

SPECIAL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting : BIA Conference Room
New Town N.D. 58763
December 17, 1976

PRESENT: Rose Crow Flies High, Chairperson; Sam Little Owl, Vice-chairman; Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer; Hazel Blake, Secretary; Eva Beaks, Wayne Packineau, Thomas Eagle, Jr. Theodore Bird Bear, Larry Rush, and Bill Lockwood, Chaplain.

ABSENT : John Stone, Jr., and Austin Gillette.

OTHERS : Mr. Don Morgan, Acting Supt.; Mr. Joe Gourneau, Personnel Officer, and Mr. Mel Rousseau from Aberdeen Area Office.

Meeting come to order at 1:00 p.m.
Opening prayer by Chaplain, Bill Lockwood.
Roll call. Quorum present.

Mr. Gourneau was granted the floor. He stated that he and Mr. Mel Rousseau was sent here to gather facts about what happened the time, Mr. Sidney Mason was here to be interviewed to get statements or witnesses from the people.

At this time, Secretary reads a letter from the Area Director, Mr. Harley Zephier, concerning the appointment and selection of Mr. Sidney Mason for the Supt. for Fort Berthold Agency, effective Jan. 2, 1977. That the Commissioner had already confirmed the recommendation on Resolution No. 76-239 dated October 4, 1976.

Then Larry Rush read a call that came from Senator Aboreszek to Ben Reifel, Acting Commissioner; thus stating, "The situation has progressed too far. Mr. Mason has already sold his home and car. However, if you can produce evidence that indicates he acted in an unpopular manner while he was in Fort Berthold for his interview, then it is a different matter."

Chairperson, Rose Crow Flies High, stated that he took so long, the Council's decision now is that they rescinded Mr. Mason's resolution and requested Mr. Don Morgan be our next Superintendent. Since Mr. Morgan got here, we have seen a lot of improvements on our problems and how he handled situations very well. He works closely with the Tribal Business Council.

Eva Beaks moved that since we were not given enough time to produce any evidence as to what the Chairperson stated at Aberdeen Area Office, that we be given time to find these people that made the statement. Second by Sam Little Owl. Roll call vote: Larry Rush, Theodore Bird Bear, Roy Bird Bear, Wayne Packineau, Thomas Eagle, Jr, Sam Little Owl, Eva Beaks, Hazel Blake, Rose Crow Flies High - yes. Nine in favor, none opposed. Chairperson voting. Motion carried.

Then, Mr. Morgan, Acting Supt. explained about the Feed Grain. Due to shortage of oats, only 1400 bushels were received as of this date and he said that this go to small ranchers first and as the next load comes in, it will be allocated to others and so on. He, also, stated that he had a hard time getting the elevators to store the grain for us. The people should be a little bit patient.

At this time, Chairperson dismissed Mr. Gourneau and Mr. Rousseau.

Wayne Packineau stated that he made a loan thru Credit and it was approved but the Superintendent disapproved it as he was a member of the Credit Committee. He said that he intends to resign anyway. He's requesting Council action on this.

Sam Little Owl moved that Council approves his loan of \$500.00 and that he stay on the Credit Committee. Second by Larry Rush. Roll call vote: Larry Rush, Theodore Bird Bear, Sam Little Owl, Roy Bird Bear, Wayne Packineau, Thomas Eagle, Jr, Eva Beaks, Hazel Blake - yes. Eight in favor, none opposed. Chairperson not voting. Motion carried.

At this time, Chairperson stated that she will not authorize anymore administrative leave from now on.

Sam Little Owl moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 1976 on land. Second by Thomas Eagle, Jr,. Roll call vote: Larry Rush, Theodore Bird Bear, Sam Little Owl, Roy Bird Bear, Wayne Packineau, Thomas Eagle, Jr, Eva Beaks, Hazel Blake, Rose Crow Flies High, - yes. Nine in favor, none opposed. Chairperson voting. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be December 20, 1976.

Theodore Bird Bear, Chairman on Natural Resources Committee on land calls a meeting on December 21, 1976 at the Motor Lodge at 10:00 a.m. The subject is on Resolution No. 76-265-N on competitive bidding of all Tribally owned farmland.

Wayne Packineau moved to adjourn. Second by Sam Little Owl.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Hazel Blake

Hazel Blake, Secretary
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