

Four Bears News

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FOUR BEARS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE NEWSLETTER



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“Minot State University Pow Wow Honors the 2004 New Town Lady Eagles Basketball Team”



Front Row: Nicole Wells, Natika Baker, Wendy Wells, Pheobe Garcia, Hailey Deane and Back Row: Coach Drosdahl, Whitney Hale, Fawn Fettich, Shawna Wells, Rose White Tail, Kris Wells & Coach Daylon.

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The MSU Student Pow Wow Committee honored the 2004 New Town Lady Eagles Basketball Team and Coaches at their Annual Minot State University Pow Wow held in the Dome in Minot, ND on April 23, 2004. The Committee represented by Robert Good Bird and Marlon Mason, honored the Lady Eagles with a honor song and certificates for the 2004 accomplishments of the New Town Lady Eagles.

The Lady's were also able to provide an opportunity to thank the committee and the coaches with gifts of their own in the traditional ways that they have been brought up, as they donated their

Coaches many star quilts to show their appreciation for the respect, care and commitment that the Coaches displayed toward them as individuals and as a team.

The Lady Eagles also presented the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes with a purple and gold star blanket that was picked up by Mr. Austin Gillette, White Council Representative that was in attendance representing the Tribal Business Council for their monetary support in providing tickets for the New Town Eagle Fans at this years 6th Place Finish at the 2004 State Class B Tournament in March 2004.

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004**

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES
THE MHA ENTERPRISES INC. TO INVEST
IN THE MULTI-TRIBAL NATURAL BEEF,
BUFFALO AND FOOD PRODUCTS CO.**

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-039-RP; which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, The Intertribal Economic Alliance (ITEA), which the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation is a founder of, has created the Multi-Tribal Natural Beef, Buffalo and Food Products Company, LLC, which will work to assist Indian ranchers, to obtain higher prices for their cattle and also earn profits through the sale of food products to USDA, DOD and other buyers; and WHEREAS, The Multi-Tribal Natural Beef, Buffalo and Food Products Company, LLC, (the “Company”) is being mentored by Coleman Natural Meat Company, the largest natural meat company in the United States. Coleman has agreed to provide \$50,000 to assist the Company get started if that amount is matched by tribes that become owners of the company and invest the initial capital contribution of \$10,000 per tribe that has been established by the Company; and WHEREAS, The Company will use the capital invested by the tribes and by Coleman to hire Casey Fredericks to assist Indian ranchers to enroll in the natural beef program and the Company has agreed to give first priority to working with the ranchers whom are members of those tribes that are the initial investors in the Company so that if the MHA Nation invests in the Company, first priority will be given to its ranchers; and...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Business Council hereby provides \$10,000 to MHA Enterprises, which shall, after reviewing the legal documents in connection with an investment in the Company and conducting such due diligence as it deems necessary, and concluding that said documents are in order and the investment is appropriate, use said monies to become an initial investor in the Company and

shall manage said investment in the best interest of the MHA Nation.

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES
THE MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY POW-
WOW 2004 TO RECEIVE A DONATION
AND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000**

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the donation and grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the Minot State University Student Pow Wow for the April 21, 2004 Celebration. Student Pow Wow Committee was also intending to honor the Tribal Membership whom were Alumni of Minot State as well as the Tribal Business Council at this years Celebration.

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES
THE DREAM CATCHER PROGRAM TO
OBTAIN A NATIVE AMERICAN BANK
LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS**

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-40-RP; which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes housing Division is developing the Northern Lights Subdivision in New Town, as the first phase of the Dreamcatcher Program. Construction has been initiated and the loan closing with Bank One will occur on April 29, 2004. The loan proceeds will be secured by HUD Section 184; and WHEREAS, By reason of delay in the loan closing the construction of the homes needs to be financed on an interim basis; and WHEREAS, The Native American Bank, NA during the regular course of business relationship with the Three Affiliated Tribes has indicated a willingness to negotiate a Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand (\$335,000) Dollar interim Construction loan for material only, on the understanding that the loan would be paid from the proceeds of the forth coming Bank One, Section 184 Loans;...”

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004—Continued**

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES
THE HOUSING DIVISION AUTHORITY
TO OBTAIN A FEDERAL HOME GRANT.**

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-42-RP; which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, The Housing Division of the Three Affiliated Tribes is in the development and construction of Phase One of the Dreamcatcher Program. The Dreamcatcher Program will impact each segment of the Fort Berthold Reservation and will give the opportunity to members of the Three Affiliated Tribes to lease and/or purchase homes. Many prospective home purchasers qualify in all aspects of the loan application except for having the necessary funds to make appropriate down payments and for such reason do not qualify to purchase homes through Dreamcatcher; and WHEREAS, The Federal Home Loan Bank is offering a grant to assist qualified home buyers by providing funds for down payments; and WHEREAS, The Housing Division of the Three Affiliated Tribes in order to fulfill its mandate to provide affordable housing to all members of the Three Affiliated Tribes requests authority from the Tribal Business Council to seek a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars from Federal Home Loan Bank in order to assist homebuyers with down payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Director of the Housing Division to seek a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars or in whatever alternative amount available, for the financial assistance of members of the Three Affiliated Tribes for down payment and incidental costs in home loan closing for the Dreamcatcher Program.”

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES
HOUSING AUTHORITY; ADMINISTRATION**

OF THE (HIP) CONTRACT

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-43-RP; which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Housing Division’s mission is to break the barriers that currently prevent home ownership amongst tribal members and to assist in meeting the housing demand; and

WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes’, Tribal Business Council, recognizes that there is a lack of housing units available for use by its Tribal Membership, and that existing housing of many members of the Three Affiliated Tribes is inadequate; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has been proactive in filling the housing needs of its membership by adopting Resolution 99-100-DSB; which granted the Fort Berthold Housing Authority the authority to administrate the Tribes Home Improvement Program (HIP). The (HIP) program is a BIA contract for home improvement; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the granting of administration of the (HIP) program to the Fort Berthold Housing Authority, the Tribal Business Council created the Three Affiliated Tribes Housing Division in order to assure that all Tribal Member’s housing needs are met. The Housing Division has proficient staff able to administrate the (HIP) contract; and provide the Tribal Business Council with responsive feedback and control; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby designates the administration of BIA (HIP) contract to the Three Affiliated Tribes Housing Division...”

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004—Continued**

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES CHAIRMAN HALL MEET WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE STAFF OF ABERDEEN AREA OFFICE IN REGARDS TO BILLING.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to authorize the Health Systems staff to meet with the Indian Health Service and try to come to an agreement that will put the Tribe in compliance with all HIPPA Regulations, and to invite all management staff to get involved and to include the Chairman if available to meet with Area Director, Service Unit Director and the Compliance Officer. This Meeting is to be held on April 30, 2004 on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation due to the continual delays on account of the Service Unit and the Area Office of the Indian Health Service in the implementation of the Third Party Billing of Private Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid. Such Third Party revenue would provides the necessary revenue to operate the White Shield, Mandaree and Parshall Clinics within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES A LEGAL APPEAL OF THE TRIBES NON-APPROVAL OF THE THIRD PARTY BILLING THROUGH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS.

The Tribal Business Council took formal seek legal appeal action on the Indian Health Service and the inability to provide the Tribe such technical advise on the PL 93-638 of the Third Party Billing, etc. Subsequent denials of the authority to access the necessary software system of the "RPMS" to provide the Third Party Billing of the White Shield, Mandaree and White Shield Clinics within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Such Legal Appeal would also seek a waiver for the allowance of billing from the dates so denied such respective authority and to seek payment due the Three Affiliated Tribes for timely, and diligently complying with Indian Health Service Directives and Obligations as mandated by Service Unit and Aberdeen Area Offices.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TO EVALUATE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS ON MAY 20, 2004.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to develop an instrument to evaluate Richard Mayer, Chief Executive Officer and Steve Salvesson, Chief Financial Officer as part of the approval process of respective salary increases as requested by the Tribal Business Council.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TO APPROVE A FREEZE ON UNNECESSARY TRAVEL AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TAT FOR 60 DAYS.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to place a freeze on the Travel and Expenditures found to be unnecessary and to only approve the essential travel and medical emergencies. Such Freeze to be in affect for a period of 60 days.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOUR BEARS CASINO & LODGE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY INCENTIVES

