THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994

- PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; Ivan Johnson, Vice Chairman; John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Secretary; Roger Bird Bear, Treasurer; Austin Gillette, Councilmember; George Fast Dog, Jr., Councilmember; Jim Mossett, Councilmember and LaVerne Brady, Recording Secretary.
- ABSENT: None
- Enrolled members: Edmund white Bear, Sr; Leslie **OTHERS:** Baker; Gail Baker, Sr.; Dale Little Soldier; Ivan Young Bear; Demetrius Mandan; Paul Fredericks; Elgin Crows Breast; Dan Howling Wolf; John Danks; Edwin Hall; Casey Hall; Robert Brugh, Jr; Carol Young Bear; Titus Hall; Wade White Body; Shane Johnson; Clarence O'Berry and John Fox, Jr. Tribal Employees: Mark N. Fox, Staff Attorney; Carol Good Bear, Tribal Liaison; Phoebe Dixon, Aging Services Director; Catherine Harmon, Headstart Director; Bernadine Young Bird, Education Administrator; Marcus Wells, Jr., TERO Director; Harley Lone Bear, Realty Officer; Perry Brady, Sargeant at Arms and Ty Hall, Security. OTHERS: Leland Mann and Tom Dishon, Koch Oil Representatives.
- ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 1:24PM.
- ITEM 02: ROLL CALL: Roll called by Secretary Rabbithead. Quorum established. Prayer-Perry Brady

ITEM 03: KOCH OIL COMPANY ISSUES: Koch Oil representatives were present stating that in 1988-89, Koch came before the Council and the BIA. We were granted an easement for a pipeline to transport natural gas from the Plaza-Wabek field across the reservation to our processing facilities in western Mckenzie county. A very important part of that resolution to allow that pipeline was that Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page two

KOCH OIL COMPANY (CON'T):

Koch maintain two tribal members as fulltime employees of the company. In the meantime, at one point, we had three enrolled members but business has dropped off so the system only one fulltime employee so we've eliminated a position held by Mr. Kermit Heart. Today, we would like for the council to help us make a decision whether we should continue to operate this system with one or whether to stick to the resolution and maintain two employees but not knowing how long the system could stay viable.

Discussion on agreement.

The representatives were questioned what the plan of action would be if the tribe wanted the company to keep two fulltime employees on.

Response was to keep the system in business with one employee for (say) one year, the company will stay in constant communication with the TERO Office & the Natural Resources Department and let them know how the business is going and keep it constantly re-evaluated and if the business picks up, at that time, go back to the two fulltime employees then.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion for the record

Councilman Fast Dog made motion to keep two fulltime employees on, seconded by Councilman Gillette.

Vote: 4 for, 0 opposed, 2 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 04:

4: TWIN BUTTES COMMUNITY/PAUL FREDERICKS: Mr. Fredericks was present to speak on behalf of his community. (Four items) Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page three

> HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT: Resolution 94-38-JJR. This resolution pertains to granting approval to the Twin Buttes Community and Elementary school to engage in a proposed traffic safety team.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

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

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 05:

SUPPORT OF FMHA COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOAN FOR TWIN BUTTES COMMUNITY:

Mr. Fredericks explained the community is seeking an FMHA facilities loan to add on to the building. It would consist of two locker rooms, an exercise room and bathroom. The tribe's support is needed.

It is to be understood that the tribe is not a co-signor.

Secretary Rabbithead made motion to approve support seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY DOCKET FUNDS: The community is still waiting for these funds since March.

Treasurer Bird Bear stated he will try to get to those as soon as possible.

HUD YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM: Discussion on the monies and projects.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

TWIN BUTTES CELEBRATION COMMITTEE REQUEST: Mr. Fredericks speaking on behalf of the celebration committee as Vice President is requesting financial support and a buffalo. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page four

CELEBRATION REQUEST (CON'T):

Upon talking with several councilmembers, it was mentioned that there may be an X amount of dollars given to the pow-wows from the gaming revenue or some other proceeds.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion.

Councilman Gillette made motion to approve \$15,000.00 for the four summer dances in existence today - Twin Buttes, White Shield, Mandaree and Little Shell and the amount for next year, to be figured out then and if possible, a buffalo seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vote: 5 for, 1 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 06: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ISSUES: Theodore Danks, Transportation Director present. Several issues to be presented.

