

SPECIAL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting : Conference Room  
Ft. Berthold Agency  
New Town, North Dakota  
27 August 1970

Chairman Vincent Malnourie called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: Nathan L. Soldier, Adam Mandan, Alfred Driver, Sr., Ted Bolman, Jr., Adrian Foote, Philip Ross, Sr., and Vincent Malnourie. Quorum present. Absent: Gerald Nagel, Rose C. F. High and Ralph Wells, Jr.

Vincent Malnourie appointed Nathan L. Soldier as acting secretary. Mr. Malnourie asked Mr. John Stone, Chairman of Housing Authority, to explain the status of the housing program.

John Stone stated that the housing program is going successful. Twin Buttes has completed erecting the 10 new homes and that a 6 inch pipe line will be installed in the middle of September 1970. John Stone informed the Council that future will have to be constructed at another tribal lot due to the over burden of a water lift. He also stated that construction of homes are being developed at Mandaree. The White Shield Housing Site was discussed.

Motion made by Ted Bolman, Jr., seconded by Adam Mandan that the Housing Program continue on. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Philip Ross, Sr., to approve resolution pertaining to Housing communication, seconded by Ted Bolman, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Philip Ross, Sr., to pass HIP Resolution with a request for additional \$10,000, seconded by Adrian Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nathan L. Soldier, seconded by Adrian Foote to pass PHS Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Adrian Foote made a motion to abide by the allotted \$159,500 proposed in the budget and to leave the remaining staff as in the program year 1969-1970 to adjust funds when CAP 14 arrives. Motion carried. 5 for, 1 opposed and Chairman not voting.

Chairman Malnourie had the Secretary read the resume of R. D. Parson, Edith Dirk, Robert Schoenwald, Virgil Miller and Dale McGrady. Dale McGrady was elected as CAP Director.

Motion made to approve of Florence White Owl's loan, seconded and carried.

Minutes taken thus far by Nathan L. Soldier, Acting Secretary.

Portion of minutes recorded by Annette Davis on August 27, 1970 between the HAA, LHA Commissioners and Director, and the Tribal Business Council. Others present: John Stone, Sr., Ft. Berthold Housing Authority Chairman; Reynold Young Bird, PHS, New Town; Barry Halfred, PHS, New Town; Arnold Sevalson, BIA, New Town, O. Skedsvold, Ft. Berthold Housing Director; Ted Gillette, BIA Housing, New Town;

John Williams, HAA, Denver, Colo.; E. Nelson, PHS, Aberdeen; James Hall, Sr., Housing Authority member; Bud Perry, Housing Authority member.

Mr. Williams: This loan and the subsidy will cover the amount we will draw out, when you give us the loan. After that we will have to collect the rents in order to pay you back. You come up with \$7,000 and we come up with the \$5,000.

Mr. Ross: This would jeopardize the new housing program. It could jeopardize any future housing here.

Mr. Williams: If you cannot manage the 200 units now, what is going to happen in the future.

Mr. A. Mandan: Jobs are not available in the winter time. Do you chase them out.

Mr. Williams: They could pay their annual rental payments in a 9 month period for the 12 months.

Mr. Mandan: Jobs also when the Four Bears Project goes through and also the plant east of town.

Mr. Williams: Come the month of December, they do not have an income. Don't they have a welfare program to step in here.

Mr. Mandan: The BIA does not recognize New Town and Parshall being on the Reservation for general assistance through the BIA so it does not cover these people.

Mr. Williams: If it does not come from BIA, then it comes from the state or the county.

Nathan L. Soldier: When it comes to the individual who is capable of going out and working the welfare does not assist them.

Adrian Foote: This is where the subsidy payments come in.

Mr. Williams: If you collected your rents than you would not. None of the Council men would welcome evicting these people in the middle of the winter. There are able bodied people here and they cannot find work. This is basically through the three freezing months.

Adrian Foote: They get subsidy payments because they have been operating in the red.

Mr. Williams: Contact the HAA Office. I do not find a consistent welfare program anywhere. If a man wants to work and is abled bodied and cannot find work, he should be able to receive subsistence.

Mr. Foote: Say I live in a low rent house and my salary is just enough to take care of my needs and not the rent. That is according to Washington and you get back here and you can't.

Mr. Williams: I hope by next spring....

Mr. Ross: This program is low rent housing program, how come their payments are so high just from what they earn.

Mr. Williams: They should not be paying more than 25 percent of their income for rent.

Mr. Ross: I know this man, he works for BIA as a bus driver, you know these are the lowest paid in the BIA.

Mr. J. Stone: I know of this case, he pays \$48.00 per month because he is a wage earner. Only welfare are set at \$70.00.

Adrian Foote: He is suppose to pay 25 percent of his net income, not gross.

Mr. Williams: Yes, net income.

Mr. Williams: We want to pay a \$12,000 bill immediately. We propose to dip into our development money and pay that bill off. The Tribe will give us \$5,000 and we will give \$7,000 to replace the money. Within a couple of three months, we want it put back before our first bill comes due.

A. Mandan: The Authority agrees to pay us back on rent and we will go ahead. I will make a motion to that effect. Mr. Skedsvold to make a contract for three months where the Housing Authority agrees to pay us back with rent and interest charges, seconded by Adrian Foote. Adam Mandan stated I amend that to say that Mr. Skedsvold will write a resolution and have it passed since we have a quorum.

Mr. Skedsvold: He explained how the people delinquent in their rent have all promised to pay when harvest comes in, cattle are sold etc. They all mean to do their very best.

Adrian Foote: As long as the Housing Authority knows this, we do not have to pay back the whole \$12,000. No, say in three months we may not have to borrow the \$5,000 it may be just \$2,000 because the rents have been paid. Your \$7,000 will be cranked in plus the \$5,000 or the \$3,000 that we may have to borrow. Also, I would like this in the record, we do not deal with Westland in Parshall anymore. The Indian people have had problems with this new fellow in Parshall. We have had complaints. They have changed over to the Farmers Union since they can carry over their bills until fall when the harvest comes.

Mr. Williams: The only thing he had to do was sit down with John and Phil and these guys. He didn't do that, he sent a letter to his congressman.

V. Malnourie: Do we go on a motion. Adam Mandan asked to have the motion read back. Mr. Skedsvold: Our calendar ends September 30. For the year 1970, we allow a bigger subsistence. After \$12,000 is paid, all our bills will be paid. This is the only thing that is unpaid. Last Year, Clyde Baker had somewhat the same problem. This year the snow hung on and our light bills did not drop. No chance to ketch up on it.

Adam Mandan: Question Mr. Chairman.

The motion was voted and duly adopted by all present.

Adrian Foote: Pay him off right now and his contract is terminated.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.