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Monetary Quarterly Incentives for the Management of the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. As noted in their respective report a timely and duly approved financial audit for FY - 2003 in addition such report included a complete listing of project and administrative reports which included the necessary debt service transactions for the future operation of the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. Also, included in the report was the newly acquired Lottery Retailer License duly approved by the State of North Dakota for the Four Bears Casino & Lodge to participate in such gaming opportunity.

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004—Continued**

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES REFINANCING OF THE FOUR BEARS CASINO & LODGE TAXABLE DEBT.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-46-RP which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, In accordance with an Amended Gaming Compact dated September 29, 2001, between the Tribe and the State of North Dakota (the “Compact”), the Tribe engages in Class III gaming within the meaning of the Indian Regulatory Act of 1988, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to authorization from the Tribal Business Council the Tribe borrowed \$15,620,000 from a Marshall Investments Corporation (“Marshall”), as lender, bearing a current interest rate of 7.85% (the “Taxable 2002”), secured by a pledge of certain gaming-related revenues (“Pledged Revenues”), pursuant to a Depository Agreement between the Tribe and First National Bank & Trust Co. of Williston (as amended or supplemented, the “Depository Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has determined that it is desirable to refinance the Taxable 2002 Loan upon significantly lower interest rates and to eliminate the Interest Retention Requirement to permit greater financial flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Marshall has submitted the following proposal (the “Financing Proposal”) to arrange a loan (the “Loan”) to repay the Taxable 2002 Loan and finance costs of the New Equipment and transaction costs:

(i) the amount of the Loan would (i) be in a total amount of approximately \$15,836,944; (ii) bear fixed interest at the market rate then prevailing at closing (currently 6.10%),...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ...:

1.1 The Tribal Business Council hereby determines that the proposed actions described above are in the public interest and promote the welfare of the Tribe.”

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES REFINANCING OF THE FOUR BEARS CASINO & LODGE TAX-EXEMPT DEBT.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-47-RP which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, Pursuant to authorization from the Tribal Business Council, in May 2002 the Tribe borrowed \$9,503,000 from Marshall Investments Corporation (“Marshall”), as lender, bearing an interest rate, plus servicing fee, totaling 5.6% (the “Tax-Exempt 2002 Loan”),...; and

WHEREAS, Under the terms of the Tax-Exempt 2002 Loan, among other things, the Tribe is required to maintain in the Trust Interest Account an amount at least equal to all scheduled debt service due on all tribal debt having a claim against Trust Interest (the “Interest Retention Requirement”); and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Tribe to eliminate the Interest Retention Requirement to permit greater financial flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Marshall has submitted the following proposal (the “Refinancing Proposal”) to arrange a refinancing loan (the “Refinancing Loan”) to repay the Tax-Exempt 2002 Loan and financing transactions costs on terms that will provide an economic savings to the Tribe and at the same time eliminate the Interest Retention Requirement and that would include the following general terms: (i) the amount of Refinancing Loan would (i) be in a total amount of approximately \$9,565,088; (ii) bear interest excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes at the market rate then prevailing at closing (currently 4.85%),...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ...:

1.1 The Tribal Business Council hereby determines that the proposed actions described above are in the public interest and promote the welfare of the Tribe.”

