



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Richard Real Bird v. Billings Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22203

RICHARD REAL BIRD,
Appellant

v.

BILLINGS AREA DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Appellee

: Order Dismissing Appeal as Moot
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: Docket No. IBIA 90-81-A
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: July 13, 1990

On April 17, 1990, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a notice of appeal from Richard Real Bird (appellant). Appellant sought review of an April 9, 1990, decision of the Billings Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Area Director), in which the Area Director declined to honor appellant's signature "as a representative of the Crow Tribal Government for official actions which are trust in nature." Appellant and appellee have filed briefs in this appeal; appellant has not yet filed a reply brief.

At the time appellant filed his notice of appeal, he was the elected Chairman of the Crow Tribe. On May 12, 1990, an election was held in which Clara Nomee was elected Chairman. Ms. Nomee took office on July 2, 1990. Appellant did not run for Chairman in the May election.

Because appellant is no longer Chairman of the Crow Tribe, this appeal has been rendered moot. Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal from the Billings Area Director's April 9, 1990, decision is dismissed as moot.

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge

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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge