

SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

CONFERENCE ROOM
TRIBAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

PRESENT: AUSTIN H. GILLETTE, CHAIRMAN; AUGUST LITTLE SOLDIER, VICE-CHAIRMAN;
TILLIE WALKER, SECRETARY; GERALD WHITE, TREASURER; MARIE WELLS,
MATT MASON, TOM EAGLE, WILLARD LITTLE OWL, WILLARD YELLOW BIRD.

OTHERS : HARRISON FIELDS, SUPERINTENDENT OF B.I.A.; LARRY BURR, REALITY;
OSCAR J. HOWARD, FmHA.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M.
Roll Call: Quorum present.

There were no minutes available for meeting.
Chairman appointed Marie Wells as Acting Secretary.

GRAZING RESOLUTION/RATE: Acting Secretary read Resolution #80-155, the grazing
resolution for 1980-1984. There was a lengthy discussion
on the rate of \$80.00 per animal unit for 1981 grazing permit period. Harrison Fields
was present to comment and to discuss the recommendations the Council made to the
Bureau last week in Resolution #80-155. Mr. Oscar Howard of FmHA office was present
to talk on behalf of the local ranchers (enrolled members) who are financed by the
FmHA office. He pointed out that at the new proposed rate, over half of the enrolled
members financed by FmHA will be bankrupt and will have to foreclose.

WATER WELL DRILLING OPERATION: Virgil Chase and Ganius Little Soldier were
interviewed for the water well drilling operator
job. They presented their experiences and knowledge of well drilling to the Council.
Vote was taken by secret ballot. Virgil Chase, 8 votes; Ganius Little Soldier,
3 votes.

Tillie Walker arrived at 11:09 A.M.

UNSECURED EMERGENCY LOAN: The Chairman brought up the subject of the need for
having an unsecured emergency loan fund set up.
The program will be aimed at helping those persons who have no property and are un-
able to obtain loans through the credit program. He requested that a budget be set
up with a \$100,00 limit.

Yellow Bird move to approve an emergency loan of \$100.00 to the family of
Ernest Fox who had a death in their family in Denver. Second by Mason.
Vote: all in favor; motion carried. Resolution #80-188.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 noon. Resumed at 1:25 P.M.

TROPHY SADDLE: Ron Brugh was called on to speak. He made a request for \$775.00
to purchase a trophy saddle for the National Finals Rodeo to be
held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in November. The request was on behalf of the Great
Plains Indian Rodeo Association.

TROPHY SADDLE (cont.)

Wells moved to approve \$775.00 for payment of a trophy saddle for the Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association. Second by Mason. Six (6) in favor; Three (3) opposed; Two (2) abstained; motion carried. Resolution #80-189.

YEAR BOOKS: Secretary read request from students at White Shield School for assistance in payment of their yearbook.

Yellow Bird moved to approve \$100 contribution to Mandaree and White Shield schools for yearbooks. Second by Good Iron. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried. Resolution #80-190

ELECTION EXPENSE: Chairman Gillette reported on request for payment to Independence Congregational Church for providing coffee and donuts for those attending vote canvassing on September 16.

Wells moved to authorize payment of \$75 to Independence Congregational Church for coffee and donuts at September 16 canvassing. Second by Mason. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried. Resolution #80-191.

LAND SALE: Secretary read resolution authorizing purchase of Gary Phelan's share Allotment \$1080. He owns half of the 80 acres of farm land, which was appraised at \$480 an acre.

Wells moved to authorize purchase of Allotment 1080, 40 acres at \$480 per acre from Gary E. Phelan. Second by Good Iron. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried. Resolution #80-192.

QUILTS: Secretary read resolution for payment of material for quilts made for U.S. Senators Young and Burdick. The quilts were presented at the Mandaree Pow-Wow, in appreciation for their support of the Mandaree Water Line.

Yellow Bird moved to authorize payment of \$77.45 to the Cotton Patch for purchase of quilting material. Second by Good Iron. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried. Resolution #80-193

GOALS: Councilmen Mason and Good Iron had written goals on the blackboard which were discussed.