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004—Continued**

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE MHA NATION.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action approve the Tribal Resolution #04-45-RP which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council is required according to the terms of the said Constitution to adopt a personnel policies and procedures manual; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council adopted the Three Affiliated Tribes Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual on December 9th, 1976 pursuant to Resolution 76-312; and

WHEREAS, said personnel policy and procedure manual is obsolete and needs to be amended, updated and revised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby adopts the attached Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual which shall become effective and be implemented immediately upon adoption and certification of the Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Personnel Policies and Procedures adopted pursuant to Tribal Resolution #76-312 and any amendment thereto are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.”

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL APPROVES TWIN BUTTES CUSTOM HOMES A LOAN OF \$250,000 FOR 120 DAYS.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-73-RP which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has previously chartered Twin Buttes Custom Homes (“TBCH”) as a Tribally owned corporation whose primary business is building modular homes on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

WHEREAS, TBCH is seeking a line of credit from the Native American Bank, the proceeds of which will be utilized as needed by TBCH to pay

for its day to day working capital needs...”; and...
WHEREAS, TBCH is requesting a loan from the Tribe in the amount of \$250,000 for a period of approximately eight months, to be paid back in monthly increments of \$31,500 and paid in full by September 30, 2004; and...”

TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES FORT BERTHOLD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A LOAN OF \$800,000 FOR 90 DAYS.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-74-RP which states in part the following:

“WHEREAS, The Tribal Business has previously chartered Fort Berthold Development Corp (“FBDC”) as a fully Tribally owned corporation whose primary business is building, construction and modification, primarily on the Fort Berthold Reservation; and...

WHEREAS, FBDC is requesting a loan from the Tribe in the amount of \$800,000 for a period of approximately ninety days (90); and

WHEREAS, FBDC currently has contracts in excess of \$21,955,697 and agrees to repay the loan from the Tribe in the amount of \$800,000 plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum no later than July 9, 2004 from proceeds of its contracts or from proceeds of its line of credit; and...”

TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES FORT BERTHOLD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A GRANT OF \$126,500 & SHORT TERM LOAN OF \$126,500 FOR 120 DAYS.

The Tribal Business Council took formal action to approve the Tribal Resolution #04-75-RP which states in part the following:

“...NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the cashing of the \$253,000.00 certificate of deposit to pay off FBDC’s note and to have the remaining proceeds, if any paid to FBDC on the condition that FBDC execute a note to the Tribe wherein FBDC promises to pay back to the Tribe \$126,500 by no later than September 30, 2004.”

**Tribal Business Council of TAT
Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2004–Continued**

**TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
APPROVED TRIBAL EN-
ROLLMENT MONTH OF
APRIL 2004 PURSUANT TO
RESOLUTION #04-53-RP.**

The Tribal Business Council formally approved the applications of ninety-eight (98) applicants seeking enrollment to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Pursuant to the Tribal Business Council Resolution, which states in part the following:

“**WHEREAS**, According to the Article II, Section I: Membership: The membership of The Three Affiliated Tribes shall consist of:

- A. All persons whose names appear on the membership of the Tribe as of October 2, 1974.
- B. Any person born before the effective date of the amendment and to any member of the Tribe who was a resident of the reservation at the time of birth of said person.
- C. All persons of at least 1/4 degree Indian blood of a federally recognized tribe, provided that at least 1/8 be of the Hidatsa, Mandan, or Arikara Tribe.

WHEREAS, On April, 2004 the Tribal Business Council reviewed a Resolution for eligible participants for enrollment with the Three Affiliated Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council duly and officially approves the enrollment of the following 98 applicants.”

