

Four Bears News

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FOUR BEARS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE NEWSLETTER



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“TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL CONVENES AN EXECUTIVE MEETING ON OCTOBER 5,

From the Desk of Marcus Wells, Jr., Four Bears Council Representative of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Tribal Business Council did not convene a regular meeting during the month of October 2004, however, the Executive Committee did. Such meeting was held on October 5, 2004 in the Tribal Chambers.

Call to Order **at 11:27 AM**

Agenda items included the following:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. 2004 Audit
3. Four Bears Convenience Store
4. FY 2005 Budget Review
5. Wake Funds
6. Mandaree Security Program
7. Four Bears Casino & Lodge—Incentives
8. Twin Buttes Custom Home-Loan
9. Finance Report—Steve Salvesson, CFO

10. Continuing Resolution—General Fund
11. Docket Draw down Resolution
12. Thompson Heating Contract
13. Sergeant of Arms to the Four Bears Cops Post
14. NCAI Dues for the FY 2005
15. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell Retirement Gift
16. Travel for NCAI Conference—Florida
17. Atlantic Orient Corporation Bill
18. Mandaree Elder Garages
19. Small Loan —Re-organization
20. Financial Requests—Medical
21. Elder Payment Increase—Proposal
22. Adult Probation Officer Position
23. Fort Berthold Community College
24. Adjournment

Roll Call

Executive Committee Members Present: Chairman Tex G. Hall, Vice-Chairman Mervin Packineau, (Telecon) Treasurer Marcus D. Wells, Jr. & Executive Secretary Randy Phelan,

Others: MHA Holding Company, CEO

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**Tribal Business Council of Three Affiliated Tribes the Fort Berthold Reservation
Executive Meeting held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 (Continued from page 1)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES FY 2005 BUDGET TO BE FORWARDED TO FULL TBC MTG.

The Executive Committee approved and forwarded a Deficit Budget which included the following amounts Projected Revenue \$15,979,000 and the Projected Expenditures in the amount \$21,699,766 which amounted to a deficit budget in the amount of (\$5,720,766). Such issue was debated from the stand point of what would be used to balance such proposed deficit and it was announced by the CFO and the CEO that a line of credit would be making up the deficit.

As the Treasurer of the Tribal Business Council, I recommended that this should not be done, and that in the July 8, 2004 Tribal Business Council Meeting it was a unanimous vote of the full TBC to direct the CFO and the CEO to balance the FY 2005 Budget and that I would be in disagreement with the presentation of the deficit budget at this time. In addition it was noted by the CFO that the revenue also included in the revenue side \$1,000,000 of projected income from a new source that was not received previously. (So in the Treasurer's interpretation the deficit was actually more like (\$6,720,766).

Nonetheless a motion was taken to approve and forward to the full Tribal Business Council for final approval.

FY 2005 General Fund Budget:
Council Packineau moved to approve the Three Affiliated Tribes, General Fund Budget as presented with changes. Councilman Phelan seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Ayes 1 Nay. Motion Carried

For the Record: Treasurer Wells Opposed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES FOUR BEARS CASINO & LODGE FOURTH QUARTER INCENTIVES.

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the fourth quarter incentives for the Management of the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. In addition the next quarters goals were approved which included the conventions, jackpots, ticket in-ticket out conversions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES DUES FOR THE FY 2005 NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The Executive Committee approved the dues of \$1,000 for the FY 2005 NCAI Membership for the Three Affiliated Tribes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES THE WIND ENERGY PROJECT WITHIN THE FOUR BEARS SEGMENT.

The Executive Committee heard the request from the Bakersfield and Four Bears Representative in regards to the placement of the Wind Energy Project to be located just north of the Bakersfield Sub-division within the Four Bears Segment. It was determined that the Four Bears Community would hold a meeting to decide if the location was acceptable.

**FOUR BEARS SEGMENT REPORT—ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 30, 2004
LAST CHANCE FOUR BEARS RIFLE SHOOT RESULTS.**

Sponsored by the Fort Berthold Development & the Four Bears Casino & Lodge

"2004 Youth Division Winners"



"Matt White Horse -1st Place, Troy King, 3rd Place and Stan Demaray, 4th Place."

"Jerry White Owl, 5th Place Winner & Marc Wells, 2nd Place Winner of the .22 Rim-fire 100 Yard"



"Marlin Brady, Dean Brady and Lynn Bruce Display their 1st Place Awards"



"Marlin Brady 1st Place Overall Champion, Dean Brady 2nd Place Runner-up, Lynn Bruce 3rd Place, Lester Crows Heart 4th Place and Marcus Wells, Jr. 5th Place of the Last Chance 2004"

Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes
Financial Information—Tribal Account Balances as of January 5, 2005

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	\$149,760,507.92	
JTAC Interest	<u>\$25,393,028.00</u>	
Sub-Total JTAC or ERF		\$175,153,535.92

Williston National Bank	Debt Reserve Accounts	\$521,924.00
BNC Bank in Bismarck	Line of Credit Reserve	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
Total JTAC or ERF		\$180,675,459.92

