

SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

CONFERENCE ROOM
TRIBAL BUILDING
APRIL 16, 1981

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

ABSENT : ROY BIRD BEAR, NATHAN PAUL GOODIRON, WILLARD LITTLE OWL, MARIE WELLS.

OTHERS : VANCE GILLETTE, TRIBAL ATTORNEY; ADRIAN BIRD BEAR, TRIBAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR; MICHAEL YELLOW BIRD, ANGELITA PRIMEAUX, BIA SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION; DAVID L. WALTH, TWIN BUTTES SCHOOL PRINCIPLE; MELVIN WALKER,
PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER; TAMARA MAERCKLEIM, NURSE PRACTITIONER;
HOMER WHITE BUFFALO, BIA SPECIAL OFFICER; FARRELL EAGLEMAN, BIA CAPTAIN
OF POLICE; CLYDE BRADY, SARGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He requested the Tribal Secretary to include Tribal Attorney's report to the Executive Committee as part of the minutes for this Special Meeting.

Roll call; quorum present.

TRIBAL ATTORNEY: Tribal Attorney, Vance Gillette, said the Tribe needs to develop zoning ordinance and the issuing of licenses. He said the Tribal Code has to be updated and the revised draft he presented was a foundation to start work on. The establishment of an Attorney General's office and hiring another attorney was discussed.

Secretary Walker moved to utilize Aid to Tribal Government funds to establish an Attorney General's office on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Second by Treasurer White. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

It was suggested that June 1, 1981, be set as deadline for establishing the Attorney General's office.

Priorities for the Tribal Attorney to start work on were discussed.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to prioritize (1) Hunting and Fishing and (2) Constitutional revisions for Tribal Attorney. Second by Treasurer White. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

A method for assigning work to the Tribal Attorney was discussed.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to have form drafted for assignments from committees to Tribal Attorney at a duly authorized meeting with memorandum sent to Tribal Council and Tribal Attorney, outlining the work to be done. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

A discussion on press releases followed and who has responsibility to talk to press on behalf of the Tribes.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved that press releases or statements on tribal policy or litigation be cleared through the Tribal Council and Tribal Attorney. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

TAXATION: Taxation was discussed and Tribal Attorney said he would like some input so he could start work on draft. He said at the April 8 Judiciary Committee meeting, he asked the Tribal Planner to make list of all taxes being paid by the Tribe, such as motor use and royalties, and what the Tribe collects.

It was suggested a news article be prepared outlining the priorities for the Tribal Attorney.

FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Secretary Walker read resolution presented by the Fort Berthold Community College to support grant application to National Center for Appropriate Technology.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to support Fort Berthold Community College's application for funding to National Center for Appropriate Technology. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-113

TRIBAL COURT: Secretary Walker read resolution from Adrian Bird Bear, Court Administrator, requesting mileage for Court Administrator for transportation of supplies, equipment, Court documents, and bond money from New Town to Mandaree daily.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved for approval of resolution concerning mileage for the Tribal Court Administrator for delivery of supplies, Court documents, and bond money from New Town to Mandaree. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Three (3) in favor, four (4) opposed, motion defeated.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Secretary Walker read Memorandum of Agreement among Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Housing Authority, and the Three Affiliated Tribes concerning sanitary facilities construction of Project ND 5-11 for 40 DHUD housing units.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved for approval of DHUD Memorandum of Agreement between the four agencies on Project ND 5-11 for 40 DHUD housing units. Second by Treasurer White. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-114

INTERVIEW: Michael Yellow Bird was present for an interview for the Human Resource Department Administrator position. He gave his work experience and education. He received Associate Degree in Applied Science from Crookston, Minnesota, in May 1975, Bachelors Degree in Social Work at University of North Dakota, in August 1979, and Masters in Social Work at University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, in December 1980. He worked for two years in Bismarck at United Tribes Educational Technical Center which involved case work with children and parents. He gave his experiences in administrative areas and in human services, and program planning on a graduate level.

INTERVIEW Continued: He discussed gaps in services to senior citizens and the need to decrease duplication of services.

Since Wilbur Spotted Wolf was not notified of the interviews, he will be interviewed on Friday, April 17, 1981.

Eagle moved to authorize payment of mileage for Mike Yellow Bird as he made a trip earlier and was not interviewed. Second by Mason.
Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Angelita Primeaux, BIA Superintendent of Education, and David Walth, Principal of Twin Buttes School, were called on. Dr. Primeaux reported that the freeze on higher education funds was lifted and students with families will have priority on summer grant funds. There is sufficient funds for fall grants. The BEOG funds will be cut, and the BIA will have to look closely at grades and academic work.

