



**THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
NO. 07-0 –VJB  
JANUARY 10, 2007**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Committee Chairman Barry Benson.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Committee Chairman Barry Benson, Committee Member Nathan Hale, Committee Member V. Judy Brugh. Three members were present. A quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 1. EOG OIL AND GAS LEASE**

Mr. Paul Danks brought forth a proposed lease of 61 mineral acres recommending an offer to EOG at \$100 per acre and 18% royalty. Councilwoman Brugh asked about reports that people were receiving \$1,400 per acre. Mr. Danks stated that the average throughout the state is \$75 and that we are right in the ball park.

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**ITEM 2. TTT (FRED EVANS) LEASE PROPOSAL ON FIGURE 4**

Mr. Evans wishes to work with the Tribe to develop an Oil and Gas Lease Agreement for Figure 4 Ranch area with 'dormant' acreage. The Committee felt that it would be worth pursuing and directed Mr. Danks to follow through on the proposal.

**ITEM 3. BLACK ROCK IS REQUESTING ACREAGE IN MOUNTRAIL CO.**

Black Rock is requesting an oil and gas lease on tribal mineral acreage in Mountrail County. Their original offer is for \$35 but Mr. Danks recommends that we re-offer the same deal of \$100 per acre and 18% royalty. Upon a reminder by Committee Member Hale regarding negative feedback on the Black Rock agreement, Mr. Danks suggested that perhaps the Tribe should offer a deal to PDC, the company that actually does the drilling for Black Rock.

Vjb direct Paul Danks to work directly with PDC on the lease/nh 3-0-0-0

**ITEM 4. EOG RESOURCES, DENVER, CO.**

Mr. Dewey Hosie introduced Eric Dille', Government Affairs Specialist with EOG Resources, and he then introduced the company members present. They have a proposal that they wish to make to the Tribe. Mr. Ty Stillman, Division Land Advisor along with Mr. Paul Schuler, Manager of Accounting and Finance, did an overview of their plans and made the financial proposal. Mr. Danks suggested that Mr. Hosie address the TERO issues. Committee Member Hale asked if it was normal procedure for us to negotiate TERO fees and agreements. Mr. Hosie felt that EOG Resources had made a good proposal. Mr. Hosie indicated that their offer was within the 1-5%. Tribal Attorney Steve Kelly stated that it was refreshing to see a company come in at the outset and make an offer. He recommended that the Tribe be given the opportunity to review the offer. Mr. Dille' said that the company planned to follow up with a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the terms that are offered. Suggestion was made to develop a policy or procedure that outlined TERO procedures. Councilwoman Brugh felt that the offer was well put together and thought that we might want to adopt this procedure as soon as possible. Because time is of the essence with pressures by numerous companies, she asked if it could be worked on as early as this afternoon.

Move to have Steve, Dewey and Paul review the EOG proposed TERO tax/fee structure for adoption as soon as possible.

VJB/NH 3-0-0-0

**FOUR PASTURE LEASE RENEWALS**

Terry Bolkan 2007 Renewals:

1. T353 A-C/A-D, N2SE4, Sect. 31, 150-90. @ \$38.00/farm acre.
2. T968, W2SE4, Sect. 34, 149-90. @\$38.00/farm acre.

Rory Bolkan 2007 renewals:

1. T295A-B, S2NW4SE4, SW4SE4, Sect. 29, 150-90. @ \$38.00/farm acre.
2. T256-B, NE4SE4, Sect. 7, 149-90. @ \$38.00/farm acre.
3. NH/VJB 3-0 Motion carried-4 leases.

Jim Pennington 2007 New Lease:

1. T439A-A, NE4SW4, E2NW4SW4, Sect. 8, 150-93. @ \$7.50/pasture acre.
- NH/VJB 3-0 Motion carried.

Byron Holtan 2007 Renewal:

1. T.A.(Taken Area), w/Lot 4, Sect. 30, Lot 1, Sect. 31, 148-89, Sect. 25,26,27,28,35, & 36, 148-90. @\$10.00/pasture acre.
2. NH/VJB 3-0 Motion carried-1 Lease.

**ITEM 8. REAFFIRMATION OF 10 ACRES TRIBAL HOUSING @ TWIN BUTTES**

T1593 removal of 10 acres from Mr. Dennis Huber's lease needs reaffirmation because the formal record could never be found and Housing needs the lease to proceed with locating five housing units.

Committee recommends that Research the tapes. Direct a letter to Tribal Housing to follow proper procedures and comply with getting through the Natural Resources Department. Paul indicated that Annette could draft the letter.

Russell Maxim home cite lease, no paperwork or land description at this time. It is on tribal land close to where the Whitman home cite. Mrs. Young Bird will provide the actual NH subject to all requirements and provide land description and actuals to recording VJB 3-0-0-0

**Update on application for \$2 million land purchase loan.** Mr. Hilleren stated that he had received a request for a cash flow statement, have a reserve account at OST for repayment and Mr. Danks recommended that  
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we draft a letter to USDA explain how the loans are repaid through OST by letter and follow up conference call with the individual(s) who have the concerns to include members of the Committee and the Tribal Legal Department and Austin Gillette.  
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**Taxes need to be paid on lands in several counties.** Approximately \$4,000 is owed in Dunn and McKenzie and McLean. We owe over \$200,000 in Mountrail Co. on property taxes and asks for the authority for Legal Department to negotiate a repayment plan with them and come up with a plan to put into trust.. General Fund pays and so it needs to be put in the budget.

McLean, Dunn, McKenzie pay nh/vjb 3-0-0-0

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them and come up with a plan to put into trust.  
Nh/vjb 3-0-0-0

**Myron Johnson** – Lease on 906 (South ½)  
Annette reported that BIA Lease Compliance had been contacted and that Morgan Fettig cattle were in the unit. She asked for that report in writing from them. Mr. Danks suggested that the BIA be present for the discussion. Mr. Danks will have a report at the next regular Committee Meeting.

**Don Bauman – BIA/renewal** Tract no. 138, approved at \$38.00/farm acre. Originally under the approved rate but he negotiated at the accepted rate.  
Nh/vjb 3-0 Motion carried.

Tuesday January 23, 2007 next meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2006**  
MOTION TO APPROVE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WERE THERE  
Nh accept/vjb 3-0-0-0

**Adjourned – No more business.** Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Natural Resource Committee is composed of three (3) members of whom three (3) constitute a quorum \_\_\_\_\_ were present at the Meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007; that the foregoing Minutes were amended and duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members; \_\_\_\_\_ members opposed; \_\_\_\_\_ members abstained; \_\_\_\_\_ Members not voting.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

**ATTEST:**

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**Carmen Halvorson/Committee Secretary**

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**Barry Benson-Chairman of Natural Resource Committee**