

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

FOUR BEARS MOTOR LODGE  
FOUR BEARS BALLROOM  
MARCH 17, 1983

PRESENT: Alyce Spotted Bear, Chairman; Dennis Huber, Treasurer, Roy Bird Bear, Paul Good Iron, Gerald White, Ernest Stone, Pete Coffey, Donald Malnourie, Tillie Walker, Vice-Chairman; Marie Wells, Matthew Mason, Secretary.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS: Rose Crow Flies High, Florence White, Delores Wilkinson, Margaret Wolf, Kip Quale, Ann Jackson-Irwin, Leo Cummings, Martha Hale, Trilby Deserly, Elizabeth Morsette, Norma Staples, Carl Whitman, Jr., Virgil Chase, Sr., Russell F. Deserly, Leroy Young Bird, Jim Bluestone, Alvin Wells, Gene Morsette, Michael V. Driver, Betsy Jiles, Dorothy Yellow Bird, Pearl Howard, Bernardine Grinnell, Debbie Danks, Lori O'Berry, Esther Hall, Yvonne Merrick, Connie Fox, Edith Likes Eagle, Clarinda Baker, Judy White Singer, Cliff Whitman, Sr., Donald Mann, Elmer Wells, Ron White Owl, Perry Brady, Delvin Driver, Sr., Gerald Dixon, Ken Deane, Jr., Edmund White Bear, Pat Bearstail, Victoria Dickens, Danile J. W. Henry, Mary Schoppert, Norma Wolf, Warren Wolf, Alonzo Phelan, Gainus Little Soldier, Thomas Wells, Jr., Arnie Guimont, Barbara Finley, Eleanor Good Bird, Theodora Hale, Esley Thorton, Jr., Bill Hall, Eddie Fox, Frank Henry, Keith Mandan, Claryca Mandan, Renetta Smith, George Mandan, Audrey Davy, Buddine Fredericks, Jamie Bird Bear, Karen Atkinson, Carmen Eagle, Viola Schettler, Charlotte Driver, Phoebe Dixon, Sally White, Larry Burr, Charles Blake, Ron Rabbithead, Don Rush, Clyde Bearstail, Michael James Yellow Bird, John Young, Ralph Little Owl, William Bell, Sr., Hazel Blake, Christine J. Mann, Rachel Bell, Eva Y. Beaks, Ramona Beaks, Louella and Ivan Young Bear.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Spotted Bear at 10:45 AM. Roll Call, Quorum present. Charlotte Driver gave an opening prayer.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4029: Chairman Spotted Bear began the meeting by addressing the General Council by giving a background of the Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029. She named the sponsors of the resolution which are Stanley Wright from Stanley, ND, Shirley Hill from Roseglen, ND, Rowlin (Rollie) Redlin, and Jack Murphy from Minot and Killdeer respectively. Basically, the resolution was pushed by the non-Indians in New Town and Parshall and the Happy Hookers club from Minot, ND. As far as the lobbying efforts, the most intensive lobbying was done by the Happy Hookers, with one legislator reporting that he received 140 phone calls just from the Happy Hookers during the weekend. Chairman stated that the Tribes is not only dealing with non-Indians on the reservation but off the reservation which comes down to the old situation where the Indians have something that the non-Indians want and that the Indians will have to fight to keep what they have. She was glad that there were a lot of tribal members who are interested in this and if anything, what Resolution 4029 has done is made us a more cohesive unit and that is what we need. We need to work with each other and not against each other.

Hazel Blake was asked to translate in Hidatsa for the benefit of the elders in the meeting.

KIP QUALE: Kip Quale, Tribal attorney with the Tribes Legal Department reported that once it reaches Washington, DC nothing will happen to it which were the same feelings shared by Ray Cross. He explained that 4029 is characterized and referred to as a resolution. A legislative resolution not a legislation in itself for a bill which when passed becomes law but a legislative resolution when passed does not become law and, therefore, when it reaches Washington, DC, it doesn't have that much effect. A packet was prepared by the Legal Department which contained information on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029 with a memorandum from Ray Cross on follow-up strategies. Mr. Quale referred to President Reagan's recent published Indian Affairs policy of which on page 2 he read that the Reagan Administration is seriously opposed to any possibility of termination for the Tribal-Federal relationship. He felt that 4029 is basically a termination of sovereignty. He said the non-Indians of the Northeast Quadrant as Chairman Spotted Bear indicated pushed this through and that in effect, they are asking not only that the Fort Berthold Reservation be terminated but all the other Reservations in the State of North Dakota but the resolution to Mr. Quale was aimed primarily at the Fort Berthold Reservation.

He reported on the trip to Washington, DC when they met with Senator Andrews, Senator Burdick and Congressman Dorgan about the negotiations with the State of North Dakota as far as gas & oil agreement, quantification of the Tribe's water rights, and the hunting & fishing and that both Senators and 1 representative are in full support of our continuing to conduct negotiations with the State. He also informed of the letter of opposition in the packet that was delivered to the State Legislators. He reported that the first vote was 49-49 defeating the resolution and, in this case, any person supporting the resolution can ask for a reconsideration and this is what happened. On Monday, it passed 63-40 in support of the resolution. Mr. Quale referred to the resolution as a very insulting piece of paper but the identification of the people behind it are the boundary committee want to be off the Reservation and that they are trying to get the Tribes back into court. He stated that although there are jurisdictional problems, they don't exist solely on the Fort Berthold Reservation but on every Reservation in the Nation. He stated that the jurisdictional problems are very complex because of Federal, Tribal, State and Local Governments all assuming a certain extent of jurisdiction over civil, land, and criminal matters and that it is extremely confusing. He thought if the Tribal members over-react over this insult, they risk finding themselves back in court, with a possibility of reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and risk losing this time and if the boundaries are changed, all the people living in New Town and Parshall will become subject to exclusively to State government and State government jurisdiction.

MARIE WELLS: Marie Wells commented on the statement made by Mr. Quale that the resolution 4029 will not go anywhere. She thought this was not true and that we can't take-it-for granted. She said we must change the wording in our constitution. One word in our constitution to include all lands within the boundaries of the Reservation which can be done by a referendum called by the Secretary of the Interior.

KIP QUALE: Mr. Quale said the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is assisting the tribes in proposing amendments to the Tribal Constitution. He explained two of those amendments were extremely important in that it proposes that the Tribes have jurisdiction not only to it's Tribal members but to the non-Indians living within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation and has to do with territorial issues.

Kip Quale continued with that one of the proposed amendments involves an amendment to Article I of the Tribal Constitution which establishes to the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribes over the lands and people in the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The way it reads now, it is unclear if the Tribes have the jurisdiction over not only the members of the Tribes but also non-members and not only over Tribal and allotted lands but also over fee patent lands in the exterior boundaries owned by non-Indians.

CHAIRMAN SPOTTED BEAR: Chairman referred to a particular letter in the packet from Bob O'Shea written to Tillie Walker. She stated that prior to 4029 being acted on, we indicated that we were willing to sit down and discuss the problems that the boundary committee indicate exist. She stated the proponents' testimonies kept repeating problems although they were never explicit nor defined. We proposed to sit down at a local level and talk these problems out - they ignored this offer - after the resolution was passed, then they are insisting we sit down with them. She felt it was too late now to discuss the problems they had already passed 4029. One of the things is the fact the first vote in the legislature was a tie of 49-49 and it was reintroduced by Ruth Meiers and Shirley Hill which passed on a 63-40 vote. The first vote, Chairman thought, was made by their conscience the second vote was according to their voting constituency with most of the lobbying done by an off-reservation special interest group. She explained that they are after the fishing rights they do not have on the Reservation that we have.

MATTHEW MASON: Matthew Mason stated that with this 4029 the people on the Reservation and the Tribal Business Council had no input. He said the ones that were pushing it the most were Clare Aubol of New Town, Ruth Meiers of Ross, Jack Murphy of Killdeer and Shirley Hill of Roseglen and Jack O'Shea from Turtle Lake. These people were elected by Tribal members but that now, we know how they stand with the Indian people. He said he talked to a man name Kirschmeier who helped reintroduce it was a guy from Ft. Yates who doesn't know anything about the contents of the resolution. He explained that New Town and Parshall non-Indians pushed it through to the other House of Representatives who didn't know what was going on on the Reservation. He thanked all those people he had asked to pray and others who prayed to keep our land the way it is and those who said Rosary and Mass. He continued with I know our prayers are not just pushed aside, the Great Spirit up there is going to give us something better - better days are coming in the future. He said we lost our voting power in that House of Representatives. We have no representation for the Ft. Berthold Reservation, nor Belcourt, Devils Lake, nor Standing Rock, that there is no representation for the Indian people. There were 2 people that helped the Indian people and they were Judy Demers from Grand Forks, and Alan Richards from Dunseith, that they spoke for the Indian people but didn't know what was involved until it was explained to them. He wished that when it is time to vote again, the people would remember this year. He stated the people from New Town that lobbied for this were Denny's Piggly Wiggly, Aubol's, Farmers Union Oil State, and Reynolds Insurance. They supported the resolution, and reported they told a bunch of lies. He told legislatures that the Indian was not lying but somehow the Tribes lost 9 votes over the weekend.

He thanked Delores Wilkinson, Carl Whitman and those council members who assisted on this resolution. Even with a few assisting, we managed to get the vote down to 49-49 and also that Juanita Helphrey's office helped a great deal. He thought this would not be pushed aside by the congressmen in Washington, DC but that someone would get some misinformed congressman to introduce it and that the Tribes will be going against odds again. He explained that laws are made in Washington which are sent down to the State and then on to the Ft. Berthold Nation and when these same laws are used against the White Man, they don't like it and that is why they say there are jurisdictional problems but the bottom line is to get rid of the Indians, get this water here (referring to the lake) and fish that is there and the minerals and the

land. He said it hurts me when a land sale comes up, when a poor person has to have money and they sell their land and if they cannot sell to the Tribes then they go outside and sell it to a non-member but still I realize people have to have help.

H. BLAKE: Hazel Blake translated in Hidatsa what Kip Quale, Matthew Mason and Marie Wells said.

PAUL GOOD IRON: Paul Good Iron thanked everyone that showed up today. He said today is the day that tempers or feelings are easily aroused where actions are requested from the council for certain courses to take. Prudence - caution is a course we are gonna have to take. Regarding 4029, just because a defeat has happened doesn't mean the battle is over. To me, he continued, this is good grounds to finally get the Tribes to realize that we do need our own businesses here. We have been dependent too long on the towns of New Town and Parshall. Mr. Good Iron said we are at a point economically that we should be able to start these things on our own. The figures he had drawn up to show how much money is paid out every day, based on 260 working days, which includes holidays is \$17,000 is paid or over \$86,000 per week. This includes tribal trust funds, programs direct cost, and also programs indirect costs so just because the bill is passed, this is a good time for us to go ahead and start being independent instead of being dependent upon New Town and Parshall.

TILLIE WALKER: Tillie Walker started with telling everyone she was glad to see a lot of people that are concerned about the resolution. A number of us did go down last week to start working in this area and the thing, I found was there was much misinformation given out to the legislatures. She continued with the legislators who supported 4029 represented people who don't live near a reservation. In talking to a legislator from Sioux County, she found them very much opposed to the resolution. They represented people from Ft. Yates and they were really clear as to where they stood on 4029 and yet that this area is checkboarded very badly and neighbors are Indians and non-Indians and they have been able to work out a way so their representatives speak for them. She thought that was her big disappointment to see Ruth Meiers, Clare Aubol, and Shirley Hill and Bob O'Shea support 4029. She continued with we worked hard in Mountrail and McLean Counties to get the vote out from Ft. Berthold yet with Ruth Meiers testified, she said she spent the weekend talking to the States Attorney and that there were hundreds of cases which could not be acted on because of the jurisdictional problems. Ruth Meiers made no attempts to contact the BIA police or our attorneys and Tillie Walker felt Ms. Meiers had closed the door completely and made it very clear she represented non-Indians. Ms. Walker felt this should be thought of very carefully next time the 1984 election comes up. She said that we have to be very clear about who we are going to support and that she would like to see an Indian person run in Mountrail and McLean Counties. Reason being that even though we put a non-Indian in the legislature, they are not going to listen to us because of this whole issue of fishing and things like they think - jurisdictional problems. She said she was shocked to hear Ruth Meiers speak because it sounded like all of us were out breaking windows, we were drunk all of the time, and we were always causing trouble for people in the Northeast Quadrant and that 3,000 non-Indians don't sleep good at night because there is jurisdictional problems. Ruth Meiers far overstated what she meant but the biggest disappointment to Ms. Walker was that she felt Ruth Meiers would understand much more than the others. Ms. Walker talked to the head of the House of Representatives, Richard Baakes, and he said not one Indian nor non-Indian had clarified what the issues were. They had not told him what the fight was all about but the one thing Mr. Baakes grabbed on to more as they talked was the issue of non-Indians owning minerals and the boundary line would be a problem because they owned minerals and he

voted against the Tribes. He reported another person who knows Tillie's brothers said I have a lot of respect for Clare Aubol and I am gonna vote with him. Tillie Walker said the buddy system was apparent partly because they didn't understand the issue. Another exclaimed he was kinda getting tired of being hassled over this issue because everytime he went out a non-Indian or an Indian would ask for his support.