- 1. Bordeaux, La Chara Marie
- 2. Bordeaux, Rochelle Rowane
- 3. Bradley, Asia Ari
- 4. Brewer, Shaelyn Louise

- 5. Charging, Amy Florence M.
- 6. Charging, Ivory L.
- 7. Church, Alison Nellie
- 8. Daniels, Delores
- 9. Dawes, Kaelyn Nadine
- 10. Dawes, Kylee Doreen
- 11. Dickens, Dionna May
- 12. Dickens, Teffie
- 13. Dubois, Destiny Sage
- 14. Follows The Road, Alicia Rose
- 15. Fox, Taylor Lee
- 16. Good Bird, Desiree Dawn
- 17. Gwin, Allyah Danelle
- 18. Gwin, Ayanna Rae
- 19. Hand, Toni Rose
- 20. Haycock, Cherdin Ronay
- 21. Haycock, Kazin Shayne
- 22. Haycock, Nahzoni Mae
- 23. Heart, Mardee Cheyenne
- 24. Holding Eagle, Jessica Louise
- 25. Holding Eagle, Pamela Jaye
- 26. Holding Eagle, Erica Elaine
- 27. Jarski Sequoia Jae Nae
- 28. Johnson, Cherish R. Dillinger
- 29. Little Swallow, Amanda
- 30. Little Swallow, Rosie Rebecca
- 31. Lone Bear, Leslie Ann
- 32. Martinez, Brianna
- 33. Meyers, Amanda Rae
- 34. Meyers, Candelle
- 35. Meyers, Neva Darlene
- 36. Newell, Janelle
- 37. Rabbithead, Caniya Jessence
- 38. Scott, Alice Marie
- 39. Scott, Kateari Jade
- 40. Scott, Marilyn Morning Star
- 41. Soto, Alexis Marie
- 42. Sun, Sheridan Paige Margaret
- 43. Turriaga, Kara Dawn
- 44. Tveter, Caitlyn Hope
- 45. Weigum, Madeline Marie
- 46. Weigum, Magdalena
- 47. White Bear– Dickens, Isabella
- 48. White Owl, Martha Linda Kay
- 49. Woods, Alaina Grace
- 50. Young Wolf, Jaelee
- 51. Young Bird, Gabrielle Marian
- 52. Araiza, Daunte Leon
- 53. Bordeaux, Ryley Worren
- 54. Chambers, James Lewis
- 55. Charging Travis J.
- 56. Chuch, Jonathon Chauncey
- 57. Cominghay, Justin
- 58. Cominghay, Ryan
- 59. Conklin Jr., William Thomas
- 60. Crows Breast, Azdon Allen
- 61. Engel, Aston Patrick
- 62. Finley, Kaleb Anthony
- 63. Fox, Kingston Zane
- 64. Fox, Takoja Ty Jacob
- 65. Gonzalez, Jesse Diego
- 66. Hale, Chace
- 67. Hale, Jaiven
- 68. Hall, Colton John
- 69. Hand, Leighton Joseph
- 70. Haycock, Brandin Chaz
- 71. Hosie Tristan
- 72. Howling Wolf, Percy Jo
- 73. Johnson, Kasen J.
- 74. Johnson, Keishawn
- 75. Kraft, Alex
- 76. Laducer, Shon Cee Waut
- 77. Lewis, Layne
- 78. Lincoln, Samuel Leif
- 79. Lonefight, Zachary Storm
- 80. Meyers, Tanner Ree
- 81. Moran, Malcolm Dean
- 82. Morsette, Dusty
- 83. Packineau, Xavier Wilson
- 84. Parisien, Willy Curt
- 85. Rabbithead, Kane
- 86. Rousseau, Julian Gabriel
- 87. Sage, Daunte Mason
- 88. St. Pierre, Joshua Jalen
- 89. Standish, Shayden Bryce
- 90. Street III, Richard Duane
- 91. Street, Hunter Jerome
- 92. Street, Kasen Dean
- 93. Strike, Dominick Justin
- 94. White Horse, Redmond M.
- 95. Wilson, Eyren Leander W.
- 96. Woods, Eric Scott
- 97. Young Wolf, Garrett Hunter
- 98. Young, Gaylon Lee

Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes
Financial Information—Tribal Account Balances as of April 5, 2004

ECONOMIC RECOVERY, INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONIES FUND AND DOCKET FUNDS BUREAU OF INDIANS AFFAIRS & OFFICE OF TRUST FUNDS MANAGEMENT

The Three Affiliated Tribes account balances with the JTAC Account is as follows:

