

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
NEW TOWN CIVIC CENTER

General Council Meeting
February 14, 1991

PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; Theodore Lone Fight, III., Vice Chairman; Roger Bird Bear, Treasurer, John J. Rabbithead Jr., Secretary; James Mossett, Titus Hall, Austin Gillette, Councilmembers and LaVerne Brady, Recording Secretary.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: ENROLLED MEMBERS: John Danks, Olin Howard, Alton White Bear, Dennis Burr, Curtis and Rhonda Danks, Dena Bruce, Joanne Matthews, Martina Ross, Wanda Crow, June Lockwood, Gloria Smith, Delores Sand, June Yellow Lodge, Bonny Blake, Aletha Jackson, Holly Windy Boy, Jacob Bird, Iva and Peter Deane, Christine Mann, Joan Hilleran, Wilbur Spotted Wolf, Louella and Ivan Young Bear, Paul Goodiron, Ronny Rabbithead, Anson Baker, Rose Crow Flies High, Carey Brady, Martha Fredericks, Billy Baker, Pete, Sr. and May Coffey and Lois Little Owl.
TRIBAL EMPLOYEES: Eliisa G. Blake, Leo Cummings, Steve Wells Linda Little Soldier, Audrey Davy, Ambrose Hosie, Sharon Fimbres, Murphy Sitting Crow, Wade Baker, Sharon Blake, Darryl Hall, Max Dickens, Curtis Young Bear, Jr., Theodora Starr, Hazel Blake, Maxine Harrison, Debbie Staples, Mayda Logg, Cheryl White, Frank Henry, Elgin Crows Breast, Mariel Fox, Mary Beth Jarski, Yvette Blake, Carolyn Danks, Judy Young Bear and Esley Thornton, Jr.
KMHA STAFF: Doreen Yellow Bird, Pete Coffey, Jr., John Fevold and Clarence Sun.
HOUSING STAFF: Jean Hall, Judy Brugh, Jean Baker and Barbara Baker.

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 10:32 AM.

ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Secretary Rabbithead.
Quorum established. Opening Prayer by Anson Baker.

ITEM 03: JTAC BILL:
Chairman Wilkinson explained that he went to Washington DC in January regarding the JTAC bill with Jim Mossett, Councilmember and Edward Danks, Chief Executive Officer. "The next step will be the testimony. Among the issues are a new bridge alcohol treatment center and equipment. Those people that actually experienced and were around should be the strong voice in this JTAC issue." The chairman stated he met with the elderly twice already. Councilman Gillette stated that a tribal member approached him regarding this issue and

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suggested to modify the plan since this was a substantial amount of money that Fort Berthold will get. A twenty million dollar plan for 10 years and we will have two hundred million dollars in that amount of time.

Floor was given to Anson Baker. Anson stated that the word "Just Compensation" bothered him. His strategy he explained was that "Fort Berthold Recovery Plan" would be the ideal name because we are trying to recover the things we were never properly compensated for. Mr. Baker stated that "meetings were held throughout the different segments of the reservation by the older members of the Tribe, at the time, before the flooding but one subject that was never talked about was recreation." He suggested that we should go to congress with a Fort Berthold Recovery Plan to replace the infra structures: Roads, Water, Springs from the bottomlands. The plan also to request for twenty million dollars payments in a total of 10 years time, would come up to two hundred million dollars. This plan would be more compatible than try to get 146 million dollars all in the next year.

Chairman Wilkinson stated that "congress is working on the on-budget/off-budget items. Legislation is already there. It's having the ability to a #1 priority and by doing it that way, when the agencies submit their portions to congress for approval, the money for each of the facilities is built in: Three Tribes proposes for a bridge, alcohol center and equipment."

Keith Mandan, Tribal member questioned just "what kind of time frame there is now and between the appropriations."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "the tentative schedule hearing date is March, 1991. There is a great deal of data that the tribe is in the process of collecting and identifying-who's going to Washington to testify on behalf of the Three Affiliated Tribes."

Chairman Wilkinson, further stated he proposed to the elders that they take the lead to testify before congress as he felt the elders lived through this Garrison Dam process and are entitled to be heard. "Meetings have been held with the elders and they need to be more intense to identify the time-frame and who's going to give the testimonies."

ITEM 04: M, R, & I: (Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water)
Project Directors: Felicia Felix and Sharon Blake.

Felicia stated she had copies of the schedule where the

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project stands presently and is available to everyone who is interested. She also has two resolutions that needs council action today. "#1 is resolution to begin the bid advertising for the intake from Four Bears and White Shield for construction to begin. So far, what's authorized for M, R, & I is Eight Million Dollars. What we have in the contract now is 3.7 million dollars.

#2 is resolution requiring Bureau of Reclamation account for all the money they have taken out of the contract. The cost of the Four Bears lake intake is \$464,320.00. White Shield lake intake/ \$479,601.00. Twin Buttes water treatment plant/ \$443,788.00. Mandaree lake intake pumps/\$22,522.00 The total cost is \$421,266.00."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "we're proposing to the Tribe as to any other work that is done in these respective segments, that the employees who are hired come from that segment. Our enrolled members are entitled to a chance to work."

Tillie Walker, Tribal member: questioned why we are tied to the state, about the upkeep once this is established and is the water going to be available to individuals out in the country?

Sharon explained that the reason we are tied in with the state is "because of the Garrison Diversion Unit being under the State. We got the money for M, R, & I through GDU. Lake Sakakawea was built on our land, therefore, we get a piece of the congressional funds. We are going to be more tied in when the NAWS (Northwestern Area Water System Supply) goes into effect. This is a national push by congress to improve our drinking water nationwide. The state will have to improve on their drinking water whether it is municipal, rural or Industrial. EPA is responsible for this. Regarding upkeep: There is money in GDU for operation and Maintenance Repair. (OMR). There is an agreement with the Three Affiliated Tribes and Bureau of Reclamation through the BIA when the Tribe gets the 638 contract on it. The Bureau of Reclamation is saying that the Tribe will not have to worry about the upkeep as they will be doing all this. The rural water supply will access 200-300 homes in the White Shield and 200-300 homes in the Four Bears."

Anson Baker, Tribal member had concerns on live-stock use. He was told it may expand later to deal with the livestock.

Chairman Wilkinson stated regarding the upkeep, "Bureau of Reclamation has committed to us they will provide the money."

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Pete Coffey, Sr., Tribal member commented on the negotiations on the dam. "After the Tribes released the rights, the non-Indians cut out a lot of the things that was promised."

Chairman Wilkinson stated to further clarify if everyone is going to get this water. "We have just so much money appropriated and we are going as we can with it. We will pursue further appropriations if we need to."

Chairman Wilkinson stated to expand on the question you raised regarding Lake Audobon, "there is another project called NAWS going on." Councilman Gillette will comment on that.

Councilman Gillette stated "the reason why the intake pump system is going to be at Lake Audobon, It's closer to Minot and Minot is the prime mover on the Northwest Water System. We have a pump by Totten Trail. It maintains the level of Lake Audobon at a consistent level. The Bureau of Reclamation will upkeep those plants at no cost to us. When we talk about the Garrison Dam, we are trying to correct the situation. I intend to take your comments into consideration. It has been ten years since we've been working on the waterline project, so hopefully, we will get these projects that will benefit everybody." Chairman Wilkinson stated "one of the issues that we're confronted with on this project is right of ways. Ronald Brugh will give a status report on how far this right of way project is coming."

Ron stated that the Natural Resources Department is taking care of the right of way project and he is making contact with the individuals that have not signed the letter correspondences. "We have 540 landowners and six fee patent owners on the project which is 38 miles. We are 30% completed on Four Bears area. We have negotiated with couple landowners. We have project sites such as water sludge plots in the water treatment plant. Because the Bureau of Reclamation requested ownership on these treatment sites, we will be negotiating for the purchase of properties. This is currently where we are at."

Felicia further stated on the OMR. She said "comments should be brought to me as it helps having other peoples' input on this M, R, & I project."

Regarding the question from Tillie on not only for household use but for livestock use. Felicia stated that "something probably needs to be planned more in the NAWS project and also if this project is finished, then we could go back and

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ask for more livestock use."

Regarding the question about stockdams. Chairman Wilkinson stated "we can propose in the JTAC legislation, a provision of water for that purpose."

Anson Baker suggested that to negotiate or stipulate with Bureau of Reclamation for livestock.

Councilman Bird Bear stated that "Bureau of Reclamation pointed out that regarding conserving, some users may leave their water on for days at a time or the stock may drink the water dry, then it will leave a taste." He further stated that "the Tribal Business Council should dictate but it isn't a mandate or a law. If the people would like this to be further considered as a viable element for the system, then we will pursue that such as stock water. Because of a case, the restriction took place and is in place now until they develop of conclude a feasibility study on how much each people can use to water their livestock. Right now, we have a system that has a certain amount of capacity. The Tribal Business Council is willing to listen to the recommendation and that's the way it's going to be but if the council asserts that they are entitled to this water and the OMR program is going to pay for their water. The user fee came up when the certain allocation for each household went above that. This is not absolute but it's being considered, unless the council assert that right for the tribe, then it will become a restriction."

Edward S. Danks, Tribal member stated "this water situation is a reality situation on this reservation, cause if you don't go for this irrigated pipe line, all you're going to do is get a limited supply of the water under the ground and it'll be a safety factor. Look at the realities, the Corp of Engineers are running the lakes now."

Hazel Blake, Tribal member stated "we're talking about human consumption now. Ten years from now, this lake is going to dry up so this pipeline is needed." Regarding easements, are we signing our land to the Bureau of Reclamation or to the Tribe? Response was to the Tribe.

Rose Crow Flies High, Tribal Elder stated she was glad that the Tribal Business Council and the Tribal programs are here today.

Ron Brugh stated "the right of ways are on the BIA. The one's to the individual easements, if they're not signed. then we couldn't go into your homes to put the water in.

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Project now stands to facilitate 90 gallons per individual."

Anson Baker Stated "I'm talking about the water system replacement that had been promised during negotiations way back."

Joanne Matthews, Tribal member stated "issues were promised and cut back after the non-Indians got the right."

Chairman Wilkinson stated that "work on the intake will become a reality and actual work will be taking place."

Olin Howard, Tribal member presented a request to the Tribal Business Council regarding the sludge pond. The Tribe wants to buy his land to put this on it. He wished to know how this is going to affect the environment as his brothers run cattle down there and he further explained that this is the only inheritance he has so he has submitted a price on it and when this land is gone, his children will not inherit any.

Chairman Wilkinson stated that Olin and Felicia get together and go over a copy of environmental assessments.

Mr. Howard's request is in order for the tribe to obtain his easement. He is requesting for \$10,000.00.

Chairman Wilkinson entertained a motion to authorize negotiation with Mr. Howard. Councilman Gillette stated he would like to comment on this proposed transaction. "Mr. Howard is asking the tribe for \$2,000.00 an acre and at no time, did the tribe ever purchase this small a share for a substantial amount of money. He, further stated he could not go along with it based on the price."

Chairman Wilkinson told Mr. Howard that "the Council will present his request to the Natural Resources Department to see if an agreement can be reached."

M, R, & I Resolutions presented.

Keith Mandan stated "There may be federalism and eroding of jurisdiction on the reservation."

Barbara Baker stated that regarding mutual self help homes: "why didn't the Council work with Housing to pull in some HUD monies?"

Councilman Lone Fight stated "they were waiting on the NAWS report and now that it's going to be a reality, we can

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continue working with Housing."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "it's the time now to involve the Council and Housing Staff to set up a meeting to deal with this water issue."

Resolutions read by Secretary. #1 dealt with the consulting firm to began bid advertising on the intakes.

Vice Chairman Lone Fight made a motion to approve the resolution to begin bid advertising, seconded by Councilman Gillette. Resolution #91-35.

Discussion: Anson Baker stated that "in the future, when there is a general council meeting, would you have copies of the resolutions available for the public because that's the purpose of the meeting."

John Danks questioned "how have they arrived with HKM? Are we satisfied with the previous work that HKM has performed on the reservation? I would like for the tribe to look at this seriously. We've been associated with that consulting firm for a long time but I'm not sure that we have seen values for the dollars paid."

Chairman Wilkinson stated that "Mr. Danks is correct. We have had HKM for a long time since 1966."

Councilman Gillette stated that "based on cost per engineering project, HKM's figures are statewide and at the national level they are lower than other firms in our area.