She stated if we are going to do any boycotting, we need to do it carefully and with a lot of support from the people on the Reservation who understand what it is we are trying to do. She felt there was some area where we could act on quickly which were: (1) removing money that the Tribes and asking the BIA to remove funds from the Lakeside State Bank. (2) She felt when it comes to grocery shopping, it is harder and didn't see how we could put together a grocery store quickly. She continued with you talked about Piggly Wiggly but felt the council before have been real concerned about Super Valu also. She said they might not have been down to Bismarck but I know the attitude that they have in the past and it has not been good. She felt these things we needed to do carefully and together and don't undermine each other in this whole issue for this is the only way the non-Indian is gonna understand what we mean and we do mean what we are saying. She continued with although Kip Quale said don't worry - there are 8 other States that have resolutions similar to this and 8 States against Indians speak louder than 1 North Dakota legislature and that we should be very cautious and know who our friends are against these kinds of things.

GERALD WHITE: Gerald White said I was down there with Buzzy, Delores Wilkinson, Pete Coffey and we went to each legislature asking for help and in most cases they didn't know. They were told there were problems on the Reservation. They didn't tell us what kinds of problems. They always said jurisdictional. They asked us what kind of problems, I told them I don't see any. He asked the audience what kind of problems were there if any. He continued with sure we might have a few minor problems but those could be worked out at a conference table - anybody's conference table. He said some of these guys they thought would support the Tribes, when it came down to the vote, they changed, went on the top side and voted "yes". The people from his district, O'Shea and Hill, he said he voted for them and they would not change their attitudes or their minds. They said there was a problem. Jack Murphy, who is one of Pete Coffey's old buddies, wouldn't even see Pete and we thought we had it made with him. He continued when we go meet with 1 individual, there were 5 or 6 waiting when we got done and they would go in the legislatures office with their story and over turn ours. He ended with what Tillie Walker was saying about our bank and business down here, that whatever we do, talk about the whole thing, don't stick your head out where you'll get it cut off.

PETE COFFEY: In Hidatsa: Pete Coffey said this issue is not a small one. The problem here is long ago our boundaries was in 14 townships where White people settled which was taken by our government and given to the white people. Since then, there have been white people living there. The way we now live, there is no problem, we live together and work together. The pioneers, non-Indians, settled there and the newer generation of whites didn't know about this until 1971 - then they became aware of the boundary line. Since then, these bad feelings have started. These younger ones hate us Indians that is why they are called anti-Indian. Because of this, they look for trouble and harass us and their main goal is to erase the boundary line. Because of these feelings to the South (referring to Bismarck) they submitted a resolution and we talked to the legislatures and asked them to help, they said "yes", but even though, those people have two languages, when they talk to you they're just smiling, but when they turn their back, their minds are changed.

When it came to voting, earlier in the week, we didn't go, just my son, Screech, went along and talked to the representatives. When it came time to vote, it needed 54 votes to pass and it didn't get that many so it never passed. Then Ross's representative, this woman, Ruth Meiers and, I thought he was my friend, from Killdeer, Jack Murphy, they re-introduced it. The reason being there were 12 representatives absent on the day they voted. When they re-voted, it was passed 63-40 that is how they defeated us. I hope you understand what I am saying. In White Shield my representative, Bob O'Shea, I challenged him and asked why he didn't help us. He said that is nothing to worry about - that's just a piece of paper. We can't change the boundary line, it would take an act of congress. Mr. Coffey said he thought in telling us this, Mr. O'Shea thought we'd come home and forget about it and in this way they would easily defeat us.

He reiterated in English what he said in Hidatsa and added they have started something and they are not going to back down. We should get together and work a little bit harder. We are not the only group of people, maybe they are starting on us. If they conquer us, they will start with other Reservations. Mr. Coffey added this Ruth Meiers, she said this problem has to be resolved otherwise it will be another Wounded Knee over there. Maybe some of the representatives feel this way. They don't know what the contents of this resolution are. He said I asked a gentlemen from Parshall, "What seems to be your problem?" He said "police protection". Mr. Coffey answered him with "you have the benefit of the police protection, the minute we step off the Reservation, we're subject to State law". "You white guys can raise cane on the Reservation and we can't touch you. "You want to come under the Tribal Court? and the man answered, No!.

DENNIS HUBER: Dennis Huber introduced himself and said I didn't attend the meetings and neither did Roy Bird Bear, we were suppose to be up here on a housing meeting that day. There is not a whole lot I can add. There is a lot of good comments made some in that we shouldn't act in haste but I think there is an area we should take a good hard look at and probably move in that direction immediately. The two people that support this legislation the most, the two families Meiers and Jack Murphy. I guess both families have made all their living on the Reservation running cattle. I use to run cattle in Mandaree area and there was Jack Murphy and the Meiers ranch. I think because of these two families, we should take some action immediately and we have the Bureau of Indian Affairs here today. We should boycott these two families from the Reservation. If they are making their living out here and then initiate legislation against us, then we should start with them immediately. Those are the only comments I have.

TILLIE WALKER: Tillie corrected Mr. Huber in saying that Jack Murphy is a person who leases but the Meiers is a different one. You are talking about Dean Meiers from Figure 4 and he is a democrat - Ruth Meiers is from Ross, ND.

LEO BROCKIE/BIA: I have written down a lot of these comments. Just by listening to these people talk here, I am just super impressed with their presentations and I wish I could get up and talk like that and do the kinds of things they have tried to do on your behalf. I am not saying this as a political statement I am saying it from the heart. One of the things that happens with 4029 here is probably gonna be those numbers - are kinda traumatic to me in a sense and I feel that in the future and in the near future, they are gonna be awfully traumatic. Kinda like cuss words from now on. As an end result, I am glad there are some people that are talking about trying to do something about this. I think that one of the

things we should do is make sure that some thing is done. Now, some of the representatives said this is nothing more than a piece of paper. I think he is kind of wrong. The Declaration of Independence is a group of pieces of paper and I think there is a lot to that. The Bible is a group of pieces of paper and as an end result I think there is a lot to that. I think this 4029 may be a piece of paper but it's gonna have a awfully long and hard effect on the people of this Reservation and also to the Indians in the entire Country. So I really think we should do something about it. The Bureau, we stand to work with you in whatever way we can. A number of our staff is here, that shows that their interested community members. They are supportive of things that are happening here and so in closing, I guess I would say the Bureau is supportive of whatever actions you take on this Senate Concurrent Resolution 4029.