Account #EC5197016

JTAC Account Principal	\$150,377,740.42	
JTAC Interest	<u>\$30,955,868.25</u>	
Total Principal & Interest		\$181,333,608.67

Williston National Bank Debt Reserve Accounts		\$ 283,154.28
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SPECIAL IIM ACCOUNTS WITH BIA/OTFM SUMMARY:

Account #301S000700- TAT Land Development	\$ 96,746.58	
Account #301S000701- TAT Reserve	\$ 31,767.89	
Account #301S000702- TAT Debt Service	\$ 718.07	
Account #301S000703- TAT Operating Funds	\$ 0.00	
Account #302S000706- TAT Small Loan Prog.	\$ 940.43	
PL 7228700	\$ 519,164.53	
Less Reserved for USDA Debt	<u>\$(146,942.00)</u>	
Total IIM Funds		\$502,395.50

The Three Affiliated Tribes account balance for all the Docket Accounts are as follows:

Account #JA9009216

Docket 350C/D, Judgment Award, June 1, 1976	\$ 1,955,589.20	
Docket 350C/D - Interest	<u>\$ 50,282.63</u>	
Total Principal & Interest		\$2,005,871.83

Account #JA9006212

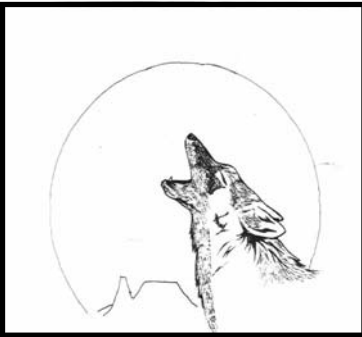
Docket 350F, Judgment Award, June 12, 1975	\$ 206,613.95	
Docket 350F - Interest	<u>\$ 6,859.94</u>	
Total Principal & Interest		\$ 213,473.89

Account #JA9028216

Docket 350G, Judgment Award, June 9, 1981	\$6,896,183.14	
Docket 350G - Interest	<u>\$ 199,715.13</u>	
Total Principal & Interest		<u>\$7,095,898.27</u>

Grand Total All Dockets		<u>\$9,315,243.99</u>
Total All Funds with BIA/OTFM		\$191,434,402.44

Note: Financial Information received from Steve Salveson, Chief Financial Officer of the Finance Department of the Three Affiliated Tribes. MWJR.



**“COYOTE COMMENTS”
OF THE FOUR BEARS SEGMENT
MARCUS D. WELLS, JR. “MO-ZAH”
FOUR BEARS SEGMENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
OF THE MANDAN, HIDATSA & ARIKARA**

***“TRUST RESPONSIBILITY ; OR THE LACK OF TRUST RESPONSIBILITY IN
THE AREAS OF HEALTH CARE JUST DON'T SEEM TO BE PRESENT”***

This Coyote Comments is being written on behalf of our tribal ancestors whom gave up much in ensuring the Tribes survival and were promised by the Federal Government many promises such as free water, electricity, health care and others; however it is very apparent that this not happening. I was fortunate or unfortunate to be present in a meeting held with the Indian Health Service Director of the Aberdeen Area Office and the Local Service Unit-Minne Tohe Staff on April 18, 2004. This meeting was called for by the Full Tribal Business Council to resolve issues in regards to the continued delays in providing opportunities for Public Law 93-638 in the areas of Tribal Health Care within the Tribal Clinics of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. The Tribe has already undertaken the contracting of the Physicians, CHR, Clinics and now Third Party Billing, however to no avail. The cooperation and technical assistance is not forthcoming, in fact it appears to me that this is nearly non-existent. We attend meetings where the Tribe is continually promised this or that as long as we approve this policy or procedure or sign this letter or that memorandum with the Indian Health Service of the Federal Government of the United States and yet here we are still awaiting approval for the services that we have already contracted or in the process of transitioning by duly approved Tribal Council Resolution.

