SPECIAL MEETING

Name of Organization:

Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting

Conference Room Tribal Building November 2, 1979

Present

: August Little Soldier, Vice-Chairman; Tillie Walker, Secretary; Thomas Eagle, Treasurer; Eva Beaks, Theo Bird Bear, Roy Bird Bear, Louis Felix, Marie Wells, Willard Yellow Bird.

Absent

: Austin Gillette, Chairman; Ron Little Owl.

Others

: Harrison Fields, Larry Burr, BIA; Becky Knight, Fish & Game; Barbara Lindley, ONRED staff; Lawrence Birdsbill.

Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:55 am. Roll call; Quorum present.

MINUTES:

The Secretary read Minutes of September 19.

Beaks moved to approve September 19 Minutes as read; second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

The Secretary read Minutes of September 21.

Wells moved to approve September 21 Minutes as read; second by Eagle. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

The Secretary read Natural Resources Committee Minutes of October 10.

Eagle moved to approve Natural Resources Committee Minutes of October 10 as read; second by Theo Bird Bear. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

There was suggestion that Tribe adopt an ordinance prohibiting cattle along right of way. Acting Chair referred the matter to the Natural Resources Committee.

The Secretary read Human Resources Committee Minutes of October 16.

Yellow Bird moved to approve Human Resources Committee Minutes of October 16 as read; second by Wells. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

LAND LEASE:

Lawrence Birdsbill was called on to speak. He said the \$57 grazing lease should remain and landowners want prompt lease payment preferably before Christmas.

The Vice-Chairman suggested Lawrence Birdsbill and Eva Beaks set up a landowners meeting.

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LAND LEASE Cont .:

Harrison Fields said the BIA will begin normal collection procedures while the grazing fee appeal by the ranchers to the Area Office is being considered. Mr. Fields stated lease funds cannot be paid out while the appeal is in process.

MEETINGS:

The Vice-Chairman set November 9th as meeting with landowners at the Motor Lodge. Forrest Gerard, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, will meet with the Council in Bismarck on November 7th. Special Officer candidates will be interviewed on November 6th.

Wells moved to approve travel for Council members to Bismarck for meeting with Assistant Secretary Gerard on November 7th; second by Felix. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

Recess at 12:00.
Meeting resumed at 1:20 pm.
Wells was excused for afternoon session.

GAME & FISH:

Barbara Lindley, ONRED staff, was called on to speak about cancelling hunting season on the Reservation. She said some families subsist on hunting, there is always threat of fire, some members feel hunting is a right, and there will be poaching should the Council deny hunting. There will be a difficult enforcement problem. Roy Bird Bear said when hunting season is too long, a lot of damage is done to land, fences, etc. Since the Tribe has no game wardens, hunting continues year round. If the season is set, hunters would know the limit and time. There are very few deer on the Reservation now. Mrs. Lindley said everyone wanted to believe that you don't kill does. There were no seasons for hunting in the past, now young people want to hunt deer. The Game & Fish Department got off on a bad start, but it can be improved with the right director. There are options: 1) three month limit of three deer; 2) set deer season for two months or with state season of two weeks, and 3) since game is scare, issue 50 permits.

The Vice-Chairman asked Barbara Lindley to draw up options on hunting for the Council to consider.

Eagle moved to leave the hunting season as set by the Game & Fish Department from September 15, 1979 thru February 17, 1980; second by Beaks. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

Barbara Lindley said the State Game & Fish state proclamation does not indicate reservation line and this may cause problems. She suggested volunteer game wardens be designated in each segment.

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HOLIDAY:

The Council considered request from Personnel Office on exchange of holiday to allow four day Thanksgiving holiday.

Yellow Bird moved to approve exchanging Veteran's Day, November 12th holiday for November 23rd, the day after Thanksgiving; second by Felix. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, two (2) opposed, motion carried.

BOND REFUND:

The Treasurer reported that Kirby Reynolds came to collect his \$500 bond, and it was discovered the funds were never deposited in Tribal Finance by the Tribal Court. His case was dismissed and the bond is to be returned to Kirby Reynolds.

Eagle moved that the cash bond of \$500 be reimbursed from Fines and Costs; second by Roy Bird Bear. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer said the auditors have begun Tribal Court audit.

AGING:

The proposal for Aging Program to be submitted to the state was considered.

Beaks moved to approve the Aging Program proposal for FY/80; second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

RANCHERS:

The Secretary reported that word was received from the ranchers that they would not be able to meet with the Council as they had not completed their appeal.

PERSONNEL:

The Secretary read letter from Alan Smith, Personnel Officer, requesting approval for purchase of typewriters.

Walker moved to approve purchase of typewriters for Personnel Office from T/2 account with repayment and indirect costs pool to be charged for depreciation and use charges; second by Beaks. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, one (1) opposed, motion carried.

ALCOHOLISM:

The Secretary read resolution approving Alcoholism proposal for FY/80.

Yellow Bird moved to approve Alcoholism Program proposal for FY/80 to Indian Health Services; second by Felix. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #79-354.

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INDIAN ACTION:

The bill of \$16,209.40 for equipment rental from Meyer Construction was considered. Eugene Brugh, Jr., former Indian Action Director, had contracted with Meyer Construction at a rate greater than other bids for road equipment.

Little Owl moved to approve payment of \$12,745 to Meyer Construction; second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, two (2) opposed, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

SECRETARY.

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APPROVED: 29, 1979.