Dr. Primeaux reported on tentative allocations for FY 1980-81 for each school: Mandaree, \$353,806; Twin Buttes, \$190,443; and White Shield, \$345,820. She expressed concern about school district teachers in government housing did not under the 7% limit set for government employees, therefore, some of the rental rates went up 150% for these teachers. The Commissioner's opinion was that 638 people are not government employees, and therefore, are excluded from the 7% limitation.

Secretary Walker moved to request Department of Interior to provide the same rental rates for school district employees as federal government employees and resolution be presented to Area Director on Friday, April 17, 1981. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-115

Dr. Primeaux reported that Mandaree and White Shield Schools were included for major repair and renovation and placed on priority list for 1981, but she was informed that Mandaree School was taken off the list for this fiscal year and FY 1982 was questionable. White Shield will have \$961,000 for repair and renovation, an action taken after letter from her that school must close if repairs were not completed.

Secretary Walker moved the Three Affiliated Tribes strongly object to the arbitrary removal and adjustment of the priority list for Facilities Improvement and Repair and request that Mandaree School be restored to the list. Second by Eagle. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-116

Dr. Primeaux reported on Title I budget cuts: Mandaree, \$18,000; Twin Buttes, \$8,000; White Shield, \$10,000. She expressed concern about the Title I Program for Mandaree. The school board may not contract the program for FY 1982.

TWIN BUTTES SCHOOL: Mr. David Walth, Twin Buttes School Principal, reported on school situation. He said that up until last year when school board election was held, the Board of Education was not aware of any problems the school district had in operation. When a new member was elected to the school board last summer, the new member felt the school district should not operate under a contract, and felt the school should return to BIA. He reported there has been a number of meetings held to determine what the problems are. One thing they requested was to have 80% of the staff at the school Indian. Last year, they advertised in five different states and only three people of Indian background applied. The school board went on record on April 8 to recontract, and the vote was four in favor and one against. The board said in order to be fair to the one, they will have a survey done in the community, and authorized Mr. Walth to inform the Tribal Council of the results. He reported at the last community meeting, there were 35 to 40 people present. Three people were against it and five were in favor, and many people asked questions.

Discussion followed and Chairman Gillette suggested to wait for results of the survey. Treasurer White expressed concern for the school because of the hiring freeze within the Bureau and the school could be closed down.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to authorize Twin Buttes School Board to recontract with BIA for operation of the Twin Buttes School. Second by Treasurer White. Vote: Five (5) in favor, one (1) opposed, one (1) abstention, motion carried. Resolution #81-117

Mr. Walth said he is resigning at the end of the school year, and hoped these grievances people have will be solved.

BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT: Homer White Buffalo, Special Officer, and Farrell Eagleman, Captain of Police, were called on. Officer White Buffalo expressed concern about the lack of security within the communities. Because of DINAP being terminated, they lost 16 positions which leaves one man in the districts. He requested the Tribal Council to provide two police officer positions.

Vice-Chairman Little Soldier moved to modify contract in Aid to Tribal Government to include the two positions with salary set at GS 4 level effective April 20, 1981. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Gillette said the Tribe would like to have a police radio in the Tribal Building. Officer White Buffalo said they will install one.

ENROLLMENT: Secretary Walker read resolution regarding enrollment of children and grandchildren of Elizabeth Nagle Mitchell.

Secretary Walker moved for approval of enrollment for children and grandchildren of Elizabeth Nagle Mitchell. Second by Vice-Chairman Little Soldier. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried.
Resolution #81-118

ENROLLMENT Continued: Secretary Walker read resolution for enrollment of Angel Lee Foote, LaRae Lynn Fox, Naomi C. Hairy Chin, and Spencer Todd Mason. These applicants were tabled for further clarification by the Enrollment Clerk. The clarifications were provided in resolution presented today.

Eagle moved for approval for enrollment of LaRae Lynn Fox, Naomi C. Hairy Chin and Spencer Todd Mason, and exclude Angel Lee Foote for further clarification. Second by Yellow Bird. Vote: Seven (7) in favor, motion carried. Resolution #81-119

NURSE PRACTITIONER: Melvin Walker and Tamara Maerckleim were called on. Mr. Walker said Ms. Maerckleim is presently working at Minne-Tohe Health Center as a Nurse Practitioner and she will be returning to the University of North Dakota, where she is a student physician assistant. She reported that her assignment was with Dr. Wilson and she moved to the IHS Clinic with Dr. Greyeyes as her supervisor. She will be through training next January 1982 and she is interested in returning to the Fort Berthold Reservation for employment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

APPROVED: May 14, 1981.