

SPECIAL MEETING

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

PLACE OF MEETING: Tribal Conference Room
New Town, North Dakota 58763
March 16, 1977

PRESENT: Rose Crow Flies High, Chairperson, Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer,
Hazel Blake, Secretary, Ralph Bird Bear, Austin Gillette,
Tom Eagle, John Stone, Larry Rush, Wayne Packineau.

ABSENT: Sam Little Owl, Eva Beaks

OTHERS: Bill Lockwood, Chaplain

Meeting came to order at 2:31 PM
Roll Call - Quorum present.
Opening Prayer by Bill Lockwood, Chaplain.

Chairperson opens meeting by stating that this is a short meeting to authorize a delegate to attend the Phoenix, Arizona, meeting on land Use Planning. She suggests that John Stone and Jerry Nagel attend this meeting. John Stone declined for health reasons.

John Stone moved that Jerry Nagel attend the Land Use Planning meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Larry Rush seconds the motion. Vote on motion. Roll call vote. Hazel Blake, John Stone, Wayne Packineau, Tom Eagle, Ralph Bird Bear, Larry Rush, and Chairperson all vote yes. Roy Bird Bear and Austin Gillette, Abstain. Seven in favor, two absentions. motion carried. This trip will be paid by the Bureau.

Report from Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer.

Roy reported that as of March 1st, the Tribe has \$10,000 in the Tribal Account.

Rose recessed the meeting until the arrival of Earl Azure, 93-638 Team from Area Office.

Meeting reconvened at 3:10 PM.
Roll Call - Quorum present.

OTHERS: Earl Azure, Aberdeen Area Office, John Danks, Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract Officer, Don Morgan, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Acting Superintendent, Judy White Singer.

Earl Azure was given the floor and gave a briefing on the Judgement Funds.

Earl stated that the Area Office is under the impression that the Tribe has been keeping up with their enrollment since the last judgement award. He states that the guidelines for this award are basically the same. Those persons born on or living at the time of the judgement award are entitled to receive judgement funds if they are enrolled members of the Tribe.

Earl Azure states that after the Tribe has submitted their proposed plan to the Area Office, it is then sent to the Secretary who will, in turn, submit his plan to Congress. Congress will then review the plan for sixty working days. The plan will become effective after Congress reviews the plan and approves it.

Again pertaining to the enrollment process, the Tribe is responsible for giving notification of the effective date of the plan to all enrolled members of the Tribe and possible enrollees. The Tribe will be responsible for all applications. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will approve individuals as to whether or not they are qualified to be enrolled. Earl states that the computer system used for enrollment in the last per capita payment will also be used for this award.

Submission of Tribal Plan.

The Indian Commissioner will notify the Area Office of the public hearing date. The Area Office notifies Tribe. Notification of the hearing date has to be published for twenty days prior to the hearing date.

The Solicitor from the Department of the Interior will act as the moderator for the public hearing. After the meeting, time will be allowed for individuals to speak and voice their opinions as to how they want the judgment award to be used. This opportunity is given mainly to provide minority factions an opportunity to speak. The proceedings will be taken down verbatim, and a transcript will be made. The Solicitor will inform the public at the hearing that they will have a certain length of time to submit written views to the Area Office who will make them a part of the record that will go to the Secretary. The Secretary will then present this to Congress in final form.

Austin Gillette asks how long it would take before the Bureau would submit a plan on behalf of the Tribe if the Tribe did not submit one within the time required. Earl explains that this is possible, but that the Bureau would be very reluctant to resort to this. They are interested in getting the views of the people. Earl stated, however, that he would encourage the Tribe to get their plan in as soon as possible.

Austin is granted floor to explain his proposed plan for the utilization of the 20% of the judgment award for Dockets 350C & D.

Discussion is had on Austin's proposed plan and some of the Council members feel that the people would be hesitant about paying anything on F.H.A. There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the people that this F.H.A. repayment is for individuals. This is an F.H.A. agreement entered into by the Tribe. Austin explains that his plan will only use the interest on this 20%, and that there will be funds left for future generations. John Stone expresses that he is in agreement with this plan.

Roy Bird Bear states that he is in agreement with the third and fourth part of Austin's plan. He states that more funds should be put into the third part of the plan.

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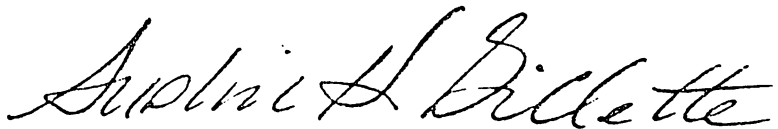
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Proposed Programming of the 20 Per Cent
Judgment Funds from Dockets 350-C & D

I propose that the entire 20 percent of the funds be invested and that we only program the interest from this investment. These interest funds shall be programmed as follows:

1. \$25,000 - annual payment of EDA loan for Four Bears Motor Lodge
2. \$25,000 - annual payment of FmHA on tribal loan
3. \$50,000 - programmed annually for tribal administrative purposes
4. \$10,000 - programmed for wake fund to be disbursed in accordance with a plan of operation approved by the Secretary

This proposal is intended to reserve to the future generations \$1.8 million of our judgment funds we received under Dockets 350-C and D. Should the needs of the reservation change reprogramming of these funds may be done by referendum-vote.



