

MATERIAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

TRIBAL BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 3, 1982

Present: Dennis Huber, Actg Chairman; Pete Coffey, Gerald White

Absent : Donald Malnourie, Marie Wells

Others : Alyce Spotted Bear, Arnie Guimont, Norma Staples, Rachel Bell,
Harley Tex Lone Bear and Steve Wells

Roll call, quorum present. Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

TERMINATIONS: Mr. Guimont presented termination documents on Patrick Malnourie and Truby Heart due to absenteeism. Ronald White Owl was appointed into Patrick Malnourie's position.

ED BRACKLIN'S REQUEST: Alyce Spotted Bear asked about the status of Ed Bracklin application on his house. Mr. Wells informed that his Dad filled out the request and all the information on the application pertained to his father and that a written statement was needed from his hather saying it was Ed's house. Mr. Wells stated he had talked to Ed's mother and father regarding this situation.

HIP & HUD REGULATIONS: Mr. Wells stated that in the past HIP provided the materials and Indian Action did the work. There are two grant monies with which they are now working with. They are the BIA's Home Improvement and HUD's Community Development Block grant. Each has different regulations and each with different amounts of monies allocated.

Ms. Spotted Bear questioned a house that was fixed up and no one presently lives in that house. Mr. White commented that this happens, people make the request and leave. There also is a house in Twin Buttes area that needed well renovation and plumbing. The work was started when he was still in the house and when the HIP crew stopped for the winter, he left to live in Bismarck.

Mr. Huber questioned when this happens can there be any salvage of the work and materials already put into the particular job. Mr. Guimont specified they now have an agreement which is signed by the requesting applicant. If the house is sold within 10 years, the applicant shall within 30 days be responsible for all costs of material and labor to the Three Affiliated Tribes. If this agreement is signed, the Tribe has a recourse.

BUDGET: Under Category D, a new home was bought, a double-wide trailer for John Yellow Wolf. Under this category only 1 home is all that is allowed. Mr. Guimont stated what was spent for the past year which was \$101,000. up to September 30, plus he quoted \$106,000 for this year. Mr. Huber requested a copy of the new budget. Mr. Guimont stated they are still finishing out some of the projects from which monies will come from next years budget.

Roy Bird Bear came into the meeting. A list of applications requesting repairs on their home was submitted by Mr. Guimont. The list consisted of requests of which some had been worked on and some had been approved. The procedure in approving these requests explained by Mr. Guimont was by the committee. Mr. White commented that these applicants have to be within the income guidelines.

Once a house is approved, Steve Wells writes a scope of work and this is sent out for competitive bidding. These bids come into the committee for final approval. Problems in the past have been bids have been ready and there were not committee meetings. Mr. Huber stated that this should be no problem from now on. Mr. Guimont suggested a weekly meeting.

ALLEN WICKER: Mr. Guimont stated that Allen Wicker's electrical work and carpentry work bids were ready to be opened. It was stated that Indian preference is preferred and that most contractors follow the guidelines unless in rare cases where the bids of Indian and non-Indians vary in large amounts.

A discussion was held on the drainfield and the machinery work that is required of such a job. The Tribal backhoe and the front-end loader were discussed. The Tribal backhoe which just recently had been overhauled, new tires mounted and a dump-bucket replaced. The front-end loader is in Mandaree. A question was raised as to qualified heavy machine operators available to operate these equipments and the committee was assured there is such operators.

The bids that were opened pertained only to the carpentry work although the request included sewer and drainfield work which cannot be done until Spring. The first bid was of \$1,800 from Gary Foote and the second bid was from United Contractors of \$3,000. Discussion followed regarding the bids and it was determined that the bids were not specific in nature as to materials and labor or both.

MOTION was made by Gerald White that these two bids be tabled due to their incompleteness and that they be notified to resubmit more specific and complete bids for the next meeting. SECONDED by Roy Bird Bear.

REMARKS: The bids will consist of just the two bidders at the next meeting.
VOTE: all in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

GRANT MONIES: Mr. Joe Deane, Jr. was called into the meeting to explain the past funding situations of the HIP and HUD grants. From the 1980 budget of \$105,000 CDBG monies from HUD, a third was used for the water tower in Twin Buttes, for the Motor Lodge roof and street paving with over \$7,000 left over. More discussion followed regarding the status of the grant monies.

