

**ND Legislative Update (cont.)**

The Office of Councilman Hall puts forth time and efforts dedicated to research, gathering public input through meeting with Community members, State and local leaders, and other tribal officials, formulating what is in the best interest of the people of the North Segment and our tribe as a whole, and actively providing testimony and tracking committees and Finally to Floor votes in both the ND House and Senate. Although it's a short period the part-time legislature only meets for officially 80 days the overall work has a lasting impact on the lives of our community members and all our tribal members for years to come, and Councilman Hall takes his duties as an advocate and leader and as the voice for our people to the utmost priority in the administration of his office and duties as councilman.

**Note on ND Legislative Assembly**

The 64th Legislative Assembly will consist of a Senate of 47 senators and a House of Representatives with 94 representatives. The 64th Legislative Assembly has organized December 1-3, 2014, and convene in regular session Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Generally, the senators from odd-numbered districts will be elected to four-year terms at the 2014 general election and the senators from even-numbered districts were elected to four-year terms at the November 2012 general election. Two representatives were elected from each of 47 senatorial districts. Generally, the representatives from odd-numbered districts will be elected to four-year terms at the 2014 general election and the representatives from even-numbered districts were elected to four-year terms at the November 2012 general election.

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UPCOMING EVENTS	
<b>FEB 11</b>	<b>Regular Tribal Business Council Meeting</b> 10am –Tribal Chambers
<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting</b> 5pm—Bismarck, ND
<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>Judicial Committee</b> 10am Tribal Chambers
<b>FEB 18</b>	<b>Natural Resource Committee</b> 1pm Tribal Chambers
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Economic Development TBA</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Health TBA</b>
<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>North Segment Town Hall</b> 5:30pm Northern Lights



**Greetings,**

Happy New Year! We are entering 2015 year with optimism but also being mindful of the drop in oil prices that will have a tremendous impact on our budget. The Tribal Business Council has been very conservative and is thoroughly scrutinizing each budget item and reprioritizing our projects as we move forward in our budget process. We recently discussed some of these concerns at our Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday January 27, 2015 at the Northern Lights Building where some of the departments discussed their needs as well as their challenges. We are currently entering into another North Dakota Legislative Session where it is approaching Day 20 of an 80 day session. One of the Bills that we are currently tracking is the House Bill 1437 which involves the trigger points and are referred as the Small Trigger and the Big Trigger on the Extraction Tax which will have an impact on the Three Affiliated Tribes. Another Bill we are tracking is the Surge Bill 2103 that the Governor is putting forth to send more money to the Oil Impact Counties which we are very much in support of. With the price of oil being uncertain there will be a decrease in revenue but continued impacts to the oil producing counties and still a lack of infrastructure that needs to be address. The Tribal Business Council will be lobbying with the Oil Industry, State Legislators and the Governor during this Legislative Session on behalf of all our enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and looking out for the best interest of our members. We look forward to these meeting and anticipate good productive discussions In the Spirit of Partnership. We want to thank all of the people who are involved in our Town Hall Meetings and who read our newsletter and stay involved through our Facebook page, Twitter and You-Tube Updates. The Tribal Business Council is planning a Town Hall Meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota where we have approximately 1,200 enrolled members and going to give updates. We will keep you posted on the dates of the Meeting. It is very important that we pray for our Nation and our people every day as we face these challenges head on. We recently had our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Segment Prayer Breakfast on Monday January 26, 2015 where we had Dr. Matthew Coon Come give the keynote address and closed with a circle of prayer for the Nations. Our theme this year was “Strengthening The Nations”. We hope to see you next year at our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast. Thank You.



We invite you to follow Tribal Councilman L Kenneth Hall each day on the North Segment of the Three Affiliated Tribes Facebook Page.

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Left: Councilman Hall invited everyone to the Circle of Prayer and Dr. Coon Come prayed for the People and for the Nation.

## Strengthening The Nations

*"I can do all things through Christ who Strengthens me." Phil 4:13*



The 3rd Annual North Segment Community Prayer Breakfast was held on January 26th with Special Guest Speaker, Grand Chief Dr. Matthew Coon Come sharing a powerful message of invoking God into Government and how their people were told they have no rights

only privileges and were the poorest of the poor on lands with no value. They were victims of government programs designed to assimilate and dispose. Chief Coon Come has nearly 40 years experience in successful leadership, challenged us to Trust God and ask. What does He want for our community, for, with God's help, nothing is impossible. He shared story after story how with God's help and anointing he was able to help get his people out of deplorable conditions. Today they are both a Political and an Economic Power.