John Danks stated that "perhaps, at this stage of such an important project, we should be looking at the engineering and design aspect of this project very thoroughly. We have had continuous problems with operation of our intake systems in Mandaree, Twin Buttes and Four Bears."

Sharon Blake stated "it's true. We can access free market/open competition. When this project first entered, the Council got their recommendation of HKM from the BIA. There really was no competition involved when it came to HKM. The free market concept--we can specify to HKM, what exactly we want to do on the project. They can come in like any other potential firm and quote a price but that depends on the Council, and of course, the Council are open to your comments. I see nothing wrong with open competition. Going out on the market and getting other firms to come in and quote a price on what they can perform per project."

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Felicia Felix, further stated that "because the contract is 638, there is certain regulations we have to follow."

Elgin Crows Breast stated that "the tribe received \$100,000 for Cultural Resource Studies, at that point, through the Natural Resources Administrator, the money was given to HKM, who in turn, subcontracted that money out to archeological firms. We, as tribal people should have been able to keep that money with us and subcontract ourselves. We could start an office with \$30,000.00, hire an Office Manager and Secretary. We need to look into these."

Paul Goodiron informed the general public that when you go to Federal Court-Washington DC or the State Capitol--when you deliver documentation or data, these organizations already know you but what they want is verification from someone in the expert category. HKM is still in that category in being an expert and when the people in DC look at the documentation, they know this. It's not just made up by any firm trying to make a dollar. When they see this, they are more apt to accept this.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Unanimous--Motion Carried.

#2 Resolution deals with authorizing the Bureau of Reclamation to give us a financial detailed breakdown of their costs.

Councilman Gillette made a motion to approve authorization, seconded by Councilman Hall. Resolution #91-36.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Unanimous--Motion Carried.

ITEM 05: NORTH SEGMENT GROCERY STORE:

Chairman Wilkinson explained we've established an Economic Development Committee. "Their job is to assist the segments to put together a business for individuals of the segment or the tribe itself. What we're putting together is to purchase the Jack & Jill store here and set it up as a business owned by North Segment Community. We're seeking to finance this project through the Small Business Administration."

ITEM 06: ROADS CONTRACT:

Chairman Wilkinson explained "The previous Council authorized the contracting of the BIA Roads Program. We made a commitment to you people that before we went ahead with any 638 contract, we would get input from you first. Councilman Mossett will give a report on the Roads Program Contract."

Councilman Mossett stated "the contract was just getting the

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638 Road Maintenance from the BIA."

Chairman Wilkinson questioned Councilman Mossett whether the enrolled members will be retaining their jobs? Councilman Mossett stated "the Roads employees are included in contract"

Chairman Wilkinson stated "if there is no adverse opinion, I will sign off and submit it to BIA for action."

Pete Coffey, Sr. questioned when you 638 that contract, "is it just construction or maintenance." Councilman Mossett stated "it is maintenance and we may 638 the construction later as the BIA is retaining that portion yet."

Regarding the North Segment Grocery Store, Pete questioned "who's going to manage that store, if it becomes a reality?"

Chairman Wilkinson stated "it's going to be a North Segment enterprise--owned and operated by the North Segment Community. Pete wanted to know who was managing it? Chairman Wilkinson responded "that's a decision the North Segment Board will have to make." Pete, then stated, "from experiences, if an Indian operated a business, the business will fail because we Indians believe in our relationships."

Anson Baker stated "you put a political entity/tribal entity, regardless of Indian/non-Indian, they never function. I have never seen a public accounting of these community funds. Getting back to the Roads Contract. Has the Council contacted the employees-asking for their input on whether they wish to contract on 638 because job security is important."

Pete further stated "638 isn't a new thing. I'm against it".

Barbara Baker questioned "wasn't there a feasibility study done by the planning office that showed the Jack & Jill would be unprofitable and if so, why are we still pursuing it?"

Chairman Wilkinson stated "the success and failure of a business depends on management capability. If we, as Indian people cannot be held to a higher standard of success than what's applied to non-Indians. No matter what we undertake for the people, there's going to be success and there's going to be failure. Once the people of North Segment have a vested interest in this enterprise and know they have an investment in it, what you're doing is pre-judging them-like they're not capable of running a business and I feel that's wrong."

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Barbara Baker asked if the community voted to take this store Councilman Hall stated "there was no objections while discuss at a meeting. Because of the prices, I know the tribal members can do it. It'll be lower prices and having jobs for our tribal members. I'm still pursuing what I campaigned for."

Barbara asked "where is the money going to come from for this grocery store? Is it going to be an obligation from the tribe

Chairman Wilkinson stated "It'll be owned and operated by North Segment and will not be an obligation by the tribe."

Councilman Mossett stated "the roads contract will be forwarded to the BIA. There has been a resolution passed by the previous Council."

Tillie Walker stated "I'm opposed to the 638 contracts. People do not know if they will have a job next month, so if you put together a system employees can deal with it year to year Rose Crow Flies High stated she was also against it too."

Councilman Gillette stated "we've recently contracted Education. We've had difficulty getting the full funding from the BIA. The BIA still controls the regulatory process because all we do is take over with less money. I would have to reconsider my position on the contract of roads based on the experience we have with Education. We should take a look at this and we should be cautious about anything we contract from the BIA. Just because the Council before passed it doesn't mean, we always do the right thing."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "I've listened to the concerns here and to the Council delegates speak." He entertained a motion to approve, disapprove or table the 638 contract of roads.

Councilman Gillette made a motion to table this and reconsider it after looking at all the budgeting items that are in the roads contract and also the employee benefits that the members are concerned about and see what their concerns may be, seconded by Councilman Rabbithead.

Chairman Wilkinson acknowledged motion and second.

Discussion: Rose questioned about fencing. Could it be connected to Roads?

Audrey Davy stated "I'm one of the ones that have been con-

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tracted by 638 and the only thing that comes out of this is that you're telling the Federal Government that they no longer have to continue helping us. They will not give us any more money when we're out. I think you should really think about that."

Vote: 5 for, 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 07: HOUSING:

Chairman Wilkinson explained that Dennis Burr will give a report on the Housing Review Board. "We put together a Housing Review Committee that met with Housing staff and look at the program. Their report is not done at this time but would you give a report status, when it will be completed and when it will be available for public review."

