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*Three Affiliated Tribes • Fort Berthold Indian Reservation*

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## Natural Resources Committee Regular Meeting May 14, 2002

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee Chairman Gillette called meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Chairman Gillette, Committee Member Wells Jr.,  
Committee Member Spotted Bear.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve of amended agenda made by Committee Member Wells Jr.  
Seconded by Committee Member Spotted Bear.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.

4. **JIM MOSSETTE LAND EXCHANGE:**

In previous meeting the Committee declined a land exchange because exchange was not value for value. Four parcels of land would be sold to the Tribe. The Tribe would receive 50 Acres of Farm Land. Presentation of land exchange needs to be clearer. Mr. Mossette would like to meet with Ed Fox and will come back in June for the next Natural Resources Meeting.

5. **RURAL WATER-TEX LONE BEAR:**

As directed in the Regular Meeting held June 13, 2002 the Council approved the Committee to hire a Supervising Treatment Operator. The current budget is structured at \$250,000.00. The Bureau currently owes the Tribe on indirect cost. Currently the program is overstaffed. Recommendation made by Michelle Klose, Facilities Manager of the Bureau of Reclamations, is to wait for the 2003 budget. Letter was received, today May 14, 2002. A Conference Call is made to Michelle Klose. No contact established so Arden Fetig is contacted. Committee Member is speaking of the memo sent May 14, 2002 and January 8, 2002. The two letters are contradicting to each other. One is approving of a Supervising Treatment Operator. Requiring a Class I Water Treatment Certification and a Class II Water Distribution Certification. One employee has the credentials and the Council would like to move forward with that. The memo sent May 14, 2002 recommendations are to delay for the 2003 budget. In January the

recommendations for the staffing levels is 8 regular positions and 1 supervisory position. The Tribe is currently over that staffing level. The Tribe was underpaid in 2001-2002 budget. The concern is to have a supervisor that can trouble shoot all segments. Health and Safety is a concern with the Tribe while the Bureau is concerned with budget issues. If there is allowable special provisions that deal with health and safety concerns than a request is for another memo of the teleconference call that makes the position of the supervisor a priority. Chairman Gillette is requesting the Bureau meet on Friday May 17, 2002, to meet with Texx, the Finance department and the Natural Resource Committee. Unresolved issues with the staff levels need to be resolved. Currently there is one less operator in the White Shield Will reexamine the budget for the next couple of weeks and meet on the issues May 24, 2002. Results of water tests are a concern. Andrea Wright will take a review of the system she does the EPA sanitary surveys for North and South Dakota. State certification requirements depend on population. Class II Operators are requirements by the State systems and the EPA does not require the same license on Tribal Lands. Currently the operators on the reservation all have 1-A licenses. The employee who the Tribe would like to hire does have a Class II License. Equipment Operators should also be the distribution operators. Class II Licensing requires 1500-15,000 people. Issues will be looked at May 24, 2002. Friday, the Bureau will be sending a representative. Texx Lone Bear will coordinate the meeting. The plan is to formally adopt EPA standards. Format for the Tribe, each community will be identified.

**6. DARREN J MYRICK:**

Motion made by Committee Member Spotted Bear to approve of Farm/Pasture Renewal Lease for the period of 5 years beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 of 150 acres at \$3.50 per acre, total amount is \$525.00 for one year. Seconded by Committee Member Wells Jr.

**Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.**

**7. JIM HECKMAN:**

During the last Council meeting there was interest in an Emergency Management Response Training Meeting. The Training will be held at the College. Safety Sensitive employees will be mandated to for all sessions but would like all tribal employees to attend. Certified awareness and planning will be discussed. A budget proposed in the amount of \$15,000.00. Discussion on proposed summer intern budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 Total budget for the program is \$80,000.00. June 6, 2002 will have a Tribal Fund Review and what is available. The Committee cannot authorize any plan of action. Request can be made at the Budget meeting on June 6, 2002.

**8. PERSONELL CLOSED SESSION:**

9. **CHARLIE GRINELL:**

Application submitted 2 years ago. The Tribe has to patrician land as of yet. Of the 320 acres there are other owners. Land is not split up yet. Proposal is to sell the land. Estimated share is worth \$8257.00. The Tribe owns 62%, 200 acres. Motion made to purchase the 50-acre share by Committee Member Spotted Bear. Seconded by Committee Member Wells Jr.

**Discussion:** The Tribe will agree to buy after an actual appraisal is done.

**Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.**

10. **HOLLY MONOGRAM:**

The estimated value for 40 acres is \$4000.00. Approval for appraisal was granted last summer. The Agency did not follow through. Motion to request an updated on site appraisal on the Land Exchange between Polly Monogram and the Tribe made by Committee Member Marcus Wells Jr. Seconded by Committee Member Spotted Bear.

**Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.**

11. **RENITA SMITH REQUEST:**

Motion made by Committee Member Marcus Wells Jr. to authorize Ed Hale relocate trailer from New Town to Snow Bird Area. Seconded by Committee Member Spotted Bear.

**Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.**

12. **GAINUS LITTLE SOILDER REQUEST:**

Motion made by Committee Member Spotted Bear to approve of Gainus Little Soldier and Joe Kraft to cut hay on all Tribal lots in the city of Parshall and north of the New Parshall powwow grounds. Seconded by Committee Member Marcus Wells Jr.

**Discussion:** Tentative approval of the powwow grounds because Ed Hall might have a lease.

**Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion carried.**

13. **PRELIMINARY REPORT/RANGE UNITS:**

The Reality Staff was directed to report on what the Tribe purchased in the year 2001. 82 Range Unit Permits were issued. The actual Tribal Acreage leased is 61,99.23. The revenue total is \$131,513.90. Tribal land is \$90,711.90 and taking area is \$40,802.00. Recreational acreage excluding what is given to Royce Wolf in the Pouch Point Area is 39.14 acres, which netted \$26,051.40. Farm/Pasture

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

The undersigned, as Committee Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Natural Resources Committee is composed of three (3) members, of whom three (3) constitute a quorum. 3 members were present at a Natural Resource Committee meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on 9 day of March, 2004 whereupon the Three Affiliated Tribes Committee Secretary presented the foregoing minutes for approval.

Said minutes of May 14, 2002 were duly approved by the affirmative vote of 3 members approved, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstaining, 0 members not voting.

Respectfully submitted by: Connie Fox  
Connie Fox/Committee Secretary

03/09/04  
Date

Concurred by: Randy Phelan  
Chairman Phelan, of the Natural Resources Committee

3-9-04  
Date

**ATTEST:**

Randy Phelan  
Randy Phelan, Executive Secretary  
Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes

3-9-04  
Date

Lease permits issued where 53 with a total of 5,272.00 acres and revenue of \$100,996.65. Next Committee Meeting the Chairman is requesting an update on the oil and gas sell. A Motion was passed to follow up on leases to make sure they are current on accounts. Annette Young Bird is requested to follow up on accounts.

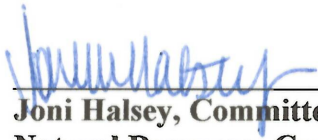
**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 3:21 P. M. Next scheduled committee meeting will be June 4, 2002.

**ATTEST:**



**Austin Gillette, Committee Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
Three Affiliated Tribes**



**Joni Halsey, Committee Secretary  
Natural Resources Committee  
Three Affiliated Tribes**