Austin H. Gillette
Tribal Councilman

A Plan for the distribution of Docket 350 C-D Judgment monies.

In order to provide a service to all enrolled members, both on and off the reservation, I respectfully submit the following plan.

- 1.) 80-20
- 2.) 80% direct pay to all eligible members.
- 3.) 20% for Programs of which:
 - a.) The approximate figure for the 20% is \$1,800,000.00
 - b.) The Tribe would invest this amount at 8%.
 - c.) Of which approximately \$144,000.00 would be the annual return.
 - d.) Of which \$44,000.00 would then be deposited in the Tribes unsupervised loan fund each year, of which the Tribe would have total control and without Bureau influence. By allowing for this the Tribe would be able to provide a service and assistance to those people who reside off and on the reservation who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
 - e.) The remaining \$100,000.00 would then be divided among the five segments of which:
 - 1.) Each segment would receive approximately \$20,000.00 of which.
 - 2.) It would then be left up to each district to decide on how these funds are to be spent.

By allowing for this plan the 20% principal would remain at approximately \$1,800,000.00 and only the interest would be utilized.

Thank You.

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Distribution Plan
Indian Claim Docket
350C, 350D

80% Per Capita Distribution.

20% Reservation Programs.

Reservation Programs 20%, Distribution Plan 1.8 million dollars:

A. Senior Citizens at least 60 years of age.	19.4%	\$350,000
B. Allocation under per capita basis to the five communities.	25%	450,000
C. Education.	13.88%	250,000
D. Economic development.	41.66%	750,000

Tom Eagle states that the EDA loan and F.H.A. loan are tribal obligations and should be taken care of.

Roy states that it's up to the Tribe to get their proposal in and then present it to the people and have the people come back to the Tribal Council.

Eva asks how these loans were to be repaid when they were originally made and Austin informs her that they were to be repaid through Tribal lease income.

Eva Beaks presents a plan which was prepared by Wilbur Wilkinson, Credit Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Eva explains that this plan would provided the Tribe with their own credit program separate from the Bureau's. This would enable individuals who are not eligible for loans to be qualified under this program.

Sam Little Owl states that his community is in favor of part (e.) of Eva and Wilbur's plan.

Rose presents the plan prepared by her and the Tribal Advisor.

Austin asks if this is a one-shot deal, or if this plan uses only the interest.

Jerry Nagel is asked to interpret this plan. He explains that this plan utilizes the entire 20%. There are questions as to Part C, Education. Hazel asks Earl if the Bureau would withdraw their funds from education if this part of the plan is put into effect. Earl explains that unless you specify which category of education the Tribe intends to fund, the Bureau could withdraw their funding. If it is specified in the plan which category of education the Tribe is going to fund, the Bureau will only withdraw funds on that particular category.

Eva suggests that these plans be considered together and be taken to the people.

Rose states that she is not worried about the Area Office deadline. She intends to get the views of the residents of the Reservation.

Earl asks Rose if it would be possible to get a plan in within two weeks after they meet with the different segments. Rose informs him that it might be possible.

The Chairperson thanks Earl for his time. Earl leaves meeting.

Hazel Reads Resolution No. 77-112, which authorizes Austin Gillette to be on the Pierre Indian School Board of Education.

Tom Eagle moves for approval on Resolution No. 77-112. Ralph Bird Bear seconds motion.

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

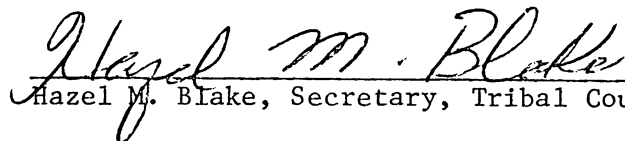
Sam Little Owl makes a motion to give one heart, one liver, and one tongue from the five buffaloes to each of the five Segments to be distributed to the Senior Citizens Program.

Tom Eagle seconds motion. Vote on Motion. Roll call vote: Sam Little Owl, yes, Hazel Blake, yes, Austin Gillette, yes, John Stone, yes, Wayne Packineau, no, Ralph Bird Bear, yes, Tom Eagle, yes, Roy Bird Bear, yes, Eva Beaks, yes. Eight in favor, one opposed, motion carried.

Wayne states that the reason he voted no is because the old people have already had their chance to taste buffalo tongue, heart, and liver and that it should be given to Headstart.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Hazel M. Blake, Secretary, Tribal Council