UTILITIES COMMISSION: Utilities Commission was explained to the new council members plus an explanation of the sewer system and lagoons. It was also explained that the amount charged each building for water services was not enough to keep the Utilities operating sufficiently. Presently, the charges are \$18.00 a month for water and sewer services. There was a cost analysis done by some people from Aberdeen, SD, who suggested the charges be raised from \$18.00 to \$26.00 a month in order to meet Utilities rising expenses.

Presently the money that is being made through Utilities is being put back into Utilities for operating expenses but they are still in the deficit of about \$9,000.00. More discussion followed regarding the lagoon by the pow-wow grounds which has a gravel bottom which causes seepage back down to the river. Mr. Huber suggested that a cost analysis be done in order to determine who is on the water system and how much is consumed by each user.

WEATHERIZATION: Harley Tex Lone Bear explained his program to the council. He handed out a list of homes that had been worked on during the past fiscal year. To date, 65 homes had been worked on with enough money for 2 more homes. His funding period ends December 31, 1982 with monies spent so far amounting to \$28,880.35. He explained his budget limits weatherization to \$560 per home. He further explained the types of work done on homes and that after December 31, there will be no more funding until April at which time the Department of Energy will notify him as to his new budget.

Mr. Coffey questioned if these services can be applied to scattered-type homes. Mr. Lone Bear assured that after one year they become eligible for services under his program.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Norma Staples passed out a list of applicants that needed assistance for fuel. The Committee has the final approval on these applications. Mr. Guimont informed that last year, they were budgeted for \$294,000. The budget is divided into a quarterly system of funding with \$71,000.00 allocated quarterly. The funding period ends September 30, 1983. The amount stated by each applicant is the amount of assistance they will receive which is determined through the guidelines and verification of income.

There was some discussion on the guarantee that the \$71,000.00 would be coming quarterly at the same amount. Ms. Staples said there were 75 applicants pending and that there is enough carryover to cover these requests upon their approval.

MOTION was made by Pete Coffey to approve the list as presented for payment for fuel assistance, SECONDED by Roy Bird Bear.

REMARKS: Mr. Huber stated omitting the 3 applicants listed that were found to be over income guidelines. Mr. Bird Bear stated that he thought the list was all eligible applicants. Ms. Staples remarked that they are required to list all applying applicants in order to show they have been considered. Mr. Coffey amended his MOTION to exclude the three that are over income, SECONDED by Roy Bird Bear. VOTE: all in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

BILL WELLS'S WELL: Mr. Guimont introduced Mr. Wells and daughter, Eloise. Mr. Wells informed that he had been without water for a week and a half. They had called various people to check out their problem and were informed that it was the electrical wiring- The costs estimated for repairs came to at least \$300 for temporary 800 ft wiring from house to pump but additional costs would be for trenching which has to be done in the Spring.

MOTION was made by Roy Bird Bear to approve Bill Wells for a well renovation, SECONDED by Pete Coffey.

REMARKS: Mr. White suggested that the line be laid on the ground first and connected in order to determine if this is the problem. Mr. Bird Bear remarked when I made this motion it was not to fix temporarily but to approve the total cost of all the repairs. VOTE: all in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

RAMONA HEART: Mr. White stated that Ramona Heart came in with a bill that she wanted paid for installing a door wide enough to allow her husband's wheelchair to go through and that she also needed a ramp.

MABEL HOWLING WOLF: Mr. White stated that Mabel Howling Wolf wanted her drainfield renovated but the committee had to approve it first. He stated she has been waiting a long time for this.

MOTION was made by Gerald White to fix sewer and drainfield for Mable Howling Wolf, SECONDED by Pete Coffey.

REMARKS: Mr. Bird Bear questioned who would do the work. Mr. Guimont stated Utilities Commission would do the work and bill CDBG.

VOTE: all in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: A discussion followed regarding road and it was suggested to Mr. Guimont that for the next scheduled meeting Mr. Lindgren and the Superintendent of BIA be invited. Mr. Guimont is to set the agenda with the committees suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.



SECRETARY, MATERIAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

APPROVED: _____

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