

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 1960

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

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

Quorum present: Yes Regular Meeting

Chairman Robert Fox called the meeting to order on November 10, 1960.

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

Motion made by Leland and seconded by David Little Swallow that Art Hedberg and Ken Elton be given easement to dig a well. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Little Swallow and seconded by Ralph Wells that on the question of tribal attorney a referendum be drawn up. Motion carried.

Motion made by James Hall and seconded by David Little Swallow to recommend to the Welfare Supervisor to release money in the IIM account of one Joe Smith to help the needs for the family. Motion carried.

Motion made by Leland Hall and seconded by John Starr to leave Gerald GoodBird's request of borrowing money up to the Credit Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Leland Hall and seconded by David Little Swallow that Cecil Smith's request be left up to the Soils Committee, uncovering coal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Leland Hall and seconded by John Starr that \$100.00 of the \$300.00 in Evadne B. Gillette's IIM account be released to her and the balance be applied to her cattle repayment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Leland Hall and seconded by Ralph Wells that the subject pertaining to motor vehicles such as trucks for hauling hay etc., be tabled until next special meeting. Motion carried.

I did not get the first part of Nathan Little Soldier's statement.

Nathan Little Soldier: Let the people decide. I think it is a wise move.

Fannie Wolf: I waited one month and I am single and have nobody to look out for me. All of you were elected by your people and I should think Hans Walker should be recognized, to think that one of our boys is way up there. What is that white man doing, everytime he comes you pay 10¢ a mile, mileage.

Nathan Little Swallow: When could you get the referendum out?

Chairman Robert Fox: As soon as we can.

Jeff Smith Sr.: I think I already had that in mind. There is know use of trying to continue this. It is _____ that young man should be given the _____ of being the Tribal Attorney. I think it is useless now to go any further. I won't say any more. He is well qualified and another thing he is a bona fide member of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

We have had attorneys from here and there and these fellows you have given them schooling and educated them. Now why couldn't he do that. He is going to be one of our leaders. That is all I have to say.

Nathan Little Soldier: I am sure the Council will prove the fact that Hans is going to win and if he wins, I am sure you are not going to be that small to work against him. The setback will be a detriment.

You can look at the stage we just witnessed. We just had two gentlemen, Nixon and Kennedy, calling everybody everything, but here, you can't let your feelings run away with you and let personal grudges in. Here, there is just a little more at stake. I think Hans will forget it. You know yourself you don't sit back and say, "I pout". I am in accord with the wishes of the Council because I am positive that Hans will be in here.

Robert Fox: We felt we were bound by the Constitution.

Nathan Little Soldier: Who is your treasurer?

Robert Fox: John Wilkinson

Nathan Little Soldier explained to the Council that they should publish their expenditures, so the people will know how and where their money is spent.

Nathan Little Soldier: If you do that, it will show efficiency. I am sure it will be an asset to the Tribe. It belongs to all. It will make better councilmen out of you. We want to keep it on a business stage.

Robert Fox: Thank you.

Thomas Spotted Wolf spoke in the Gros Ventre language, interpreted by Jeff Smith Sr.

Jeff Smith Sr.: He has asked me to translate. He says we should all be happy we have one of our members qualified to hold this job. Now he is ready but he is not given a chance. How about this white man, they are very greedy just like a hog, the more they eat they never get enough. When he is appointed, someone might say, now you are going to get large sums of money - That might not happen but this can happen, but I don't think it will.

Robert Fox: Any more statements from the delegation? If not, do you all understand the action of the council?

Clarence Perkins: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say a few words. I should not be standing here because you got a lot of brains, more brains than a pig has. We have elected you. You say I am going to do this and I am going to do this, when it comes to the time, you don't do it.

The time Floyd got kicked off. They made the papers and took it before the Council. Lets knock him out because he has been in pen, insane and all that. Said no councilman is going to run the reservation like that that has a criminal record. That is why I say the Chairman has more power.

George Gillette was the Chairman at that time, he sat down. Said we are going to vote for Joseph Packineau and Clarence Perkins, two next highest. Floyd is off and we are going to vote. So they all voted. I had four votes and Joseph Packineau had four votes, a tie. One of the boys spoke up and said put the two names in a hat, either the first or the last will become a councilman. They would not do it. The chairman sat back and said all right I am going to discuss this myself. I nominate Joe Packineau because Perkins owes \$100.00. That is what happened. So Joe Packineau got in there.

This being a councilman is hard. They are going to say this to you all the time, don't get mad, take it.