Dennis explained the report is due to be completed on 2/15/91 "what's happening right now is it's in the process of being typed up and separated into three different segments. After completion, we will give it to the Council and they can do with, however, they wish."

Chairman Wilkinson then expressed another item, I want to mention on the part of Housing is, "there's a legislation that would establish an annual payment of \$100.00 for each rental housing unit." Mrs. Hall, would you please explain?

Jean Hall stated "some of you may be aware that the cities of Parshall and New Town have been working with the Board of Commissioners and the Council several years now trying to get what they call a payment in lieu of taxes or payment for services. That is in place right now for the Mutual Self Help homes within the city limits. However, for the rental units, there was never anything established in the budget because Housing Authority, in essence is tax-exempt. In order for the Housing Authority to build units within the city, we have to have basic services: police and fire protection, water and sewer."

Chairman Wilkinson further stated the partial agreement among Indian Health Service, Three Affiliated Tribes and Housing Authority--what they are talking about is the water tower. "one of the issues that we have with the City of New Town, they have not included in their boundary are HUD homes so we plan to schedule a meeting with the city/town commissioners."

Eviction notices were questioned and discussed.

Judy Brugh, Rental Specialist, explained the rental program

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and Barbara Baker, Mutual Self Help Home Specialist, explain the homebuyer's program.

Comments were made by tribal members regarding no trespassing easements and houses being fixed but still being charged for rent and utility checks.

Meeting recessed at 12:45 PM to reconvene after lunch.

Noon blessing was given by Sydney Fox, elder from Four Bears

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM. Vice Chairman Lone Fight did not return for the afternoon session.

John Danks had concerns about how the Housing Authority selects the applicants for the Mutual Self Help homes. "Is there a criteria or is it politically achieved? If it is through political process, I encourage the Housing to seek a better method."

Jean stated "regarding the project, 522 is a 50 unit mutual self help project. We have 17 acquisitions in that project. (2 phases, A & B.) Phase A being conventional, Phase B being log. That project is in the bid stage with part 522A. 522B still has final drawings down at HUD although the log homes are already built. HUD has to review every single step. 522 is taking so long because getting the easements approved and people wanted to change projects or not getting their paperwork in or the BIA didn't get the leases in on time. 523 is a 50 unit low rent project. There will be 54 units when completed 524 is the log homes when completed. 525 is the 35 units in construction presently. 526/519 was a demonstration modular type project so people living in those homes can turn them back in and get another suitable to their family needs. The selection is done by the Board and whenever we anticipate new projects coming on, we ask for applicants. The Board set up criteria for income set up by HUD. We got 155 units this last time. In 1988, everyone that qualified got a house in White Shield, Twin Buttes and Parshall. New Town, Mandaree and Four Bears, the waiting list was extremely long so every one that qualified did not get a house. As long as we are talking about development. I have to initiate the help from the Tribal Business Council because they have a clout in Washington. We just had a notice, budget was zeroed out so we are going to ask the Council to do some lobbying in Washington DC to try to get a re-establishment for new construction of Indian Housing in 1992."

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Chairman Wilkinson asked Councilman Mossett about an interesting inquiry Housing made about income. The change from \$12,000 to \$10,000.00. "People that are on fixed income usually pay \$100.00 to \$150.00 per month but if they were a mutual type homeowner, their payments would be \$65.00 per month. What's the rationale for that? What you are doing is knocking people off the entitlement when they could be getting a better deal if they were in a mutual type home paying \$65.00".

Councilman Mossett stated "That's the federal law for policy determination of records."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "on the entitlement to a mutual self help home, if they can pay \$100.00 rent and if they were in a mutual type home paying \$65.00, they should be legally entitled to a home, even if they didn't make the \$12,000.00 limit."

The Housing Director explained "HUD allows--there is no limit on the top side. You're allowed so many people that have higher income but if people can afford to get housing or financing through a bank or other resources, they're encouraged to go that route even if you would get a house through the housing authority and later you would show financial capability to pay for that house through another entity, they encourage you to refinance through that other entity but a person that lives in a low rent unit and pays \$190.00 and a person that lives in a mutual and pays \$65.00. There's not really a comparison there because in a rental unit, you have your utilities subsidized. Your \$100.00 or \$60.00 includes all of your utilities and you don't have any maintenance upkeep on your unit. That's the responsibility of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority receives funds to maintain your unit. If you're in a mutual and you pay \$65.00, you're responsible for your own utilities, maintenance and upkeep. The way the rent and the homebuyers payments are figured out is regulation. It takes congressional action to change it. We are also trying to change the elderly age from 60 to 55. For example, if a person was in a HUD house, he didn't like it and wanted to move, what right does he have to change houses--(say there's a long waiting list?) In a rental unit, if you don't like your unit, you can put in for a transfer to another unit, if your family size doesn't fit your family unit. Lots of times people come in and ask for a prioritization on the waiting list, that's against the board policy, but there have been times of emergency situations that the board will allow a family to move into whatever is available and then they'll put in for a transfer. The only people that should have priority are the elderly and the handicapped."

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Rose Crow Flies High stated she applied for housing several times since the Housing Authority was in operation. She's been referred to HIP many times and her families and sisters did not have homes built for them either, which are needed very much. The response was the people responsible for that are the board members. Councilman Bird Bear was asked to follow up on this.

Judy Young Bear, speaking as an enrolled member stated she had some questions for the Housing Director, Jean Hall. "This is my personal opinion, no offense to Jean or any enrolled member working there. I, for a fact know that your guidelines is not being followed. There are a lot of people that work there that have homes. I have a right to air this complaint because I am the enrolled member. I have seen many people that are homeless right now. The people that live in mutual homes-there rent is ridiculous, those that own homes, their rent is like \$75.00. This is really unfair. During the time, I supported some of the people sitting up there and some who didn't get elected, I expressed my concerns about housing. That was the biggest issue. I disagree with housing and their policy. I feel sad that the whole housing board was not did away with and a whole new board was put on there. I do not like where you continued with the old board on. I believe in compassionate for my relatives. I was brought up in a way, where I respect my elders. I want all my elders and the people here to forgive me for expressing my feelings. We all know each other's problems, so therefore I wanted a change and I supported and I practiced my own political point of view of thinking of who would do a good job. I respect the way everybody feels. I try to share with you the best of my knowledge. I think each and everyone of us should be given a turn. Chairman Wilkinson gave me an opportunity to work there and it made a lot of my relatives happy. Maybe I might not do a very good job but if you promise to do something, continue doing those promises to the best of your ability. I am for a change. I do see those houses occupied from one to the other. I think it's unfair. I think, too that Jean, as a Director, you should make those suggestions to the new board. I would like to see some of these big families with a lot of children be given some consideration. Everybody, all of us that are employed, we all come from a poor family. There's nobody in the reservation that is rich. When I see my elders, they come before anybody. If I overlook you and walk right by you, forgive me, but, all along, these Council have tried to help a lot of people. Maybe, they've violated rights, but we make our own laws here. This is home-we take care of our own issues here. I really disapprove of people coming from someplace and occupying houses when we have a lot of people here

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that have children. I want to address everyone in here: Pray that we do a good job cause all the surrounding counties are looking at us. The biggest issues in this reservation are #1-HOUSING/#2-UNEMPLOYMENT, so stop bickering and let's get together. We can't continue struggling on. You can break some of those policies and procedures. We make our own here. That LCM is another thing. I keep hearing of a man earning \$60,000.00 there. There's people here at home, that don't make that. We barely live on GA. No offense to you all but if you leave these guys alone, for those of you that carry those petitions, maybe they'll get on to working. Talk to them and pray for them instead of signing those. Make time and go in and talk to them. Make them feel good that they're important and they were elected. They have feelings too."

Judy also expressed herself in native tongue-Hidatsa, to the ones who understood. She expressed that she does not care for the BIA to be dismantled at this time. To dismantle that right now, we would be that much more pitiful.

In Hidatsa, this is my translation: "Thank you, my people. Today, I have a lot of things that I do not like inside my heart. I listen to all the things that people say. We should not go home and then talk. We should talk to each other in a good way. Talk to them and pray for them, I ask of you so they will be strong. If you decide to go against them, then you people are the one's who taking them off. Talk to them in a good way, in a nice way. How you were raised, all individuals know each other. Thank you for listening to me today. Although I am not the one to be saying these things to you, I'm asking you for the good thoughts for the Council because it is a very hard decision and the whiteman is trying to over power and run the Indian people. When the BIA is dismantled, we will be the poorest people someday as we are already suffering. Please think about these remarks. If your relatives are elected, even if they do not accomplish anything, please listen to them, regardless, that's what I'm asking of you."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "to response to the comments: there just not one person that's responsible for what's happening on the reservation. I know, housing is a controversial issue and I know there's a lot of things being said-lots of allegations. There's the Tribal Council, Board of Commissioners and staff. There's problems that we're trying to deal with so we'll just wait for that report to come in.

ITEM 08: HIP PROGRAM:

Chairman Wilkinson stated "Mr. Wells is responsible for HIP Program and that is totally separate from the HUD Housing.

HIP PROGRAM (CON'T):

Elmer S. Wells introduced himself stating he was responsible for the HIP Program and questioned if there was any money set aside from JTAC for private individual homes. "HIP does funding for private individual homes and that amount is only like \$77,000.00. \$50,000.00 only goes to renovations and with that amount, we can only do about four to five homes a year. A lot of requests are on homes that were moved up from the riverbottom, renovations are electrical, water, sewer, heating installation, windows and siding and that cost usually goes over \$20,000.00. When HIP first started, IHS put in water and sewer and a lot of those systems are out of date now. Money that we have for HIP does not cover all the requests. JTAC has no provision for housing. We, definitely need to include housing."

Marie Wells questioned Steve about his budget regarding what happened to the list? Steve answered "that it was \$78,000.00 last year and \$77,000.00 this year." Five or six homes were worked on each year.

Marie stated she has a disability and she was turned down three times by housing. "I went to Steve and I was at the bottom of the list. I went to the Council and they said they would move me up then they ran out of money. I have a pretty good house but there was too many steps, so I wanted to exchange. Someone younger can exchange with mine."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "Jean, Steve, Jack and myself can get together with you."

Councilman Gillette stated "I have to speak up for my district. There are 10 members on this Housing Board. The Council has failed to amend the charter which has established the Housing Authority. That calls for seven members. We did not do that and it says one from each district. We're in a violation of a charter which the Tribal Council adopted."

Anson Baker stated regarding the General Council Meeting, "I feel we're in order to make motions, vote on them and these actions be recommendations to the Board here. I like to make a motion that the Council take immediate action to revert the Housing Authority Board and make it an independent board, set it apart from the Tribal Business Council and those members should be selected from the communities and that was a commitment, many of you said you would do during the campaign. I so move."

Chairman Wilkinson stated, "we'll certainly take all the comments under advisement and we'll conserve them and develop a

HIP (CON'T):
plan of action on how we're going to deal with them."

ITEM 09: GAMING:

Chairman Wilkinson explained "we have a proposal before us. One of our enrolled members is now in the process of negotiating a venture but the point I want to make today is we're going to be sending notices to all those people that run Bingo's. We are going to ask you to be in compliance with the Gaming Ordinance. We're going to give you 60 days to comply. Things will be the same but if you don't, then certain actions will be taken against your permit and this is to bring you up to date on what we're doing with gaming because if you raise money for the elderly or you raise money for any special thing, that money better be going to that entity."

ITEM 10: CATTLE RELENDING PROGRAM:

Chairman Wilkinson stated "we've put the documents together. we're going to be meeting with this entity out of Iowa and if we're successful at this meeting, we'll proceed on to Little Rock-the only condition that they had on us was that it had to be a reoccurring gift." It was questioned whether this program was going to be open to future clientele of Fort Berthold?

ITEM 11: TRIBAL BUDGET: Resolution #91-37.

There was a lot of concern over the Tribal Budget. It was explained that "we're in the process now of hiring an auditor to audit the tribal books of all the programs. In the interim we still need a budget and we still need to operate and I want to give you a report on the figures. This is your docket money and the interest earned on your trust funds. For 1991:

SCHOLARSHIP.....	\$ 6,410.18
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....	75,785.41
FMHA LOANS.....	29,914.16
INSURANCE.....	22,562.85
LEGAL FEES.....	80,000.00
CHILD WELFARE.....	32,814.70
ALCOHOLISM.....	49,222.04
LAND PURCHASE.....	196,890.28
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.....	131,258.78
WAKE FUNDS.....	65,629.39
SENIOR CITIZENS.....	65,629.39
FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	65,629.39
FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE.....	39,222.04
1415 DOCKET F WAKE FUND.....	25,402.60

TOTAL INTEREST EARNINGS:.....\$895,371.21

TRIBAL BUDGET (CON'T):

7228 ACCOUNTS:

TRIBAL BUDGET.....	\$621,110.00
Funds generated out of contract:	
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION.....	201,090.00
TRIBAL FINANCE.....	393,429.40
TRIBAL PERSONNEL.....	81,473.00
COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.....	84,391.51
PROPERTY & SUPPLY.....	43,974.44

Investments are all set.