I have been more than understanding and patient as a Tribal Government Official, being a former Federal Employee myself, I have supported prior actions of the Local Service Units medication policies and procedures and such, however enough is enough, this has gone on long enough. The Tribe can no longer financially afford to provide medical services without the IHS blessing and to obtain approval to access the financial software and computer technology to gain additional revenue sources such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medicare and Medicaid. The Tribal Membership of the Three Affiliated Tribes deserve to have Health Care provided to care for their needs, however the Tribe is hampered from providing additional services due to this continual discriminatory types of treatment directed at the Tribal Clinics and Patients. Therefore the Tribe has taken official legal action by Tribal Business Council Resolution in attempts to have the Indian Health Service to be held accountable for this unacceptable government to government relationship and blatant disregard for Public Law 93-638.

When the Service Unit and Area Office wants the Tribal Business Council Consultation and Support for more Contract Health Dollars, we provide this Resolution of Support and Letters of Support without question. However when the Three Affiliated Tribes need the same type of Technical Support and Advice we just are not in receipt of the same type of consideration. Even though they are bound by the Public Laws to do so in a government to government relationship.

I will keep the Membership informed of the result of the Legal Action and Appeals of this continued disregard of the Public Laws and Trust Responsibilities.

The Coyote Commentary is the personal opinion of the Four Bears Representative and should not be taken as the official position of the Tribal Business Council. “Mod-zi-gidaz”.

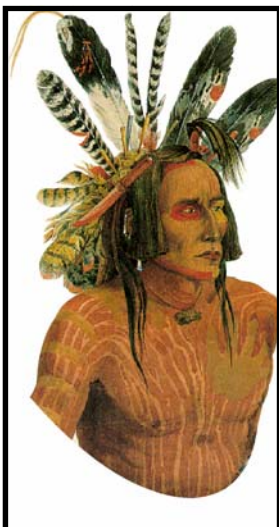
**Tribal Business
Council of the Three
Affiliated Tribes**

**404 Frontage Road
Administrative
Building,
Four Bears, ND 58763**



**Four Bears Segment
Representative**

**“Representation for
Today, preparing for our
Future”**



**Four Bears Council Representative
of the Three Affiliated Tribes
of the Fort Berthold Reservation
Directory of Staff**

The Telephone numbers of the Four Bears Council
Representative Segment Staff are below:

Kathy White Tail, Admin. Assist.	627-3155
Charlie Conklin, Facility Manager	627-3155
Debbie Chase, Head Cook	627-3155
Kim Bird, Assistant Cook	627-3155
Brian White Tail, Recreation Coordinator	627-3155
Hollis Blake, Water Truck Driver	627-3155
Home:	627-3670

Telephone numbers for the Treasurer & Staff
whom are located in South End of the Tribal
Administration Headquarters:

Marcus D. Wells, Jr., Tribal Office	1-701-627-4781
Home: 701-627-3495	Cell phone: 1-701-421-1442
e-mail: fourbears@mhanation.com	
Website: mhanation.com	
V. Judy Brugh, Treasurer Assistant	627-4781
Jennifer Mann, Admin. Assistant	627-4781

Purpose of the Four Bears News Letter:

The Four Bears Segment Representative utilizes this “Four Bears News” to report to you the membership of the Four Bears Segment of the Official Action taken and recorded in Minutes and Resolutions of the Tribal Business Council during Regular and Special Meetings.

If you need any further information or assistance from the Four Bears Segment or the Tribe, just give me or my staff a telephone call and we will do the best we can to get your question answered or assist if possible.

Closing Comments:

If, you have any question or need any assistance, please give me a call, I can be reached by telephone at home 627-3495 at the office 627-4781 or on my cell phone which is a local call at 421-1442. For those of you who have e-mail, you can e-mail me at coyoteden@restel.net or fourbears@mhanation.com. Or if you would like me to come to your home to visit with you, I can do that also.

“Mod-zi-gidaz” - Thank You.

Marcus Wells, Jr. “Mo-zah”

Four Bears Segment Representative of TAT