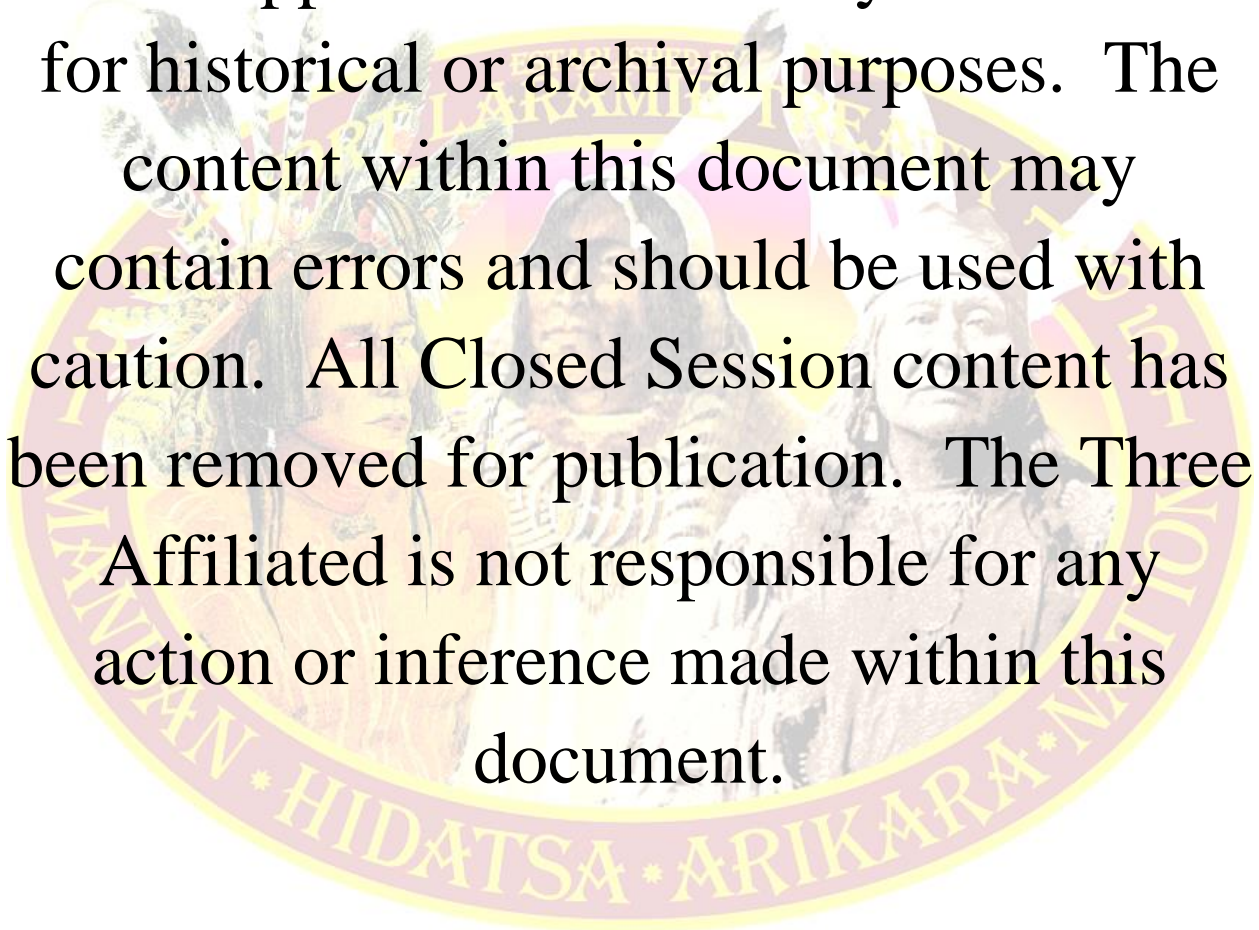


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TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NO. 7  
REGULAR MEETING  
DATE: APRIL 14, 1998 TIME: 10:25 A.M.

01. Call to Order, Prayer & Roll Call.

The Regular Meeting of April 1998 was called to order by Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., at 10:25 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers. A moment of silent prayer was held. Members present for roll call were: Chairman Russell D. Mason, Sr., Vice Chairman Austin Gillette, Treasurer Mark N. Fox, Secretary Daylon Spotted Bear, Councilman Edwin Hall, Councilman Tex G. Hall and Councilman Thomas Bird Bear. All members present. Quorum established.

