

# North Segment News

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## In the Spirit of Partnership

### Message from Councilman Hall

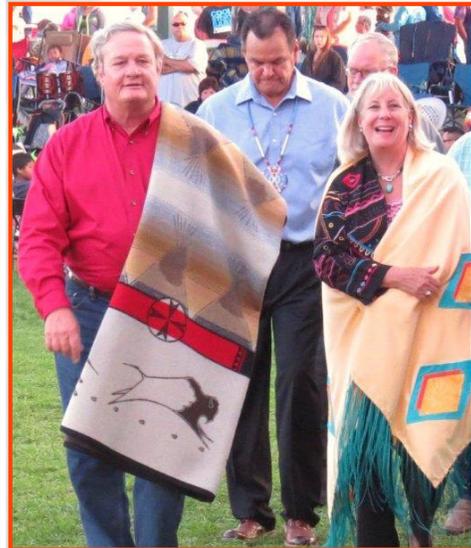
Greetings,

As our children return to school for another year we wish the best of luck to all the families in hopes that they will have a safe and productive school year. Our children are our future.

During the month of August we were saddened by the sudden loss of two former tribal leaders and we will dedicate this month's newsletter to the family and friends of Scott Eagle and Alyce Spotted Bear.

"In the Spirit of Partnership" and a stronger government to government relationship with the state of North Dakota we want to say thank you to all the people that were involved to make this happen for the people of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.

The Tribal Business Council hosted Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy, Jarod Tuft, Representative Kenton Onstad and Senator John Warner on Friday, as well as, Senator Heitkamp on Saturday during the 2013 Little Shell Pow Wow. There was a "Celebration Feed" for the people catered by TDH to celebrate the historic new terms of the Tribal/State Tax Agreement Bill #1198. The Tribal Business Council wanted to celebrate with the Tribal Members right here at home for the successful lobbying effort during this past legislative session.



**Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy dancing to the Honor Song provided by Shell Creek Drum Group.**

As we move into the end of this year's construction season we are getting closer for the truck route to be approved. The Tribal Business Council passed a motion 6-0 in favor of approving the MOU with NDDOT for the truck route subject to the review and recommendations from Interstate Engineering, Inc. during the August 13, 2013, TBC meeting. The review has been completed and is awaiting approval.

We invite all the members to our next Town Hall scheduled for September 18, 2013, at the Northern Lights Community Building at 5:30pm to share a meal and welcome your input. We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter as we try to keep you informed and deliver on transparency, accountability, responsibility, and vision.

-Councilman Hall



**Government Leaders: Senator John Warner, Representative Onstad, Tribal Business Councilman Ken Hall, First Lady Betsy, Governor Jack Dalrymple, Tribal Councilman Randy Phelan, Tribal Councilman Fred Fox, Veteran Kelly McGrady, Veteran Austin and 7247 IMSU Reserve Unit Medical 91B/68 with Combat Medic/Health Care Specialists.**

## Nation Building

### NATION BUILDING MODEL

The Nation Building Model, a study conducted by Harvard University shows the two models of Governing Tribal Nations; one works, one doesn't. My Office, and the North Segment Community Development Corporation has incorporated these principles to support the foundation of our work in governing and in building institutions that are viable and accountable to the enrolled members.

In March this year, Eric Henson, an Economist and Harvard Fellow was the Keynote Speaker at the Nation to Nation Building Through Economic Development Summit and provided this critical information which we present to you in this newsletter.

We are continuing to conduct an analysis of what our segment, community, and tribe is doing. We're conducting internal audits of programs & budgets, reviewing organizations and tribal corporations;

their purpose, function, charters and boards to determine if they are serving the people. Through this exercise we create legitimacy and accountability to the people on how their government and the tribe are run and how their resources are being spent.

#### Three Affiliated Tribes Education Trust Fund

In the June Tribal Education Committee meeting, Councilman Hall, Phelan and Benson proposed the Tribe establishing an Education Trust Fund. The purpose of this fund is to empower our tribal members of all ages to pursue an education with merit & need-based scholarships & grants. The proposed fund will supplement the tribe's higher education program and various other programs & departments that already assist tribal members. With this fund, once established, our tribe will be placing a premium on the value of an education for all tribal members to feel empowered - taking control of their own destiny and futures. Upon the committee's pursuit of this fund the Tribal Council in their July meeting tasked Cesar Alvarez, Legal Scholar, with working on developing the outline for the Fund. Alvarez is an enrolled member of the tribe having grown up in the Four Bears community and now a graduate of Harvard University, shares the same vision for an empowered tribal nation through education which was why he volunteered to assist the tribe in this endeavor.

