

North Segment News

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Message from Councilman Hall

Greetings,

As we continue to move into the Nation Building Approach we are very optimistic about our opportunities that are presented before us as a Nation. These are very exciting times for MHA and its 13183 enrolled members and we are charting new territory as a people, but, know we face big challenges ahead of us. In the previous publication we shared about the Nation Building Approach to Economic Development and the first step in that process is to Assert your Sovereignty. Well, a lot of the last two months was spent doing that as the Tribal Government. The Tribal Council held a series of meetings on the Tribal / State Tax Agreement and the proposed Bill in the State Legislature to amend the terms and conditions.

We made many trips to the State Capital in Bismarck to lobby on several Bill's that were affecting our Tribe. Many meetings and hearings were scheduled with only a moment's notice but as your elected leader, and knowing the impacts they would have on the final outcomes; along with other Tribal Council members, we prioritized our participation in this Legislative Session. Some of the Bill's were killed on the floor but we pushed to have them revisited and at the end we were able to get the Health Bill #2030 passed, the Tribal College Bill #2218 which initially excluded FBCC, is now included, and, the State and Tribal Tax Agreement Bill HB #1198 passed. After a long journey and grueling process, the Governor, Senate, Oil Companies, and, the House agreed with us on terms that would make this lopsided agreement a more

fair agreement that will strengthen the Tribe.



Councilman Hall presents traditional gift to Governor Dalrymple for signing HB #2030



Senator Warner District 4 invited Faith Hall to vote on the Tribal/State Tax Agreement. She voted yes.

The passage of HB#1198 means approximately \$312 Million dollars in increased revenues for our Tribe over the next biennium. Now it is a more revenue neutral agreement with new terms from the originally signed 80% for the State and 20% for the Tribe on fee lands on the Reservation. It is now an equal split of 50/50. Special thanks to the Tribal Business Council who spoke to the Governor and Legislators as the Government of the MHA Nation, this made the difference in the final outcome. Also, thank you to the TAT Tax Director Mark Fox, NDIAC Staff, Scott Davis, the lobbyists, the sponsors of the Bill and those who supported this important change. Governor Dalrymple's Office will be working with us to schedule an official ceremonial signing and celebration.

A big part of our heritage is our Cowboys and Ranchers. I want to congratulate all of the recent Fort Berthold Cultural and Western Heritage Hall of Fame Inductees who keep the rodeo tradition strong for our cowboys and cowgirls.

We will need to continue to work together as leaders as well as community members to create positive change for our community that will last for generations. As you will see, by reading this newsletter; that our office has been very busy and have accomplished come great feats since we took office. We encourage you to get involved in the process of positive change and get informed at our Town Halls & Community Meetings.

It's a new day for Three Affiliated Tribes.

Economic Development & Energy Summit ◆ ◆

Following the 2013 Nation to Nation Building through Economic Development Summit, Harvard University has been inviting the Summit participants to roundtable discussions on Economic Development. Different Development Groups have been presenting proposals for Housing, Retail, Non Renewable Energy and Business Opportunities to Tribal Councilman Hall and the North Segment Community Development Corporation.

Success Under the Nation-Building Approach

- More effective access to and use of resources.
- Increased chances of sustained and self-determined economic development.
- A more effective defense of sovereignty.
- *Societies* - not just economies - that work.

Nation Building Through Economic Development
Presentation by Eric Hensen

This diagram is the next in a series on the Nation Building Model.

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North Segment Community Clean-Up ◆ ◆ ◆

On Tuesday April 22nd, the North Segment Staff, in cooperation with the North Dakota Petroleum Council and several companies working in the oil & gas industry in the area; cleaned and picked a total of 1100 bags of trash in New Town and along Highway 23. Bag lunches were sponsored by S & S Roustabout. Over 167 people were signed in and registered to help, not including schools. New Town Public Schools and the Boys and Girls Club also had the kids out helping.

The Environmental and Recycling Committee will be planning additional Community Clean Up Days throughout the summer. Let's take pride in the cleanliness of our community.



North Segment Community Development Corporation ◆ ◆

"A Resolution entitled, "Grant of Oversight Authority to the North Segment Community Development Corporation for Tribal projects in the North Segment". NO.13-054-VJB.

The Tribal Business Council Economic Development/Education Committee voted unanimous to support the North Segment Community Development Corporation, per Tribal Council Resolution #03-160 DSB from 2003 which was signed by Chairman Hall and Secretary Dahlen Spotted Bear. The issue was moved forward to the full Tribal Council for approval and received a unanimous vote of 6-0, 1 absent. The Council granted the Corporation, through its Board of Directors oversight authority on all tribal projects within the North Segment area and such project leads will communicate with the NSCDC and give timely updates at regularly scheduled meetings as designated by the bylaws of the NSCDC.