Here is another thing, what is the use of our Indians going to school, Charles Fox?

Charles Fox: To get an education.

Clarence Perkins: When he is way up there and everything, give that boy a change.

Another thing you done, you bought the rotten elk meat for us. That is right. Then we had to hire someone to smell them, tell us which was good. My boy and I were going as a butcher and trucker. Tom took Pete Paizer, take our money and give it to white man.

The people always say they spend a lot of money, even go to Puerto Rico. Phillip Baker said say Clarence, you never want to Puerto Rico, the Chairman and another women. I say, what did they go for are they crazy? I only want to the third grade. He said, to make a program. You should make a program that will be good. I told Phillip when I get to be a councilman, I am going to the North Pole and make a program. Next time I saw Phillip, he said, your right. That program come back, it was no good.

That is all I want to say, I have lots to say, but I have to go to Lamedeer.

Clara Perkins: Mr. Chairman, this is just a little different. I want to put in a good word for that boy.

Clara Perkins: I want to say to the former council, who has the diploma for a high education. A boy like that, that has studied and is educated. I would like to see that boy in here instead of paying a white man. What has he done for us. They always say claims, I am still waiting. I would like to see Hans Walker as our Tribal Attorney.

Last week I was here. I am old now, I took my father and mother's place when they got that age where I am today and I was so hurt. I am glad James Hall and Lee Hall are here today. The Law & Order were in conference so I did not bother to get in there. I don't know who is on the Law & Order Committee.

I am old and easily hurt. Since this election, it has created a lot of hatred among us but I think I done the right thing. When we drove to the store, Lee Hall's wife came in that direction. It is natural, you are bound to look to see who it is, so I looked. She was made as a bear and she insulted me so bad and -

Leland Hall: Mr. Chairman, I think we should have a little order and I don't -

Clara Perkins: That is the way it goes. I don't think that is right. If she is going to do that, pretty soon they maybe a fight and I can't fight I am old.

Leland Hall: Mr. Chairman, I demand some order in here.

Robert Fox: I think we will just stop. We all realize your case.

Clara Perkins. We took it to the judge and he turned us away so we don't -

Robert Fox: You can turn it over to the Law & Order Committee. We will call this discussion to a stop.

Fannie Wolf: When will you get this done, because you know I have been running around and I want to get it done.

Robert Fox: As soon as we can. Just as soon as we can draw it up.

Fannie Wolf: We want one of our men to take this place and don't throw it in the waste basket.

Robert Fox: We have to draw up to resolutions for the purchase of the car and a welding outfit.

David Little Swallow made a motion to draw up a resolution for the purchase of a welding outfit which would be used for adult educational purposes. James Hall seconded the motion.. Motion carried.

Motion was made to draw up a resolution for the purchase of the Tribal car. Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: In view of the time, we will dispense with our committee reports.

Robert Fox: One of the things that is on docket is the appointment of our Clerk of Court. Make your report, Charley.

Charles Fox: The committee had a meeting and they went on record to recommend Joyce Chase.

Secretary John Stone read minutes of Employment Committee Meeting.

To recommend a clerk for the Tribal Court to the Council.

Motion had been made by Leland Hall that the Committee recommend Joyce Chase for Clerk, seconded by John Stone.

Motion made by John Wilkinson and seconded by Leland Hall that Melba Helwing Wolf's application be considered by the Council. Motion carried.

Motion made by Leland Hall and seconded by John Wilkinson that this meeting will stand as adjourned. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: That is the report from the employment committee, it is up for your disposal.

James Hall: I think I should say something because I was Chairman when Melba was on. As you all know, she has a lot of little children and it was pretty hard for her, baby sitters and all that. For that reason her work was so far behind so that is why the Council went on record and took her off.

I think Joyce Chase is right there close and she has been to school in Haskell. She can take shorthand and type. She doesn't have any children.

Melba, I think would be a lot better off on welfare. She would realize more money and take better care of her family on welfare. She drives from here to Mandaree now and it would be pretty hard for her.

Leland Hall made a motion to take an open vote on the two applicants. Seconded by Charles Fox. Motion carried.

Vote: Joyce Chase----- 5

Melba H. Wolf----- 4

Robert Fox: The employment committee will notify the party.

David Little Swallow read a letter from Allison Grinnell Lowry in which she requested a loan of \$10,000.00 from the Tribe.