02. Approval of Minutes.

a. March 12 & 13, 1998. Motion to approve, with corrections, if needed, was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Edwin Hall. Vote: 7 in favor. Minutes approved.

b. March 18, 1998. Motion to approve, with corrections, as needed, was made by Thomas Bird Bear and seconded by Tex Hall. Vote: 7 in favor. Minutes approved.

03. **Announcements.** The Home Owners Fair held at the Civic Center was well attended and a lot of interest was shown by those in attendance. The Judicial Committee hosted a meeting between the TAT Bar Board, Judicial Committee, and ND State Bar Board, which was very successful, with good discussion. A ground-breaking ceremony will be held in White Shield this month for the clinic and senior center. Chairman Mason was thanked for helping set up the FSA meeting with Assistant Secretary Ken Gover, which was a very positive meeting. It was noted, if reassignment were to take place from FSA to BIA in servicing delinquent loans, it would be at fair market value. Mark Fox was congratulated on being elected treasurer to the National Indian Gaming Association Executive Board. The members from Fort Berthold should be proud to have one of our tribal members sitting on this board. The Four Bears lagoon is still a big issue in the Four Bears Segment. A new warehouse for the food distribution program, which would facilitate our reservation receiving fresher, healthier food, is badly needed--a number of reservations are already receiving these food items. Chairman Mason thanked Edwin Hall for taking the initiative on this. Chairman Mason was invited to address the ND Democratic Convention in Minot on the 5th of April. Edwin Hall made a motion, seconded by Mark Fox, for the Chairman to submit his speech to the recorder to be printed in the minutes. 7 in favor, carried.

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4. Text of Chairman Russell D. "Bud" Mason Sr.,'s Address to the Democratic-NPL North Dakota Convention, April 5, 1998.

"Good morning. This is indeed an honor and a privilege to address this distinguished convention. Today, I come before you--not just as a delegate from the 4th District, which I certainly am--not just as a fellow Democrat, and I am that--but, as a democratically-elected tribal leader of a sovereign Indian Nation, the Three Affiliated Tribes, which is the affiliated of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations.

"Now, you may say that the Three Affiliated Tribes cannot be a sovereign nation, as it is part of the Fort Berthold Reservation, which is in North Dakota and part of the United States, but almost 150 years ago, in the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851, we were recognized by the United States government as the sovereign nation we have always been. That treaty reserved to us our ancestral homelands of approximately twelve million acres in parts of what are now four states. We still occupied villages along the Missouri River where we had tended our corn and hunted the buffalo for centuries in peace with our neighbors.

"Despite our treaty--despite our decades of cooperation with the United States, including the assistance we gave Lewis and Clark on their journeys through our lands earlier in the century and the assistance of the Arikaras as scouts for Custer--within forty years of the Fort Laramie Treaty, our territory was reduced more than 90 percent to barely one million acres by Presidential decree and Congressional action.

"In 1910 more land was taken. Over 400,000 acres of our reservation were offered to homesteaders--a government give-away at our expense. At the same time, each of our adults was asked to choose 160 acres of reservation land, opening up even more reservation acres for homesteading. The reservation quickly became a checkerboard of different land ownership. As Austin Gillette, one of our council members, says, our people learned the language of 'It's mine, keep out! rather than It's ours, let's work together.'

"But the government wasn't through taking our land. Within the next forty years, our people were told by the Army Corps of Engineers that we would have to leave our ancestral homelands along the rich bottomlands of the Missouri River because of the construction of the Garrison Dam. Another 150,000 acres of our reservation was lost to us so that North Dakota could have water and power and so that communities downstream could grow without fear of annual spring flooding.

"Much of our heritage and our culture remains under water, drowned by the waters of Lake Sakakawea. Many of our elders have never overcome the sense of loss created when we were asked to

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leave our homes and go to a "new town", now New Town, North Dakota. I, myself, was among the last to attend Elbowoods High School, now under water. Our people, who once shared a common community, are now separated by miles of water.

"I tell you this not only because I want to help you understand some of the history of the Three Affiliated Tribes, but also because, during the past two weeks, I have been following President Clinton's visit to Africa. Of particular interest was his visit to South Africa, a nation affected by the apartheid system, an attempt to confine the indigenous population to townships, much like our people were confined to reservations. The President expressed amazement at the perseverance of the present leadership of South Africa who never lost sight of a better future for their people.

"We, too, as an indigenous people, have persevered and are struggling toward a better future for our children. We trust that President Clinton now has a keener understanding of what we have suffered. We hope that he will now consider us in much the same way as he considers other indigenous people in foreign lands who have struggled to maintain their way of life against oppressive circumstances.

"To be fair, we have made some progress and have been given some important opportunities for the betterment of the lives of our people. President Clinton took an important first step in 1994 by requesting that executive agencies of his administration deal with Indian Nations of this great land on a government-to-government basis. While we do not always agree on what a government-to-government relationship is, the President's Memorandum has begun to help as we deal with agencies, often paternalistic, that are supposed to be protecting our interests.

"We are especially grateful to Senator Kent Conrad and, at that time, Congressman Byron Dorgan, who, in 1992, helped enact the Equitable Compensation Act. This Act established for us a perpetual fund, paid for, ironically, by the electric power created by the dams along the Missouri River, the interest from which we are to receive in perpetuity and use for social welfare, economic development, and education, among other things. The plan, developed by our people for spending the first payment from the fund, is just about complete.

"We also are supportive of the efforts of our Congressional Delegation to provide more funds for the municipal, rural, and industrial water needs of the Tribes in our state through the proposed Dakota Water Resources Act. We pledge to continue working with all of you in this regard.

"The modest success of our casino, 4 Bears Casino and Lodge, has also helped us. It employs more than three hundred of our

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members, along with some non-Indians, and provides additional dollars for many valuable tribal programs. The economic impact of the casino goes far beyond our boundaries, as our suppliers are mostly off-reservation; furthermore, we now have fewer people on state welfare rolls. We thank those of you who have been there, for your continued patronage!

"There are still many challenges ahead. We now face in Congress an unprecedented assault on our sovereign rights. Senator Gorton of Washington State, a Republican, and others would like to allow our Indian Nations to be sued in state and federal court, in any kind of lawsuit, without any chance to claim our sovereignty as a defense. Can you imagine allowing the State of North Dakota to be sued in Canada? This is what Senator Gorton's proposal is like. We believe one of its purposes, whether stated or not, it to put tribes out of business, wiping out any chance for tribes to become self-sufficient.

"Another Republican, Congressman Bill Archer of Texas, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, wants to tax our governmental income from our businesses. We provide governmental services, just like any government, but I don't see Chairman Archer proposing to tax state lotteries. I thought Republicans wanted lower taxes, but I guess that doesn't apply when you are taxing Indians!

"I would have to ask them, haven't we given enough? I say we have given more than enough! We have given up 90 percent of our lands, and we have suffered the loss of many of our people, first through planned genocide; and, ironically, later as volunteers fighting in wars defending the freedom of the United States. We know that Kent, Byron, and Earl are doing everything they can to fight those in Congress who threaten our sovereignty and want to create a new era of termination of the Indian Nations, and we thank them again for their efforts.

"Sometimes with adversity comes great opportunity. Despite all that has happened to our people--despite congressional threats to our sovereignty--we are on the brink of economic development that will help transform all of northwestern North Dakota. Among other things, we are working on a reservation-wide oil and gas development project unprecedented in Indian Country. Once we clear the bureaucratic hurdles, we will be developing over 450,000 mineral acres in the Williston Basin, providing jobs for many people, both Indian and non-Indian.

"During my administration as chairman, we have begun to mend fences with our neighbors both on and off the reservation. We are about to end a seven-year lawsuit with our telephone providers, Reservation Telephone Cooperative. Further, we now have significant ties with the local financial community. We know that, on occasion, we must waive our sovereign immunity to

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access capital and to pursue our goals of economic development. We know we need a strong court system so that all of those with whom we do business will know that they will be treated fairly.

"We are working toward better cooperation with local law enforcement. There is no reason we cannot share resources, Indian and non-Indian alike, to build better communities to allow our children to continue to enjoy a safe environment for school and play.

"In White Shield, one of our outlying communities, we developed a satellite operation of Uniband, a data entry firm started by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. The satellite operation employs more than forty people. Almost all of the employees of our Uniband site were on welfare before they went to work.

"These are the kinds of opportunities we intend to continue to pursue--working together with our neighbors, rather than in opposition. These undertakings are not without controversy and require a great deal of work, but we believe we are to the task.

"All of these efforts are helped immensely by the good relationship we have with our elected North Dakota leaders. For example, other Indian Nations throughout the country can only marvel at the friendly relationship we have with Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp. She always treats us fairly, with respect and due regard for our needs. We applaud her efforts on behalf of the Indian people of this State. To be fair, we also have developed a good relationship with Governor Schafer. Of course, having Heidi across the hall as a role model for the governor doesn't hurt!

"I've already mentioned our terrific congressional delegation. Kent, Byron and Earl continue to give us their time and political skills and try their best to respond to our concerns in areas such as health care, education, and economic development. Both Senators Conrad and Dorgan serve on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Their commitment to the betterment of Native Americans not only benefits us in North Dakota, but tribes throughout the United States.

"What does the future hold for us? We need your support, as true Democrats who have a long tradition of unbiased caring about their fellow citizens, to improve the way our Indian tribal members are treated in this State. We need a Human Rights Commission to address discrimination in this State and to enforce our civil rights laws. Without a fair, impartial, investigative body, many discriminatory actions go unreported, allowing some state republican officials to 'see no evil' and claim that there is no serious discrimination in North Dakota.

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"We need our legislature to assist our tribal community colleges, which help educate our youth. At Fort Berthold Community College, over 40 percent of the students are non-Indian; however, we receive no state funds. Our federal funding is less than one-half that spent for state junior colleges. Our Democratic leaders have tried to help, but without success. Apparently, building a new prison at the state hospital in Jamestown is more important than educating our students. These spending priorities must change, and with your help electing democrats, they can.

"We need to be sure that we can work with the State of North Dakota to meet the demands of welfare reform. To keep our people off welfare, we need jobs. To get jobs, we need economic development. We need these economic development efforts to reach us where our unemployment is--in our reservation communities. With a stable tribal government, we could sustain this economic growth.

"Perhaps, too, a Native American caucus can be formed in the legislature that will advance our interests. I encourage the legislative leaders here to seriously consider initiating such a caucus.

"We know these are tough and long-term tasks. But we also know that we are ready to face and overcome new challenges together. With mutual respect for our different cultures, we can build a better tomorrow for all the citizens of North Dakota, including those of us who have often been left behind. We haven't persevered this long to give up now.

"I want to close with the statements of two great leaders--first is that made by one of our past tribal leaders, Arikara Chief White Shield, who stated, 'The color of the skin makes no difference. What is good and just for one is good and just for the other, and the Great Spirit made all men brothers. I have a red skin, but my grandfather was a white man. What does it matter? It is not the color of the skin that makes me good or bad.' The second is from South African leader, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who sums up my feelings in this statement: 'Without memory, there is no healing. Without forgiveness, there is no future.'"

Note: A straw vote was taken regarding giving monetary support, if allowable, to the two North Dakota Democratic candidates, Senators Conrad and Dorgan. A majority was in favor, if allowable.

05. **Commodity Building.** A motion was made by Edwin Hall to prioritize a building for the commodity program that is adequate to receive fresh produce, utilizing CDBG funding; second, Tex Hall. After discussion, motion and second were amended to prioritize a building for the food distribution program and to seek funding from other sources. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained, Mr. Gillette not present for vote. Carried.



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06. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion to approve agenda, with addition of 17 items, was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Tex Hall. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.
07. **IHS Update.** Service Unit Director Fred Baker advised that his executive committee would like to meet with the Tribal Business Council on a quarterly basis so as to have a good channel of communication on a continual basis. IHS now has a temporary dentist on a contract basis; the telephone system has been changed so that all incoming lines are being answered in person. The 3rd-party collections will continue as last year. A couple of positions will be added at IHS. Additionally, The Aberdeen Area budget request for FY 2000 was presented by Mr. Baker. Chairman Mason advised, at the Senate Appropriations hearings, it was brought out that the administration's IHS budget request for FY 2000 amounts to only a 1% increase. Continual efforts need to be made to get this funding increased. Also, in order to be eligible for contract health care, an enrolled member must live within the six counties of Mountrail, Ward, Mercer, McKenzie, Dunn, and McLean--180 days after a person leaves these areas, they are no longer eligible for contract health care from Fort Berthold. Patients must obtain authorization for referrals and must notify IHS within 72 hours of emergency admissions.

08. **1998 Little Shell Pow Wow Committee Request.** Jeff Fox, 1998 President, advised electrical work is needed at the grounds. \$9,300 is needed immediately for outside and ground wiring for commercial plug-ins and stands. This is a safety and liability factor. A suggestion was made for the committee to attempt to get portable diesel generators to use. After discussion, Mark Fox made a motion to agree to the phase 1 work (\$9,300) so this can begin. The motion was seconded by Edwin Hall on condition that this be a temporary fix only, and nothing permanent. After further discussion, Mr. Fox's motion was seconded by Thomas Bird Bear. Chairman Mason called for the vote: 7 in favor. Carried. (It was noted by the Treasurer that these funds could be a part of what was passed in May 1997.)

Note: The 1998 Nuxbaaga Pow Wow Committee was on the agenda, however, no members were present. Removed from agenda.

09. **Dale Haugen, Midwest Consumers Association, re WAPA Allocation for Power.** The Tribal Business Council needs to select a class of consumer for the TAT WAPA credits, and need to provide Mr. Haugen with a list of how they want to distribute these credits. This applies to the reservation only. December 31, 1998, is the deadline for a decision. Need MOU between Tribe, WAPA and Mountrail-Williams; McKenzie; McLean; Oliver-Mercer; Otter Tail.

Note: Meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m., and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

10. **RTC Litigation Conference Call.** This was requested to be a closed session by the TAT Legal Department since it involves litigation. (See also Item 22, below.)



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11. **Economic Recovery Fund Committee.** Tillie Walker informed the Tribal Business Council that the referendum resolution she was going to submit to the council on behalf of the committee, was not available, and requested this be deferred, along with another resolution on funds that she plans to submit. It was agreed to defer this to a Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 5.
12. **R#98-043-DSB, FB L&C Bicentennial Committee.** A request from the Fort Berthold Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Committee for assistance in the amount of \$1,500 to help defray expenses for hosting the National L&C Bicentennial Council members at Knife River Indian Villages NHS in Stanton. Motion to approve, Tex Hall; second, Edwin Hall. Vote: 6 in favor. Mr. Gillette not present for vote. Carried.
13. **R#98-041-DSB, Constitution Revision Committee Attorney Contract.** Phyllis Old Dog Cross, Chairperson, requested approval of the legal services contract with Ray Cross, whom the committee has hired to advise and assist them. Motion to approve, Mark Fox; second, Tex Hall. Discussion. It was suggested to the committee that, perhaps they could write a couple of constitutional drafts for review by the people, and that separation of powers be included in the revision. It was also requested that it be stipulated in the minutes that it be understood that any work done by Mr. Cross will result in his doing a report and/or summary to the full Tribal Business Council, and that the TAT Chairman, as well, will do a report to the Council, if necessary. Motion and second were amended to include "Tribal Business Council" rather than "Chairman" at the end of the sentence, under "2.Services." in the contract. Chairman Mason then called for the vote: 7 in favor. Carried.
14. **R#98-042-DSB, Indian Land Consolidation Pilot Project.** Resolution presented by the Natural Resources Committee Chairman, Austin Gillette. BIA has allocated monies to the Aberdeen Area Office for BIA to purchase small individual shares, and turn over to the Tribes. Motion to approve, Austin Gillette; second, Edwin Hall. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained. Carried.
15. **LaCroix Family Request.** Kristopher LaCroix, enrolled member, has been invited to a National Invitational Team Camp at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from July 14-24. After discussion, a motion was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Mark Fox to assist with an airline ticket up to \$1000, subject to further information on what the total costs involve. Vote: 7 in favor, Carried.
16. **Charlene Fredericks Gourd Business Proposal.** Mrs. Gourd shared her proposal for a motel to be located near the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. After discussion, she was requested to present her proposal to the TAT Casino Enterprise Board, and was also referred to the Three Affiliated Tribes' Financial Advisor, Dave Brendsel.
17. **R#98-054-DSB, Mary Ellen Knight Mineral Purchase.** Resolution presented by the Natural Resources Committee for the Tribe to purchase

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the minerals belonging to Mary Ellen Knight in undivided interests in seven allotments. Motion to approve, Edwin Hall; second, Austin Gillette. Discussion by Mr. Gillette that, normally, the Tribe does not purchase minerals; however, this purchase was made after the Knight's requested it last Fall, because of their housing situation. Chairman Mason called for the vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstained. Carried.