SPECIAL IIM ACCOUNTS WITH BIA/OST SUMMARY:

Account #301S000700- TAT Land Development	\$ 99,574.22	
Account #301S000701- TAT Reserve	\$ 32,696.38	
Account #301S000702- TAT Debt Service	\$ 739.06	
Account #301S000703- TAT Operating Funds	\$ 0.00	
Account #302S000706- TAT Small Loan Prog.	\$ 967.92	
PL 7228700	<u>\$ 427,124.74</u>	
Total IIM Funds		\$561,099.32

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

Account #JA9009216

Docket 350C/D, Judgment Award, June 1, 1976	\$ 1,957,932.95
Docket 350C/D - Interest	<u>\$29,433.89</u>
Total Principal & Interest	\$1,987,366.84

Account #JA9006212

Docket 350F, Judgment Award, June 12, 1975	\$ 206,785.82
Docket 350F - Interest	<u>\$ 5,428.35</u>
Total Principal & Interest	\$212,214.17

Account #JA9028216

Docket 350G, Judgment Award, June 9, 1981	\$6,906,288.19
Docket 350G - Interest	<u>\$102,985.77</u>
Total Principal & Interest	\$7,009,273.96

Grand Total All Dockets	<u>\$9,208,854.97</u>
Total All Funds with /OST	\$190,445,414.21

Note: Financial Information received from Frank Henry, Acting CFO & Renita Howling Wolf, OST Fort Berthold Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. 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**

“Republican Party Holds an Election Rally on October 26, 2004 at the Four Bears Casino & Lodge Event Center in support of two (2) Enrolled Member Candidates”

I was formally invited to attend and speak at a Republican Rally for the support of two (2) Tribal members: Dawn Charging, Candidate for House District 4 and Terry Fredericks, Senate District 4, both for the State of North Dakota, which was held at the Event Center of the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. It was also broadcasted live on the KMHA Tribal Radio for listeners on 91.3 FM. It was an election rally that also included a representative from Governor Hoevan’s campaign and Rick Clayburgh, Tax Commissioner, plus Bob Stenehjem, Majority Leader of the Senate whom were all supporting the two (2) Tribal Candidates from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

The candidates all made their speeches to the attendees and the listeners on KMHA Radio regarding their respective platforms and reasons for running for office. There was a question and answer session and Mr. Kurt Luger, Great Plains Indian Gaming made a support presentation for the Tribal Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

In my talk, I spoke of being behind any Tribal Member(s) attempting to make a difference in the lives of the residents within District 4 which includes all of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, regardless of the color of the party red or blue, whether a donkey or an elephant, democrat or republican. They are enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and we should be behind them 100%. In addition I spoke of representing all the people of the Tribe, County, Cities within the Reservation and the State of North Dakota. I wished them both good luck and that I was honored to speak on behalf of the Four Bears Segment of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

“Priorities of the Day, to gain an understanding of what is important and what is not important prior to a Tribal Election”

During the Month of October 2004, the Tribal Business Council was unable to convene a meeting of the Full Tribal Business Council. This is not the first month that this happened, however, what surprises me is how each of our respective Council Members perceive the importance of the priorities of the day. First of all I realize that three (3) of the Council Members are up for re-election and that campaigning must be done in order to remain seated. However, our Tribal Constitution & Bylaws and Charter were duly passed by the people for the people, and it is in respect to these documents that we are serving as Tribal Council Officials to begin with, then to simply disregard them is wrong.

I realize that we continually have (4) four members made available for the Regular Meetings, it is just that we cannot at this period of time gain that (5th) fifth member due to whatever reason. But the Tribal Election is upon us, so maybe that will change for the better.

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” - “Mo-zah”.

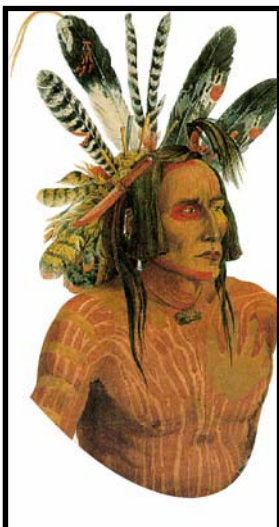
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Council of the Three
Affiliated Tribes**

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**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 Segment Staff are below:

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

**Telephone numbers for the Treasurer & Staff
at the Tribal Administration Headquarters:**

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Home: 701-627-3495	Cell phone: 1-701-421-1442
e-mail:	fourbears@mhanation.com
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V. Judy Brugh, Treasurer Assistant	627-4781
Barbara Baker, Admin. Assistant	627-4781
Jennifer Mann, Four Bears Daycare Director	627-3397

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 actions taken and recorded in Minutes and Resolutions of the Tribal Business Council during Regular, Special and Committee Meetings.

If you do not receive this in your mail box and you are from Four Bears Segment, please give me your address and we will get it to you each month. Or, 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 questions 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 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