



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Councilman Fred Fox. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 12th, 2021 Natural Resource Committee Minutes.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the January 12th, 2021 Natural Resource Committee Minutes. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tracy Burr

Cell towers would be run by CPS Management Company. Went through legal. Want to put up 33 towers on Fort Berthold. 5G will be available. \$5-6 million project. All towers will be on tribal land and the money will come back to the tribe. Other tower companies were charging much more. Councilman Fred Fox states some towers are not available to other providers. What if they don't pay they don't have use of the tower. 5-year plan with a 5-year extension. Can do this with this tribal COVID relief funds. CPS does the maintenance. Our own people can be trained to upkeep. If this goes through the towers can be up by the end of the year.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to TBC. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

B. Dennis Huber

Request to lease land to the tribe, either range unit or farm pasture. Texx Lone Bear and Dennis have been checking at the BIA to see what status it is. The land is in the East end of the south segment of Twin Buttes, south of the lake. Dennis thinks the tribe owns most of the land because of the taken area, Texx Lone Bear is checking to see what the tribe owns. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear thought about this land for a casino by Beulah area. Texx Lone Bear states the new land the tribe had acquired by the Corps of Engineer are called 15,000 tracts, they are not on there so there may be additional land that Mr. Huber is talking about, it might increase the tribes hold on that. That was land above the elevation of 1854, so we might have more property in there. Texx Lone Bear will work with Dennis Huber on how much land is available. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear is in support of Dennis. Beaver Creek recreation is near this land area. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear would suggest do a 1 year lease first. Texx Lone Bear is asked to look into it and bring it back.



C. TAT Game & Fish – 2021 Hunting Proclamations

Item deferred.

D. Draft Conservation Plan

Tanya Sand Water GIS Director for NRD presented a power point on the Conservation plan.

E. Land Sale – North Segment (Old Super Value)

Old Super Value property sale. Appraised at \$789,000 but willing to sell for \$375,000. The Tribe need to do our own appraisal, an updated one. Add to the Executive Committee agenda.

F. Buffalo Ranch

Tony Johnson informed the committee that they have some unpaid bills. Currently have 200 cattle and 200 bison. Need to look at and adjust the policy manual. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked to have them put together a budget. Need to have a boundary map because it identifies our boarders? Have people been squatting on the Buffalo Ranch acreage? Councilwoman Monica Mayer states the Buffalo Ranch needs to be a standing item on the NRC agenda. Requesting to get the bills paid. Bills are turned into finance already, just waiting for approval to get paid. Tony Johnson states there a couple of pastures he'd like to get back. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear suggest Tony Johnson get that ready to bring to the next meeting. Total budget for the Buffalo Ranch is \$750,000. Tony Johnson would like someone else sign his timesheet, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear will talk to the CFO about getting those bills paid. Committee asked for a vision statement from the Buffalo Ranch.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to support payment of outstanding bills and debt. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NATURAL RESOURCE

A. North Segment – Dr. Monica Mayer

Lease cancelation in North Segment. Under the current resolution, you are available 800 acres, Indian preference rate, which is 82 and 60 if you are competitive.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved for cancelation of lease. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

B. 2021 Agricultural Lease Rates Resolution

Would like to bring this back in February 24 NRC to get ready for March TBC.

C. Land Use Resolutions 2

Resolution entitled, “Reserving T716A for West Segment Economic Development”.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to February TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.



D. Home Sites (5)

All 5 home sites are in North Segment.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to February TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

E. Cancellation of Home Site Lease in North Segment

Need Committees approval to pursue canceling two leases. One is a home site and one is a business. Texx Lone Bear is requesting for the Committee to continue this. The first one is the house it is becoming a health hazard. The lease was given to an individual (Dennis Nash) and he has not kept it up. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked to go over the business one, Texx Lone Bear states there is a parcel land in the Four Bears Community, it wants to use the Frontage Road area for economical business so they can rent out lots. Right now JC Java has one there, but never used. Had a trailer on there but it was sold. Texx Lone Bear was asked to take off the lease and seeking permission to pursue this.

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to cancel lease. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

F. Indian Preference Lease

Texx Lone Bear states they allowed them to look at maps for preference. They have to pay \$60.00 for competitive bid. There are several tracts in there, one person bid on two of them competitively, not sure if the Committee wants that. Texx Lone Bear and Jon Bearstail are working on a lease in East Segment. They are eligible for up to 800 acres/Indian preference rate, which is \$52.00 per acre for agricultural. In order for them to not be fighting over the same ones, we allowed them to look at maps. In a 2005 Resolution, we designated closet to their home place. Grazing is different. Between Nancy and Luke in Parshall area, Luke should get the acreage since it is closer to his home. Texx Lone Bear should have something by February 24th.

G. Land Designation for Emergency Operations Building

Block 9, lot 2 and west 30ft. of lot 1.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to designate the MHA EOC building in North Segment for all MHA. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

H. Resolution 14-0088-VJB, Lori R Finley.

Tribe purchased a house but never acquired it. She did not supply a deed for the house to the tribe. She is still living in it. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear feels this is a legal matter now and should go to Judicial Committee. There should be a policy to collect a deed before cutting a check. Have legal look at the issue and have some demands. We need to collect on this.

I. Fort Berthold Rural Water (FBRW)

Item deferred.

J. Tribal Utilities

Item deferred.



V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.





CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Committee Chairperson of The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Natural Resources Committee is composed of three (3) members and of whom three (3) constitutes a quorum of 4 were present at the meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the 23rd day of February, 2021, that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 members not voting.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council,
Three Affiliated Tribes

Committee Chairman, Cory Spotted Bear
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes