

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
October 7, 1960

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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 October 7, 1960.

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

Motion made by Leland Hall to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: Gentlemen, this is a resolution of the governing body of the Fort Berthold Reservation. I passed out a copy to each one of you during the time of our wait. Everyone has read this article, it is merely to confirm it. Article taken from our Constitution, so I would think that each one of you have read this and studied it. It is pretty well understood by everyone of you and for the sake of record I bring it before you this afternoon. There is nothing in it, I am sure, that is irregular or nothing that is not understandable. Do you wish the secretary to read it?

Motion made by Ralph Wells, Jr., to accept the resolution as it is. Seconded by James Hall, Sr. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: This resolution was accepted on the 12th day of September. This was accepted to carry on the work of the Tribal Business Council when David Little Swallow was appointed as acting chairman. You can explain it to them John.

John Stone: I think where he means is where it reads:

That the Tribal Business Council members shall be paid \$6.00 a day for tribal official duty attended at the official place of tribal business, plus \$0.10 a mile in traveling to and from such official place of tribal business or for duty specifically stated by the Tribal Business Council. In addition thereto, justified trips, specifically excepting the regular, by the Tribal Business Council to places outside the Fort Berthold Reservation boundaries shall be compensated for at the rate of \$0.10 a mile and \$10.00 a day; and \$20.00 for night and day; said justified trips shall be paid from the Tribal Business Council Fund, and

Robert Fox: It means they will be paid \$10.00 a day and \$20.00 a night for the same day, am I right?

James Hall: No, if you stay overnight, that is just \$20.00.

Secretary John Stone continued reading resolution 60-51.

That the Tribal Business Council members do hereby reaffirm resolution No. 57-58 authorizing the Chairman of the Tribal Business Council, in connection with tribal official duty, to use the tribal car from home to place of official tribal business, and

That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes shall be responsible for all justified expenses incurred in connection with official tribal business and said expenses shall be paid from the Tribal Business Council Fund and to the extent that they do not exceed what has, in each instances, been made available in the 1960-61 Tribal Fixcal Year Budget, and

David Little Swallow: Mr. Chairman, on that particular wording, 'night and day', I think we should strike out the figure \$20.00 and insert \$30.00. It appears to me that with the high cost of living in these modern days, we will just have to get our . . .

Robert Fox: You have heard Mr. Little Swallow's statement that it should be raised to \$30.00. Now, I am sort of questioning this. Within the boundaries, it states here \$10.00 a day.

David Little Swallow: I take it this way, if the council went to Stanley, that will be \$10.00. If you are going further away, \$30.00 will just about make it.

Robert Fox: Like I was saying, here is something I think should be sort of flexible. Now for example, Washington, that is quite a distance, these we might be justified in \$30.00 and this NCAI may last for several days and again I feel we would be justified in \$30.00. Then comes the question of going to Aberdeen. Now I don't know what the rates are as far as night lodging is concerned. Then again is the question, would it be justified by receiving \$20.00 or \$30.00 in going to Aberdeen.

Some of you fellows that are experienced perhaps can enlighten us on this. I feel that we should not take advanatage of the Tribe by wanting all we can get as we work for and with the Tribe.

James Hall, Sr.: That came up in the last Council. We were making these trips for \$20.00 and others were getting \$30.00 to \$45.00. The fellows when they are at home, they are serving on committees and ~~they~~ they go away, they have to leave something for their famalies, so that will hold them until they get back. Mr. Morken thought \$25.00 a day. The other council stood on \$30.00. I don't think it is to far out of line. I think we are the lowest paid council.

Robert Fox: Did you have a resolution pertaining to that.

James Hall: There was a resolution, there was no regular resolution. It was just at the end of the council term.

John Starr: Mr. Hall covered the first part. Some of the men thought we should have something for the families while we were away, well, they went along, then the question came up to the Superintendent and they still did not stop it. Now that is just a little different. That went on the record two times.

John Wilkinson: Mr. Chairman, seems like people feel that this \$30.00 is too much for the Tribal Council to spend but when you think of what the council has to put out - it is quite an expense to operate a car, wear and tear. You try to get credit and when you say you make \$6.00 a day they say I wouldn't even work for that. Maybe we are eating good but what is my family going to eat. It is for the benefit of the three affiliated Tribes.

Leland Hall: I am in accord with these fellows. It is pretty tough when you are away from home, everything is pretty high. In Washington you just have to skimp on \$30.00 to get by.

Thomas Bluestone: I never went anywhere. I think I have been out a couple times and I think \$30.00 would be good.

Charles Fox: I think \$30.00 is pretty good, of course, I never did go to Washington for the last two years. When Carl was Chairman I saved quite a bit. I went and came back.

Ralph Wells: If he goes out of the reservation, what does he get, that plus per diem? If he goes maybe to Watford. I think it is all right if these fellows agree. I have been to Washington a couple times and I know how much your family is going to be left out, if one of them should get sick, they are just left out. I think that is reasonable enough.

John Stone: I am in accord with the men that are experienced with the situation. I realize that living conditions have changed from time to time. As Charley stated he got \$20.00, a person would have to be very conservative. Living conditions were better, no doubt. I will go along with this \$30.00.

Robert Fox: While we are dwelling on this, another question arises and that pertains to the meals we have been having. I have been asking around and have checked to find where it might state that that was one of the things. It was not with the \$6.00 per day and per diem, so I would like to throw that out for discussion. I think we should have something in writing for your protection and mine as far as that is concerned, in case someone should question the fact.

David Little Swallow: Mr. Hall, there was a budget set up for that purpose.

James Hall: It wasn't specifically stated but the miscellaneous takes care of that. 1946 when I first got on the council, at that time we used to eat at Killis Thunder's and it was continued on. I don't think there was any council that threw it out. I don't really know if there is a resolution to that effect.

John Stone: This \$6.00 a day that we get, that is our wages. These they are on a full salary, drawing their pay. If we are going to but out this little extra, we will deprive our families of what little we get. I would say we continue to get out meals.

David Little Swallow: I think we should pass a resolution to that effect. They say continue on the way the previous council have.

Motion made by David Little Swallow that a resolution be drawn up to continue in the same manner as previous councils have in regard to meals. Seconded by Leland Hall. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: We still have to have a motion on the \$30.00 night and day.

David Little Swallow: Mr. Chairman, look up to resolution on that night and day travel.

James Hall made a motion that the Council members receive \$30.00 for night and day trips outside the Fort Berthold Reservation boundaries. Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried.

John Starr: This \$10.00 a day you have to go outside the boundaries.

In addition thereto, justified trips, specifically excepting the regular, by the Tribal Business Council to places outside the Fort Berthold Reservation boundaries shall be compensated for at the rate of 10¢ a mile and \$10.00 a day.

John Starr: What I mean, this off the reservation. Our meeting place is out of the boundaries of the reservation and we are all coming out of the boundaries of the reservation to our meeting place.

Robert Fox: That is correct, but it wasn't meant for that.

The Tribal Business Council members shall be paid \$6.00 a day for tribal official duty attended at the official place of tribal business.

Robert Fox: For example, if I appointed Jim and said I want you to take this to, he is officially appointed, therefore, he will receive \$10.00.

David Little Swallow: Suppose the welfare committee was to meet with the board in the town of Stanley, do they receive \$10.00 a day plus their per diem. Where the chairman appoints some one, that is the way I understand it.

Robert Fox: Now this next one is a resolution I am going to have John read.

Secretary John Stone read resolution 60-56:

Resolution of the Governing Body of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Whereas, this Corporation is an Indian Chartered Corporation as defined by the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and authority is granted under this Act, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation endorses the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park Game Control Program and accepts with a great deal of pleasure the opportunity to purchase surplus buffalo from the herd now grazing in the park area.

Robert Fox: Now it seems to me, I heard you say something about this. The old council went on record to go ahead and do this.

James Hall: That is right.

Robert Fox: If you have a resolution drawn up...

James Hall: I don't know if there is a resolution drawn up. We thought then, that we would accept it.

Leland Hall made a motion to approve the resolution 60-56. Seconded by Ralph Wells, Jr. Motion carried.

James Hall: I think buffalo will run about \$25.00.

Robert Fox: I might report to you that we have a mail box the number is 158A. The other is to have a certified public accountant. It is suggested that we contact the firms in Bismarck or Minot. In case anything should happen, we are protected by C.P.A.

James Hall made a motion to hire a certified public accountant to audit the Tribal books. Second by Charles Fox. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: This has to do with our committees. Now in the Sanitation Committee, Leland Hall is the chairman, John Stone, John Starr, and James Hall. I feel it is a little bit unbalanced so I will add two more. Thomas Bluestone to take care of his area and the Northern Segment and John Wilkinson on the committee for the East.

The credit committee, I am going to put James Hall on that committee.

We have to have a recreation committee so I am going to put John Starr, Chairman, Leland Hall and Charles Fox. I think three can do a pretty good job. The rest of the committees will stand as they are.

Robert Fox: I realize that every committee is important, from what I have found out so far. The welfare committee is probably the most important at this time, the Law & Order, the land.

Robert Fox: I am going to leave this in the hands of our Secretary, leave it up to him to get this straightened out.

John Stone, Secretary of the Tribal Business Council, read the memorandum from Assistant Area Director, Leslie Keller, in regard to the results of tribal elections. This information was requested by Dr. S. D. Aberle, Executive Director, Commissioner of American Indian Rights, 224 First National Bank Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Secretary John Stone read a letter from Robert K. Reid concerning the Indian Health Scholarship Fund.

Robert Fox: In order to speed up business, I am going to take this and turn it over to the Recreation Committee, see what you can do. A booth has been set up for Fort Berthold.

John Stone, you will have to take care of the results of the elections today.

David Little Swallow: When are we going to have a voucher drawn up for this Bismarck trip?

Chairman Robert Fox: Today, Bismarck trip and the telephone.

Robert Fox: The other has to do with tribal lands that are not under lease. \$2700.00 if these lands were under lease. Ben was using a tribal land, no income coming from it. Just to let you know if these tribal lands were under lease, 1300 acres of trazing land and 744 acres of farm land, a total of 2000 acres. I am going to turn this over to the land committee and final approval will have to come from this committee.

Secretary John Stone read a memorandum from Marie D. Wells, Tribal Clerk concerning Frank Young Wolf's request to lease and build a house on a part of item 1.

Robert Fox: According to the information, we would have to inform him that he has to contact the Army Engineers in order to set up a building, it would be out of our hands and it is mentioned we have to renew a lease on it. Perhaps that will come up in our next meeting.

Gentlemen, what has been done in the past?

Leland Hall: We referred it to the army engineers in Riverdale.

James Hall: This item 1, I imagine if it is in the recreational grounds, there is 200 acres. For putting a building along the lake shore, near to the water line the price is raised.

Leland Hall: The closer you are to the water, the higher it is.

Robert Fox: The north portion, Mr. Young Wolf is interested in. It is also leased by the Tribe for grazing purposes only. Before we can pass any judgement or make any decision, the proper thing to do would be to renew our lease. Mr. Young Wolf can contact the Army Engineers or if he wants us to, we can do it for him.

Robert Fox: This next one is the meeting held in Bismarck. This was addressed to James Hall, Chairman at that time. I am appointing David Little Swallow and John Stone to appear at that meeting with the Governor. I have a meeting with the School Board on that same day, otherwise I would go.

John Stone and David Little Swallow to meet with the Indian Affairs Commission on October 11, 1960, so I will entertain a motion ..

John Starr: I think you have that authority to appoint any one without a motion.

Robert Fox: Then I will apoint Mr. Little Swallow and Mr. Stone to act in our behalf. Maybe this is a little early but the Governors Meeting in Palm Springs, California, Mr. James Hall and I will attend that meeting.

James Hall: The meeting is just before the NCAI meeting, it is worked out so they can attend that and then this NCAI

Robert Fox: Health Committee, you have to get some one to sit in on the Health Meeting. Monday, Credit Committee, you have got to meet because there is so many people coming in. This was the regular day for the Credit Committee to meet. The Chairman will be gone Tuesday.

May I suggest this, that the Credit Committee meet Monday because I received a telephone call from Douglas Standish and he is in need of an emergency loan. Seems to me he said a hearing aid for his daughter and she had to be in Williston at a certain time.

Another thing is what we can term emergency. A young fellow that has a chance to buy a house for \$300.00, he terms that as emergency. Another lady need \$50.00 to move her son and she terms that as emergency. We need to have some kind of answer to give to our people when they come in and ask.

John Wilkinson: Mr. Chairman, on this credit, I think it would be wise to give them the power, have their own power.

John Wilkinson made a motion to draw up a resolution giving the Credit Committee their own power in order to expedite business, as far as credit is concerned. Seconded by Ralph Wells. Motion carried.

James Hall: They had their own power. They had some pretty strict regulations to follow, that is on the releasing of money.

David Little Swallow: I suggest we postpone the Credit Committee meeting until Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.

Motion made by David Little Swallow that the Credit Committee meet on October 12, 1960 at 1:00 P.M. Seconded by John Stone. Motion carried.

John Starr: What has been done on this pay phone for Twinn Buttes.

Robert Fox: We will have to have a resolution drawn up, \$114.00. I think that is the plan.

Robert Fox: May I ask you this, if a check were drawn, what is the name of the telephone company?

John Stone: RTA, Killdeer.

Motion to adjourn. Second, motion carried.

John Stone, Secretary
Tribal Business Council