



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Fred Fox called the meeting to order at 11:22 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, & Councilman Fred Fox. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 1st, 2023 Natural Resource Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the June 1st, 2023 Energy Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. ENERGY – Councilman Fred Fox

A. Next Energy Committee Meeting
August 2nd, 2023.

B. Update

Federal Partners meeting here in New Town after Little Shell Celebration.

IV. BIA & BLM UPDATES:

A. BIA – Rick Clifford

1) Update – Mr. Clifford provided an update via conference call.

Reported 2 new ROW's, 4 new applications. Reported on MRR Lease and riverbed [audio not clear]. Councilman Fred Fox visted with Enerplus and they asked about assignment building to NAC (7) and hoping for processing and approval soon. Rick Clifford mention additional staff returning to work on these. Councilman Fred Fox noted contruction season is coming to a close so hopfully we can get these done. Assignments was a main topic at the Federal Partners meetings. He make them a priority. Been moving quite a few oil & gas lease assignments. Enerplus noted that there are a total of 15 ROW, and 7 non oil & gas ROWs held up. Councilman Fred Fox noted at Federal Parners they did bring up those 8 pending assignments to Mckenzie Electric because Enerplus has two rigs drilling right now for 26 wells pending. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted that the email reveils a crisis, we need to have these done by the end of the summer. She thinks the next Committee meeting we need to see if the B.I.A. will address this in a expeditious manner. Not to even mention the probates this needs to be done. It is even affecting getting electricity to peoples homes. Have a Natural Resource person now and a lot of detailees. Reported 10 permanent F/T employees at this office in New Town. 15 positions advertised. Councilman Fred Fox noted that they discussed this at length at Federal Partners and the Regional Director wasn't even there.



B. BLM – Loren Wickstrom, Field Manager

1) Update

Introduced Assistant Field Manager Eddie Kraft. Reported 8 new APD's this month and have 63 new this year. Pending 53 APD's now. 156 approved but not drilled. Last month received 16 new tribal APD's. Have 37 wells that are in drilling status now. 31 APD's in location status. Last meeting, Loren emailed a list of operators to Kenny Lyson. ND RMP, last MPR meeting council will do a separate meeting regarding comments for ND RMP. Figure 4 and Fettig Ranch will be covered. Date still is undetermined. Kenny has the I&E reports for the 3rd Quarter. Loren is retiring July 31st. Councilman Fred Fox thanks Loren for all he has done. Lynn Helms report presented. Councilman Fred Fox asked what Loren thinks for future projections of wells to be drilled and reserves and Loren replied that he does not have the expertise to forecast. Jeff Hunt was able to do that. Councilman Fred Fox would like data from Loren, Loren will get a copy of the RFP for Councilman Fred Fox and see if they can get the engineers on that for development scenarios. This is not for Indian lands though. Once Loren is gone there will be an acting Interim person to fill his position when he leaves. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like data for APD's per year that were coming in and pending. Loren spent 14 years of development with Fort Berthold.

V. MHA ENERGY DIVISION:

A. Update – Kenny Lyson, Director

35 rigs in the state, 4 on the rez. Had a golf tournament as yestersay, Industry had teams there. Had Federal Partners in Denver. Maynard Demary is the new Roads Director. Kenny handed out Tall Salt report. Getting ready for the Fall. Industry needs to take care of the weeds now before winter comes.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Pipeline Discussion – Travis Hallam, Director

Concerns of one project that a company putting a pipeline under a road, Mr. Hallam told them he would like it bored. Mr. Hallam would like to be there when there is drilling. Had first liquid release since 2019 on a pipeline that he didn't know was in existence. A lot of these guys like to hide from us. It was not a big release but it was with poly again, about 5 barrels. So he is going to start working with them. Mr. Hallam wants them to go with flex steel. Changing from drought to wet conditions has affects on poly. The whole reservation all be replaced with flex steel pipe, and make it mandatory. Could change the resolution. Natural Gas pipeline requirement would be good too. CSB recommended installation inspections. Mr. Hallam is working with Embridge and making sure they meet our standards and requirements.

B. Thunder Butte Energy Update – Bernie Fox

Item deferred.

C. MRR Update – Dave Williams, CEO

Mr. Williams gave an brief update and will get additional to the Committee. Wells are producing and the fracks went well with checks every month now. FF asked if there is way to make sure the checks get tracked through finance. The CEO confirmed that he can do that. The CEO noted that they still have three 280's in our coffers with majority ownership on the Little



Missouri until that ... Little strip of land. That's a possibility. That a 20 PT to 20 year project for us as joint venture or how ever we do it. I think those wells will between 3 & 6 thousand barrels a day.

D. Industry Update – Josh Ruffo

Correction line, Township line. Josh states they will put a well line in.

E. TAT Roads – Maynard Demaray, Director

Road agreements are going well. BIA 13 & 10 meeting coming up with the oil companies. Working on home roads, graveling home roads in the communities. Councilman Fred Fox would like an early meeting (Sept./Oct.) before the winter to get our roads agreements in place before December comes and the roads are bad. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted GPS is working of North Segment road maps and thinks each segment should have a map. Discussion of the ¼ mile road requirement for home sites. Councilman Fred Fox recommended that each community develop housing development zones to keep costs down.

FTR: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight joined the meeting at 12:05pm.

VII. ROW APPROVALS: (CLOSED SESSION)

A. Operators

1) Marathon

- a) Ashley USA Well Pad
- b) Lillian USA Project

B. MRR – Dave Williams, CEO

C. ENERPLUS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.




CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Committee Chairperson of The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Energy Committee is composed of three (3) members and of whom three (3) constitutes a quorum 3 were present at the meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the 2nd day of August, 2023; that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 members not voting.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council,
Three Affiliated Tribes



Committee Chairman, Fred Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes