

SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

CONFERENCE ROOM  
TRIBAL BUILDING  
OCTOBER 2, 1981

PRESENT: Austin Gillette, Chairman; August Little Soldier, Vice Chairman; Tillie Walker, Secretary; Gerald White, Treasurer; Roy Bird Bear, Thomas Eagle, Nathan Paul Goodiron, Willard Little Owl, Matthew Mason, Marie Wells, Willard Yellow Bird

OTHERS : John Fox, Tribal Comptroller; John Danks, BIA Reservations Programs Officer; Alyce Spotted Bear, Personnel Director; Clyde Brady, Sergeant-At-Arms; Rachel Grady, Recording Secretary

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.  
Roll call; quorum present. Eleven (11) present.

MEETING REPORT: Chairman Gillette reported on meeting in Denver, Colorado, with oil companies doing business on Ft. Berthold Reservation and CERT, on September 30, 1981, to discuss mutual problems that exist between oil companies and the Tribe. He reported that meeting was well received and oil companies understood the position of the Tribe. Mr. Hobbs attended the session and spoke. Twenty-one oil companies sent representatives to the meeting.

STAY OF EVICTIONS: The matter of the Stay of Eviction for Dorothy Rabbithead was discussed, and it was clarified that Chief Judge, George Gillette, could sign in the absence of Robert Holte, the judge who signed the eviction order.

Secretary Walker reported that Adrian Foote came to see her and said he paid \$1,356.00 for back rent to Housing Authority for his daughter, Denise Two Bears' house. Tom Schoppert accepted the payment on behalf of the Housing Authority, and then proceeded with repossession. Housing Authority did not inform him of their intentions. Chairman Gillette said the Housing Board should have some say about the matter. Secretary Walker, Chairwoman of Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, said she did not know about the repossessions until she read the Action News. She reported there will be a Housing meeting the early part of next week to discuss this matter. There was further discussion, and Councilman Yellow Bird reported that Housing Authority hired non-Indians, who were Don Kellar's relatives, to work on Elderly Housing in White Shield.

BUDGET CUTS: Secretary Walker reported she received a letter from Jane Wrenn on proposed budget cuts. The cuts in education were: Mandaree - \$32,576.00; Twin Buttes - \$14,290.00; and White Shield - \$26,015.00. She said the American Indian Law Scholarship Program was being eliminated. Johnson O'Malley will be cut by \$2,700,000, and \$7,200,000 has already been cut. Higher Education scholarships will be cut \$2,500,000 above the 25% cut. Haskall and IAIA will be cut by \$1,000,000, and Indian Community Colleges will be cut \$1,000,000. All of these cuts are effective September 28, 1981.

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Councilman Goodiron moved to authorize Secretary Walker to write a letter stating Tribe's opposition to proposed cuts. Second by Vice Chairman Little Soldier. Ten (10) in favor, one (1) not voting, motion carried.

Chairman Gillette reported he has sent a telegram to congressional people informing them of Tribe's opposing these cuts.

FINANCE: John Fox, Tribal Comptroller, reported that auditors are reconciling up to September 30, 1981. He is requesting time sheets and bills to be in by 5:00 p.m., September 30, 1981, so his office can close out the fiscal year. The DINAP budget will pay for software. \$6,000 has already been expended and an additional \$6,000 for software from DINAP.

INDIRECT COST: Treasurer White said Tribe is using the Indirect Cost rate from last year, and if everything is approved, the rate will be 26.5% for FY82.

PERSONNEL OFFICE: Alyce Spotted Bear, Personnel Director, was called on to speak. She said she was informed that Personnel budget, her salary and local travel was being cut. She said she disapproved of these budget cuts, and her office needed about \$300.00 for local travel. She requested a salary of \$23,000.00. Chairman Gillette pointed out that Personnel is not a department.

Councilman Goodiron moved to set salary of Personnel Director at \$23,000.00. Second by Councilman Bird Bear.

Discussion followed, and Councilman Goodiron rescinded his motion until the new Indirect Cost rate is set. Councilman Bird Bear withdrew his second.

REPORT ON PROPOSED TRIBAL OIL AND GAS CODE: Secretary Walker read memorandum from Charles Hobbs of Wilkinson, Cragun & Barker on proposed Tribal oil and gas code. Mr. Hobbs said code was based on the State code. Consideration should be given to whether State model fits the reservation needs at this stage of development of both the reservation oil and gas and the law related to tribe regulations of non-tribal land. He said the proposed code's provision of pooling and unitization can substantially affect the right of individual lessor and operators. Another legal issue he brought up was Tribe's criminal jurisdiction. Mr. Hobbs suggested, as a first step, that Tribe may be better off supplementing federal efforts by programs of licensing and monitoring than by trying to supplant the federal regulatory scheme because budget could exceed \$150,000. By licensing and monitoring, the Tribe could stay within budget limitations and expertise and gradually expand. Chairman Gillette said he agreed with Mr. Hobbs' recommendation.

LETTER OF CREDIT: Secretary Walker read resolution regarding Tribal Chairman and Tribal Treasurer being authorized to sign for drawdowns.

Councilman Mason moved to authorize Chairman Gillette and Treasurer White to sign letter of credit for contracts for FY82 with the Regional Disbursing Office. Second by Councilman Yellow Bird. Ten (10) in favor, one (1) not voting, motion carried. Resolution #81-214

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GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT: Chairman Gillette reported that some money had to be returned in the Game & Fish Department because it had to be spent by September 30, 1981. He said there was other money available that Tribe could have put in a proposal for but didn't, as a result, \$70,000 was not programmed. Secretary Walker said the Tribe modified grant in June, 1981, and the BIA Agency forwarded modification to Aberdeen Area Office without notifying the Tribe the modification could not be done. Donnie Dickens was assigned to make financial reports to update contract reports, and the work was not completed.

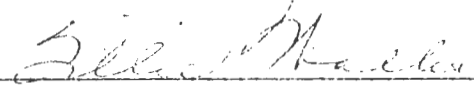
COMMUNITY MEETING: Councilman Mason reported there will be a community meeting on October 5, 1981 at the North Segment Hall, and invited Council members to attend.

PAYROLL: Bi-weekly payroll for Council members was discussed. Treasurer White said he was in favor of it.

Treasurer White moved to have Council members paid bi-weekly. Second by Councilwoman Wells.

After discussion, Treasurer White withdrew his motion, and Councilwoman Wells withdrew her second.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

APPROVED: December 17, 1981  
(Date)