

Tex Hall ("Ihbudah Hishi") "Red Tipped Arrow" was born on September 18, 1956. He is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. In November 2010, Chairman Hall was elected to a historic third term as Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. Hall is the longest serving Chairman of the Tribe. He was previously elected twice; in 1998-2002 and 2002-2006.

Tex Hall grew up on his family's ranch in Mandaree, ND, where he still lives and ranches. He earned his bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND, and his Master's Degree in Education Administration from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

In December 2011, Chairman Hall was one of five people nationwide named by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to a national commission that will undertake a comprehensive evaluation on Interior's trust management of nearly \$4 billion in Native American trust funds.

In November 2011, Chairman Hall was appointed by Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to serve and Co-Chair the National Indian Education Task Force.

In January 2011 he was elected chairman of the Great Plains Region Tribal Chairmen's Association, which is composed of 16 tribal nations; he spoke for them at the President's December 2010 White House meeting with other tribal leaders throughout the nation.

In December 2010, Hall was named to the first tribal advisory committee ever established in the history of US Department of Health and Human Services to recommend and advise the Secretary of HHS. The committee is comprised of one primary representative from each of the twelve areas of Indian Health Service and five at-large national representatives. Chairman Hall serves as one of the five at-large national representatives that will advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius on tribal issues.

Chairman Hall initiated the Keepseagle Class Action Law Suit that brought a historic settlement of \$760 million for Native American Farmers and Ranchers. He was the architect of the Picket by Native American Farmers and Ranchers at the White House to bring attention to their concerns.

In 2001, he ran for President of the National Congress of American Indians and won. He served two terms from 2001-2003 and 2003-2005.

Chairman Hall has met with two presidents, President Bill Clinton in 1999 and President Barack Obama in 2010 and 2011.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance, President of the Native American Homes and Development, President and CEO of Maheshu Energy, and President of the Native American Basketball Invitational Foundation. He is a founding member and Spokesperson for the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) representing tribes with large land bases.

Under his leadership, the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation is building the first oil refinery in the United States in 40 years. The refinery is a clean fuels refinery and will refine and transport oil and gas from the Reservation to the Enbridge pipeline and other railroads hookups, thereby eliminating the need for trucks on the highways.

His other honors include North Dakota Indian Educator of the Year Award, the University of Mary Leadership Award, the 2009 National Native Small Business of the Year Award and induction into the North Dakota Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.