

MEETING

Name of Organization: Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

Place of Meeting : Conference Room  
Tribal Building  
April 14, 1980

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

Absent : Louis Felix, Ron Little Owl, Marie Wells.

Others : Gary Nelson, Ed Michels, Terry Savage, Don Beskerts;  
Grace Petroleum; Larry Burr, Harrison Fields, BIA;  
Ken Deane, Tribal Planner; Mike Cross, Community College;  
Ivan Johnson, Elgin and Wade White Body.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.  
Roll call; Quorum present.

OIL LEASE:

The Chairman explained that in the new procedure on oil leases adopted by the Tribal Council the lease was changed to three years from five years and at \$5.00 per acre from \$1.25. As a result, the Tribal Council did not accept the August 28 bids and had question about a number of tracts which had very low bids.

The Grace Petroleum representative said Grace had bid in tracts which had no bids in the oral auction at the minimum. The average bids on the Reservation was \$18.23 on tribal land and Grace bid a greater amount on some tracts. The low bid tracts were not in an area Grace Petroleum planned to drill and would have to go with another company if any drilling was done. Grace Petroleum planned to drill four wells on the Reservation and had leased 30,000 acres of tribal and allotted lands. He was reminded that one of the wells was on fee patent land and would not benefit the Tribe.

The representatives from Grace Petroleum were asked to leave the room while discussion continued.

Yellow Bird moved to accept \$10.00/per acre from Grace Petroleum for those tracts bid at \$5.75 and \$6.00 for three (3) year lease at \$5.00/per acre; second by Little Soldier. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

The representatives returned and Mr. Nelson said the offer was acceptable to Grace Petroleum. He said that Grace Petroleum would use tribal owned businesses in their operation and will give logs on well information data on Indian tracts if requested.

OIL JOBS:

Ivan Johnson was called on. He explained he had two seismic hole plugging trucks and had had trouble getting jobs with the companies. Harrison Fields, BIA, Superintendent, said they will see that any work done on the Reservation will be given to Indian contractors.

Walker moved to approve all contracts for seismic hole plugging on the Reservation be awarded to Ivan Johnson; second by Little Soldier. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.  
Resolution #80-55.

SALARY:

Kelsey Packineau, Fish and Game Director, was called on for salary negotiation. He requested \$14,000 and the budget line item for salary is \$13,500. Beaks recommended a salary of \$13,500 with review after 90 day probationary period.

Recess for 15 minutes.

LAND SALE:

Elgin White Body was called on concerning the land sale earlier considered by the Natural Resources Committee. He said of the 40 acres he had intended to sell, he decided to retain 10 acres for a homesite. During discussion, he was informed the BIA had made an error in informing the Committee that the appraisal rate was \$15,300. The actual appraisal was \$11,300. In addition, the land sale now differs from original acreage and must be partitioned.

Walker moved to refer Wade and Elgin White Body land sale to Natural Resources Committee to consider new land sale plan at appraisal value per acre; second by Little Soldier.  
Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

WELL DRILLER:

Tom Eagle reported on contact with well driller companies in Utah and Montana. The Utah price is \$175,000 and Montana firm price is \$180,000 plus \$800 for pipe. He reported funds available as \$58,000 from Land Development account, \$25,000 from T/2 account, \$30,000 from Aid to Tribal Government, and \$50,000 from shot hole fees totaling \$163,000.

Little Soldier moved to accept \$175,000 bid from ICM in Utah for well driller; second by Roy Bird Bear. [Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.]

After considerable discussion, motion was amended.

Little Soldier amended motion to authorize purchase of well driller after careful consideration of prices; second by Roy Bird Bear.  
Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

ONRED:

The Secretary read resolution on ONRED signature cards. The ONRED accounts have become part of centralized finance system.

Little Soldier moved to authorize Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer for bank signature cards; second by Eagle.

Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #80-56

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

BIA is requesting a statutory waiver in the FY/81 appropriation Act, and our considering submitting legislation to amend or delete their statutory requirement to match the Office of Education's obligations. The Secretary read resolution requesting BIA not to seek legislation to amend or delete their statutory requirement and requesting the Department of Interior to request funds, \$6.9 million, for FY/81 and subsequent fiscal years.

Walker moved to request BIA not to seek legislation to amend or delete their statutory requirements as mandated under P.L. 95-40 and requesting the Department of Interior to request funds, \$6.9 million for Fiscal Year 1981 and subsequent fiscal years; second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #80-57.

NEWSPAPER AD:

The Secretary read resolution on ad for New Town Eagles in Bismarck Tribune for Class B Tournaments.

Eagle moved to authorize payment of \$25.00 to Bismarck Tribune for New Town Eagles ad; second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #80-58.

FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

The Secretary read resolution supporting employment preference for Fort Berthold Community College graduates.

Beaks moved to grant employment preference to Fort Berthold Community College graduates where applicable; second by Yellow Bird.  
Vote: Eight (8) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #80-59.

Little Soldier left at 3:55pm.

ONRED:

The Chairman set meeting on ONRED resolutions for Monday, April 21, at 1:00pm.

FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Mike Cross presented request for use of trailer for Natural Resources Seminar. The trailer had been assigned to Alcoholism Program and how used by Headstart for storage. He said the program will make necessary repairs.

Yellow Bird moved to authorize relocating trailer to Marina area by the Fort Berthold Community College Natural Resources program for classroom use at their expense; second by Eagle. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

Mike Cross suggested a letter be written to the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, to invite \_\_\_\_\_ to meet at Four Bears Motor Lodge.

Eagle moved to authorize letter of invitation to University of New Mexico to consider meeting at Four Bears Motor Lodge. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

Mike Cross reported that presentation on sovereignty which could be done here if place fare were available. It may be possible for the BIA training center to assist in payment for the seminar.

CDBG:

Ken Deane presented the plans for Twin Buttes water tank under CDBG. The tank would be partially buried, 75 square feet tank area, 58 feet right of way, access road from south. IHS has done preliminary design and must do soil tests before finalized. The IHS would pay 1/2 of the cost and do the job. The road estimates for paving totaling \$112,000 are New Town \$20,000; Twin Buttes \$12,000; Mandaree, \$50,000, and White Shield \$30,000.

MOTOR LODGE:

The Chairman reported the need for additional funds for the Motor Lodge. \$64,000 had been authorized from Docket 350 F for the repair of the landromat FBCC has reported there will be a balance of \$19,000 from the account.

Yellow Bird moved to authorize \$7,500 of the \$19,000 balance of laundromat repair funds for Motor Lodge expenses; second by Beaks. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

MEETINGS:

Monday, April 21, 1980:	Natural Resources Committee	10:00am.
	ONRED Special Meeting	1:00pm.
Tuesday, April 22	Judiciary Committee	
	Election Code	1:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

APPROVED: May 8, 1980.

SECRETARY,

Ellie Haller  
Tribal Business Council