- 1) Black Hill Claim
- 2) Taxing all non-Indian bars
- 3) Voting by segment only
- 4) Jurisdiction over fee patent land
- 5) Council salaries

Councilman Mason asked how much we knew about the Black Hills Claim and the involvement of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Chairman Gillette reported that in the late 1930's, the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes accepted payment for the portion of land originally owned and a per capita was distributed. He suggested that Wilkinson, Cragen, and Barker put together the funds received for land claims that paid out to members. We can then inform members of the Tribes.

Chairman Gillette referred to the Standing Rock case in which they had planned to tax all the bars within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The case was lost in Federal Court and we need to explore this issue further.

Voting in segments requires a referendum. This can be one of the issues at a Secretarial Election to be set as early as possible. The jurisdiction issue over fee patent land was discussed.

NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION: Walker suggest that a plan be developed to get people to get out and vote on November 4. The election is of great importance to the Tribe. There is often criticism that we do not get out and vote and there are times we ask for support on issues of state officials and congress. She will work out a budget, create a committee, and present plans to the Council.

GRAZING RESOLUTION: Secretary Walker read resolution on amendment to the Grazing Resolution 80-155, and it was reviewed, specifically the section on limitation of 100 animal units for allcations. It was felt 100 AUM was too few head and would cause the small rancher problems.

GRAZING PROBLEMS: Oscar J. Howard, FmHA, was called in to review the \$80 grazing rate forwarded to the Area Office by BIA for 1981-1984. He reported that there are 92 individual FmHA loans in progress. Sixty-two (62) of these loans are to Indian cattlemen, and most are in the West Segment. He said for a good operator with 49 yearlings, 79 calves, there would be a projected income of \$59,410 and expenses of \$46,000 which includes the grazing rate of \$57. After debts are paid, the operator has \$5,900 remaining. The loans include (1) Farm ownership Loan (land purchase) 5% to 11%; Operating Loans - 8½ to 12%, and now at 10.5%; Economic Emergency Loan - 9% to 11.5% for operating and 11.5% for real estate; Emergency Loans (90% of operators are under this program) - 12.5% interest (October, 1978-3%). He stated with rate of \$80 AUM most of his clients would go out of the cattle business. When leasing land outside of the reservation, fences, water, cross fancing are provided. He said he has sent one foreclosure letter out already. If rate stays at \$52/57, there will be more operators who can stay in business. He asked about the Standing Rock rate. He said the rate for allotted land was \$72 and for tribal was \$37/47. Tribe had emergency feed programs administered through ASCS, SCS.

Break at 3:00 P.M. Resumed at 3:20 P.M.

The current limit of 100 AUM causes undue difficulty for small ranchers. Vote was taken for change to 250 AUM with five (5) and six (6) against.

Walker moved to amend 80-155 setting allocation limit from 100 to 200 AUM
Second by Little Soldier. Eleven (11) in favor, motion carried.
Resolution 80-194.

Chairman Gillette stated the Tribe would lease the excess units to avoid the speculators who now profit from subleasing.

TRIP: Chairman Gillette suggested members of the Council go to Aberdeen Area Office to meet with the Area Director about the \$80 grazing rate being set by the BIA.

Wells move to authorize charter of plane for Aberdeen trip for Austin Gillette, Paul Good Iron, Matt Mason, Tillie Walker, Gerald White, and O.J. Howard. Second by Little Soldier. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried.

CENEX: Chairman Gillette reported he will be in Denver on Friday for negotiations on the CENEX Pipeline. CERT staff have advised that charges can be on amount of oil flowing through the line at 3¢ to 10¢ per barrel, which would be \$82,700 to \$273,000 per year. Budd Bratlee of CENEX now has authority to negotiate.


Little Soldier move to authorize trip to Denver for CENEX Pipeline negotiation on Friday, October 3. Second by Mason. Eleven (11) in favor; motion carried.

Little Soldier left for the day.

CDBG: Ken Deane, Tribal Planner explained grant application for technical assistance project to improve coordinating of CDBG construction rehabilitation programs. The Tribe will contribute office space, telephone, and clerical services.

Good Iron moved to approve application of HUD For \$41,795 grant to improve quality of CDBG construction. Second by Wells. Nine (9) in favor, one (1) absent. Motion carried. Resolution #80-105.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.



SECRETARY, Tribal Business Council

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