MARIE WELLS: Marie Wells said we must do our own homework and make our opposition known in Washington. I was going to get a petition prepared today so all of you could sign it and we could have sent it to our congressional delegation but I didn't have time. If everyone in this room, groups such as senior citizens, auxiliary units, american legion and VFW units, pow-wow committees would write our congressmen expressing your opposition. This would really help and if communications were better on this Resolution 4029 between the Council and you people, I am sure this group in here would have beat the Happy Hookers if they had been there Tuesday to testify. I talked to a press man I wanted my statement in the Parshall paper and I wanted to tell it how it affected me and he said your too late, Marie. I know him, I said Mrs. Meiers feared another Wounded Knee, if there is going to be another Wounded Knee, it will be started by the Whites. The White people are the ones that get all fired up, look what happened near Medina. That is what I told that man and our Tribal attorney in Washington, I called him up after, I was so disappointed. They didn't know anything about it, this Resolution 4029. We have to let him know as a Council because Jerry Strauss and I happened to attend the 8th Circuit Court and when they were doing their appeals and Hans Walker was the one that made it known to our Tribe in 1968 when Hans Walker made it known this Northeast Quadrant whatever they are talking about was within the boundaries of the Reservation. It is just not a piece of paper, like Tillie said, I picked up an Indian paper and it said State of Texas, Farmers Federation, are putting in legislation requesting that the status of Indians as a Nation and sovereignty be ended. So this is really critical. I know this self-determination that Reagan's policy on Indian affairs that is to terminate us and we are just right in line. I will never sign this letter, I took an oath to help the people and that is what I am doing. I never signed this letter, this Southwest Pipeline project, no way am I gonna sign something like that for the State of North Dakota. Once they get a foot hold in there, that is it. I am only gonna do whatever my people want us to do.

DONALD MALNOURIE: Donald Malnourie said first, I think we owe the Tribal Council a big thanks for what they are trying to put together to help us all here. Matt went down and really hustled and changed the votes but apparently that was not enough. I think you have heard all the sides here as far as what happened and what will happen if we don't get together and work together here. So, like Paul and Tillie were saying, there is quite a bit of money that our Tribe puts into these communities here and I think if we can all start boycotting these things and I know it is gonna put a hardship on a lot of us especially these people around here in New Town and Parshall and places like this but something has to be done if we dont' like what somebody said, their gonna take this and take that and before you know it they'll take our appetites. So at this time, I would go along with anything that we come up with, we're gonna have to try to work together, like I said before, it is gonna cause some hardships but I think we can lick this problem if we all get together and work on it.

ROY BIRD BEAR: I was not at the meeting in Bismarck with the State Legislature but we had other meetings around here. From the first time, I heard it, because of the way we get treated, and we know by the non-Indians off the Reservation and on the Reservation that this would pass. Now it is going to Washington, DC. I know that it might be a piece of paper like these local politicians may be telling us but from previous years and what happened in 1910-1889, seems like it might happen again. Sure, we are going to oppose it, we all are, these 8 States Reservations, NCAI, and Tribal Chairman Association, they will all help and it'll take years, I think, to hit Congress if there was a lot of delays. We threw a lot of obstacles in their way but eventually it will get there. Listening to all the speakers here about their opposition, I feel the same way, of course, but one thing is the Reservation is in 5 segments and the problem area is Parshall and New Town. They are accusing the Indians of wrong doings, this may not be true but no body knows. There is a lot of break-ins in New Town and I suppose Parshall, too. The first one they point at is us. And, jurisdiction, they say we have jurisdiction, we don't know that. We didn't know the Tribes had jurisdiction. In 1974-75, we were in DC asking about taxation, the Indian Trade Act had material in there that we could have used against the non-Indians living on the Reservation. We thought that this boundary was an Indian Reservation but even our attorneys were against this. What they said was that this decision was made very recently and it might not be a good idea to start taking over. Let it get solid a little more, give it a little more years before you do anything about taxing all these businesses and all these farmers in this area. So that was the recommendation of Charlie Hobbs & Jerry Strauss so we gave up on that. We passed a lot of material towards that but he advised us but at the same time some of the councilmen said if we don't do nothing then they are not satisfied with that decision 1970, I think. It was appealed, the US Court upheld the decision. The money was paid out in per capita, I forget what year, it was in one of those dockets. That was the money for 1910, although the US Government sold that land for us saying we agreed to sell it because we didn't need the land. It was land laying there and we were living along the river is what they said. They said it would better serve North Dakota State if farmers and businesses were on that land and made or paid taxes to the State and Federal governments and on that reasoning, they sold the land and we got paid. In the Court of Claims, the Tribes said we didn't get paid enough for the land, so the Court of Claims awarded more money. This we got paid, so the jurisdiction of that part of the Reservation was never dealt with and nobody talked about it. Maybe they forget, but that was left in that area so now who has jurisdiction, does the Tribe or the State. I imagine it gets them when they don't know who has jurisdiction and they think the Tribes does and we are gonna tax everybody out there or we're thinking of something. In due time they will bring it back again. Maybe not to the State or the County but to the Congress. They lost in Court, in the US Court, so now they are gonna try the Congress. So if we the Tribal Business Council is their government, it will affect the people living in these areas and that is what we would like to hear from you, how are you going to get along, we might say something here and it might be misinterpreted. So, we all have to get together not only here but also other States that have the same problem. Like I say NCAI is a lobby for Indians in Congress. They go to Senators, Congressmen and even the President and those are who we'll be contacting. Mr. Bird Bear ended with the fact that this is our land it has always been our land and if congress is going to tell us that we have no jurisdiction on our land then we should start questioning congress and the congressional laws that give us authority and then take it back again.



ERNEST STONE: I will talk in Hidatsa and I don't have much to say. Since a long time ago, us Indians have been made fun of. In 1804 when Lewis and Clark came, we treated them good and took care of them good. Since then, the later generation has wanted to eliminate us, they have been abusing us right up to this day. My feeling is that we should hire more police to patrol the shoreline and refuse entrance for non-Indians that is what I would like. Now, we have asked you people to come and express your thoughts and feelings so we, the Tribal Council, will know and listen to you.

