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September 29, 2014

Darrell O'Neal, Sr., Chairman
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Re: Northern Arapaho Business Council (NABC) September 10 & September 23, 2014 Letters re "Joint Business Council"; Notice Confirming Northern Arapaho Relinquishment of Authority to Eastern Shoshone Tribe; and, Notice of No "Dual" Resolutions

Dear Chairman O'Neal and Northern Arapaho Council members:

The Eastern Shoshone Business Council (SBC) on behalf of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, received your letter dated September 10, 2014 (9/10 Letter) regarding the two Tribes' Joint Business Council (JBC). In your Letter you identify *your* decision to work cooperatively, but not through the JBC. You also provided a lengthy document expressing your views. When SBC accepted your invitation to meet at your casino on September 9, 2014, it was to discuss solid waste only. You then took the opportunity to express your concern regarding JBC, but at no point did we agree with you to modify or change our current joint structure. We agreed to continue discussions with you about JBC.

While the history of the JBC may not be as you prefer, your predecessors along with previous Shoshone Business Council leaders, agreed and perpetuated our JBC, a governing body made up of the two Tribes complete business councils in a mutually agreed upon structure to govern our mutual assets. There is a history of legislative and sovereign protection that have benefited all tribal members and upheld land, water and air issues that are important to not only Wind River but Indian Country.

To clarify, our dual-sovereign, government-to-government structure cannot be compared to a subordinate structure like a state-created "joint powers board" and we reject that diminution. This does not mean to say our joint structure is without problem. However, the Shoshone Tribe does not recognize your ideas as binding decisions for our Tribe, let alone as decisions for JBC. Therefore, until the Shoshone Tribe consents to change, and confirm change (if any) through our JBC process, the Shoshone Tribe will not proceed forward with the ideas expressed in your 9/10 Letter.

SBC recognizes that your 9/10 Letter has legal significance for one thing – relinquishment of your authority over Joint Asset Management through JBC. Until the Shoshone Tribe mutually agrees to make any changes to the JBC structure, and have a well-developed plan with more than mere ideas, SBC cannot allow our JBC interests and assets to be subject to waste, fraud and abuse for lack of leadership. Because your 9/10 Letter identifies you are no longer interested in participating in JBC which has joint management responsibilities, you relinquish that authority to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. We will proceed accordingly

through JBC with your 9/10 Letter divesting yourself of decision-making responsibilities to support our decisions.

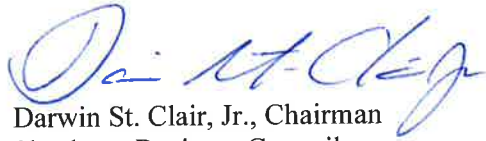
To formally confirm your relinquishment, SBC attended the scheduled JBC meeting on September 17, 2014, and when you failed to attend, we read into the record your relinquishment of authority to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. We also confirmed this position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and will provide you copies of our correspondence to them affirming the same.

The SBC also received your letter dated September 23, 2014 (9/23 Letter) regarding the two Tribes' JBC managed PL93-638 Contracts. The SBC, by and through the JBC, already took steps to secure the 638 Contracts for continued JBC management under exclusive SBC directive. To be clear, we will not issue a separate Shoshone Resolution because we neither recognize your interest in JBC, nor do we approve, accept or otherwise agree that there are any changes to JBC or the JBC Process.

We are not transitioning from the JBC structure, and again, we only recognize decisions made through the JBC. At this time, SBC need not consult with you regarding managing JBC either because you resigned from that process, based on your 9/10 Letter. We do expect, however, that regardless of your resignation, NABC will remit payment to Joint Finance for your delinquent amounts owed for JBC expenses including but not limited to TWE, the Water Board, and Joint Operations. Further, if the NABC chooses to restructure its own internal government operations, that's an internal Northern Arapaho matter. That internal NAT decision-making has no bearing, authority or other significance to the Shoshone Tribe, let alone to our jointly-created JBC operations.

We will continue to welcome your discussion regarding JBC, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (307) 332-3532. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Darwin St. Clair, Jr., Chairman
Shoshone Business Council

cc: Wind River Bureau of Indian Affairs
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