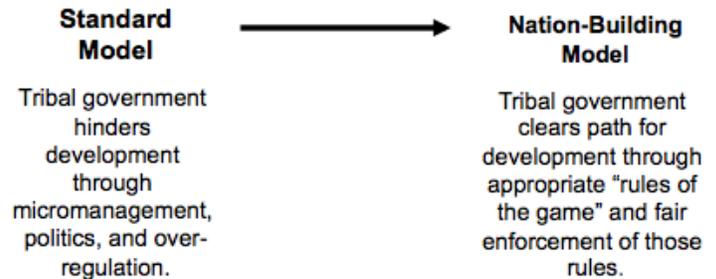
Here is a brief update on the status of the proposed education trust fund:

- ✦ A working group has been meeting throughout the last two months consisting of Councilman Hall's staff, Alvarez, Damon Brady, Roger White Owl, and various others interested on this endeavor.
- ✦ Outreach & consultation has been done with various tribes who have already established similar trust funds. A few of the tribes who have been contacted are: Ermineskin Cree Nation (Canada), Samson Cree Nation (Canada), Southern Ute, & the Seminole Nation.
- ✦ Alvarez attended the North Segment Town Hall in July to discuss the fund and gain input from community members on what they envision for the fund. Councilman Hall, along with various others working on this endeavor, will follow suit and visit with the remaining tribal communities for their input in the coming weeks.
- ✦ Roger White Owl will be taking over Alvarez's role with this fund, along with other educational initiatives he was pursuing. Next month as Cesar will be moving out to Washington, D.C. to work with the National Congress of American Indians on Education Policy.
- ✦ The working group has proposed, based on consultations and research, that the tribe provide an initial investment followed by a percentage of the oil & gas revenue coming to the Tribe from the new Oil & Gas Tax Agreement with the state of North Dakota. Alvarez has provided the Council with various initial investment options ranging from \$1 million to \$30 million. In addition to this start-up investment, the working group has proposed a certain percentage of oil & gas revenue coming to the Tribe to be placed into this fund ranging from 1.5-2.5%.
- ✦ The various models (initial investment & set percentage of oil & gas revenue) provide a range of timeframes as to when funds will become available for tribal members from 3 to 10 years. This is dependent on how much the Tribe is willing to invest immediately both in initial investment as well as certain oil & gas percentage.

Though progress has been made on this proposal, there is still much work to be done. No funds have been placed into this trust fund to date, however we are hopeful the Tribal Council will act on this matter in the very near future. This is purely a developmental phase with no set policies, guidelines, nor amount established yet. It is hopeful funds will become available for all tribal members once the fund is able to mature to a sum large enough to become self-sufficient for the years and generations to come. If you would like to provide input into this fund please feel free to contact Councilman Hall's office.

#### Business and Economic Development

##### Where Are You Now?



THE MHA NATION - TOMORROW

MHA Tomorrow



Sally White, elder, at the 2013 Little Shell Pow Wow Celebration.

The North Segment Town Hall is the forum and process to invite direct input from the people.

MHA Tomorrow – developing the Vision and the Mission of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Creating a Strategic Plan of Action for the Tribe and charting out next steps. We have schedule a Town Hall working meeting on September 18th and have invited Edward Hall back so the North Segment can have direct input into the work, and shaping and directing our future.

**NORTH SEGMENT TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**September 18, 2013 at 5:00pm**  
**at the Northern Lights Building**



Nakiah James at the 2013 Little Shell Pow Wow Celebration.

North Segment Community Development Corporation (NSCDC)

North Segment Community Development Corporation was re-established to support the mandate given to Councilman Hall in the Town Hall forum. Mr. Valerian Three Irons has been hired to provide expert guidance on Special Projects of the NSCDC and to conduct day to day business and meetings with engineers, developers and investors, and the city of new tow. The NSCDC is moving forward building infrastructure for housing projects in Van Hook, and planning for the Hidatsa Hills Housing project, and the north area of New Town in cooperation with Elbowoods Clinic’s Housing Project. They are negotiating business and commercial development for main street in New Town.

NSCDC GPS Pilot Project

Native Resources Management (NRM) has developed a proprietary Network Operations Center (“NOC”) hosted software service platform for monitoring and management of diverse information sources, which is based on NRM’s Management more than twelve years’ experience in the development and implementation of NOC’s for customized Oil and Gas and hi ly rich platform, which enables selected information to be securely delivered to authorized end users on any type of smart device (computer, web-enabled phone, ect.).