The new Board of Directors were elected by the public. Charter & Bylaws are current. They have been conducting a series of meetings with the Residents, City of New Town Chamber of Commerce, Developers, Financiers & Banks, and Tribal Programs.

Town Hall Committee Chairs ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Committee Chairs continue meeting and are meeting with The Town Hall continues to be an open process and your input is welcome at all times. Fill out the following survey, write as much as you need and drop it off with Tom Mandan at the Northern Lights.

Meeting and updating Tribal Councilman Hall – meeting with State Representatives to identify funding sources for activities of the Committees.

Housing Committee – Kelly McGrady, Member

Law Enforcement & Safety Committee – Marle Baker, Chair – 9th Street Safe Zone

Culture Committee – Kelly Hosie, Chair – Hosted video viewing of Gasland at Earth Lodge. Summit sponsored food for participants.

Environmental & Recycling Committee – Scott Baker, Chair – Coca Cola offered to meet & support.

Wellness Committee – Judy Yessilith, Chair – Meet every 1st Friday of each Month at FBCC.

Substance Abuse Committee – Tom Mandan, Chair

North Segment Survey Questions (Previously Distributed)

1. What are the four highest priority issues in order of importance that you see as a community member in the North Segment?
2. What are the four possible solutions for the issues identified in question #1?
3. Would you be available to participate in community events, planning efforts?
4. When North Segment Community priorities are established and a strategic plan is finalized, committees will be set up. Would you be interested in being on a working committee? If so, please provide your contact information: Name, Address, Phone number, Cellular number, Email.
5. What kind of information about the North Segment Community and its activities would you like to know more about?
6. What services are needed in our community?
7. Are you satisfied with the following services currently being offered in the community? Please list the Tribal Services you or a family member is currently using or has used in the past?
8. Do you think Monthly Community Newsletters would be helpful? What types of information would you like to see in a Community News Letter?



MHA Nation Tribal Business Council Representatives: Packineau, Hall, Brugh, Phelan, with Mark Fox, TAT Tax Commission & Ron Ness, President of the NDPC at the State Legislative Session, Day #80.



Picture: Councilman Hall, Governor Jack Dalrymple, Senator Judy Lee [seated], State Officials and Tribal Health Professionals [standing].

Tribal/State Tax Agreement – HB #1198 To Amend the Existing Agreement ◆◆◆◆◆

Tribal / State Tax Agreement – SB #1198 PASSED to Amend the Existing Agreement. The first Tax Amendment Bill SB #1234 – was killed in the House on Wednesday May 1, 2013. This was a key issue of unfinished business for the Tribal Business Council because a new term of 50/50 would mean an increased Tax Revenue for the Tribe of \$312 Million Dollars. They continued to investigate different options to amend it and met with legislators, committees, and the legislative counsel in a series of meetings in the final hours of the State Legislative Session. The Tribe will always have the option to withdraw altogether from the agreement and implement a Tribal Tax on Oil on FBIR. After a lot of negotiating for Revenue Neutral Terms, the House Passed new Bill #1198 in a 80-11 Vote, and, the Senate Passed HB#1198 shortly after 40-2, 5 absent. Councilman Hall’s Office will work closely with the Governor’s Office to schedule a signing ceremony.

Health Bill #2030 ◆◆◆◆◆

This Bill is to create a Public Health Unit on the FBIR. It was originally HB #2031 and was killed in the House. Following that, Tribal Business Council’s Health & Human Services Committee members: Councilman Hall, Councilwoman Brugh, and Councilman Phelan, along with Dr. Linda Goumeau, Irene Fredericks, and Phyllis Howard, all met with Representative Wiesz and Senator Judy Lee to discuss and agree to the terms of the new Bill #2030. On May 1, 2013 Governor Dalrymple signed the Bill into law in a ceremonial signing in the Governors Conference Room at the State Capital.

The Tribal Council Health & Human Services Committee ◆

The Tribal Council Health & Human Services Committee heard proposals from Dave Tonemah of Native Health, Experts in Health and Broad Experience and Knowledge base on Whole Health System – Committee invited Tonemah back to present a Proposal on specifics discussed: to the full Tribal Business Council on May 9, 2013.

Becki Anderson on Obesity Clinics, medically monitored, proposed pilot of 18 weeks. Will now be heard at full Tribal Business Council on May 9, 2013.

Kevin Finley, Recreation Director – announced that the Schimmel Sisters will be coming to Fort Berthold during the NABI Basketball Tournament on June 26-29, 2013.



Senate Bill #2218 - “Tribal College Workforce Development” ◆◆◆◆◆

“Tribal College Workforce Development authorizes \$5 Million in workforce development grants for tribally controlled community colleges. The grants will support degree or certificate granting programs that qualify students to earn highly recruited jobs in the state. They will also provide assistance to students to establish new businesses operating within North Dakota that will employ North Dakotans.” Lt. Governor Wrigley. The Department of Commerce will administer the grants through an application process. Recipients will be required to report back to the Department on several factors including expenditures, number of students assisted, graduation rates, new or improved training programs leading to a certificate or degree, job placements rates, rate of students assisted who seek further education opportunities, and the number of jobs or businesses created.



