

REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

CONFERENCE ROOM  
TRIBAL BUILDING  
MARCH 12, 1981

PRESENT: AUSTIN GILLETTE, CHAIRMAN; AUGUST LITTLE SOLDIER, VICE-CHAIRMAN; TILLIE WALKER, SECRETARY; GERALD WHITE, TREASURER; THOMAS EAGLE, NATHAN PAUL GOODIRON, WILLARD LITTLE OWL, MATTHEW MASON, WILLARD YELLOW BIRD.

ABSENT : ROY BIRD BEAR, MARIE WELLS

OTHERS : JIM FOOTE, CHR DIRECTOR; AL TRIMBLE, LESTER FRANK, CHER-KOTA INSURANCE, MARVIN FRANKLIN, DON MOONEY, DON KELLAR, LAVONNE BRUCE, HOUSING AUTHORITY;

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.  
Roll call, quorum present.

MINUTES: Secretary Walker read minutes of Special Meeting held on February 18, 1981.

Councilman Eagle moved for approval of February 18, 1981 Special meeting minutes. Second by Treasurer White. Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Walker read February 17, 1981 Judiciary Committee minutes.

Councilman Goodiron moved for approval of February 17, 1981 Judiciary Committee minutes. Second by Councilman Little Owl. Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion about the March 25 Referendum and complaints from members reported. Secretary Walker read memo on Referendum Report.

ND LEGAL SERVICES: The letter from North Dakota Legal Services concerning the nomination of Vance Gillette was read. There were no other suggestions for the position since Vance Gillette represents a client against N. D. Legal Services and will not be eligible for the Board.

GERARD, BYLER & ASSOCIATES: The letter from Gerard, Byler & Associates was read concerning a contract to advise and assist on funding for irrigation development. Discussion followed and there was interest in getting more information about the firm.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to set a meeting with Gerard, Byler & Associates at an early date. Second by Treasurer White. Seven (7) in favor, one (1) opposed, motion carried.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Secretary Walker read Memorandum of Agreement with Housing Authority. The Memorandum of Agreement states that the Tribal Council will pass resolution stating no family delinquent in payments to the Housing Authority will receive rehabilitation under the CDBG unless paid in full, has payroll deduction, or if unemployed enters a voluntary payment agreement.

Secretary Walker moved for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Fort Berthold Housing Authority and HUD, Region VIII in Denver. Second by Treasurer White. Six (6) in favor, two (2) abstained, motion carried.

CHR: Jim Foote Jr. was called into the meeting to explain the suburban deal. He stated he wanted to put the suburbans on bid and get automobiles from GSA. He felt that would be cheaper.

Councilman Mason moved to put tribal suburbans assigned to CHR Program out on bids. Second by Councilman Yellow Bird. Eight (8) in favor, motion carried.

The bids would be handled by Property and Supply. The funds in the account for the suburbans and the sum received from bids for the suburbans will revert back to the tribe. James Foote reported there was over \$9,000 in the depreciation allowance now.

RECESS: Meeting recessed at 12:00 noon. Reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

BURIAL INSURANCE: Al Trimble, former president of the Oglala Sioux, and superintendent at Pine Ridge, was called on to discuss insurance package from Cher-Kota, a company whose parent company is Insurance Leaders and Financial Planner Association. The Burial Program was presented and reviewed. Coverage can be set at \$1,500, \$2,000, and \$3,000. Mr. Trimble informed the Council that BIA has helped pay the premium on some reservations from General Assistance. The costs of the program are determined by the number of people to be insured, number of deaths annually, and age distribution. The Insurance Company of North America and Kansas City Life are the two companies which have bid. The tribe sets up the claim fund, pays the amount, and gets the payment from the insurance company.

Councilman Bird Bear arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to authorize Al Trimble of Cher-Kota to be broker of record and develop burial plan package effective April 1, 1981 for 6,200 members. Second by Councilman Yellow Bird. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.

FRANKLIN VISIT: Marvin Franklin, BIA Commissioner in 1973-74, introduced himself and Don Mooney. Franklin is retired and with Phillips Petroleum and has established an Indian foundation. His expertise is in petroleum engineering and helping Indian people understand the oil business. They provide oil companies information on public, Indian, and private

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lands. He said he would write to give full information of his services. Other problems he cited were: 1) offsetting gas wells when gas is being drained and you don't get any money, 2) land leased and held by company and no development plan. You can buy logs to check on the offsetting. Computer programs can be developed for every well on the reservation to assure right kind of information.

HIRING: Secretary Walker read resolution giving authority for hiring to Committees and Executive Committee. The four Tribal Council Committees shall hire all Tribal employees in their respective departments, with the exception of program directors and equivalent managers. Program directors and equivalent managers will be hired by the members of Tribal Business Council.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to approve resolution giving authority for hiring to Committees and Executive Committees. Second by Treasurer White. Roll'call vote: Little soldier, yes; Bird Bear, yes; Goodiron, yes; White, yes; Little Owl, yes; Yellow Bird, yes; Eagle, yes; Walker, yes; Mason, yes; and Gillette, yes. Resolution #81-78

MOTOR LODGE: Secretary Walker read resolution adding new members to the Motor Lodge Board.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to approve appointment of Edward M. Danks, Luther Grinnell, and John Fox, Jr. to the Four Bears Motor Lodge Board of Directors. Second by Councilman Mason.

