

GENERAL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting: Tribal Conference Room  
New Town, ND 58763  
February 14, 1977

Meeting convened at 2:01 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Rose Crow Flies High, Chairperson; Sam Little Owl, Vice-Chairman; Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer, John Stone, Theodore Bird Bear, Thomas Eagle, Austin Gillette, Wayne Packineau, Eva Beaks, Bill Lockwood, Chaplain. ABSENT: Hazel Blake and Larry Rush.

OTHERS: Acting Superintendent, Ardin Fisher, John Danks, Reservation Programs Officer, Linda Baker, Tribal Comptroller, Linda Little Soldier, Tribal Finance, Malcom Wolf, Fort Berthold Utilities Commission, Perry Brady, Utilities Commission, Alfred Driver, Jr., Leonard Eagle, Matt Mason, Allan Smith, Personnel Director.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson.  
Roll call - Quorum present.

Opening prayer by Bill Lockwood, Chaplain.

Minutes not available from previous Council meeting.

No agenda set for today's meeting.

Report from Linda Baker, Tribal Comptroller:

Today is Linda's first official day at work. Linda makes the following recommendations and suggestions to the Council; that there needs to be more justification on vouchers that are submitted, they must be more specific. The present state of the books are such that many of the Tribal Programs are short funded. Alcoholism, for an example. almost lost \$11,000. Linda requests that an audit be made before further finance transactions are made. She also reports that Shirlee Mason's health insurance has been recalled. The bank statements have not been reconciled since November.

Rose informs Linda that there are three auditors coming in from the State who will assist her in setting up her bookkeeping system. Eva states that the Tribe owes auditing firms for previous audits and are unwilling to do more because of this.

The Bureau is suggested as a possible source of assistance for Linda. Rose states that she is against the idea of bringing in Bureau auditors. Austin states that there were audit reports available from the C.A.A. Board. Linda states that she never saw a report for 1976. Tom Eagle states that the audit reports were sent directly to Rose. Tom also states that Roy Bird Bear had

requested an audit which never came about. Jerry stated that the Bureau audit for 1975 did not identify the specific problems involved with the various programs. He states that Linda Baker needs emergency assistance in order to keep the programs functioning for the present time.

Francis Killer's audit report is discussed. This is a balance-sheet type audit.

Tom Eagle makes a motion to have the B.I.A. technical assistance group come in from Aberdeen, South Dakota, to assist Linda Baker as soon as possible.

Motion seconded by Austin Gillette. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Eva Beaks, no, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Sam Little Owl, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes, Chairperson not voting. Six in favor, one opposed, Chairperson not voting, motion carried.

John Danks states that about twelve of the Reservation programs are under the Bureau, and that there are audits available for those.

Alan Smith states that Linda Little Soldier has been appointed as the Program Director for Tribal Finance and that she can appoint clerical assistance on a temporary basis for thirty days.

Linda Baker's bonding is discussed and Rose directs Roy Bird Bear to accompany Linda to Bob Gorder's office and get her bonded.

Sam Little Owl moves that Roy Bird Bear accompany Linda Baker to Bob Gorder's office and have Linda bonded as the Tribal Comptroller.

Motion seconded by Eva Beaks. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Eva Beaks, yes, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Austin Gillette moves that all Program Directors be bonded by the Tribal bonding company.

Motion seconded by Sam Little Owl. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Eva Beaks, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Matt Mason requests that a price be set for leasing of Tribal farming land.

Larry Burr states that the Bureau has nothing set as of yet, that they have been waiting on the Tribal Council's decision. Matt Mason states that Leonard Eagle, Alfred Driver, Jr., and himself, are willing to pay nine dollars an acre and go up to eleven dollars an acre. Matt also states that they are required to pay a bond.

John Danks explains the necessity of requiring a surety bond.

Rose suggests to Larry Burr that he contact each Indian farmer individually and see what they can pay. Larry Burr States that a price needs to be set as soon as possible in order to afford the farmers enough time to prepare for seeding.

Matt Mason suggests that leases be taken back from non-Indian farmers.

Discussion is had as to the condition of the soil in each of the different

segments on the Reservation. White Shield has the highest grade and Twin Buttes has the lowest.

Austin Gillette makes a motion to give the Tribal members now holding leases, the first option on new leases.

Motion seconded by Sam Little Owl. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Eva Beaks, yes, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Sam Little Owl, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes, Chairperson not voting. All in favor, Chairperson not voting, motion carried.

Austin Gillette makes a motion to set the price for Tribal farm land at \$10.00 an acre for Twin Buttes, \$12.00 an acre for Mandaree, \$13.00 an acre for Shell Creek, and \$14.00 an acre for White Shield.

Rose suggests that Austin amend his motion to include some type of penalty for sub-leasing.

Austin amends his motion as follows: That any Indian caught sub-leasing will automatically lose his lease.

Sam Little Owl seconds the motion. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Eva Beaks, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes, Chairperson not voting. All in favor, motion carried.

More discussion had on penalties.

Austin Gillette makes a motion to set a penalty of \$4.00 an acre for each tract of land leased, and that Tribal members have their bond waived and if they are convicted of sub-leasing, after being processed through Tribal Court, that there would be a fine in addition to the \$4.00 not to exceed \$500..

Motion seconded by Sam. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Wayne Packineau, no, Tom Eagle, yes, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes, Sam Little Owl, no. Five in favor, opposing, Chairperson not voting, motion carried.

Tort Claims.

John Danks reported to the Council that they had until the 28th of February to bring action on any tort claims that the Tribe had against the Bureau.

Comp. Time for Malcom Wolf & Perry Brady.

Malcom Wolf & Perry Brady reported to the Council that they had accrued leave hours for which they were seeking compensation. Alan Smith was questioned and asked to verify their hours. Malcom had accrued 32 hours of annual leave and Perry Brady had accrued 76 hours of annual leave.

Eva suggested that they be paid out of the T-2 account. Roy reported that the T-2 account is without funds at the present time. Tom Eagle suggested that the Utilities Commission make efforts to collect the two thousand some dollars owed to the Commission for services rendered to the Four Bears area, and that they be compensated through that. Rose assured Malcom and Perry that something will be worked out to compensate them for their accrued leave.


Vacancy on Board of Directors for Indian Action Team.

Wayne Packineau moved that Roy Bird Bear be appointed on the Board of Directors for the vacancy for the Mandaree District on the Indian Action Team Board of Directors.

Sam seconded the motion. Vote on motion: John Stone, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Eva Beaks, yes, Wayne Packineau, yes, Sam Little Owl, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes. All in favor, Chairperson not voting, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Hazel Blake, Tribal Secretary.