FBCC President Russell Mason, Tribal Councilman Hall, Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley, D.O. Commerce Al Anderson.

First Annual Prayer Gathering for Tribal Nations ◆◆◆◆◆

People all over were praying for our Nation, that God would "Heal our Land, Unity for all Tribes, and that the oppression would be lifted".

It was held at the United Tribes Technical College on April 20th – all Tribes in North Dakota were represented including the MHA Nation. This was called a Christ Centered Intercession with open microphones and prayer for the Nations and was sponsored by All Nations Assembly of God "All Nations for All Peoples".

Oil & Gas - MRR/Allottees ◆◆

Will be meeting in Mandaree at the Water Chief Hall on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. The Tribal Owned Oil & Gas Company, Missouri River Resources will be holding a meeting for the Ft. erthold Allottees whose mineral leases are expiring and who wish to sign with MRR. Please call Dave Williams, CEO at 701-627-3058 for inquiries.

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Congratulations to all Graduates! Especially to Delvin Driver Sr. and Martha Baker as they are Honorary Degree recipients.

◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 15** | **TBC Health & Human Services Committee Meeting**
Tribal Chambers 10:00am
TBC Judicial Committee Meeting
Tribal Chambers 1:00pm

- May 16-17** | **Water Rights Meeting**
Bismarck

- May 22** | **TBC Ec Dev/Education Committee Meeting** Tribal Chambers 10:00am

- May 26** | **New Town High School Graduation**

- May 27** | **Northern Lights Building Dedication**

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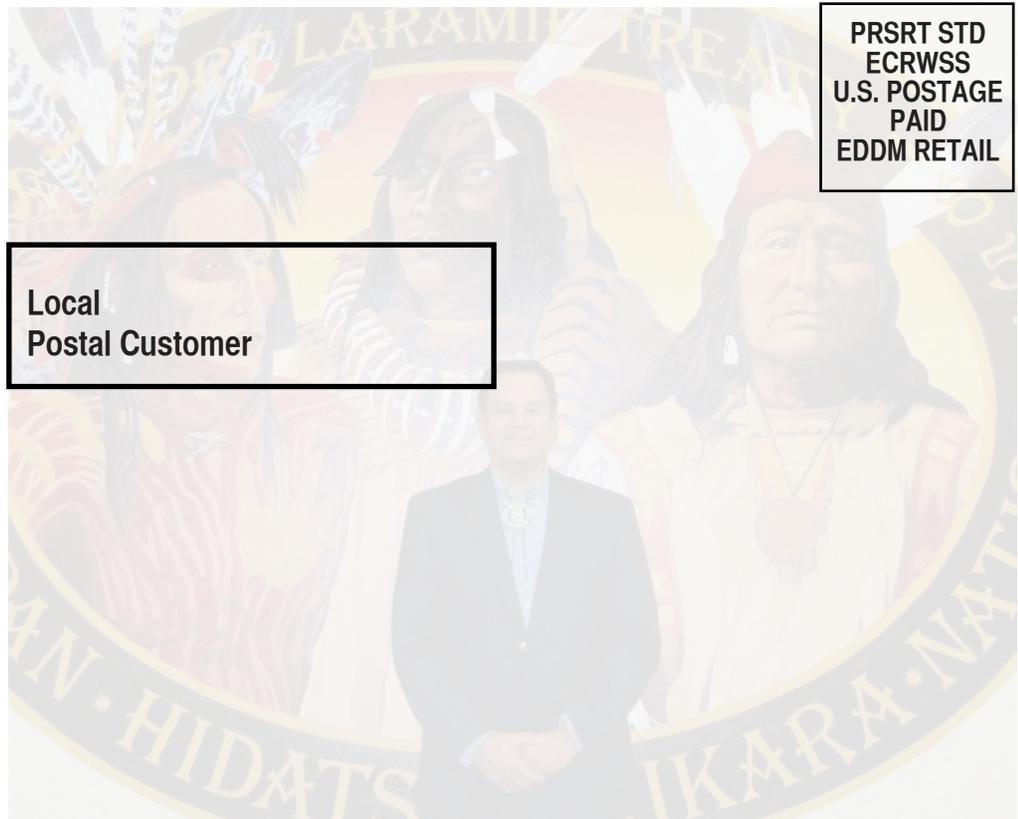
 Many things we do are not reported in the Newsletter because of space, but, we invite you to follow Tribal Councilman Hall each day at the facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthSegmentOfTheThreeAffiliatedTribes>

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 North Segment Youtube channel coming soon.

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North Segment Notes
The Building Policy for Northern Lights will be in effect as of June 01, 2013. A user fee will be charged. Call 627-3456 for more information.