



# MANDAN, HIDATSA, & ARIKARA NATION

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 1996

01. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER. The Special Meeting of January 31, 1996, of the Three Affiliated Tribes' Tribal Business Council was called to order by Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., at 1:25 p.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers. A moment of silent prayer was held,
02. ROLL CALL. Secretary Spotted Bear called roll: Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., present; Vice Chairman Edwin Hall, present; Treasurer Mark N. Fox, present; Secretary Daylon Spotted Bear, present; Councilman Austin Gillette, present; Councilman Ivan Johnson, present; Councilman George Fast Dog, present. All members present.
03. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS. Announcements and reports were made by Chairman Mason and Treasurer Fox. An ITMA Meeting is scheduled in Albuquerque, NM, February 13-16; and a delegation trip to Washington, DC, is scheduled for February 21-24.
04. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion to approve agenda, with additions and deletions, made by Mr. Fast Dog, second by Mr. Johnson. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.
05. NEW BUSINESS.
  - A. Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Members. Mr. Warren Harrison spoke to the council on the district's proposed federal legislation on State and Reservation municipal, rural and industrial water needs. Also present were Peter Belgard and Jeff Redunel. Chairman Mason advised that the proposed changes would be referred to the Tribes' Legal Department for review and appraisal.
  - B. Eligibility for College Educational Grants. Treasurer Fox indicated this fund had been set up to help full-time college students in good standing who have an unmet need that is documented. The problem now is that requests are coming in for non-college grants, such as transportation costs, car payments, etcetera. He wanted council to be apprised of the situation and make a determination as to what these grants would be provided for. After discussion, Motion was made by Mr. Gillette to continue to fund the graduate and undergraduate students who show an unmet need; to authorize the Education Committee to work with the Education Department to develop guidelines and criteria for these grants; and to have these recommendations for review and possible passage to the council by July 1, 1996. Second to motion by Mr. Fast Dog. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Carried.

Note: 15-minute break taken (2:50 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.).

06. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. Education Department Issues and Concerns.

1. Development of Incentive Program for Education Staff. Dr. Ed Slocum, Principal, New Town School, spoke on the development of an incentive program which is being geared toward Native Americans, and said they would like to see this expanded to all aides in the school system. Bernadine Young Bird, Education Administrator, said the development of an incentive program is a concern, and wanted council to be aware of it.

2. Language and Culture Commission. Mrs. Young Bird said there was a concern about language certification for staff in school districts. A Language and Culture Commission has been authorized by council, however, monies have not been earmarked and no one has been appointed. This commission needs to be established and monies earmarked.

3. JTAC Funding. A process or procedure for submitting input or requests in terms of need is requested. Education would like to have an opportunity to convey educational needs in JTAC planning, and would like to know the process involved, so they can submit an education proposal.

4. Education Administrators Meeting. Copy of minutes of last meeting were handed out to council members.

5. Education Summit. Mrs. Young Bird said an official report was planned to be submitted during Education Week, and advised they were attempting to hold community meetings on education before the end of Spring. At the end of the year, a plan for education (birth to adult) with involvement of all education providers in all communities, will be submitted to council.

6. Federal and State Goals 2000. A consortium grant with Mandaree, New Town, White Shield, and Twin Buttes Schools has been submitted for a curriculum project for grades K-6. Parshall School did not participate.

7. Language Preservation. An application will be submitted to ANA for a language preservation grant in March 1996. A Language Committee is proposed to be established consisting of educators from all three schools, Head Start, and FBCC.

8. BIA Education Funds/Administrative Cost Study Group. The intent is to pursue BIA Education Funds next year; and, if a study group is to be assembled, Mrs. Young Bird requested that someone be assigned to get a study group together.

9. Johnson O'Malley. Wilma Nelson expressed concern about council action that had been taken with this program, without giving the Education Department an opportunity to consult with them on this. She said she felt she had attempted to follow policy and procedure to

attempt to resolve some very serious concerns and issues that abound within this program, but had never received any follow-up on this. Note: Chairman Mason advised that the council would revisit this; but, in the meantime, council action had been taken to maintain some continuity in the program.

10. Three Affiliated Tribes' Education Committee Schedule. Chairman Mason stated that an Education Committee Meeting had been scheduled, but had to be postponed, and that he would reschedule another Education Committee Meeting.

11. Head Start Phase III Management Institute. C. A. Wolf Eyes reported on this training, which had been attended by eleven tribal members. A hand-out was distributed to the councilmembers on this.

12. Clarification of Head Start Memorandum of Agreement with TAT Regarding Hiring. Agreement was requested to be amended to allow Head Start Director to make temporary appointments for unexpected vacancies. Ms. Wolf Eyes to bring recommendations to next council meeting.

13. Clarification of Tribal Council Education Grants. Chairman Mason said he and the Treasurer would consult with higher education on future grant requests, and the development of criteria for grant recipients.

Note: 20-minute break taken (4:45 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.).

B. Resolution No. 96-013-DSB for Johnson's Corner Christian Academy School (See Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 11, 1996). Motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve this resolution that authorizes payment of \$4,000.00 to JCCA School. Second by Mr. Gillette. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.

C. Resolution No. 96-014-DSB for Dennis Well Drilling (See Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 21, 1995). Motion to approve this resolution to authorize \$8,000.00 payment to Dennis Well Drilling made by Mr. Gillette. Second by Mr. Johnson. For the Record: Mr. Gillette stated, "Once again, this is a cost incurred by the Wilkinson Administration, and this is a special circumstance which the Tribe is forced to pay." Roll Call Vote: Mr. Fast Dog - Nay; Mr. Fox - Abstain; Mr. Gillette - Aye; Mr. Hall - Aye; Mr. Johnson - Aye; Mr. Mason - Aye; Mr. Spotted Bear - Aye.

D. Resolution No. 96-015-DSB to Solicit Competitive Bidding for Mandaree and White Shield Water Treatment Plants. Motion to approve by Mr. Johnson. Second, Mr. Gillette. Discussion by Mr. Gillette that this is the recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee, and the Tribe is still responsible for the old LCM debt service, and the new company can bid on this project, if they want. Discussion by Mr. Fox that the Tribe should support the new company. Further discussion that this project needs to be completed in a reliable manner for the benefit of the people. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained. Carried.

E. Judith Coffey Request (See Minutes of December 21, 1995). Chairman Mason asked the council to reconsider this request as a grant, rather than a loan, and gave his supporting comments. After discussion, Mr. Gillette made a **Motion** to amend council's previous action, and to authorize the Chairman and the Treasurer to consider **both** a loan and a grant to help resolve this outstanding debt. Seconded by Mr. Hall. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstained. Carried.

07. PERSONNEL.

A. Mandaree Segment Employment Program. **Motion** to approve the hiring of Melva Driver effective January 22, 1996, was made by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Fast Dog. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained. Carried.

B. North Segment Employment Program. **Motion** by Mr. Fast Dog to correct the name of the person hired for North Segment from Elgin to Timothy White Body, Jr. Second, Mr. Johnson. (See Minutes of January 11, 1996, wherein Mr. Fast Dog said Elgin White Body, rather than Timothy White Body.) Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstained. Carried.

C. Head Start. **Motion** by Mr. Gillette, second by Mr. Fast Dog to approve the temporary appointments of Jolene Fox as Teacher and Mary Lou Lone Fight as Teacher Assistant at the Mandaree Little Plume Head Start Center. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstained. Carried.

D. Temporary Receptionist for Personnel. **Motion** by Mr. Fast Dog, second by Mr. Johnson, to appoint Helena Mahsetky as temporary receptionist for the Personnel Department, until contract specialist position is advertised and filled. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.

08. NEXT MEETING. Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 08, 1996, 10:00 a.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.

09. ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Hall, second by Mr. Gillette. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 opposed. Mr. Johnson absent during vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

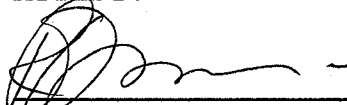
**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

I, the undersigned, as Executive Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members, of whom five (5) members constitute a quorum. Seven members were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8th day of February 1996, whereupon the foregoing minutes were presented for approval by the Three Affiliated Tribes Recording Secretary. Said minutes were duly approved by the affirmative vote of 7 members and have not been amended in any way, except as noted by council when approved.

Dated this 8th day of February 1996.

ATTEST:

Daylon Spotted Bear  
Daylon Spotted Bear, Executive Secretary

  
Russell D. Mason, Sr., Chairman