

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 3903

Be it therefore resolved, that the Superintendent and his Department heads and the Oglala Sioux Council, give our proposed projects, due consideration:

- (1) *Sawmill Project*.—within the North Buffalo pasture.
- (2) *Cement Block Project*.—equipment to be rented from a local resident. Purchase of cement mixer and cement will be necessary. Agricultural Engineer specialists from the State College will run tests on sand and gravel pits within our area.
- (3) *Weed Control Project*.—due to heavy infestation of creeping jenny in our cultivated areas, a weed control project is necessary. Specialists from the State College will assist. Two areas have been selected for 1958 weed demonstration plots.
- (4) *Stock Water Development*.—plans have been made to repair our stock water dams, namely, Kyle, Red Water and Two Crow dams. Stocking of game fish, seeding of wild rice, trees, and recreation and picnic areas. Irrigation set-up has also been proposed, and one dam to be set up as a Game Refuge.

Be it further resolved, that each Department Head of the Pine Ridge Agency, that is concerned with any of the above proposals, conduct a field survey and make cost estimates and recommendations, if the projects are feasible.

The foregoing resolution was duly approved and adopted this 14th day of October, 1957, by the Resolution Committee, and presented for your consideration.

(S) CHESTER RED KETTLE.
(S) NORMAN UNDER BAGGAGE.
(S) ISAAC BRAVE EAGLE.
KYLE, S. DAK.

Among other projects suggested were those proposing Health Aides to teach sanitation and good health practices in Indian homes, a Day Care Center for Indian infants, Home Improvement aid, aid in starting individual and community gardens, and Indian craft projects.

The Tribal Attorney, Richard Schifter, was enlisted to help interest Government agencies in funding, but nothing came of this at that time except letters of encouragement. According to both Mr. Jordan and Mr. Allen, failure of the meetings to bear immediate fruit occasioned a good deal of cynicism among the participants. A mimeographed schedule of events, "Highlights of the Kyle Fair, 1958," prepared by the Kyle Fair Committee, contains the following as part of the program:

August 27—ceremonial fire to be ignited by Kyle Association resolutions that were disapproved—4 resolutions.

August 28—fire to be ignited by Law & Order resolution, work project, family survey forms.

August 29—fire to be ignited by Kyle Development program, that has "stalelated" into a slow death.

Under the supervision of Martin Pulliam and Isaac Brave Eagle as narrator. An appeal to the Great Spirit, that our future proposals, demands and needs be heard.

However the ideas generated remained alive, both on the Pine Ridge Reservation and in the office of Mr. Schifter. Tribal Council minutes for the years before the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act contain items such as the following:

March 1, 1963 Resolution 63-32: Whereas, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council realizes the necessity for development of the tourist trade on the Reservation, and Whereas project proposals are being prepared for submission to the Department of Commerce for grants and loans under the ARA and Public Works Acceleration Act for construction of White Clay Recreation and Camp Area, Fort Philip Kerny Tourist Center and a permanent Sundance Arena,

Resolved, That \$100 be used to print a tourist brochure.

(S) PAUL APPLE, *Tribal Secretary*.

According to members of the Executive Committee of the 1962-1964 Tribal Council, Mr. Schifter kept them apprised of the likelihood of passage of the Economic Opportunity Act, and the implications of this Act for the reservation.

In 1965 the Tribal Council reportedly tried unsuccessfully to obtain funds for a Day Care Center. When the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act appeared likely, Mr. Schifter discussed plans for a Health Aides project with members of the Executive Committee. Twelve other plans, including a Day Care