HAZEL BLAKE: The second time when everyone went to Bismarck, I took a coupla people with me and I got down there and I wanted to testify against that 4029 and they said your too late, you should of been here last Tuesday and I was mad. When it passed, all those people from New Town all clapped and they were all rejoicing in those chambers. I got out on the floor there in the lobby and there was nothing I could do. I said we don't have any jurisdiction in the State Legislature, what are we doing here, our jurisdiction in inside the Reservation and these guys (legislators) don't have any jurisdiction inside the Reservation either. There was one councilman standing there and I said when you get back over there pass a resolution to condemn 4029. By that time, Judy Atkinson came and she said "Hazel do you want to talk to the press?" and I said "yes, I want to talk to somebody," and they took us into the press room. We talked, there was Annette Young Bird, Grace Henry, myself and there was some others that came in there with us and right there I told them that the State Legislature doesn't have any jurisdiction. They can't tell us what to do so this resolution that was passed don't mean a thing to us Indians on the Reservation, and get this, in 1910 that boundary line, it still belongs to the Indians in 1910 Homestead Act. The pioneers came and the government just took our land and said I'll give you 320 acres, now you make your livelihood on this. He said that to you pioneers and if you can't make it, you give this land back to the Indians, it's theirs. That is what it says on the 1910 Homestead Act. I am not saying this just because I am mad today, I am saying this because it is a fact. You can look it up yourself and see. I told this to the news media. I said that Ruth Meiers lied, such a person that lies should not be in the Legislation representing you North Dakota people. She lied, she said there was animosity. I said I don't know of any animosity among the New Town people and us Indians on the Reservation. We grew up with those people over there and the Chairman of the Boundary Committee, Dale Peterson, I went to school with him in Sanish, I graduated with him. He got his education inside the Indian Reservation where he didn't have to pay any taxes for his education and look what he is doing to us now.

We don't have to honor that resolution, and if those people, those non-Indians don't like us Indians and don't like this boundary, they can get off the Reservation and go someplace else because you non-Indians are known for your migration. We have been pushed around so much that when you get pushed too much into a corner you start to fight back and that is what we are doing today. If that Ruth Meiers says there animosities, she gonna see it now. I say let's close the Reservation to these Happy Hookers, fishers or whatever they are. Let's close the gate in the Northeast and get Fish & Game officials to say no you cannot come to fish in the Reservation and if they say the taken area belongs to the Federal Government, it's not. It may be but the Tribe leased this taken area for life and that is how it was passed in Congress. I would like to ask the Tribal Business Council to get this service station open so we can get gas there. I don't know about the grocery store but we have lived without food, we have survived in Shell Creek and in all those places, we had our own garden and everything. I think we can overcome that and then the leases to those white people, cancel all leases to the non-Indians, pay that money back and then get our own people to lease them. We got farmers, we got young boys that want to farm and ranch give it to them, maybe there could be a tractor in each community, plow, or

whatever and everyone take turns using them. I think we can start working our own Reservation resources. I don't remember taxing anybody yet. Ruth Meiers said the problem was taxation. This 5% production tax on our oil leases that is the one their taking, maybe she is talking about that. That should be returned back to the Reservation. There is a case in Oklahoma that won in favor of the Indians, it is called the Jicarillo Case. Those Indians won and they now receive the 5% production tax. All you people, talk to your kids, tell them not to go out at night, if you have to because any little thing that happens in New Town or Parshall, they are gonna blame the Indian kids. I think our Indian Sovereignty was established in 1851 when our boundary line was established, it has never been changed, we can control the hunting and fishing inside that line. The bottom line is they want this recreation area so the State can make more money by selling fishing licenses to all the people in the United States. Last summer 10,000 fishing licenses were sold, they made money, then they had to turn 6,000 away because they ran out of tickets and we didn't get the money, the State did. I think it is about time the council sits down and write our own policies and enforce them, bring out this traders license that was established in the 1950s. This was passed when we moved out of the river bottom, they were gonna charge these business people that were setting up in New Town, that resolution is still in effect, it never was rescinded - get that out and make it \$300 a month and if they don't comply with this give them 30 days to get out. And, I don't think we should move out of New Town because that is inside the Reservation and Parshall, too, push these white people out, take over the towns and that New Town Marina I want the Tribal Council to pass a resolution to get their boats and trailers out of there. These things I think we should do right away. Thank you for listening to me.

RALPH LITTLE OWL: Ralph Little Owl started with I am one of the old timers here and I would like to say a few words. I want to thank the Council the new ones and the old ones for doing a hard work for our people here on the Reservation, the Mandan, Arikara and Hidatsa. I didn't think I was coming today because we were notified yesterday that the meeting was cancelled. I hear these comments from our councilman and I like what my grandson, Screech, and a few others have said. That hits me because back in early 1970s, I was appointed as CAP program chairman and I use to come from Twin Buttes, one day I arrived in New Town, these people you are talking about today, they had created a boycott and that really surprised me. You couldn't eat there, you couldn't buy gas, you couldn't buy groceries, the people were all going to Stanley, Belden, and Watford City and the Mayor of the town hid and the people were looking for him to settle this and at the same time they were looking for Guy the Governor. I stayed until Guy came and talked to these business men - I don't know if they gave them hours or days to move out of New Town with their businesses, liquor, gas, store or whatever but it was late afternoon when they negotiated peace and the Indians started buying groceries. What happened in the early 1970s reminds me of what you are now involved in.

I had a little of this problem, the Mercer County went through my land without easement and established cabins down there by Red Butte and ever since, I have been fighting these white people and I came one day over here for the Superintendent to help me and my Superintendent told me he can't do anything. He said the only thing you can do, Ralph, is go and negotiate in their procedure but I told him I was look at another angle. I was in Rapid City and contacted an AIM lawyer, they told me to go to Minneapolis. I went to Minneapolis and contacted another AIM lawyer and from there they called for me to DC. They got an attorney, he's the one that closed the gate for me. So I listento these people, and I think they are doing it wrong but I am sure that gives me this intention that I like to ask the council men, it is our turn to create a boycott and get all these leases under your own hands farming and/or ranching or whatever it may be because that is your source of living today.

I remember I use to help my Grandpa fix Reservation lines and he was telling me that was in the early 1915, I was 6 - 7 years old, he said every night I have to close this Reservation gate so no White Man can come in, he has to stay out until the next day. But, today, they are living right with us and they are the main ones that are causing these problems. Of all these people you have mentioned here, that are against us, they are bringing their old colonial, genocidal ways. They are bringing this into our home land, to Mother Earth, and ruining all these sacred places, grounds and even covered this Garrison Reservoir. Mr. Little Owl continued with during World War II and they would set a secret line, parallel line, you couldn't go over it, you'd be punished so when we came home, the Corp Engineers covered our land, all our sacred grounds, we can't go and have any ceremonies anymore. Before, our old people, they're gone now, use to cry when we were hauling stuff our of Elbowoods, it use to make me feel bad to hear those people cry. So, what I am trying to say is this dam, even at that, they used our own money to build it, the President of the U.S. under his budget plan, millions were to be distributed to every reservation, I think over 130 reservations and some never received this money, they used our money to build this dam. Then they made their own restrictions and own laws, they didn't look at our sovereignty. So, like these White people that live on my land in Twin Buttes they pay me so much a year but maybe I should ask for more, maybe \$300 even that, that is cheap. So I would like to see an act of someways in getting these White people out, especially these 4 that have given us a big problem and I know we are gonna approach a bigger problem. This is just a fire-starter, it will be bigger. Thank you.

