



**MANDAN, HIDATSA & ARIKARA NATION**  
*Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation*  
404 Frontage Road, New Town, North Dakota 58763-9402

**Natural Resources Committee**  
**Meeting 04-04-RP**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

01. **Call Meeting to Order:**  
Committee Chairman Phelan convened at 10:55 a.m.
02. **Roll Call:** Councilman Gillette, Councilman Packineau and Committee Chairman Phelan establishes a quorum.
03. **Approval of Minutes:** Deferred
04. **Old Business:** No old business
05. **Tribal Housing Division:** (*Florence Brady*)  
North East Segment-the list of names needs approval for the Military Homes is Barb Couture, Darryl Finley Darryl Hall, Royce Benson and TJ Mancha.

Councilman Packineau moved to approve the list of names for North East Segment. Councilman Gillette seconded the motion.

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

**White Shield Segment-** Dancing Eagle, Everett Hosie, Bev Wilkinson and Roberta Bear names for approval for the Military Homes.

Councilman Gillette moved to approve the list of name for the White Shield area. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** The last Natural Resources Committee meeting, the committee authorizes Councilman Gillette to approve the names for the Military Homes. Florence stated that this isn't good enough because in the Tribal Resolution it states that the Natural Resources Committee approves the list.

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

**Mandaree Area** – Joe Black Hawk, Mildred Rough, Mavis Young Bear, and Ted Lone Fight these applications are complete.

Councilman Packineau move to approve the list of names for housing in the Mandaree area. Councilman Gillette seconds the motion.

Discussion: Do these individuals have homes? Yes, some of these individuals have homes already and this does not meet our criteria. These homes are for families who are homeless and don't have a home.

Councilman Gillette withdrawal his second because some of these individuals do not met the criteria.

The only one that qualifies for the home is Joe Black Hawk.

Councilman Packineau moved to approve Joe Black Hawk for a home. Councilman Gillette seconded the motion.

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

A directive was given to Florence to review applicants according to the criteria if they qualify for housing within the policy. The Mandaree applicants to bring back the proper qualified applicants to the next committee.

**06. Lease Contract for Detention Center: (Scott Eagle)**

The Lease Contract for the Detention Center for closing documents for USDA needs to be approved by the committee.

Councilman Gillette moves for approval for the lease for the Detention Center. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

The facility should be completed by the end of the month and looking at the end of April for grand opening.

**07. Buffalo Project: (Pete Hale)**

Temporarily appointment of Mike Mossett for 30-day employment for Figure 4 Ranch does have the budget for this and has been working for a few weeks. Councilman Wells did not sign off on the appointment because this was coming out of the general fund and that it should come before the committee.

Councilman Packineau talked with Scott Wilson, this should come under the Holding Company but has to come before the committee for approval since its comes out tribal funds.

Councilman Gillette moved to approve a 30-day appointment of Mike Mossett and to pay him for the three weeks that he already worked. Councilman Packineau second the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, 0 Not Voting. Motion passed.

Letter from Linda Driver requesting for a buffalo, we give a free buffalo to the pow-wow committees. The Buffalo are for sale and people can buy them if they want any, Councilman Gillette as a Committee we should come up with a standing approval resolution on buffalo. The buffalo herd is down to 650 head with 250 breeding cows. Pete reported to the committee that this past weekend a report was called in to Police Department that the buffalo were being starved. We just bought \$42,000 of hay for the buffalo and Pete invited the committee to come out to visit the Buffalo Project for themselves.

**08. Environmental Division: (*Patti Jo Thomas*)**

Is requesting for office space and storage building for equipment.

Councilman Gillette moved to have Patti Jo Thomas and Tex Lone Bear to come up with an expansion plan for the EPA with Rural Water. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**09. Oil & Gas Agreement: (*Kyle Baker*)**

Mineral agreement packets given to each committee member for review. We have a code in place but currently working on a policy for minerals. In the packet it states that there should be a Board of Professional with experience and knowledge of oil and gas. Kyle does have some names in mind for the board and asking the committee on what they think. Councilman Packineau directed Kyle to draw up something for the committee to review for the next committee meeting.

**10. Water Resource Development, Mgmt, & Protection Agreement: (*Felicia Felix*)**

The 638 Contract form submit another proposal for renewal and revising the Scope of Work. Is requesting approval to submit for this proposal for a two-year contract of \$50,000 grant.