Chairman Wilkinson entertained a motion to approve the budget

Councilman Rabbithead made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Discussion: Marie Wells questioned if the wages and travel of the Business Council was included. Response was yes. This includes the councilmen, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Receptionist and Clerk.

TRAVEL.....	\$65,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES.....	5,100.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL.....	2,500.00
REPRODUCTION.....	4,200.00
PUBLICATIONS.....	7,900.00
TELEPHONE.....	13,100.00
POSTAGE & RATE.....	3,000.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.....	70,000.00
LEE FOLEY/CONTACT PERSON FROM WASHINGTON DC.....	11,000.00
ATTORNEY FEES.....	10,000.00
DONATIONS.....	50,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	10,000.00
EMERGENCY LOANS.....	30,000.00
WAKE FUND SUBSIDIES.....	10,000.00
SPACE COST.....	51,220.00
LEGAL DEPARTMENT SUBSIDY.....	15,000.00
HIP SUBSIDY.....	10,000.00
INDIRECT COST.....	52,000.00

Discussion: As far as the donation line goes, it should be for every district and not only one repeatedly.

Marie Wells stated the hospital fund in 1982 was obtained from Charley Hobbs payment for representing us. Where is it and is it drawing interest?. Response by Councilman Gillette was that it was put in land purchase by the previous Council.

Leander Smith, Tribal member asked where the appropriation money was for alcoholism? Response was at the Circle of Life.

TRIBAL BUDGET (CON'T):

Rose Crow Flies High questioned about irrigation for hay. She stated there was a lot of money left from irrigation and asked if she could get the budget figures.

Elgin Crows Breast stated he recalled when all the candidates were interested in their culture during the campaign speeches. He further stated that no where in history of the tribes has there been money set aside for Cultural Resource Studies, Language Classes, Surveys, Archeological Studies, Anthropology Studies, Ethnobotany Studies or the Study of Plants. As you know, a lot of our people depend on these plants for medicine. I'm speaking for our medicine people. When you bring industry to the Reservation, you make sure that you know where you don't destroy any plants that may be needed for our people and some areas may be needed to be in reserve status for cultural purposes only. We need money set aside for Cultural Studies and Resources. In 1979, a plan was devised to develop a Tribal Historic Preservation Office. It got funded in 1990. You really need to seriously think about it as leaders.

Chairman Wilkinson stated that the Three Affiliated Tribes made \$15,000.00 available last year. We've made efforts to obtain a grant from the State Park Service and we fully support his efforts.

Councilman Gillette stated that he'd have to comment on the budget and could not go along with it now as he did not have a copy.

Vote: 4 for, 2 opposed, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

ITEM 12: HIRING & FIRING:

Chairman Wilkinson stated "we have the Personnel Office putting together a Policies & Procedures Handbook. We hope to present that at the next Council Meeting. It will establish the rights for the employees and procedures on how to follow them."

ITEM 13: CREDIT:

Chairman Wilkinson stated that the Small Loan Program & the Tribe has gone on record and passed a resolution reducing the interest rate from 14% to 2% as we realize the people here are having a very difficult time obtaining credit.

Ambrose Hosie introduced himself as a Director for the Small Loan Program and also does contract work for the BIA Credit. He explained that the Program has a \$500.00 limit. He stated loans available are Small Business, US Direct and Guaranteed.

ITEM 14: ELDERLY: Resolution #91-38.

Chairman Wilkinson explained the elderly will be involved in the JTAC Legislation Process. The Chairman entertained a motion for a filing of an application resolution in the amount of \$17,500 for the elderly and explained that the only funding for the elderly program on Fort Berthold is Title 6 funding of the Older American's Act of \$63,000.00. This resolution will be handled by Maxine Harrison's staff.

Councilman Rabbithead made a motion to authorize the filing of the application, seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Discussion: Anson stated he just attended a day and half seminar in Bismarck. He was appointed by Governor Sinner as a Governor's Council on Aging. "Available is the strategy paper for the State Plan under Title 3. I have a 1st draft and I will make available to the Councilmembers and other interested community members. We are not getting our fair share in the money under Title 3, which is funded by the Older American's Act. Very little or nothing has been said about Native Americans and I think it's important that you study this document. Make your inputs available through Dr. Brewster in Bismarck. We're getting shortchanged so I think you should go for more bucks than \$17,000.00."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "Our door is open anytime. If you know of any additional funds our tribes can obtain for our program, Maxine will meet with you anytime."

Rose Crow Flies High stated "We're here to support you, listen to you and we're bringing our problems to you. My motion is to have meetings like this every month."

Vote: 6 for, 1 absent, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 15: VETERANS:

Chairman Wilkinson explained "We're working with Post 300 in New Town to get the flag pole up in front of the Tribal Building in honor of the servicemen and women serving the Desert Storm Operation. We've obtained a trailer for them and the next step is to get a Veteran's Service Officer here in Fort Berthold so we're making strides in trying to help out."

ITEM 16: AGING SERVICES RESOLUTION: (To be acted on later)

Theodora Starr, Aging Services Coordinator asked for the floor. She introduced herself and stated "the Aging and the Elderly are not the same. I have a resolution for the Tribal Business Council".

AGING SERVICES (CONT):

Theodora passed out the resolution to all Council present. Chairman Wilkinson directed Maxine Harrison, Judy Young Bear and LaVerne Brady to send out notices of organizational meeting for the appointed Elderly committee.