James Hall made a motion to recommend that the Secretary of the Tribal Council write to Allison Grinnell Lowry and inform her that the Tribe does not have any funds, just the small emergency loan program, but there is a direct loan with the United States Government. Seconded by David Little Swallow. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: Paul White Bear has applied for an educational loan and this loan is in the Area Office. The only thing that is holding this loan up is that the Tribe has the first mortgage. The parents are co-signers for this boy. They tell me the boy is pretty much in need of money.

John Stone: Who are the parents?

Robert Fox: Mr. & Mrs. Matthew White Bear. They said if the Tribe would relinquish their right to the first mortgage, they will grant the loan or let that loan go through.

I talked to Mr. McLean about it and he said just draw up a memorandum and that will be relayed to the Area Office.

David Little Swallow: Is that boy going to school now?

Robert Fox: Yes, it is my understanding that he is doing good.

David Little Swallow made a motion that the Tribe take the second mortgage so that Paul White Bear could received his educational loan. Seconded by Thomas Bluestone. Motion carried.

Robert Fox: On this taken area lease, I sent Leland Hall and John Wilkinson to Riverdale. Will you give your report?

Leland Hall: We met with a representative of the Army Engineers, two of them. We told them our problems and the first thing we came out with was to meet the high bid on this taken area. If the Tribe could lease it the same as before, they said no, just outright no.

We asked, how about if an individual has land next to the taken area. That was out of the question. It was going to be put out on bids and that was that, so there wasn't anything we could do.

David Little Swallow: Does that mean the entire taken area?

Leland Hall: I think unit 17 is the biggest unit. They said no individual could take up such a big lease but we all know they will group up on that and take this. That was what they were going to do and that was that.

I would like to have Mr. Chauncey come down. They said they were going by what the BIA was doing. They are just going to make money.

Ralph Wells: I think you should get a line rider and pick them up for trespassing. That way they might make them put a fence in there.

David Little Swallow: Have you tried to contact Burdick?

James Hall: I was here to a Law & Order meeting and I did not really know about it. They said John would be here and they would like to have someone down there to help John Starr. Two or three to come down there to talk to Burdick. I came and asked for an excuse and I went down there.

James Hall: We talked to Burdict and we told him it was a pretty rough deal. Land is mostly badland stuff and the carrying capacity is around 35 and the other is 30 acres per head, and the Land Committee met with the Corps of Engineers. That is the policy they came up with and we have nothing to say about it. We told him that was the deal and he said he would take it up right away.

When these boys got back, they told us about these advertisements and we felt since they were not going to give the Indian a chance, we would try to contact Burdict again. The further it goes along the tougher it is going to be.

Robert Fox: I thought I would sent a telegram to Burdict.

James Hall: I was requested to call him. I called Fargo and he was at a meeting but he will be at his home tonight at 11:30.

Leland Hall: I bet they will get a dollar an acre for this grazing. It is the East Segment that need the grazing land. If they could get it, those that have leased it. If the white man come in, they will back the Indian down and that is going to hurt.

Robert Fox: Mr. Chauncey, maybe you can give us some light on this taken area:

Mr. Chauncey: I understand John and Lee met with the Army Engineers at Riverdale. Apparently they have no preference to meet the high bid, but they do have the carrying capacity in line with ours.

We allow 100 head per year long, for 12 months. We give $1\frac{1}{2}$ times that for 6 months, that will be 150 head. The engineers they have their 6 months, they will divide that 200 head by $\frac{1}{2}$. Illustrated on the black board. They come out with the same thing as ours.

James Hall: They were in here and asked us if we were going to take that and the items we have had. Now it is different, it is a money making proposition. It is hard for our Indian people to make a bid like that. That is why I feel we should contact Burdict on this.

Leland Hall: I think the chairman should contact Burdict.

James Hall: All the good promises they made during the time they were after that for the reservior were forgotten.

Robert Fox: What is your wish, do you want to put a bid in?

Leland Hall: This would be my suggestion, try to get them to postpone the advertising while we are working on it.

Leland Hall made a motion that the Council recommend that they postpone the advertising. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Malloy: With the council's permission I would like to start putting in my vouchers. Everything is here. This is all I want to put in just now. I would appreciate it if you would approve them. Being new councilmembers, I would be happy to explain, but it is pretty much selfexplanatory. Thank you.

Motion made by David Little Swallow and seconded by Leland Hall that they decide on the elk situation on their own discretion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Leland Hall and seconded by David Little Swallow to approve the resolution presented by Mr. Malloy. Motion carried.

John Stone, Secretary
Tribal Business Council