18. **Leo Cummings, Welfare Reform Update.** Mr. Cummings expressed concern that, nationwide, local leadership and tribal councils are not paying attention to welfare reform. When the 5-year limit runs out, the TAT programs that provide services to welfare recipients should not be caught unaware, and need to begin to make procedural changes in their programs. Mr. Cummings was asked to set up a meeting between his program, the Tribal Programs Manager, Social Services Director, and Chairman Mason.
  19. **R#98-044-DSB, WIC/Healthy Start Application to State for Provider Services.** Motion to approve resolution for Healthy Start to apply to the State of ND to become a provider under Medicaid for targeted case management for pre-natals was made by Edwin Hall and seconded by Tex Hall. Discussion that this resolution does not have the effect of prohibiting other individual providers from providing this service on the reservation. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained, Mr. Spotted Bear and Chairman Mason not present for vote. Carried.
  20. **R#98-045-DSB, Education Program.** Resolution to designate April 19-25 as "Week of the Young Child" was presented by Bernadine Young Bird. Motion to approve, Edwin Hall; second, Tex Hall. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 not present. Carried.
- Note: Break was taken at 4:37 p.m. Reconvened at 5:05 p.m.
21. **R#98-046-DSB, Social Services Intensive In-Home Services Contract.** Motion to approve, Mark Fox; second, Edwin Hall. Discussion. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.
  22. **RTC Litigation, Continued.** The Tribal Business Council was asked by the TAT Legal Department to address a letter faxed from the Washington attorneys. (As stated in Item 10, above, this was requested to be a closed session. A separate memorandum detailing the actions taken and/or motions made has been provided to Mr. Christopher "Kip" Quale, TAT Legal Department, by the TBC Recorder.)
  23. **R#98-047-DSB, Sodak Contract for Purchase of 20 Machines.** This is an old contract that remains from the Bruce Lien management of the casino. It has been renegotiated by Thomas M. Disselhorst, TAT Attorney, and David J. Brendsel, TAT Financial Consultant. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the TAT Casino Enterprise Board. Scott Eagle, representing Four Bears Casino, also recommended approval of this contract. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Edwin Hall and seconded by Daylon Spotted Bear. Chairman Mason called for the vote: 4 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

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24. **TERO/McLean Electric Discussion.** At the request of the TAT Legal Department this was a closed session, due to possible litigation. (A separate memorandum has been provided to the Legal Department.)
25. **R#98-048-DSB, Purchase of John Deere Excavator.** This is a Government Municipal Lease with R.D.O. Equipment Company of Minot to purchase an excavator to be used for the MR&I water project. This has been approved by the Natural Resources Committee. Motion to approve, Tex Hall; second, Edwin Hall. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion carried.
26. **Discussion on Tribal Court Budget.** The Tribal Court has been operating over its approved 638 contract budget since FY97. Apparently, no one has taken steps to rectify this, although the Tribal Court Administrator has been asked to revise and develop a budget for the Judicial Committee to review. This was referred back to the Judicial Committee for further action, and to gather budget information by Tuesday, April 21.
27. **R#98-049-DSB, FY98 North Segment CDBG Grant.** Resolution authorizes 100% HUD CDBG FY98 allocation for North Segment Community Funding needs. Resolution was requested to be passed by Scott Eagle and El Marie Conklin, North Segment Community Board Members. The reason is that the North Segment Community has not received CDBG funding for the past 4-5 years. Motion to approve, Thomas Bird Bear; second, Austin Gillette. Discussion was to look at working with the college in conjunction with this. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstained.
28. **R#98-050-DSB, \$500 Reward.** During the early morning hours of April 9, firearms were discharged within the city limits causing destruction of property. The Tribal Business Council is offering a reward of \$500 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s). Motion to approve, Tex Hall; second, Thomas Bird Bear. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained, Mr. Gillette not present for vote.
29. **Motion to Clarify Intent of Enacting the Gang Ordinance via R#97-111-DSB.** Kip Quale, TAT Legal Department, recommended a motion be passed to clarify that the intent of the council on May 14, 1997, in enacting the gang ordinance, was to place a 60-day limit for the Tribal Legal Department to review the ordinance and suggest amendments. If no amendments were needed, the ordinance would remain in effect beyond the 60-day period, as originally enacted, and until further amended. Mr. Quale stated he looked at the ordinance and met with BIA Law Enforcement, and there was no need to make amendments. Chairman Mason asked for a motion to clarify the ordinance as recommended by Kip Quale. Motion, Thomas Bird Bear; second, Tex Hall. Vote: 6 in favor, Mr. Spotted Bear not present for vote. Carried.
30. **Directive to Legal Department.** The Legal Department was requested to draft a standing resolution which would authorize the chairman and treasurer to offer rewards up to \$1,000.00 for certain criminal acts and bring back to the council for action.