ROSE CROW FLIES HIGH: I would like to thank the Tribal Council and other officials that are here. I am not in good health and I didn't feel like coming but I thought I would come and listen anyway. I attended council meetings, I know Alyce said anyone can come in and listen, but as usual someone said something so I better stop going over there. I went through this when I was in the chairmanship too. When Austin was Chair, we had a General Council meeting at North Segment and many of you were there pertaining to this 22 million and that 10 million, I stated to you people, let's not take this \$10 million, let it go, if we lose it, we lose it and there was a motion that we let that go. If we had done that today, we wouldn't be in this here meeting. I worked with 2 Bureau officials, they told me at that time, why, but someone from the corner made a motion to accept it by a referendum vote. Most of us on the Reservation, said no, but, who got us in hot water, those people off the Reservation. Now we ate up that money, that \$10 million. There was reasons why I said that because those that worked in the Bureau told me, we lost this long ago. But Roy stated the only thing is anything comes up, in the future, we have the West side of the River. I went to the Tribal office and I usually tease Screech, he is my clan brother, I said why are you here, why don't you get over there and testify, and he said I am going this evening. Like I have said many times, we voted this council in there, they are suppose to do our duty and get back to the communities and explain things. Marie said, we should change one Article in the Constitution and By-laws but before election, 30 days, this guy was in our community with all these papers, and right now, he wanted us to agree to what to change, that was a mistake. If the council men met with the communities and explained, I think the people would agree. I am glad they are bringing that out because there are things that got to be changed in the Constitution and By-laws but it has to be by a referendum in this Reservation and not by absentee. If you read the Constitution, we are a resident Tribe here, we don't have to sent absentees out when you do they put us in hot water and that is where we are today. We're the ones that have to argue one another and start working by groups. On this boundary thing, when I was chairman, I asked something in writing for me so that we could start putting these signs up on where the Reservation is going towards Stanley and Minot. I never see these signs today. I think we now have to realize what they are doing to us but we ate up that money now. That \$10 million was explained to the Tribal Council way back then but I think Roy explained it just the way it should be.

Us landowners, we're gonna send letters out to these Representatives and you people better have your own thinking. During that State election, I got a letter from the Tribal Council telling me who to vote for. I know Mrs. Meiers - I have no use for her.

I know Screech, I don't go to Farmers Union but he goes, I don't go to Piggly Wiggly but he does when I heard about this, I went down the line talking, I am not afraid of those people in town. We all go by this road that has a gate locking it. I would like to run into it but I have no money for a new car. Today, you people are gonna have to work together, when that fight comes alot, of you wouldn't be there to do it. I think these council members can't be sitting in the Tribal office, they better get back to their communities and work with the communities. Remember, if there is any voting, don't let anybody send out campaign letters, I have no use for them. Thank you.

EVA BEAKS: I am glad that we are all together here today, trying to work together against this boundary thing and fishing. When I heard this, I called Orvie at Piggly Wiggly and said I didn't know that you hated us this much. I said I am one of your steady customers, I spent all my oil lease there, sometimes I go there twice, I am surprised at Denny for calling us down. He said I don't know anything about it, you talk to him. I said you talk to him, you are his uncle. The one thing I am worried about is this might become another El Salvador here, but I am sure Reagan will send us some money, and who is gonna do the fighting, our boys. We should handle this educational wise, some of our council members are pretty educated. I was thinking writing letters, the Legions, you're pretty powerful, if you wrote to the Congress, I think they will listen. Like Rose said, us landowners, we'll do our share and like Hazel said take the leases away and give it to the Indians, we are willing, but for heaven's sake, pay your leases so we can eat. We have some Pipe holders in our Reservation, we should all get together and pray. Let's work together and be good to one another. Thank you.

CONNIE FOX: As I listen to my people speak, I just about cry for all of us. My Grandfather, Drags Wolf, knew this day was coming and he told me to prepare myself. The White people are gonna do away with our rights and treat us like Whites. I sit there and this day is here and it brings a lump to my throat. If we don't stand up and fight for our rights, our forefathers died and shed their blood for nothing. If we don't stick to our guns, for our beliefs, our Indian issues, our Indian land, our Chiefs died for nothing. We got to think of the children, our unborn children, the generations yet to come. They need land, don't sell your land, if you're poor and pitiful, don't sell your land, hang on to it. If we don't have it, we have nothing, where are we gonna go. So write those letters, they want us to write, talk to the other people that aren't here, we have to stick to our guns and fight for what we believe in if we don't, our Chiefs have shed their blood for nothing. Thank you.

JUDY WHITE SINGER: Thank you everyone that showed up today. I want to congratulate all the council and tribal members for the things they have done for us. First of all, I want to say something on behalf of myself, you can agree or disagree with me. As soon as I heard this, I said I am gonna sell my lot and house and get out of here, I didn't want to be bothered by this. I said I paid for this lot and house when I returned home and now the White people are gonna take it. I really felt bad because I have a lot of relatives who are really young and don't think like us at our age. I work with alcoholism, they're gonna be out there drinking because it's a disease, they can't help it, these young people are gonna fight out there, that is the White and Indian kids and it scares me. I am not a speaker so bear with me and I am kind of nervous so if I say the wrong thing it is not to offend you. My personal opinion is I pay taxes to the State. If we really get technical, I do believe I will