Councilman Gillette moved for approval to submit for proposal. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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



Rural Development Applications these are USDA reimbursable funds, this request is for rural development has ninety application and forty-five individual essays for Natural Resources Chairman signature so that we can move forward to begin the rural development application.

Councilman Gillette moved for approval for specific authorization listed for the projects. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion:**

Dave Colin article made no reference to our pipeline projects is not listing us for appropriations on Rural Water. Gillette directed Texx Lone Bear to draft a letter on this and funding is need for all water projects within the state to remind them that the Tribes are a part of this.

Councilman Gillette moved that as a committee to respond our comments to the Committee on Appropriation regarding Rural Water Projects for Indian Tribes. To direct Tex Lone Bear to draft a letter for the signature of the Committee Chairman. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**11. Homesite/Landsales/Land Exchanges: (Ed Fox)**

Land sale from Allan Smith 1/5 share interest of Lot 3, 4, E1/2SW1/4 Section 18, township 1152 North, Range 93 West, Fifth Principal Meridian. Is located north of the new tribal lagoon. Committee Chairman asked on how much he is requesting an acre, is looking at going rate value for sale of this. Looking at the appraisal value for this. Is this in the policy for land purchase, is not partion. The committee agrees to do this at appraised value and if he agrees then the tribe will go with it. Annette will draft a letter to him on this.

Orville Mandan – requesting a home site in Bakersfield one left is marked out. Allot. T18853-B, described as Lot in 4 Bears, Bakersfield

Councilman Gillette direct Natural Resources Staff to work with Councilman Wells to plot out area for tribal lots and when completed to assign lots to Mary Schoppert and Orville Mandan. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**12. Farm Pasture Leases: (Jack Rabbithead)**

Councilman Gillette moved to approve the renewal of pasture lease if 80 acres of Allot#T1601, described as W2NW4 Sec. 22, TWP. 147, Rge. 91 W. total amount of \$675/year for Lonnie Spotted Bear subjected to approve payments.

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

Lester Crows Heart lease renewal for hay cutting on Allot# T704A-A/B/C/D described S2 Sec. 28, Twp. 147, Rge. 91

Councilman Gillette moves for approval for lease renewal to Lester Crows Heart less the 40 acres to John Mossett with a five years lease. In the lease agreement to give adequate notice to the leaser on any development in the area. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Gillette move to approve a five-year lease for John Mossett for 40 acres and the land description will be provided by Jack Rabbithead. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

Lester Crows Heart requested that the Water Haulers to be under the Utility Department.

Councilman Gillette moved that Lester Crows Heart submit budget and report to the Committee on transfer of the water haulers to Utilities Department. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**13. Warren Lahtinen Mineral Sale: (*Annette Young Bird*)**

Minerals for sale the tribe already purchased the surface of this tract of NE ¼, Section 16 T.151N. Rge. 92W. 160 acres.

Councilman Gillette moved to approve the purchase of mineral sale of Warren Lahtinen at appraised value. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**Well Water Application:**

Royce & Corrine Heart at Shell Creek is requesting for a septic tank

Councilman Gillette moves to approval for water well application Royce Heart for Septic Tank in Shell Creek. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

**Marliss Mandan:**

Annette Young Bird is requesting to pick up Marliss Mandan for 16 weeks under the 477 Program will pay half of her salary and the other half from Annette Young Bird is in budget. Councilman Gillette moved for approval to pick up Marliss Mandan for 16 weeks. Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

Discussion: Marliss already starting on March 8<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, and after that Annette's program will pick Marliss up for the rest of the year.

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



**Adjourned:**

Councilman Gillette motion to adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and Councilman Packineau seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Gillette rescinds his motion and the meeting called back to order at 12:45 p.m.

**Buffalo Project:**

Dawn Charging felt that the tribal members have the right to know on what is going on with the buffalo. The current status on buffalo starving was brought to Dawns' attention through several phone calls. Last year when this was brought up to the public, Dawn only took pictures and for the record she had nothing to do with the publicity of it. The committee took no action

Glenda Embry reported that Officer Felix was out there and according to Officer Frank Felix there were no starving animals and Officer Felix will write up a report to Chairman Hall. It was reported to the committee that the buffalo were fed and taken of.

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

Councilman Packineau move to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 P.M. Councilman Gillette seconded the motion.

Committee approved minutes this 10th date of August, 2004

  
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Connie Fox/Committee Secretary

  
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Chairman Committee