

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 24, 1980

PRESENT: AUSTIN GILLETTE, CHAIRMAN: AUGUST LITTLE SOLDIER, VICE CHAIRMAN: TILLIE WALKER, SECRETARY: GERRY WHITE, TREASURER: WILLARD YELLOW BIRD, MARIE WELLS, MATT MASON, PAUL GOOD IRON

ABSENT: ROY BIRD BEAR, TOM EAGLE, WILLARD LITTLE OWL

OTHERS: JOHN CHARGING, ALICE SPOTTED BEAR, AMY MOSSETT

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.
Roll Call, quorum present.

MINUTES:

Secretary Walker read Regular Meeting minutes of December 11, 1980.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to approve December 11 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Second by Little Soldier. Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

Councilwomen Wells asked about Vance Gillette being nominated for the Legal Assistance of North Dakota Board since he had a case against LAND. Would that be a conflict of interest?

FEED DISTRIBUTION: Councilman Mason raised questions about the feed distribution program for Indian ranchers. He pointed out that some counties were turning applicants down. Vice Chairman, Little Soldier reported that the program is funded through the Commodity Credit Feed Corporation, USDA. The Aberdeen Area Office wanted ASCS to handle the supplementary program and turn it over to ASCS. The ASCS will give 4 pounds of oats per head. Councilman Mason requested a letter from the Chairman to ASCS in Stanley on his behalf because he was having difficulty with his application.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES: Secretary Walker read resolution on distribution of Minutes to communities. There was discussion about publishing Minutes and resolution in the Action News by Councilman GoodIron. It was pointed out that some of the resolutions printed were never passed by the Council. Councilwomen Wells expressed concern about the Minutes being used by the anti-Indian element of main street. New Town. She pointed out that McMasters of the New Town News is an officer of the anti-Indian association in the Dakotas.

Councilmen Bird Bear arrived at 12:12 P.M.

Councilwomen Wells moved to approve distribution plan in the communities for minutes. Second by Treasurer White. Seven (7) in favor; one (1) opposed; one (1) not voting. Motion carried. Resolution 80-297.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: John Charging was called on to give brief overview of previous employment. He graduated from Dickinson State College in 1977, employed for Omaha Tribe and State Department of Public Instruction in food distribution program till September, 1980. The State then decided to hire someone with an M.A. degree.

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WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS: Secretary Walker read Minutes of White Shield Community meeting.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to approve expenditure of \$236.63 remaining in Community Development account for White Shield. Second by Eagle. Ten (10) in favor. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: Alice Spotted Bear reviewed her employment experience. As Adult Education Director, ONRED staff, desegregation in term in Minneapolis, and technical assistant to Susan Phelan for three months. She was asked about why the Tribe never reviewed or received the alcoholism proposal that she and Susan Phelan worked on for several months. She said it was sent VIP service to Washington, D.C. but was never delivered. She said she has a copy of the proposal.

Amy Mossett was called on. She became clerk in the Personnel Office in August 1978 and was promoted to Administrative Assistant. She has maintained the Personnel Office during absence of Alan Smith.

Chairman Gillette reminded Council members of report on Mr. Alan Smith, current personnel director, on the excessive amount of leave he has taken in the past. There are 2,080 working hours in a year and Mr. Smith was on leave for 1,089 hours. He had been asked to report to the Council on his leave but has not done so. He has submitted his resignation.

Councilman Eagle moved to accept resignation of Alan Smith as Personnel Director effective December 24, 1980. Second by Councilwomen Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor. Motion carried.

Councilwomen Wells noted that there are reports that a staff director has been absent, without taking leave, to spend time with his wife who is ill. Another who spends considerable time feeding his cattle without taking leave.

Secret vote was taken with these results: Mossett, 4; Charging, 2; Spotted Bear, 4.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to readvertise the Personnel Director position. Second by Vice Chairman, Little Soldier. Two (2) in favor; four (4) opposed; three (3) abstained. Motion lost.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to adjourned.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Request from IHS for \$300 transportation costs for parents of child to be hospitalized was reported.

Eagle moved to approve \$300 transportation payment be made by tribe to be reimbursed by Indian Health Service. Second by GoodIron, ten (10) in favor. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:

Another vote was taken on the applicants who tied with the following results. Mossett, 4; Spotted Bear, 6:

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FARM: Chairman Gillette reported on a farm near Roseglen which is for sale. The sale price is \$685,000 for 640 acres of irrigated land, 160 acres of minerals adjacent to reservation.

Secretary Walker moved to approve further inquiry and detailed study for the purchase of the property. Second by Councilman Mason. Ten (10) in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

APPROVED: Jan 16, 1981
(date)