be an absentee voter. I live in the Breslin addition and Tom Abe asked me why don't we put some of this land back into trust land. If you drive through there, there is alot of us Indians there and I have heard statements, we are always blamed of these things from the non-Indians. Let's not start boycotting against 1 or 2 families, it took 64 people, let's boycott all 64 families. I have some interest in some of these people. When I go to shop in Minot, I want to present myself in a respectable way. I don't want to represent my people by arguing and acting ridiculous and talking about issues that are dead. I am talking about the boundary line, the issue now. I will support my council members, I will write letters, I feel I am really involved in this because I own a house and lot. I support everyone of you in here but let's do it in a constructive manner in a way were we wouldn't be like Wounded Knee and made fun of. We have a lot of elders, pray for us. A lot of our young people are going spiritual, they're not gonna be spiritual leaders, Matt said it for me in a better way - they're looking for their identity, just like I did. I said Matt, there are some young people right now looking for their identity, coming back to the Reservation, instead of drinking and other things, their want to pray, go find themselves, meditation. We have been talking of Table Butte. Its not in use with a lot of these White farmers around it. My reason for bringing this up is because this is gonna create a problem from what we started to do. We wanted to ask for that hill back for sacred reasons. We talk about Indians lands, Indian ways, some of us are selling our lands. So many land sales. Some of us are mixtures, half-breeds, half-breeds really have to prove that we are Indian. Just like Don Rush and Ron said the other day, they said I hear so much of Elbowoods and they really don't know too much about it. They wanted people to come in and tell things about Elbowoods. That is lost, I'm speaking of the water, it's over it. Now, I am a little confused about the issue if I ate up my part of the \$10 million. I went to a meeting in Mandaree to a meeting with Charlie Hobbs and some people from Washington were there. To me, I had a different understanding of the \$10 million. When I was a little girl my Grandpa took me through the halls of some BIA building and some of the Tribal council members were there telling stories, they were living the traditional way. Today, I pass the Tribal building and we're progressing. We have programs operating like urban areas, our Tribal Court is gonna change soon, we have all these things to be proud of and all the growing and progress we made, let's don't become too hasty and act like Wounded Knee. Let's do it in a constructive way. We are gonna hurt the young ones, they're the ones that are gonna suffer out there. They're gonna call each other down and fight and we do all the talking. We need to lobby, we need to get together, why can't we put some of money into the communities for community people to go to Washington and start lobbying. I am not criticizing Kip but if we don't say anything and be passive, you watch, they will take our boundary away. I want to keep that boundary line, so what if I ate up the \$10 million I feel the Government owes me a whole lot more than that. IN HLDATSA: And today, my people, whatever I said and if I said it wrong, forgive me. I am young and this life on this Earth is hard. There is a lot of us and we are all different and because we are different, we should get our thoughts together - we will be strong. Talk to your children. As I stand here, I was raised by my Grandparents, they talked to me, as a result I know who my relations are. I also know where I stand. If I have said anything wrong or did anything wrong, I ask for your forgiveness.

DELORES WILKINSON: Delores asked to be excused if she was speaking ahead of elders but she had to go back to work. She said I am not going to thank the council for being down there, because we pay them for that job, however, I want to congratulate, Alyce and the rest of the Council because I think they are getting together in a united effort towards things and I think it is about time and which I think is good we know that and we tell them that. Yet, it seems our guests in our

own home are acting up again. That is one of the reasons why I joined our representatives in the East Segment down in Bismarck. I found out another thing, when I was down there. We always accuse each other of a lot of rumors and talk about what big liars this one and that one is, but someone has got us beat. When we went to talk to the different legislatures, you should of heard the lies that they had been told by other people. A month ago I went to an ANG meeting in Beulah and Juanita Helphrey was there and she said some rednecks from your area have introduced a resolution but I don't think it's gonna get very far, she didn't give it much creditability and I know Juanita is knowledgeable about these things and I felt good but that same resolution has passed and will now go to Congress. This resolution is going to show the mood of the North Dakota Legislature when 64 members in the House of Representatives passed it it's going to mean something. Also, Robert O'Shea, who represents the district down there, came and told Gerald White and I that he already had drafted a letter and has 63 names on that letter and was going to collect more and that letter was accompanying that resolution and that people will also accompany it. That is the kind of thing we need to do here. When you do things negatively you hurt the individual for a while but when you take something away, you have to have alternatives or offer some other choices and we know that the States have no power over the internal government or affairs of the Indian Reservations but unless our Constitution says and this is what we have to listen to. This is where we should pay attention to unless Congress especially delegates them such powers now that is frightening part because our Congress can look at this resolution and all the people that are going to be pushing this resolution to introduce it as a bill. He can look and can pull what our Constitution calls plenary powers. They can delegate the Federal Government to delegate the State Government to do this and they have done this which is known as Public Law 280. They passed it in 1953 and I may be wrong and Kip can explain it but it gives the State power to put their jurisdiction over Indian Tribes, Indian Nations. That is done in I believe, the Colville Tribe and done in the Seminole Tribe. This can happen here. One lady representative said why can't we have someone sit on your Tribal Council. Congress could make it possible if we're going to be under your jurisdiction then we should have something to say on how your tribal codes and statutes are run.

KIP QUALE: In 1953 when the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 280, originally the State itself decided whether it wanted to assert civil & criminal jurisdiction of the Indian people on the Reservation as the State wanted. In 1953 the legislation did not require that the consent of the Tribe itself. It was amended in 1964 as part of the Indian Civil Rights Act. That provision, does not require the consent of the majority of the people of the members within the reservation boundary. In other words, North Dakota, in an effort to push this resolution further, cannot make it on sole choice to assume all civil and criminal jurisdiction over the Indian people on this Reservation. People have to vote by referendum and the people of this Reservation will never consent to it.

DELORES WILKINSON: The whole story is they are after the resource. They are after the water, minerals and what have you. One thing I was very disappointed at was I didn't see any representatives from the Bureau on that first day of testimony. It is just like a person is in charge of a house and they have the responsibility of looking after that and if things are helter skelter, the Bureau has a trust responsibility and I think it could be more forceful instead of saying we support how you feel. We can write letters, get support from non-Indians who live on the Reservation, some of these people the richest farmers in that area of White Shield, get support from some of these that have raised their families on that, who have made millions and if they hate to rock the boat for themselves, they'll be forced to write support letters and another thing is to send people to the legislature and have them lobby and talk to our attorneys. Someone said stop the leases, people need their

money and things are going to be rough for them but in the future what they can look at is contracting with farm cooperatives who could come out of Canada or some other place. Another thing, is contracting with Red Owl and set up a store here where people could trade. It would take a bank like First Western or whatever to set up a branch here in no time if they realized what monetary accounts could come into their hands. This whole thing like the amount of money that Fort Berthold Housing Authority gives to Farmers Union, why not contract to some other like Behms. We have to think of long range things and another thing is strengthening our own Tribal Code and By-laws. Election time, we all talk about it, but now is the time to be working on it. Someone made a statement, it's time to be thinking of a person who could go into the legislature and I am not fooling about this because I really thought a lot about the comments she made and I really appreciate and admire her spirit, it is not too early to be thinking of bumper stickers that say Hazel for Congress. Thank you.

GERTRUDE SILLITTI: Matthew Mason read a note from Gertrude Sillitti that said:

I have to get back to work but I want to leave my thoughts and opinions. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is the time for action, I would like to request the council handcarry our opposition to Washington, DC. I will personally not trade at Piggly Wiggly, Main Lanes and Farmers Union. Sincerely, Gertrude Sillitti.