Anyone wishing to volunteer to help the Neighborhood watch program Please contact Jim Miller at 701-421-1694

## Oil and Gas Economic Impact Study

Office of Councilman L. Kenneth Hall, Councilman Ken Hall would like to announce the initiative of a comprehensive Oil and Gas Economic Impact Study of the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation. Councilman Hall has over the years established good working relationships with the foremost experts in the field of study of Tribal Economies at Harvard University and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. He has brought their innovative idea of "Native Nation Rebuilding" through quantitative and qualitative research to the Annual Economic Summit at the Northern lights building in recent years.

Councilman Hall has commissioned this comprehensive study through the Compass Lexcon Group and Harvard University Professor Joesph Kalt. The study will serve as an advocacy tool highlighting the scale of the influence that the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation has had on the regional, national, and global economies.

## FBCC Update

The Fort Berthold Community College (FBCC) is now officially the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC). NHSC is offering ongoing CDL classes. Registration for block classes begins Feb 19, 2014. The Writers Conference will be held April 22-24, 2014. Presenters include Chris Eyre (Smoke Signals) Susan Powers (Grassdancer), Keith Secola (Indian Car) and J. Carlos Pienado (Water buster). For more information contact Dr. Waylon Baker at 701-627-4738 or wbaker@fortbertholdcc.edu



## North Segment Community Development Corporation

A New Year brings new opportunities for the enrolled MHA Nation members residing in New Town. The North Segment Community Development Corporation has been firm in its commitment to bring affordable housing to New Town. With that in mind, approximately \$475,000 was spent on electrical infrastructure upgrades to the Van Hook housing subdivision. Work is progressing within that project and Tribal residents have been switched over to new power connections.

Several new Ft. Berthold Community College students have been housed in the old North Segment building resulting from the Native Nation Building efforts of the NSCDC. The NSCDC took an unused, dilapidated Tribal building, performed significant improvements, and in turn worked with the FBCC to house 10 students on a long term basis. The dorm like facility will soon be the home of 30 students.

Additionally, the NSCDC continues to pursue a Master Lease with the MHA Tribal Business Council regarding the 220 acres recently purchased by the Tribe which runs contiguous to the new truck bypass north of New Town. The NSCDC understands that projects only succeed with proper planning and infrastructure in place. As such, the NSCDC has retained a team of professionals to meet the demands of blueprinting the area for development. Furthermore, the NSCDC remains engaged with the City of New Town in order to effectively coordinate planning and development direction. Through numerous Town Hall meetings, the NSCDC has comprised a list of potential projects in order to meet the desires of our enrolled TAT members.

## ND Legislative Update

The 64<sup>th</sup> State of North Dakota Legislative Assembly convened Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Councilman Hall and office staff have been busy tracking and actively participating and advocating on behalf of the North Segment and the Tribe at this current legislative session. The ND Legislative assembly has a lot of work on its plate, but first and foremost the issues of appropriations and revenues are the major topics of concern this Legislative session. The area that is hanging over the Legislative body and our Tribal Council is the issue over the oil and gas industries and the fluctuations in the pricing markets and its impact on overall revenues for budgetary planning and allocations. Although, this is a major concern many at the capital are formulating plans to balance the playing field for the Oil and Gas industry to maintain active production in the state and on our Ft. Berthold Reservation. It is early in the legislative session, however there are other policy concerns and the business of the people of our state and our tribe must go on, and the Office of Councilman Hall has been actively tracking the other legislative workings at the State capital in Bismarck. **House Bill 1129** "A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-60.02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workforce development grants for tribally controlled community colleges.", this bill will assist tribal colleges in our state with much needed monies to implement more workforce ready programs and help put our tribal members to work with the expertise need to compete in today's highly specialized workforce. **House Concurrent Resolution -3006** "A Concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and desirability of state, federal, and tribal collaboration in providing services for tribal youth in the state who are adjudicated in Tribal Courts." Tribal youth are a demographic of great concern for Councilman Hall, and too often our young tribal members are not provided with suitable services for a healthy productive future in life, and this legislation aims to begin the talks of all parties in our state and tribes better understand the problems and where to go to give better services to our tribal youth. These are just small examples of nature and content of the bills at the capital in Bismarck. It is early in the legislative session and the work from oil and gas impact allocations to appropriations to vital social services for the people of the state ND and our Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation is lengthy. (Cont. on back page)