Theodora stated "We have a board that is called the Voice of the Elderly. (VOTE) That is the board that works with Title 6 and we've had two meetings. Our funding is \$63,266.00 and we get that every year. It comes from Washington DC. The grant is only for ones that are 60 and over. When it comes down to our reservation, the Tribe has a resolution that say it's for the people that are 55 and over. I have been getting alot of pressure to have mealsites at all the districts but because it's 55 and up, we are unable to provide services for Twin Buttes, White Shield and Parshall The Voice of the Elderly board are: President, Adrian Foote, Parshall; Secretary; Racheal Bell, White Shield; Pliga Bordeaux, White Shield; Melvin Rabbithead, Twin Buttes; Veronica Baker, Four Bears; Joanne Matthews, Four Bears; Almeda Baker, New Town and Melda Berget, New Town. We've had two meetings and we've been in contact with most of these districts. It was decided on January 31st to prepare this resolution to serve the people who are 60+ on the Reservation."

Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead.

Councilman Bird Bear made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Marie Wells questioned if this resolution meant for all the districts? Where the funding came from? If it was federal? She stated "We don't have nothing in Parshall. Pete Coffey, Sr, Dorothy Rabbithead and myself were appointed to serve on this aging or elderly committee but so far have not had any notice. If it's coming from Federal, our segment should get a little of it."

Theodora stated, " Parshall had their own fundraising. Title 6 monies went to New Town, Four Bears and Mandaree."

Marie asked "is that the way it is budgeted now, the same way

Theodora explained "That is why we want to change it to 60, because they're asking us to expand it to other districts."

Joanne Matthews asked for the floor. She stated "I was asked to be on that board, at that time of that meeting. They asked for my vote but I could not vote because I wasn't 55 and I removed myself. I have never been on the board and never got

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any information on it."

Theodora explained "This is the board coordinated by Maxine Harrison."

Rose Crow Flies High stated "Let's get organized and we can change the age. You selected us, so notify us."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "Yes, there is a Aging Board and an Elderly Board."

Gertrude Sillitti asked for the floor. She stated "I want to question the Council on that \$63,000.00. Do you take any of that for Administrative purposes or does it all come to the Aging Services?"

Chairman Wilkinson explained, "yes, the tribe takes indirect cost out."

Gertrude stated "you promised you would do something for the elderly."

Almeda Baker asked for the floor. She stated "this VOTE board hasn't had a meeting, maybe two years. We did have a organization. We were dissolved with out any permission or discussion. When Maxine was working as an Aging Coordinator, I don't remember anything about changing the age to 60. It was suppose to be taken to that Council which precedes this Council. We don't have a VOTE board. There's no representation among us-that's chosen by ourselves."

Theodora explained "This board was created by Maxine. About a year ago, when I was selected as the Aging Coordinator, I got in touch with those board members, but I did not get any cooperation from them."

Pete Coffey, Sr. asked for the floor. He stated "this aging program, I don't know about. We've got a building in Parshal that's for that purpose."

Paul Goodiron asked for the floor. He stated "We never did apply indirect cost to the judgements while I was on the Council. The impacts should be looked at before the budgets are approved."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "the grant proposal is federal funds and nothing out of docket funds. The tribe applies an indirect cost across the board to all the contracts."

AGING SERVICES (CON'T):

Councilman Mossett stated to delete the 5th whereas "the voice of the elderly, 55 to 60."

Councilman Bird Bear asked "Do all Council agree with that?"
Response: yes. So moved. The fifth whereas is deleted."

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 17: TERO RESOLUTION: #91-40.

Esley Thornton, Jr. presented a resolution to the Tribal Business Council that's been proposed and had to go through some rewriting by the Legal Dept. It has to do with the vendor's program.

Secretary Rabbithead read the resolution.

Esley stated "Kip Quale, Legal Attorney, reviewed this resolution and there are no problems."

Councilman Gillette made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Vote: 5 for, 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 18: DIALYSIS PROGRAM:

Max Dickens, Darryl Hall and Maxine Harrison. Introduction of Max Dickens, Dialysis Administrator and Darryl Hall, Administrative Assistant by Maxine Harrison, Human Resources Administrator and explanation of the Project.

Maxine explained "back in 1988, there was an appropriation from Congress, close to a million dollars that was never utilized. These two gentlemen worked really hard to get this project off the ground and I thank them. I did a lot of praying, Max did a lot of rewriting and Darryl did a lot of calling to Congressional people. We have hired six dialysis van drivers and we have purchased three vans presently." She gave the floor to Max.

Max, Project Administrator, stated "the dialysis project was in a state of chaos. It was dormant because there was no focal person to handle the full responsibility of the project With the Council realizing this and working with the Council to formulate a resolution, basically to serve as a reassurance for the project to develop in a logical time frame, phases and completion. A date was detailed. Darryl here has the full responsibility of supervising the transportation of the dialysis patients." He gave floor to Darryl.

DIALYSIS (CON'T):

Darryl, Administrative Assistant, stated "this is a 638 contract through IHS." He detailed the 3rd party billing and spoke of the transportation of dialysis patients. "Max has been very instrumental in communicating with our contact people in Aberdeen. Both Max and I feel we should take every measure possible to make this as comfortable for our patients as possible. Patients comfort point of view. We're going to treat them as best as we possible can. Various specialists have been contacted. We want to have the best facilities in the country for our patients. In addition, the project also also provides meals and two of the drivers were credited for saving the life of a patient who had a heart attack. I commend them for their efforts. (The individual drivers were Kermit Halvorson, Jr. and Wade White Body.)

Chairman Wilkinson stated Maxine, Max and Darryl have done a lot of work in a very short time.

Matthew Mason asked if the projects can get any doctors who specialize in diabetes? The report was that the diabetics are not getting the right medication. "We would just like to see one doctor come in for diabetes. Fort Berthold has the highest rate in diabetes and alcoholism."

Chairman Wilkinson replied "that request will certainly be conveyed to the SUD and to Dr. Sloan."

Rose Crow Flies High stated "Fort Totten has a good specialist where I go to get my medication. We need some new medicine at PHS."

Chairman Wilkinson stated "We met with Congressman Dorgan yesterday and we expressed our concerns about the lack of quality care here on Fort Berthold and he has advised me that he will set up a meeting and possibly a hearing in New Town."

Anson Baker stated he commends the Tribal Business Council for the very ambitious agenda put together and would like to see a quarterly meeting. A prime concern is the separation of powers. We should have our government in order because I see this JTAC becoming a reality and I like to see the separation of powers in place as soon as possible."