NRM is currently customizing the NOC to incorporate the near real-time data and information of the Traffic Monitoring and **GPS Vehicle Tracking Demonstration Project** (“Project”) that NRM is conducting under contract with the North Segment Community Development Corporation (“NSCDC”). Several entities have agreed to installation free of charge of the GPS units; Beaver Creek, RezCo, Trustland, New Town Volunteer Fire Department, New Town Ambulance Service and TAT Tribal Police. The scope of the project will provide near real-time and historic GPS data such as real time speed, location, direction of travel, routes traveled, and driver panic alert. Historic data such as route reporting, event reporting and miles traveled. Owners or administrators of can be immediately alerted of excessive speeding, illegal loading, company set speed limit violations, harsh braking, harsh acceleration, harsh cornering, and impact/collision. Lastly, periodic reports are also provided such as; loads picked up, mileage traveled, speed reports, driver events, driver history, and excessive speed.

The NSCDC is very excited for this project to come to fruition; they (NSCDC) hope to provide a modern means of providing accountability and safety to our communities.

Van Hook Subdivision Update

Moore Engineering, Inc. has been retained by the Three Affiliated Tribes for the planning, engineering, surveying, and construction oversight services for the subdivision of the Van Hook property, which is located just north of the Van Hook community on the Van Hook arm of Lake Sakakawea. The Van Hook property consists of approximately 124 acres, and is proposed to be subdivided into approximately 100 lots with an average size of about ¾ acres. The project will be served by Fort Berthold Rural Water, the electric by Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, and the sewage disposal will be accomplished through the use of a STEP primary and secondary treatment systems manufactured by Orenco Systems. The treated wastewater will either be disposed in a subsurface drainfield, or potentially sold and reused for oil production activities. According to Randy P. Wall, Senior Project Engineer, initial project construction could start as early as this fall, and the final construction of the improvements will be completed in the spring and summer of 2014.

We would like to acknowledge all of those people who have sent thank you cards and gifts for assistamce provided for various issues. We appreciate your kindness.

**Congratulations to Elijah Grady, enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and resident of the North Segment community. He won the Championship belt at the Ringside Worlds Boxing Amateur Tournament in Independence, Missouri, during the first week of August. Elijah competed in the 15-16 year old 201+ lbs division. Elijah would like to thank all of his sponsors.**

## ◆◆◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆◆◆

- Sept 03** **Missouri River Resources Public Meeting**  
Northern Lights - 11:00am
- Sept 04-08** **United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit and International Pow Wow**  
United Tribes Technical College
- Sept 10** **NS Community Board Elections**  
Northern Lights - 6:00pm
- Sept 12** **Tribal Business Council Meeting**  
Tribal Chambers - 10:00am
- Sept 15** **Family Block Party & BBQ**  
5th Avenue East- 5:00pm
- Sept 18** **North Segment Town Hall**  
Northern Lights - 5:00pm
- Sept 24-27** **Cooper Institute Training**  
Northern Lights -

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## ◆◆◆ News and Notes ◆◆◆

**FBCC - Fort Berthold Community College** has been a partner to the Indigenous Nations Economic Development Summits from the beginning in 2010 and is now formalizing new partnerships with the Oil & Gas Industry to provide new & unique training opportunities to students: Through the TREND Grant, CDL Training now being offered with the only simulator of its kind in the State today – create an Attitude of Safety – 4 weeks of training before you drive a semi truck. WPX is sponsoring multiple safety trainings for the program throughout the year.

**North Segment Operations** at the Northern Lights are ongoing and evolving to maintain a high quality facility. New revenues generated through rental leases and facility fees go directly to segment operations. Maintenance upgrades are continuous and this month include paving, lighting fixture replacement, water fountain replacement, new carpeting in entire building. Wireless internet services are in the process. Plans to provide an electronic handicap accessible doorway in the front entrance are also underway.

**Health** – the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board established the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center to provide leadership, technical assistance, support and advocacy to the 18 Aberdeen Area Tribal Nations in order to eliminate disparities in health that currently exist for tribal peoples in the 4 State region: Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. One objective is to increase capacity to deliver essential public health services including a community assessment and ongoing monitoring of health to identify and solve community problems. \*An immediate initiative called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Project is a questionnaire that community members will be conducting the month of September – we encourage you to support and participate in this critical project.

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