



**THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 22, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chairman Barry Benson, 11:23am

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Councilman Barry Benson, Councilman Malcolm Wolf, Councilman Nathan Hale, Councilman Frank Whitecalfe (11:40), Daylon Spotted Bear

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Hale approved. Councilman Wolf second.
Addition of Ft. Berthold Rural Water

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes

04. **Oil and Gas** : Ben Kitto, Tom Wells, and Wayne LeBelle

190,000 acres Allotted/Tribal lands – Schedule bid process December 13, 2006
Steve Kelly, Legal Council, stated concerns over exclusivity of JT Energy Contract, and lack of bonuses specified. Suggested imposing taxes on drilling companies, or incentive to companies to incur reduced taxes for early production. Sealed bid as opposed to auction?

Jake Wolf, JT Energies, voiced opinion to negotiate with JT Energy to solidify deal before open bid opening.

05. **Report on Temporary Positions/Budget** : Paul Danks, Hugh Baker, Alyce Spotted Bear

Budget and organizational charts will be finalized and Tribal Business Council will need to reexamine the total budget by position and salary after reorganization.

- Motion by Councilman Hale to Cease all layoffs/transfers (except of appointments) as of November 15, 2006 until the Tribal Business Council can meet on further positions. Seconded by Mervin Packineau. Concerns by Councilman Wolf. 5 ayes - 0 naves. Motion passed.

06. **Land Issue** : Marcus Wells, Sr.

Land switch between land owner and BIA to preserve family burial site, to pay loan debt.

07. **Wind Turbine** – Terry Fredericks

Request for payment on Green Tags (benefit/credit for pollution, on life of project) for wind turbine to the tribe, \$14, 250.00.

Update on Proposed project near Parshall, December 14, 2006 to get underway. Wind Turbine on the 4 Bears hill maintenance issue on who will be responsible for upkeep. Suggested that 4 Bears Casino be responsible, being they are the major beneficiary. Employment of Terry Fredericks as Tribal employee or as consultant for the wind turbine projects forthcoming. Consultant funds are self generated.

- Motion for Green tags from Firetail and Maintenance commitment to be placed with 4 Bears Casino by Councilman Whitecalfe. Seconded by Councilman Hale.
4 ayes – 0 naves

08. **Jim Mossett** – RU #5 Boundaries Fencing

Paul Danks will write letter to have leased fixed/updated. Tribal agreement stated to reimburse Mr. Mossett for time in delay from stated date.

09. **Fred Fox** – GIS Program/Minerals Division

Dragswolf disbursements to be made on the 20th of each month per contract.

Motion for contract renewal by Councilman Whitecalfe. Seconded by Councilman Hale. Motion passed. 4 ayes – 0 naves.

Raise increase by \$2.00 for GIS employee, John Bearstail. Increase within Mr. Fox's budget.

Motion to move salary increase to TBC meeting for approval by Councilman Whitecalfe. Seconded by Councilman Hale. Motion passed 4 ayes – 0 naves.

10. **Annette Young Bird** – Tribal Realty Program

Introduction of staff. Concerns about policies and procedures not being followed. Come to date on past due taxes on fee land, especially Mountrail County. Motion for moratorium on land sales by Councilman Whitecalfe. Seconded by Councilman Wolf. Motion passed 4aves – 0 naves.

11. **Elton Spotted Horse** – Environmental Division

Request to switch landfills from Watford City to Givins Landfill. More cost/fuel efficient for the tribe. Less time constraint also. Concerns from Mr. Spotted

Horse, about current files missing. Request for fees to be imposed and supported for income to return to the program as a positive source of income.

Personnel issue, Ted Siers, request raise from Temporary to Permanent from \$11.50 to \$13.00. Motion to move Personnel issue to full TBC by Councilman Hale. Seconded by Councilman Whitecalfe. Motion passed – 4 ayes – 0 nays.

12. **Farm Pasture Leases** – Lorry Little Swallow/Jack Rabbithead

Richard & Linda Risen – BIA Lease Approval #319A

Motion to have BIA Lease set at \$38.00 an acre by Chairman Benson. Seconded by Councilman Whitecalfe. Motion Passed – 4 ayes – 0 nays.

Kay Gudbranson – Renewal T1438

Lot 2 – Section 7, Township 150N, Range 92W

Motion made by Councilman Whitecalfe, that in order to be renewed that Ms Gudbranson will pay set rate of \$32.00 per acre instead of the negotiated price.

Seconded by Councilman Hale. Motion passed - 4 ayes – 0 nays

Betty Huesers – Renewals - @ the going rate of \$38.00 per acre

183A – W2 SW4, Section 13, Twp. 148, Rge. 89

70 acres of Farmland. Bureau Lease.

T267A-A E1/2 SE, Section 9, Twp. 150, Rge. 90

T201A – E ½ SW, W1/2 SE, Section 8, Twp. 150, Rge. 90

T307 A – SW1/4, Section 27, Twp. 150, Rge. 90

T1494 – Lots 1,2,3 and 4, Section 5, Twp. 148, Rge. 88

T1500 – E ½ SE, Section 5, Twp 148, Rge. 88

T29A/A-A SW, Sec. 14, Twp 148, Rge. 89

T280A- A/B S1/2NE, S 1/2 N 1/2 NE – 22-149-90

T100 A- A/B – Sec. 23, Twp 148, Rge 89

Motion made by Councilman Whitecalfe.

Seconded by Councilman Hale. Motion passed 4 ayes 0 nays

13. **Ed Fox** – Lease Compliance/Exchange/Homesites

Willis Whiteman –

14. **Ft. Berthold Rural Water** –

Budget explanations and Dakota Water Resource Act.

Councilman Whitecalfe expressed interest in refinancing loan with Shakopee and repackaging finances to include other unmet needs.

Motion to adjourn Meeting by Councilman Whitecalfe. Seconded by Councilman Hale. Motion passed 5 ayes – 0 naves.

CERTIFICATION

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2007

ATTEST:

Carmen Halvorson/Committee Secretary

Barry Benson, Chairman of Natural
Resources Committee

