

ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS CHAMBERS
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

SEPTEMBER 27, 1985
SPECIAL

PRESENT: Chairman, Dennis Huber; Secretary, Tillie Walker; Paul Good Iron and Don Malnourie

ABSENT: John Charging - On Travel to Billings, MT for CERT Meeting

OTHERS: Bernard Kahrahrh, Floyd Davis, Bectal Office of San Francisco, CA, Mike Cross, and Theola F. Fox - Recording Secretary.

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Huber, called the meeting to order at 10:17 A.M.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Secretary, Walker, called roll; quorum present (4 Members present).

ITEM 3 BECHTEL CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE - FLOYD DAVIS

DISCUSSION: Mr. Davis, Planner with Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco Office, who was accompanied by Mr. Bernard Kahrahrh, met with the TBC Directors of the EERD Committee and members of the EERD Staff. The purpose of the meeting was to initially discuss the Tribes interest in developing Tribal resources in order to reduce unemployment on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Chairman Huber characterized TAT's resources as while not being fully documented and factual estimates known, these Tribal resources appear to be considerable and include Oil, Gas, Lignite, and Hydro. Davis indicated that Bechtel would certainly be most interested in providing technical services in a variety of areas. But, that Bechtel's investment opportunities would require detailed evaluation of these resources and would have to compare favorably to other options open to the Bechtel Corporation. He indicated that good ideas are fine but they don't go no where. They must be defined. He was told that there's been several potentially profitable ventures considered (commercial fishery, meat packing plant, housing venture, cattle projects, etc.). Many of these proposed ventures for Fort Berthold have been invested in by the Federal government (BIA, BLM, etc.), CERT, and other public and private sector entities but it has been on a piecemeal basis. Planning has been fragmented in the area of economic development over a long period of time with ED being a top priority but few resources committed to an overall economic development effort. Davis was advised that the EERD was recently formed and that the major immediate goal was to formalize an overall comprehensive planning system to bring in all the different players and partners of ED on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (NR Dept., BIA, Legal, and other public/private sector entities).

It was noted too, that the Three Affiliated Tribes lacks capital and expertise and they are looking to a company like Bechtel to pursue these goals with the Tribes in the near term. Davis indicated he would follow-up with these ideas when he returns to the San Francisco Office.

The Tribal Business Council's EERD Committee asked Mr. Davis what, in his opinion, would be the Tribes best shot at achieving Tribal economic goals. Mr. Davis indicated Oil & Gas development probably represents the most feasible way for the Tribes to pursue this goal in the near term. Bechtel would be a company willing to work with the Three Affiliated Tribes if the TAT chose to do so in accomplishing this goal.

Davis indicated revenues derived from the Tribal Oil and Gas could be used for other economic ventures. Mr. Floyd Davis, also indicated he would send the TAT an example of a regional plan for this kind of development that would illustrate how these other potential Tribal ventures might be structured in order to be of long term benefit to the Tribes.

His address is:

Mr. Floyd Davis
Bechtel Groups
Box 3965
San Francisco, CA 94119

Mr. Davis's boss is Theroz J. Nagarvals, Manager of Regional and Energy Planning. We will be hearing from him in regard to further meetings with Bechtel in developing future business relationship between Tribe and Bechtel.

NOTE: The above portion was submitted by Mike Cross, EERD Administrator, and he requested they be recorded on the minutes, verbatim.

ITEM 4 TRIBAL BINGO OPERATIONS

MOTION NO. 1 - Moved by Tillie Walker, seconded by Paul Good Iron for the Tribe to investigate the possibility of starting their own bingo operations and to manage it.

VOTE: Three (3) in favor, one (1) not voting, motion carried.

ITEM 5 PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

MOTION NO. 2 - Moved by Paul Good Iron, seconded by Don Malnourie to approve travel for Dennis Huber, Chairman; Tillie Walker, Secretary; and John Charging, Member of the EERD Committee to travel to Denver, Colorado for the National Conference on Indian Economic Development on October 29 - 31, 1985.

VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Economic and Employment Resource Department
Committee adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

APPROVED

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Acting

John Chargin

SECRETARY, EERD COMMITTEE

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