

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Informal Meeting
February 13, 1992

PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Secretary; Theodore Lone Fight, III, Councilmember and Jim Mossett, Councilmember.

OTHERS: ElMarie Conklin, Legal Representative; Ken Danks and John Danks, Sr., Enrolled Members.

ISSUE: FORT BERTHOLD RANCHERS VS AMERICAN INDIAN AGRICULTURE CONSORTIUM:

Mr. John Danks stated six Semi Trucks pulled up to Jim Dank's residence yesterday to seize possession of all his cattle.

Homer White Buffalo, BIA Law Enforcement was there to take possession of Jim's property on a Writ of Order issued by Tribal Court through Associate Judge, William Strate.

Discussion was on BIA's authority to be active in this issue. We received correspondence that BIA would not be involved in Orders or Eviction and etc Also on Indian Credit Consortium authority as an outside entity to come out to the reservation initiating a transaction to seize property. The issue was brought up on vested interest on behalf of enrolled members and on the Tribe's assets.

A history of the Indian Credit Consortium is that the organization changed over from profit to non-profit and back to profit and the original organization involved 15 tribes and that the Three Affiliated Tribes was one of them. An EDA Grant was issued to the Consortium. It was a concensus of the members present that research be done on this Grant as to the Tribe's involvement on where it began and where it ended. All Council members were requested to give an opinion and they responded that research be done to find out where the Tribe stood as to any vested interest to Tribal Court's interest or to enrolled members.

It was recommended by Secretary Rabbithead that immediate action be taken as to delay any further proceedings to Tribal Court.

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RANCHERS VS CONSORTIUM:

It was brought up that Tribal Business Council made a motion to suspend action until issue is resolved and referred to Legal Department on a November 19 Special Meeting, 1991.

It was recommended by Chairman Wilkinson for Secretary Rabbithead to travel to EDA (Economic Development Association) in Denver and do some research on the original grant and also recommended Ken Danks accompany him on this.

Tribal Courts should be contacted to possibly hold up any actions until this research is done.

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