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31. **R#98-051-DSB, Buffalo Program Operating Loan.** Resolution authorizes the Buffalo Program to seek a \$119,000 operating line of credit from the Community First National Bank. Discussion to secure inventory on sight and do a head count, and questionable budget figures. David J. Brendsel, Financial Advisor, worked with the Buffalo Manager on the budget and amount of operating loan. Motion to approve, Austin Gillette; second, Tex Hall. Vote: 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.
32. **Pete Fredericks, Travel Reimbursement.** Mr. Fredericks accompanied Councilman Tex Hall to Washington, DC, to meet with Ass't Secretary Kevin Gover on FSA foreclosures. The Natural Resources Committee had authorized travel for Mr. Fredericks, but he had paid his own way. Motion that the Tribe reimburse Mr. Fredericks for his travel was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Edwin Hall. Discussion that committees do not have the authority to authorize tribal funds for travel; however, they can make recommendations to the full council. It was noted that this was an immediate situation, and it was felt Pete's presence would be helpful at the meeting. Vote: 7 in favor. Carried.
33. **Dialysis.** This was a closed session, since it involved personnel matters, which are considered to be confidential, to protect the privacy of individuals and employees.
34. **Motion to Add to the Agenda.** A motion was made by Tex Hall to add Beverly Conklin Bird to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Edwin Hall. Vote: 7 in favor. Motion carried.
35. **William Thomas Conklin Memorial.** Beverly Conklin Bird requested a donation from the Tribe for her son's memorial basketball tournament. William died in a motor vehicle accident on April 23, 1997. The memorial will be held May 29, 1998, in Brockton, MT, at the high school. Motion to approve \$750 donation was made by Austin Gillette and seconded by Tex Hall. Vote: 5 in favor, 2 not present for vote. Carried.
36. **Personnel.** Personnel actions are considered to be confidential and are closed to the public, to protect the confidentiality and privacy of individuals.
37. **R#98-052-DSB, April Close-up Trip, Mandaree School.** Moved to approve resolution authorizing \$1,100 donation was made by Thomas Bird Bear and seconded by Tex Hall. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 opposed.
38. **R#98-053-DSB, Domestic Violence Grant.** Motion to approve grant of \$21,688 to the Domestic Violence Program for assistance in meeting program needs was made by Mark Fox; second, Daylon Spotted Bear. Discussion that some of the council members would like to see a total operating budget for this program. Mr. Fox noted that he would get a budget from them. After discussion, Chairman Mason called for the vote: 3 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained. Chairman Mason asked for a

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roll call vote: Austin Gillette-Aye, Russell D. "Bud" Mason, Sr.-Aye, Daylon Spotted Bear-Aye, Mark Fox-Aye; Thomas Bird Bear-Nay, Tex G. Hall-Nay, Edwin Hall-Nay. Discussion by Thomas Bird Bear that he would like to remark "for the record" that there was no budget submitted with this request. Mark Fox requested that it be noted "for the record" that he agreed to submit a budget, as part of the condition for approval.

39. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn, Tex Hall; second, Thomas Bird Bear. Vote: 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.