

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities for the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Under the "Judgment Disbursement Plan, Accounting and Interest Claims, Dockets 350-G, 54-81L, Plan B, (2) Programming, Section (D)", it states Senior Citizens Programs shall be allocated 10 percent of the available earned interest (for programming); and

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens of the Three Affiliated Tribes have requested the interest monies earned for the Senior Citizens Programs be paid as a grant to those enrolled members who are sixty (60) years and older; and

WHEREAS, Senior citizens often live on fixed incomes and cannot afford to expend funds for such items as eye glasses, dentures and other necessities; and

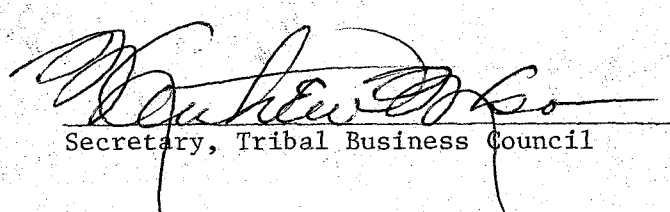
WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes agrees with the request of the Senior Citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that these funds be managed and disbursed in accordance with the attached Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation for the Senior Citizens Program.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members of whom 7 constitutes a quorum, 10 were present at a ~~Regular~~ Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 16 day of September, 1983; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 8 members, — members opposed, — members abstained, 2 members not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Chairman (voting) (~~not voting~~).

Dated this 16 day of September, 1983.


Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:


Chairman, Tribal Business Council

DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND PLAN OF OPERATION
SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

I. DEFINITIONS:

Wherever the following terms are used herein, they will have the meanings indicated:

- (A) "TRIBE" means the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.
- (B) "TRIBAL COUNCIL" means the governing body of the tribe consisting of eleven members of the tribe elected in accordance with Article IV of the tribe's constitution approved April 24, 1937 and subsequent amendments thereto.
- (C) "DECLARATION" means this declaration of policies and plan of operation.
- (D) "JUDGMENT FUNDS" means funds derived from judgment awards of Dockets 350-G, 54-81L.

II. PURPOSE: To establish a yearly grant with interest funds derived from original, permanent investment of \$6,588,125.00 of which Senior Citizens Programs are to receive ten percent of the seventy-five percent interest available for programming and expenditure. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall not consider these funds as available resources when determining eligibility for any type of assistance programs.

III. OPERATING PROCEDURES: Funds shall be set aside annually consisting of the ten percent of interest under the "Judgment Disbursement Plan, Accounting and Interest Claims, Dockets 350-G, 54-81L, Plan B, (2) Programming, Section (D)."

- (A) Only the interest funds shall be used as a grant for senior citizens; this grant shall be annually with the payment date of October 1.
- (B) Should the grant in any way affect the income sources for a senior citizen, he may elect to establish a "Special Needs Account" with the Tribal Finance Office of the Three Affiliated Tribes; drawdowns from this account shall be by purchase order and shall be for any item the individual wishes to purchase; the drawdowns shall continue until the individual's account is depleted for that specific year; any amount remaining shall be carried forward.
- (C) All senior citizens shall receive their grants by mail, unless otherwise provided for in this declaration.

- (D) To begin this program \$ _____ of interest earned under the category identified as "Senior Citizens Program" shall be programmed for payment with the payment date of October 1, 1983.

IV. ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES:

- (A) Enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes who are sixty years or older shall be defined as senior citizens and are eligible for the grant each year.
- (B) The proof for enrollment in the Three Affiliated Tribes shall be the judgment rolls of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Should there be a name change, it shall be the responsibility of that individual to present proof.
- (C) Proof in name change shall be legal documents such as divorce decree, marriage certificate, etc.
- (D) Payment of the grant for each senior citizen shall be made by the Tribal Finance Office of the Three Affiliated Tribes; the grant shall be mailed or if the individual elects, deposited in a "Special Needs Account" for the individual. Should an eligible person be declared legally incompetent, his/her grant shall be deposited into his/her IIM Account maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Payments shall not be made to those individuals who are deceased prior to October 1 of each year.

V. RECORDS

Records of payment for the grants to the Senior Citizens shall be maintained by the Tribal Finance Office of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Should a check be returned due to insufficient address, unable to locate, etc., these funds shall be returned to the account until such time as contacted by the individual, excluding those who are legally incompetent. As soon as payment is completed, the Tribal Finance Office shall furnish the Tribal Business Council a report listing those eligible members who received the grant, the amount of the grant, where the grant was mailed and including those individuals who elected to use the "Special Needs Account." Reports of drawdowns on the "special needs accounts" and subsequent returned checks due to insufficient address, etc. shall be made monthly to the Tribal Business Council.

VI. DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM OPERATION: This program shall be operated in accordance with the above stated plan of operation by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes in conjunction with their Tribal Finance Office. It shall be the responsibility of the Tribal Business Council to budget funds and in conjunction with their Tribal Finance Office to disburse funds and publish a financial statement annually. No funds shall be expended that have not been included in the annual budget.

This plan when approved shall be effective October 1, 1983.