> RESOLUTION/PARSHALL COMMUNITY STREETS Reso #94-39-JJR.

He is requesting concurrence from the tribe for \$250,000.00 committment for Parshall Indian community streets.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Secretary Rabbithead made motion to approve concurrence, seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

STAGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Mr. Danks explained that two or three projects can be planned. It was requested that we go on record to plan projects for each segment and have them ready to go and to build part of them each year and this will not be cost effective. Through the stage construction process, we will have projects going continously and we can build them over a period of time. It will allow us to do more than one project Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page five

> CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CON'T): at one time. We can obligate our entire budget each year and use it and have the cash flow into

our communities each year.

Discussion on recurring dollars, traffic concern projects, traffic counts and access roads.

Treasurer Bird Bear stated he may be attending a meeting regarding access roads. He will be setting it up with Mr. Danks.

Discussion regarding snow removal system.

Mr. Danks stated he would like to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the state on the snow removal system.

It was mentioned that if there was a councilman designated as Roads Committee Chairman then he can have the authority to negotiate with him.

Mr. Mossett was informed he was designated.

ITEM 07: LCM REQUEST:

John Fox, Jr., Board of Directors Chairman of LCM present.

Mr. Fox requested funds on behalf of LCM. He explained monies which came in already. The request needed today is \$52,000.00 to complete Housing project 522.

Comments were made on the LCM situation. LCM was requested to do a plan on how to liquidate the debts and the closing of project 522.

Discussion on how much the tribe owes LCM. The deadline for this payment is June 1, 1994.

Chairman Wilkinson entertain motion to assist LCM with a plan in hand.

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LCM REQUEST (CON'T):

- 1). approve \$52,000.00 for LCM to complete project 522.
- 2). for the housing authority to cooperate fully with LCM in all regard.
- 3). require a plan for any additional monies input into LCM.

Councilman Mossett made motion to approve and on agreement #2, to include for Chairman Wilkinson to talk with the Board of Directors Chairman and then for both to talk with Housing Director, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Discussion on monies from housing.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 08:

RESOLUTION/ESCROW ACCOUNT: Reso #94-40-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to establishing an account in order to reimburse the state gaming division for legal fees and other costs and in order to comply with the tribal/state gaming compact.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Councilman Fast Dog made motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson.

Discussion on the wording "tribes".

Vote: 4 for, 0 opposed, 2 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 09: RESOLUTION/SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MANDAREE COMMUNITY: Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to hiring a community worker for the Aging Services.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

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> MANDAREE COMMUNITY REQUEST (CON'T): Discussion on wording "other requirements".

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 10: RESOLUTION/RANGE READINESS: Reso #94-42-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to the Three Affiliated Tribes making a year to year determination regarding the start up date of each grazing season on the Fort Berthold Reservation, based on range readiness.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Discussion on the wording "exceptions". Also on the dates.

Motion and second to amend to read May 1st for Indian owned cattle and May 21st for Non-Indian owned cattle. Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 11: RESOLUTION/NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM: Reso #94-43-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to BIA entering into a PL 93-638 contract with the Three Affiliated Tribes to administer this program.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Councilman Gillette made motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Discussion on who runs this program?

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 12: RESOLUTION/FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Reso #94-44 Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization and directing Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page eight

> FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESOLUTION (CON'T); the Social Services Program/Human Resources Dept to execute and file application for Family Violence Prevention and Services.

Councilman Gillette made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vice Chairman Johnson acknowledges motion and second in the absence of Chairman Wilkinson.

Vote: 4 for, 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 13: RESOLUTION/FBCC SEEKING LAND GRANT STATUS: #94-45 Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to the Three Affiliated Tribes urges the immediate enactment of S.1345, "The Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1993

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Secretary Rabbithead made motion to approve, seconded by Treasurer Bird Bear.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 14: RESOLUTION/SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EFFORT OF FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Reso #94-46 Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization of FBCC to seek funding for a non-broadcast telecommunication facility from the National level of Public Broadcasting Service Department.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Treasurer Bird Bear made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 15: RESOLUTION/FY'95 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS: Reso #94-47 Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page nine

> INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESOLUTION (CON'T): resolution pertains to the Three Affiliated Tribes requesting the US Senate concurring with the US House of Representatives to provide funding for the newly passed Indian Tribal Justice Act for FY'95

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 16: RESOLUTION/EPA FUNDING FOR DATA COLLECTION OF LEAD POLLUTION: Reso #94-48-JJR Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to the Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resources Department to submit a grant application to EPA for collection of data for possible lead pollution in homes and dwellings of Fort Berthold. Don Morgan, Director present.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 17: RESOLUTION/BEAVER BAY LEASE: Reso #94-49-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to requesting to lease from the Corps of Engineers that property described.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Councilman Mossett made motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 18: RESOLUTION/CONDUCTION OF RANGE NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Resolution #94-50-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page ten

> RANGE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION (CON'T): resolution pertains to authorizing the Natural Resources Department to do all things necessary to contract or to ensure the assessment to be conducted. Don Morgan, Director present.

Mr. Morgan explained the assessment as the BIA has done this over 5 years ago to bring this up to date.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated that he requested for the BIA to do this so he wishes to be on the group.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Mossett.

Discussion on contract or ensure.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 19:

19: RESOLUTION/FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Reso #94-51 Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorizing the Natural Resources Department to do all things necessary to obtain the Fire Management contract.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Treasurer Bird Bear made motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 20: RESOLUTION/COMPETING OF ALL GRANTS FROM ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL SOURCES: Reso #94-52-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorizing the Natural Resources Department to apply for all grants that become available to said department exclusively from Environmental Protection Agency. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page eleven

> EPA GRANTS RESOLUTION (CON'T): Mr. Morgan explained this is for EPA Programs. Resolution to reflect this is exclusively for only the EPA Programs.

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

Discussion regarding Department of energy and the availability of \$250,000.00 grants to do feasibility studies (energy grants). Deadline is on the 21st.

Vote: 7 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 21: RESOLUTION/M,R&I WATER CONTRACT: Mr. Morgan requested that this resolution be taken off today because there are negotiations being done yet with BOR and OIG.

> All Councilmen were encouraged to be in attendance at the meeting set up for the 26th at Aberdeen SD.

- ITEM 22: RESOLUTION/LANDEXCHANGE-CAROL BRUGH LONEFIGHT: Mr. Morgan stated he was not familiar with this one and would like Realty Officer, Harley Lone Bear to be in attendance on this one. Matter being referred back to Natural Resources Committee.
- ITEM 23: RESOLUTION/M,R&I MAINTENANCE BUILDING: Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead.

Discussion included construction and the section on termination.

It was suggested that Mr. Morgan get together with the Legal Department on this document. If it requires negotiation, then do so. Also to prepare numbers for the Tribal Business Council.

ITEM 24: RESOLUTION/BJORLAND LAWSUIT: Reso #94-53-JJR. Mr. Bear Don't Walk explained that the issue involves a \$7,000.00 payment for the purchase of 10 buffalo owned by the Tribe and the subRegular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page twelve

> LAWSUIT RESOLUTION (CON'T): sequent cancellation of that check by Bjorland

The attempt to talk with him regarding recovery of the buffalo or the \$7,000.00 and his absolute refusal to rectify that or pay the tribe necessitating a lawsuit against him. This would be civil charges so I'm proposing a lawsuit be authorized against Mr. Bjorland.

Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Secretary Rabbithead made motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson. Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 25:

PERSONNEL GRIEVIANCES: Resolution #94-41-JJR. It was suggested a hearing be set up within the next 30 days for the four employees. A three member hearing panel consisting of Councilman Mossett, Vice Chairman Johnson and Councilman Fast Dog were designated to set up a meeting and work with Legal. Comments by Legal were to deal with these in a reasonable time. Discussion on TORT Claim.

Resolution will be written up by Legal for authorization by Council.

Councilman Mossett made motion for the 3 member hearing panel, seconded by Treasurer Bird Bear

Discussion: Any council to sit in on the meeting. The 3 man panel will retain the power to make the decision.

