

**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 of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** One of the priorities of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes has been the promotion of economic and employment development to alleviate the high unemployment rate and attendant social problems on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The agricultural - ranch and farming - sector of the Reservation economy has been one of the few sectors that has been primarily private enterprise oriented; and
- WHEREAS,** That agricultural sector has suffered over the past years due to lack of rainfall, poor market conditions for the sale of products, and uncertain credit availability; and
- WHEREAS,** Due to these problems the Reservation economy has suffered, unemployment has risen, land resources are not being used by Tribal members, and Trust lands are in danger of being foreclosed upon by financing agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** There was (prior to the displacement due to the Garrison Dam construction) a successful Fort Berthold Reservation Cattle Relending Program in operation which provided ranchers the opportunity to start or expand cattle operations with a low capital investment and animal-based repayments, rather than being encumbered immediately with a large loan principal and interest payments; and
- WHEREAS,** That program could be replicated today with an investment of Tribal funds which could be utilized to match resources from federal and private agencies,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby allocates \$100,000 of Fiscal Year 1991 Tribal T-2 funds to implement a new Three Affiliated Tribes Cattle Relending Program,

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL CHAMBERS

Special Meeting
July 1, 1991

PRESENT: Wilbur D. Wilkinson, Chairman; Titus Hall, Vice
Chairman; John J. Rabbithead, Jr., Secretary;
Roger Bird Bear, Treasurer; Jim Mossett, Council-
member and Roberta High Elk, Acting Recording
Secretary.

ABSENT: Theodore Lone Fight, III. and Austin Gillette,
Councilmembers

OTHERS: Dennis Burr, Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 01: CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 8:18 PM.

ITEM 02: ROLL CALL:
Roll called by Secretary Rabbithead. Quorum esta-
blished.

ITEM 03: RESOLUTION/PLANNING GRANT: #91-104-JJR
This is a resolution with a proposal attached pre-
sented by Councilman Bird Bear. A Request for the
Tribes to get a planning grant to provide a step
toward improving our criminal justice system.
Request for upgrading jail quarters through Thomas
Bird Bear and Mark Fox by Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Vice Chairman Hall made a motion to authorize and
approve the submission to the BIA a Criminal Justice
System Improvement Program Proposal, seconded by
Secretary Rabbithead.

Discussion: Justification on distance.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 04: RESOLUTION/CATTLE RELENDING PROGRAM: #91-108-JJR.
This is a resolution authorizing the Cattle Relen-
ding Program. The documents were submitted and this
resolution to go before the Full Council Meeting.
It was discussed that there was a need for a cattle
releasing program.

Treasurer Bird Bear made a motion to authorize and
approve the Cattle Relending Program Resolution,
seconded by Vice Chairman Hall.

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CATTLE RELENDING PROGRAM RESOLUTION (CON'T):
Question on who the funding agency is. Response
was Heifer International/George Johnson.

It was stated the feedback was positive at the
meeting in Minot. The company stated they would
bear the cost of the cattle.

Treasurer Bird Bear stated he spoke with the CDBG
people and Kenneth Deane as the Chairman explored
the other possibility of using CDBG for cattle.
Response was yes but this is a supplement.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 05: RESOLUTION-FMHA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS:#91-107
This resolution to be attached to the Cattle Relen-
ding Program tied in with the Indian Outreach Pro-
gram.

Councilman Mossett made a motion to approve, secon-
ded by Secretary Rabbithead.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 06: SEPTIC TANK BUSINESS:
Treasurer Bird Bear informed the Council that Tony
Fox asked for support to acquire Robert Bell's sep-
tic business. An agreement has been reached between
the family and Mr. Fox. He needs some type of en-
dorsement/assurance. He needs a short term loan.
In the meantime, he is going to the BIA to get a
loan to buy out the business.

Vice Chairman Hall made a motion to write a Letter
of Support for Mr. Fox, seconded by Secretary
Rabbithead.

Vote: 5 for, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

ITEM 07: ROADS CONTRACT:
Councilman Mossett informed the committee that
temporary appointments were needed for the following
Roads Foreman-Meredith Irwin; Move Ted Bolman, Jr.,
to White Shield; Wesley Hall's position in New Town
to be permanent; Move Donnie Hall back to Mandaree
and that would leave Twin Buttes position for Virgil
Eagle. These will be temporary appointments and the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this allocation shall serve as a "Match" or "Local Contribution" for any Federal, State, Private, or Other funding that will be applied for on behalf of the Cattle Relending 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 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, 5 were present at a held on the 1st day of July, 1991; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 1st day of July, 1991.

John J. Rabbithead Jr.
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

Willie D. Wilkins
Chairman, Tribal Business Council