

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting: Tribal Conference Room
Tribal Business Office
New Town, ND 58763
January 30, 1978

PRESENT: Rose Crow Flies High, Chairperson, Sam Little Owl, Vice-Chairman,
Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer, Hazel Blake, Secretary, Eva Beaks, Member,
Tom Eagle, Jr., Member, Larry Rush, Member, Ralph Bird Bear, Member.

OTHERS: Tillie Walker, Programs Manager, Linda Baker, Tribal Comptroller,
Tom Mandan, Assistant Comptroller, Charlene Baker, Tribal Finance,
Fay Bearstail, Tribal Finance, Keith Smith, Personnel, Donnie Dickens,
Tribal Finance, Joe Monteau, Agency Credit Officer, Dale McGrady.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M.

Opening prayer given by Sam Little Owl.

Roll call - Quorum present.

The minutes from the January 27th, 1978, meeting were read by Cletus.
On corrections, Sam stated that the report he asked for should be done by the
Bureau of Indian Affairs. This is in regard to the hay which the Tribe sold to
Indian ranchers this month on an emergency basis.

Hazel moved to approve the minutes with corrections, second by Eva.

Vote on motion: Roll call vote: Six in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
Chairperson not voting.

Roy Bird Bear, Treasurer, went over a list of bills that he compiled for the
Council's review and consideration. Roy stated that he had not heard from the
American Indian National Bank in regard to a possible loan to help the Tribe
pay some of these bills. The Tribe at this point has no funds to continue to
operate the Central Finance system or pay these bills. Roy stated that it was
up to the Council to set their priorities and suggest ways in which to obtain
funds to carry the Tribe through this financial crises. Roy also stated that
the Indian Bank had asked for more information.

Tom Eagle, Jr., arrived at 3:40 P.M.

Roy stated that the Council has to make some kind of a decision today as to what
they intended to do with the Central Finance Staff and paying of bills. Rose
stated that the Tribe would have to shut down until this was straightened out.
Roy stated that a decision should be made as to the Central Finance Staff, whether
they should be laid off or not. Eva Beaks inquired as to what the status was on
the Indirect Cost appropriation. Hazel then called Joe Monteau into the meeting.
Roy stated that Congress had not appropriated funds for many Tribes in the Region.
Rosebud and Pine Ridge were the only two Reservations which were appropriated
funds. Eva stated that since this was the fault of the Area Contracting Officer,
and they should be made to explain the reasons for this.

Tom stated, as an alternative to enable the Tribe to carry on with their present
Central Finance Staff, maybe some of the Land Operations funds could be tapped.
Sam stated that this money was earmarked for the Twin Buttes and White Shield
areas for their Sub-agencies.

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Larry stated that the indirect cost rate should have been started on in June.

Tillie stated that a memo has been sent out by Forest Gerrard directing the Area Offices to work with the various Tribes in trying to reach a solution to the indirect cost problem.

Dale McGrady stated that the Bureau of Indian Affairs had reduced the Indirect Cost rate from 100% to 46%, nation-wide. This was not made known to the various Tribes, and therefore Indirect Cost proposals were sent in with the understanding that the Indirect Cost would be forthcoming. These funds were not appropriated by Congress, and this is resulted in the present financial crises for many of the Tribes in the Region.

Joe Monteau stated that Archie Clifford was responsible for Rosebud and Pine Ridge obtaining their Indirect Cost funding. Mr. Clifford submitted his proposals under the reduced indirect cost rate set by the Bureau.

Joe went on to state that the Tribe had three or four alternatives available. (1) it might be possible to modify the program budgets to include some of the administrative costs, as long as the Tribe didn't cut delivery of services to the individual. (2) the Tribe could possibly reprogram the 638 grant to cover a number of these positions in the area of finance (3) letting the programs handle their own finances (4) turning the whole thing back to the Bureau.

Rose stated that some IPA's could be brought in to work in finance.

Tillie stated that the Tribe would have to look very carefully at each individual Bureau contract before modifying any of them as some of the programs were only funded for salaries and some fringe benefits.

Hazel stated that she wanted to hear from the Central Finance Staff.

Some of the comments made were that if they were laid off they would like to have their annual leave and paychecks. Some of the employees had left good positions and moved their families to work for the Tribe. These employees are all enrolled members of the Tribe. Another of the comments made was that it was very difficult to work with the divided Council. Tillie stated that at last Friday's meeting, she got the impression that the Council wasn't at all interested in finding an answer to the financial problem with which the Tribe is faced.

Hazel suggested modifying the 638 budget to carry the Finance staff through to June. There is a possibility of doing this, but it is not certain. Funds up to \$40,000 could be provided if this was approved.

Tom moved that Roy, the Tribal Council sit down with Joe Monteau and revise the 93-638 contract and keep the Central Finance Office employees working and pick them up from the four months that the Tribe did not expend 638 funds. Second by Hazel. On remarks, Roy stated that the Central Office staff should know that this is only tentative. Vote on motion: Roll call vote: Yes: Hazel, Tom, Eva, Ralph. No: Larry, Sam, Rose. Abstaining: Roy. Four in favor, three opposing, one abstention, motion carried. Chairperson voting no.

Hazel asked if this meant the employees could go back to work. Roy stated that

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they could with the understanding that this contract had to be revised.

Dale stated that he came into the meeting willing to help, but would like his employment status clarified. Hazel moved that Dale McGrady & Tillie Walker get together and call Indian Health Services to find out if funds could be transferred or modified and Dale could get back on as the Tribal Planner.

The motion is dead for lack of a second.

Sam moves to meet with Joe Monteau on January 31, 1978, at 1:00 P.M. to discuss the financial situation further. Second by Hazel. Vote on motion: Roll call vote: Seven in favor, none opposing, motion carried. Chairperson not voting.

Further discussion is had on Dale's employment status.

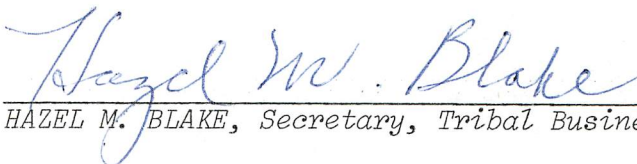
Hazel moves again to have Tillie Walker & Dale McGrady call Aberdeen and see if these available funds left in the Community Development Fund program could be modified for three months. Second by Eva. Vote on motion: Roll call vote: Yes: Hazel, Eva, Roy, Ralph, Larry Sam. Abstaining: Tom. Six in favor, one abstention, motion carried. Chairperson not voting.

Dale wanted to know if Indian Health approved this modification, would he go back to work. Larry stated that that was the understanding.

Hazel moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST:


HAZEL M. BLAKE, Secretary, Tribal Business Council