LOUELLA YOUNG BEAR: I feel that my brothers and all of our sons went overseas right along with the White man so that I can stand in front of all of you and speak and also to enable us to live where we want and that is the same way with us. I wish they would know this. I had an old Uncle, Pete Beauchamp, he made this remark: "he said, the Indian claims, one of them is the Garrison Dam, I use to think we lost that but I want to thank the White people that are creating trouble today, they have given us the chance to bring up the Dam claim again. You go back to the Garrison Dam and how we were treated - they condemned it, the Army Engineers didn't buy it - remember that! And, when you condemn something, you don't make it into a great big flourishing industry. The Washington, DC people allowed it and they condemned our land, filled it with water and today it is a flourishing big industry and we sit around it and don't do anything because every time a White man says something, "yes", "yes", that is all we know and it's disgusting. Alright, let's put a resolution there and tell the White man to say on his side and we'll stay on our side. This boycotting business, we should take our own resources and build a mall, and our own gas station. I would like it that we keep our jurisdiction by writing up something and having somebody take it over there for us. We have a lot of educated people on this Council here is the time to use it. You're our attorney, you're there to do our fighting for us, all we do is make comments and say do this and do that, when that changes, we can all go to Washington. These are my thoughts, Thank you.

CARL WHITMAN, JR.: Carl Whitman started with, Madame Chairperson, members of the Council and fellow members. Our attorney said this resolution is not going anywhere, I agree, because I read a policy statement by Reagan in the Action News. They are trying to reaffirm self-determination and besides, Washington has bigger problems like El Salvador, Israel and Russia where they should build up on MX, build up their arms, they can't agree on it. From this standpoint, very likely this resolution will not have an impact over there; however, I don't think we should stop there. I think we should pursue it and elect these people to whom this resolution be sent like our Congressional delegation, the President of the U.S., James Watts and all the biggies in Washington. I think they should be sent the view here that have been expressed by various members and also the position taken by the Council officially. Actually, what is happening is not a consensus of all the Whites in New Town and Parshall and I said as much in my testimony - we do have many legal rights to do whatever we want, tax them, kick them off the Reservation, kick all of them off - but I happen to have some friends around in both towns and I don't want to hurt them. It is just a handful from each town that are rather a racist group and rebel rousers who are pretty vocal and have generated support by exploiting fear



saying if we don't do something about the boundary line, here is what the Indians will do to you and scare them and that is how they got membership on their side and it grew. On my way back from South Dakota, I stopped at my friends place in Cannonball, and her daughter said, I understand you are going to have a big war in Parshall between the Indians and Whites. When home, I asked a friend of mine. He said oh that one, they have something there, when something happens we can't do anything about it. I asked him you have been farming on the Reservation how many times have they been stealing from you. He said nothing has been stolen from me. We have cabins, like in Twin Buttes, down in Deepwater. They have been broken into and a lot of vandalism and immediately they blamed the Indians, however, after intensive investigation, they discovered that their own children broke up those places. These are the same tactics they used to those legislators. They made it sound like we were very unscrupulous, taking advantage of them and told a lot of lies and that is how they got sympathy, they believed them. It seems they put out about 20 whereas' to make it appear as if we have a lot of problems but I answered every one of them. Like in one spot, we don't want to litigate because it takes a lot of time, money and takes too long. Why did they litigate in the first place, they litigated and appealed and they didn't get anywhere because the law was on the side of the Indians and we didn't write them laws. We merely took it to a court and reaffirmed our legal position that we do have rights on this Reservation and there was another Whereas on undesirable conditions but didn't really say what undesirable conditions were. To me, what they mean by undesirable conditions is that they can't exploit Indians like they use to.

Long time ago, Old Man Driver, said to me, now your sitting where everyone is behind you, supporting whatever you do but if you tackle something that creates a reaction when you turn around and look for support, they are going to evaporate. I didn't believe this, I thought if your helping Indians how can they desert me, well that Old Man really told the truth. He said something and it is the duty of every elder to advise the young and it was true. What I am appealing to you is that we have a Council here elected by the people, we need to back them but we must also realize they can't do it alone either. I think it is also our dutybound to let our Congressional people know in Washington our side of it by writing and telling our side to the President, James Watts and others to whom they are going to send that resolution. (Spoke in Mandan to his fellow Mandan members).

IVAN YOUNG BEAR: I thank all the Tribal Council sitting here and they have some pretty good thoughts and ideas. I am not against the Council, the BIA or anybody, who I am against is the Senators and Congressmen. They write a lot of papers and send it to the Reservations for us Indians to follow, why don't they come in person and talk to us. We have a boundary, real boundary called 12 mile radius, I think Carl Whitman can talk about this too, I would like to re-enforce that. We were suppose to get 640 acres to an Indian all we got was half of that 320 acres. We should re-enforce that, wherever that line is we should go back the other way. This is my request and need for my younger generation to come. I believe that is something we should do and whatever is left after that 12 miles, we can start talking to non-Indians. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SPOTTED BEAR: I would like to point out on the handouts, it has pictures of the legislators. who voted against the resolution that means they were on our side. We would like you to write to these individuals and thank them for taking our position, thank them for seeing this our way and for being understanding. I want to thank Raymond Cross, Kip Quale our Director for our Legal Dept., we can be very proud of the whole Legal Dept. for arranging testimony, arranging meetings with legislators: all the Council members were very helpful and a lot of the tribal members and tribal employees were very good to us. But don't forget it wasn't everyone in New Town, I guessthey're called the boundary committee, it's not a large group butthey're capable of going around getting individuals on their band

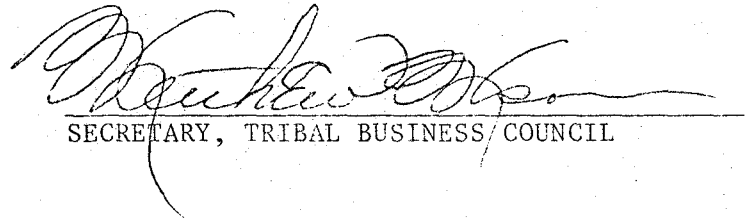


wagon so to speak. Be courteous to your non-Indian friends don't put out any feelings of hatred or that. The way we're gonna beat them is to do it intelligently like what Judy White Singer said and the Tribal Business Council will do everything we can to see this resolution wouldn't go through the Congress and one thing, I am sure all the Council members are amiable to is we are planning on drawing up our own resolution. We are a Government we can do the same thing the State Government did. We can draw up a resolution, pass it, present it to Congress and ask them to take caution that our Treaty rights and our Statutory rights will not be abrogated. I thank everybody who came here today. Our Business Council will have a Special meeting over in our Chambers tomorrow and we will strategize as to what steps we will take.

Chairman Spotted Bear asked everyone to read their Action News since everything that has to do with the referendum vote will be published in the Action News.

MOTION was made by Rose Crow Flies High that the Tribal Business Council members had better start getting back to their respective communities and make sure that they explain everything that pertains to the referendum, SECONDED by Carl Whitman, Jr.,  
REMARKS: None. VOTE: Yea in favor, nay none. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

  
SECRETARY, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
CHAIRMAN, TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

APPROVED: 6-1-83  
DATE