Discussion was held and Councilman Bird Bear suggested having Council members on the Board.

Councilman Yellow Bird withdrew his motion.

Chairman Gillette informed the Council that the reason why Edward Danks was picked was because he is running his own business and should be able to help the Motor Lodge, and the reason why John Fox, Jr. was picked was because help is needed in the bookkeeping department.

Councilman Eagle moved for approval of resolution appointing Edward Danks, Luther Grinnell, and John Fox, Jr. to the Four Bears Motor Lodge Board of Directors. Second by Councilman Little Owl. Six (6) in favor, four (4) opposed, motion carried. Resolution #81-79

BURIAL INSURANCE: Al Trimble presented new quotes from the insurance companies and would like a few more days to contact additional companies. It was decided to meet with him on April 9, 1981 Regular Meeting.

JAKE'S SPEED SERVICE: Secretary Walker read resolution on incurred costs for printing reports on Tribe's pending claims sent out to members of the Tribes.

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Councilman Goodiron moved to authorize payment of \$334.75 to Jake's Speed Printing for incurred costs of printing report. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-80

MCKENZIE COUNTY FARMER: Secretary Walker read resolution on incurred costs to print ballots and envelopes to be mailed out to eligible voters for referendum vote on Accounting Claim.

Councilman Eagle moved to authorize payment to McKenzie County Farmer for \$208.50 for cost of printing ballots and envelopes. Second by Councilman Mason. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-81

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Secretary Walker read resolution rescinding 80-182 and appointing new members to the Executive and all other committees.

Treasurer White moved to disapprove resolution rescinding #80-182 and appointing new members. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Four (4) in favor, three (3) opposed, two (2) not voting, motion carried.

HOUSING AUTHORITY: Councilman Goodiron explained the reason why Don Kellar - was asked to attend meeting, which was to answer any questions on Memorandum of Agreement. Councilman Eagle inquired about monthly financial reports and what account rent money went to. Kellar said there was two accounts used for operation: one for rental units for fuel, electricity, etc. The other one is mutual self-help account for insurance, equity build up, etc. Councilman Goodiron inquired as to why one of their employees was living in one of the elderly units in New Town. Kellar said she was there as resident manager.

REFERENDUM CLAIMS COMMITTEE: Secretary Walker read resolution on Referendum Claims Committee to tally votes and certify the vote to Tribal Business Council within two days after receipt of ballots from Tribal Secretary.

Councilman Eagle moved to appoint the six (6) Community Chairmen of each segment on reservation to the Referendum Claims Commission with Tribal Secretary. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-82

DINNER: Bernard Chase Jr. presented estimate of what it will cost to pay for dinner for the New Town "Eagles" Basketball Team members and Team Personnel. The dinner to be held on Sunday, March 15, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. at the Four Bears Motor Lodge.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved for approval of dinner for New Town Basketball Team and Team Personnel to be held at Four Bears Motor

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Lodge in the amount of \$287.10. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.

LAND FOR SALE: Councilman Mason reported on farmland for sale located five miles south and one mile west of New Town, owned by John Ernest Johnson.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to authorize Chairman Gillette and Treasurer White to determine amount of bid and submit it. Second by Councilman Mason. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.

TRIP: Secretary Walker reported that there will be a hearing in Bismarck on House Bill 1605, the 3% liquor tax bill in the Appropriations Committee.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to approve trip for Council members able to attend meeting in Bismarck on House Bill 1605. Second by Councilman Eagle. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.

REFERENDUM VOTE BUDGET: Secretary Walker read resolution regarding a budget to cover costs for the March 25 Referendum.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to approve budget of \$3,000 to cover costs for the March 25, 1981 Referendum Vote on the Accounting Claim, with balance to revert back to T/2 Account. Second by Councilman Mason. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.  
Resolution #81-83

WILKINSON, CRAGUN & BARKER: Secretary Walker read resolution regarding Wilkinson, Cragun & Barker's voucher for payment for legal services and expenses for the month of January, 1981.

Councilman Yellow Bird moved to authorize payment of \$3,581.94 to Wilkinson, Cragun & Barker for legal services and expenses for the month of January, 1981. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-84

ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE: Administrative leave for State Class B Tournament was discussed.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to authorize Administrative Leave for Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, 1981 for all Tribal employees for the State Class B Tournament in Bismarck. Second by Councilman Mason. Ten (10) in favor, motion carried.

TRIP: Chairman Gillette reported that there will be a Aberdeen Area Health Conference in Pierre and a representative from Aberdeen Tribal Chairman Association has to attend. And on the 18th and 19th of March, there will be a meeting with CERT in New York with large corporations.

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Councilman Yellow Bird moved to authorize Chairman Gillette to attend the Area Health Conference in Pierre, South Dakota and CERT meeting to be held on March 18 and 19, 1981 in New York, New York. Second by Councilman Goodiron. Nine (9) in favor, one (1) not voting, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

APPROVED: March 26, 1981  
(Date)