

SPECIAL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting : Conference Room  
Tribal Building  
October 18, 1979

Present : Austin Gillette, Chairman; August Little Soldier,  
Vice-Chairman; Tillie Walker, Secretary; Eva Beaks,  
Theo Bird Bear, Roy Bird Bear, Louis Felix, Ron Little Owl,  
Willard Yellow Bird.

Absent : Thomas Eagle, Treasurer; Marie Wells.

Others : Dr. Roger Grey Eyes, Lyle Baker, Patrick Cox, IHS;  
Harrison Fields, BIA; Mrs. Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm.  
Roll call; Quorum present.

IHS:

Dr. Roger Grey Eyes was called on to speak. He said he enjoyed the two week stay at Fort Berthold. He said he was interested in the health care delivery system and traditions of other Indian people. He is a member of the Navajo Tribe where living standards are poor. He has been active in the Navajo Health Authority which is charged with improvement of health delivery system and an Indian medical school. Though there are some problems about where to locate the medical school, it is possible that it will be in Flagstaff, Arizona on sixty (60) acres of land donated to the Navajo Health Authority. It is important the location be on a reservation, and the donor was asked to give the land as a gift to the Navajo Tribe so the school can be on Indian land and within their jurisdiction.

Dr. Grey Eyes said he would negotiate with the Tribe on salary, and if he accepts the physician position it would be no longer than one and a half years. He would then return for further surgery training. He continues his interest in the Navajo Health Authority and would have to work out a way to attend four NHA meets a year plus Executive Committee meetings. He said his wife is from Fort Totten and now is working with BIA Social Services.

The Chairman pointed out that the medical attention received at Fort Berthold was minimal, and the Council would be supportive of Dr. Grey Eyes return to Fort Berthold. Dr. Grey Eyes said he would let the Council know his decision by November 1.

LEASING:

Mrs. Jones was called on to speak. She said a non-Indian Ralph Renner was subleasing and hunts on land leased. He wants to fence the land and would cut the Jones family off their water supply from the lake where they get coffee and potatoe water. She said because they live a great distance from Twin Buttes community, they are left out of programs such as Aging and the eye glass program.

LEASING Cont.:

Roy Bird Bear arrived at 3:15 pm.

Mrs. Jones asked if the Ralph Renner lease could be cancelled and her nephew, Ken Beauchamp, get the lease.

DOCTOR:

The Chairman reported that Dr. Grey Eyes would settle for a salary of \$50,000. The physician salary with IHS is \$47,500 which leaves \$2,500 for supplementing.

Little Soldier moved to offer supplemental salary from Tribe to the IHS salary to total \$50,000 per year; second by Yellow Bird.

Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

RIGHT OF WAY:

Harrison Fields reported that Pete Fredericks had changed the lock on the gate again so the Mossett family could not get back to their home. The Tribal Court had issued a court order and authorized police to get the Mossetts out. Aberdeen Area Office reported that tribal court has no authority to condemn trust land, and Mr. Fields was advised that he was not to take any action if another court order was issued. He said were three alternatives to the problem: 1) county commissioners can condemn the land; 2) build a road; 3) federal court. Mr. Fields said he had sent a survey crew after receiving the tribal court order to condemn the Fredericks land, and Washington called Aberdeen to have him stay out.

Little Soldier moved to authorize the Chairman and Attorney to explore bringing suit against the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the matter; second by Walker. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, one (1) abstention, motion carried.

Harrison Fields was asked to get cost estimate of going around the Pete Fredericks land. He estimated it would cost \$70,000 per mile as the country is rough.

OVERGRAZING:

The fine issued to Jim Johnson for overgrazing was discussed. The cattle count on October 5 gave 102 head overstocked. Walker said that the Johnson brothers explained that they had used the pasture for holding cattle before shipping. Harrison Fields said the Johnsons had done this last year but had had their lease modified. This year they did not modify the lease.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

  
SECRETARY, Tribal Business Council

APPROVED: Nov. 8, 1979