Vote: 4 for, 1 opposed, 2 not voting. Motion Carried. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page thirteen

ITEM 26: RESOLUTION/HEADSTART BUDGET: Reso #94-54-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to submission of Headstart FY'94 proposal based on refunding level. Catherine Harmon, Headstart Director, present.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Treasurer Bird Bear made motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 27: RESOLUTION/CAREER DEVELOPMENT LADDER: #94-55-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to the Three Affiliated Tribes Personnel Department to conduct a wage comparability study with intent to create and implement a Headstart Employee Career Development Ladder and Salary Step scale. Catherine Harmon, Headstart Director, Present.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 28: RESOLUTION/MANDAREE ELECTRONICS FINANCIAL REQUEST: Resolution #94-56-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization and appro-

val the financial request of MEC.

For the record, this will be a grant for that dollar amount to Mandaree Electronics.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Councilman Mossett made motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson.

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> FINANCIAL REQUEST RESOLUTION (CON'T): Clarence O'Berry, Director explained what management has done as far as generating money.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 29:

RESOLUTION/CAPITAL CREDITS-MANDAREE ELECTRONICS: Resolution #94-57-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization and approval of request for capital credits from McKenzie Electric Company and Reservation Telephone Cooperative to be directly deposited to MEC

bank account on an annual basis. Clarence O'berry CEO, present.

Discussion regarding capital credits. Legal Dept staff were asked to follow up on a pending lawsuit.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed, 2 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 30: LAND EXCHANGE ISSUE: This pertains to the land exchange between the Three Affiliated Tribes and Edwin Hall. Certain concerns raised by Robert Brugh.

> Mr. Brugh explain he has his homesite there and does not wish to move out of the land that has been exchanged for. Mr. Brugh requested that the land exchange resolution be rescinded.

Mr. Hall explains he already owns land there and would like this land exchange to go through as he has started this process six years ago and it has finally passed. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page fifteen

LAND EXCHANGE ISSUE (CON'T):

Mr. Lone Bear explained the Natural Resources Department based this land exchange on the land that Ed is exchanging for has a more higher value than the one the tribe is giving up and currently there is no one leasing this land according to BIA.

No one was aware of any issues that would arise between the two families. It was mentioned that since both families have land in the same area, they will have to get along as neighbors.

A lengthy discussion was had on this land exchange.

It was stated that the Tribal Business Council made a decision to approve this landtrade. It was presented and recommended by the Natural Resources Committee and that's the basis on which the Council made a decision. The only way this decision can be affected is for the Council to put a motion and a second on the floor. The decision made is final.

Chairman entertains motion and second to rescind the previously authorized land exchange resolution.

More discussion was had.

It was further stated that if we don't have a motion and second, then Natural Resources Committee will proceed to prepare the deeds and consumate the land transaction.

More discussion was held but there was no motion or second.

ITEM 31: RESOLUTION/NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Reso #94-58-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization for the Education Department to request technical assistance from the Native American Rights Fund for the final stages of development of the Education Code of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page sixteen

> TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOLUTION (CON'T): Question regarding payment for Ms. McCoy and input by local people. Bernadine Young Bird, Education Administrator present.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Vice Chairman Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Fast Dog.

Vote: 6 for, 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 32: RESOLUTION/FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR THE DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM: Resolution #94-59-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to a need to recruit and hire six community recreation leaders to serve the program needs in each of the six communities by Tribal Government Sponsorship.

Discussion on the structures being built for the communities.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve

Councilman Mossett made motion to designate community leaders to work with the program, seconded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 not voting. Motion Carried.

ITEM 33: RESOLUTION/INDIAN EMPLOYMENT & RELATED SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: Reso #94-60-JJR. Resolution read by Secretary Rabbithead. This resolution pertains to authorization to submit application for funds to revive EARN Demonstration project by the Job Training Administrator.

Chairman Wilkinson entertains motion to approve.

Councilman Fast Dog made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Mossett. Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried. Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1994 Page <u>seventeen</u>

ADJOURNMENT: ITEM 34: Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Approved Secretary, Rabbithead Jr. John

Disapproved

6-8-94 Date

ATTEST: Williowell Chairman, Wilbur D. Wilkinson

<u>6-8-94</u> Date