

SPECIAL MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting : Conference Room
Tribal Building
December 7, 1979

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

Absent : Austin Gillette, Chairman; Marie Wells.

Others : Mike Cross, Community Planning; Arne Guimont, HUD Planning;
Larry Burr, BIA; Pat Cox, Acting SUD; Sue Phelan, Tribal
Health; Clyde Brady, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
Roll call; Quorum present.

PIPELINE:

Little Owl made inquiry about the pipeline which runs by Crows Flies High.
The Secretary said CENEX representative is on the agenda for Regular Meeting to
discuss the pipeline.

SEISMOGRAPH:

Little Soldier expressed concern about seismographers going into areas where
there is no authority issued and the number of times they go over the same land.

TRIP:

The Council was informed the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Bill Hallett was to
be sworn in on December 14th in Denver and an invitation was received.
Ken Deane will handcarry the CDBG proposal to HUD in Denver.

Walker moved to approve trip to Commissioner swearing in ceremony
in Denver on December 14th for Roy Bird Bear, Willard Yellow Bird,
Austin Gillette, and Ken Deane; second by Theo Bird Bear.
Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

REVENUE SHARING:

Sam Little Owl reported he had spoken to Sue Phelan and Tom Abe of the Tribal
Health Program and they were concerned about the shortage of funds for the
elderly eye glass, dentures, and hearing aid program. He asked if the Tribe
had more funds to cover costs for the program. Walker suggested the Tribal
Health staff give the total estimated dollar amounts needed for the program
and a decision can then be made.

REVENUE SHARING Cont.:

Little Owl reported that during Twin Buttes community meeting he had been asked if balance of elderly Revenue Sharing program would go to communities. The Secretary was directed to write Mike Lincoln, Chairman of Twin Buttes, that there will be no balance in the Revenue Sharing Elderly Program.

FUEL:

Mike Cross, Community Planning, reported on the fuel program. The proposal must be submitted after the regulations are sent for the allocation for Indian programs. The priority will be (1 elderly; (2 handicapped; (3 low income. The Tribe may receive \$8-10,000 to administer the fuel program for help in completing forms, visit homes, Fort Berthold will receive \$80,000. SSI recipients will receive \$250 additional in their January checks for fuel costs. Intake and certification were done poorly last year and many people were left out of the fuel program. This year the staff will reach each family and in 1981 they program may be handled by Social Services.

HEALTH:

Pat Cox, Acting SUD, was called on to respond to request to Indian Health Services to transfer authorization for surgery from Veteran's Administration in Minneapolis to St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot. His response to the Chairman on the matter was read. He cited the Federal Register regulations of Indian Health Services in which the agency must refer veteran's to VA for health services. There was further discussion on the Indian Health Service policy, and Pat Cox said he was limited because he is Acting USD. He stated that Larry Sniderman of Aberdeen IHS will explore the sources further in the future.

Walker moved that August Little Soldier call Hank Bowker, Acting Area Director, of Indian Health Service, Aberdeen in behalf of Sam Meyers today; second by Yellow Bird.

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

The Vice-Chairman asked Pat Cox to contact Eva Beaks, Chairperson of Human Resources, and tribal health staff when the Clinic holds staff meetings. Mr. Cox said he has not called regular IHS staff meetings and usually meets with individual staff members.

APPEAL:

Larry Burr asked if members received the reply to appeal of John Fredericks. He stated his office has a log on each transaction. Most of the problem is that BIA staff does so much for individuals, and when they submit lease applications, they think they have a lease.

Roy Bird Bear asked how farm leases coordinated, are tribal lands on ASC, and to operators getting the ASC payments. Larry Burr said there was requirement that Ernest Wilkinson must summer fallow. He said he wouldn't until he knew if he had lease, so weeds were left and went to seed. It will take a number of years to get land back and the Tribe cannot get the \$23 on the land.

APPEAL Cont.:

In response to question about range staff responsibility, Larry Burr said BIA does first inspections by July 1st. If violations are found early, something can be done about them; however, there are not enough staff.

LAND SALE:

The Secretary read resolution on purchase of shares of Vernon Smith land.

Yellow Bird moved to authorize purchase of shares of Vernon Smith land in Allotment 301-146 W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 32 T149N R94W 5th P.M. ND; second by Beaks. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.
Resolution #79-372.

Eagle moved to authorize purchase of share of Vernon Smith land in Allotment 301-653A SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11 T149N R92W, 5th P.M. ND from Judgement Funds; second by Beaks. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.
Resolution #79-374.

Walker moved to authorize purchase of share of Vernon Smith land in Allotment 301-296A SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 T150N R93W, 5th P.M. ND from Judgement Funds; second by Roy Bird Bear. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.
Resolution #79-375.

It was pointed out that the Tribe owns interest in Allotments 301-653A and 296A.

The Secretary read resolution on land purchase from Macolm Wolf. The appraisal value was at \$90, and he asked for \$125 per acre. The Natural Resources Committee approved the price he asked. The land is grassland near Take Area.

Little Owl moved to purchase Allotment 301-389A, 160 acres grassland, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28, T150N, R92W, 5th P.M. ND at \$125 per acre for \$20,000 from Judgement Funds; second by Little Soldier. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, two (2) abstentions, motion carried.
Resolution #79-376.

X-MAS:

Walker moved to authorize X-mas tree and trim for the Tribal Building; second by Eagle. Vote: Nine (9) in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAID:

Walker reported on attendance at the Indian Health Services, State, HEW Regional Office meeting in Bismarck on Medicaid negotiations for services to Indian Health Service clinics. Robert Thurman of Indian Health Service brought to the attention of the group an opinion that if Tribes contract IHS services, they will no longer be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Tribes 638 contracts would then be considered a private agency.

MEDICAID Cont.:

Robert Thurman of IHS and Wayne Anderson of the State Social Services equated the Tribe to a county with health facility rather than a government with greater powers. Thomas Abe stayed on in Bismarck to attend the negotiations on the Memorandum of Understanding for Medicaid which was set for the State and Indian Health Services.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

APPROVED: Dec 17, 1979.

SECRETARY, Tribal Business Council