ITEM 19: HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE REQUEST:

Secretary Rabbithead spoke on behalf of Justin Racine who is a boxer from Parshall and will be attending a US Championship boxing tournament in Colorado Springs on February 25 through March 2. Councilman Rabbithead stated "in all due respects of the elders, I will work with the elders the best way I can

ATHLETE'S REQUEST:

and also with the youth as I'm committed to all the people, to my segment and to the whole reservation. Justin is requesting the tribes for an amount of \$500.00 to a \$1,000.

Chairman Wilkinson entertained a motion and second to defray the expenses of Justin Racine to the national boxing championship in the amount of \$700.

A motion was made but failed due to lack of a second.

Councilman Mossett made a motion to approve for \$500.00, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Discussion: Had Mr. Racine requested for help from Golden Gloves boxing team Coordinator, Virgil Chase as he sponsors different boxing tournaments.

Justin explained why he is requesting for monies.

Councilman Gillette offered to pay Justin's flight to his destination but Justin informed the flight would be paid by his organization.

Marie Wells suggested that to take the money out of the donation line item.

Rose Crow Flies High suggested to raise funds through bingo using KMHA night.

Darryl Hall, Parshall Community Chairman stated if they had funds available they could provide some funds for Mr. Racine.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 20: ENROLLMENT: Resolution #91-41.
Arianne Big Crow, daughter of Jamie Big Crow and Granddaughter of Sylvia Hall.

Councilman Hall made a motion to approve enrollment seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 21: ANA GRANT RESOLUTION: #91-32.
Councilman Gillette made a motion to approve the grant application of Administration for Native Americans, seconded by Councilman Hall.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 22: TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST:

Eagle Plume Mandan, Sr. asked for the floor. He explained his situation. As of this time he has spoken to the states attorney, Wade Enget, as they are in the process of closing out papers on taxes and there is a question of reverting his land back to trust status. He needs \$6,000 to pay these back taxes and if it is given to him, it will be paid back in six years through his lease income.

Discussion: This happened back in 1984. They were on a similar case in Supreme Court. He was told to meet at the next Credit Committee Meeting and in the meantime, to file an application from the Small Loan Program office.

Marie Wells stated that her lots were taxable and it was possible to put his lots back in trust.

Mr. Mandan stated he talked to Mr. Fitzsimmons on this already and it wasn't possible, until the taxes were paid.

He was directed to contact Ambrose Hosie, Credit Officer and to work something out through the Small Loans Program.

ITEM 23: TWIN BUTTES CHARTER RESOLUTION: #91-42.

A Charter from the Twin Buttes Parks & Recreation. Secretary Rabbithead read the resolution.

Councilman Mossett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Rabbithead.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 24: WRAP UP:

Chairman Wilkinson stated "we have been authorized \$60,000 for EDA. The Three Affiliated Tribes has been on the black list for a number of years. It's just reopening that door with them where we can get funds. The second issue is the corpland battle with the Engineers. We have our attorneys in Wash, DC--Hobbs, Strauss and Wilder who are preparing a position paper for us. We have been asked by the Governor of ND to participate in the lawsuit that ND and SD has against the Corps of Engineers. We have been working with the Governor on Senate Bill 2058. There's 1.4 million dollars in there for Indian owned businesses, should the bill become state law. On our Education Department, we have a consultant working on our Tribal Education Code. We've got a lot of legal issues: 1). Breach of Trust-litigation funds that we will be

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requesting. MacArthur Foundation Money, Separation of Powers, Code of Conduct, the State Compact for Gaming on Fort Berthold, a Grazing Resolution and Organization of the Natural Resources people that will be presenting it to all the segments and getting their input prior to implementing the changes." Community Hearings will be scheduled.

ITEM 25: TRIBAL MEMBER STATEMENTS:

Ivan Young Bear requested for the floor. He stated "I'm not here to criticize no humanity. I'm here to look for tomorrow's ideas. I'm looking out for the young generation that are coming and some are here today. I like to give the floor to Mrs. Young Bear.

Louella Young Bear stated she is an elder from Mandaree and will continue soon as Mr. Young Bear had finished with his statements.

Mr. Young Bear then went on with his statement. "Back in 1984 I had a very brief word with the Committee consisting of Hans Walker, Jr. Alyce Spotted Bear and Pete Coffey, Sr. I told those people to carry on the message to Washington DC, clear to the President of the United States to give us some kind of a better deal as Fort Berthold Indians. Five million dollars is not the answer in the future. The use of that money to move the buildings, graves and all we had was just a million dollars. Break that up-- that don't go far. Just a very little and that's not a future. So this time, a billion dollars for that water here but I'm hearing 167 million-- that's not the answer. They make money on that water. Let's all push our heads together and seek something for the little ones."

Mrs. Young Bear, then continued with her statement, "During that time, JTAC, I mentioned that this DAM was not bought and legally paid to us Indians. It was condemned when we refused to sell it. The land if they're saying, they gave us a lot of money, it is not true. Our land was condemned then they put this dam on it. All it is, is just a big tourist revenue without non-Indians. They used our land for that and that's not right. For this reason, I feel they still owe us. They should give us a good judgement so us people can better our living. We have to face these white people. What we need is educated people. That's what we have up there. I'm ashamed of you old ones when you sit there and talk against these young ones that's trying to talk for us. Let's try to fight the whiteman-not each other Petitions, we make-Let's make them to help us and not push each other off--that's not right. You say you were raised right, well, let's start liv-

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TRIBAL MEMBERS STATEMENTS (CON'T):
ing right. Let's all help each other and prove that we can
have unity here."

Marie Wells stated "I want to thank you Council. I wish you
would have a quarterly meeting. I'm glad you held this mee-
ting so we know what's going on. When Mr. Walker was on the
Committee, JTAC developed from that."

Chairman Wilkinson thanked all the people present, especially
the elders, and appreciates all the comments.

As Recording Secretary, I thank the Staff of KMHA for doing a
great job of setting up their broadcast equipment so I was
better able to do my recording through their system and I
thank my coworkers, Judy Young Bear and Linda Little Soldier
for all the necessary arrangements and preparations on this
special day.

ITEM 26: ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.

Approved

Disapproved

John J. Rabbithead Jr.
John J. Rabbithead, Jr. Date

7/19/91 Secretary,

ATTEST:

Wilbur D. Wilkinson
Chairman, Wilbur D. Wilkinson

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Date