned the Land Committee.

James Hall: It is pretty hard to set up a schedule. This general assistance, people will start coming in and they have problems every day. There should be one man in each segment.



James Hall: Most of them know the land and whether it is key spots etc. Explained land committee procedures on land sales, exchange etc.

Leland Hall: The reason I said that, we have a lot of white ranchers in our country and they misuse the country, and all them land sales they will try to get a hold of it.

James Hall: Like there is a piece of land came up for sale, you know that country, real rough country. We put a \$4.00 bid on it so if we had to we could meet the bid and they wouldn't accept. Now it is coming on this supervised sale.

Robert Fox: You are on the committee, Lee.

Leland Hall: Thank you.

Robert Fox: Why don't we set up a schedule, it will probably become disrupted but you have to know when you are going to come. I think the main issue that is going to come up is land.

A general discussion place on dates when the various committees could meet. It was decided that the following committees meet on the dates given below:

Monday, October 3, 1960, Employment Committee  
Tuesday, October 4, 1960, Land Committee  
Wednesday, October 5, 1960, Welfare Committee  
Thursday, October 6, 1960, Law & Order Committee  
Friday, October 7, 1960, Credit Committee

The soil, claims, relocation, sanitation and education committees were left for later dates.

Robert Fox: Do you have your dates straightened out now. The Committees will make their reports on the 11th of October. Holliday said there is flour to be given out just as soon as the cards are in.

Now that we have all this straightened out, is there any more questions?

David Little Swallow: I would like to have a resolution passed to authorize the judge to make vouchers to business places that are involved and a credit card for the judge. What is the wishes of the Council?

Leland Hall: David, didn't you go with your own car when you were Chief Judge?

David: Yes, this is the reason for this. The Acting Judge has made some repair bills on the tribal police car and it appears the BIA will not go along with it and the judge will have to pay unless a special resolution is made.

Ralph Wells, Jr.: Mr. Chairman, I think his car is broken at the present time.

David Little Swallow: There is one Standard Oil credit card, we have never used it, it is there. Being it is a Tribal car, the person driving it could use it.

James Hall: I would like to say on that, they pay the judge \$200.00 a month and he furnishes his own transportation, no mileage. In this case where he has broken down.

Leland Hall: That is the reason I asked David. He was furnishing his own transportation. I did not know he was driving a Tribal vehicle.

Robert Fox: Franklin, will you tell us how you happen to -

Franklin Howard: The reason I got that, when I broke down, I had know transportation and no other way, so I asked if I could use that car. That car when I got it, it was not in very good shape. I have put on a generator, new voltage regulator, new battery, so it could run in good condition. I have been trying to take care of that car like it was my own, but gentlemen it is up to you.

Robert Fox: You have heard Franklin state his case. The request which has been presented by Mr. Little Swallow.

Leland Hall: I think our 30 day period where they put in their applications. I wonder how far that is.

September 9 to October 9, 1960, 30 days would be up.

Leland Hall: The employment committee should take it up.

Leland Hall made a motion that Franklin Howard be allowed to drive the Tribal police car up until that date and table the credit card until the employment committee meets. Seconded by Charles Fox, motion carried.

John Stone: I will not be present on the 3rd. Could I delegate one of the members.

Leland Hall: In a case like that, as long as there is a quorum, we went on with the meeting.

Ralph Wells Jr.: I think he has that privilege.

Robert Fox: To appoint somebody in his place.

Charles Fox: Three men is a quorum.

John Stone: If it is possible, I will be here.

Leland Hall: Our recommendations will go to the Council any way.

John Stone: If I have any applications, I will leave them in this office.

James Hall: I would like to go back to Franklin's case. I think the Tribe should go on record to pay for that.

David Little Swallow: This is calling for a resolution for expenses that occurred on that vehicle. My recommendation will be that you pass a resolution authorizing the payment of the expenses to be paid that occurred on that vehicle.

Robert Fox: Where is this payment going to?

Leland Hall: Where was this work done, what place?

David: The work has been done, but these guys would not approve it.

Leland Hall made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the payment of repair bills that occurred on the Tribal police car. Seconded by Ralph Wells, Jr. Motion carried.

David Little Swallow: Franklin is using the Tribal vehicle. He had some default and went to work and had these things fixed up and he drew up a voucher for payment and I verified it and it went in for the signature of R. E. McLean and he said, "you can't do that, you have to pay it out of your own pocket".

John Wilkinson: On this Credit, the credit committee had their own power, otherwise the whole council would have to meet.

Robert Fox: Why don't you draw up a resolution and present it at the next meeting.

David Little Swallow: I think we need a Tribal attorney and I want to recommend a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Mr. Walker.

Leland Hall: Is that open for candidates? I recommend Mr. Malloy.

David Little Swallow: I feel that Mr. Walker is capable of handling our Tribal Affairs. He does not claim to know all the laws, but he is one of the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes. He is just freshly out of law school and by serving the Three Affiliated Tribes, do him a lot of good.

John Starr made a motion to have a secret ballot vote. Seconded by Leland Hall. Vote: 7 for, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Malloy received 5 votes and Mr. Walker received 4 votes.

Robert Fox: We will have the clerk draw up a resolution.

Motion to adjourn. Second, motion carried.

John Stone, Secretary  
Tribal Business Council