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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL **FEBRUARY 21, 2023** **SPECIAL SESSION** **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 5, 2023
9:27 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Timothy Davis
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the December 1, 2022 General Session Minutes; the December 8, 2022 Special Session Minutes; and the December 20, Special Session Minutes.

Timothy Davis stated on December 1, 2022 there was Action taken to approve Harwood and Associates to start a Processing Plant. The action will continue to be discussed after the Tribe hires an Agricultural Director. Forty acres will need to be identified for the Processing Plant.

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 9:36 A.M. (8)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 9:40 A.M. (9)*****

Timothy Davis made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Timothy Davis, Utilities Committee Chair, stated there have been discussion for renewable energy developments.

There have been efforts for the return of a water pipeline to the Blackfeet Tribe, the pipeline is currently under the Siyeh Corporation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES (CON'T.): Timothy Davis, Economic Development Chair, stated there will be Meeting held on January 19, 2023 to discuss the following properties; Circle R Motel, Cattle Baron, and Glacier Laundromat.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated the 2019 Audit has been submitted and accepted. The Indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted and a response is being awaited. The 2020 and 2021 Audits are currently being worked on.

The Revenue expenses for the Tribe is \$380,000 over spent but is common for this time of year, Revenue for the Tribe will compensate for the overage.

DON WETZEL SR./REDSKINS LOGO: Don Wetzel and his Assistant, Marisha ?, were present at the meeting.

Don Wetzel Sr. provided a Biography of his father Walter "Blackie" Wetzel, whom created the "Washington Redskins" Logo to the BTBC. The "Washington Redskins" Logo was used by the National Football League Team for fifty years. In 2021, the Logo was retired, and Mr. Wetzel is requesting assistance in acquiring the Logo back from the NFL.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 10:31 A.M. (8)*****

SUPPORTING THE RETURN AND/OR USE OF THE FORMER "WASHINGTON REDSKINS" LOGO TO THE BLACKIE WETZEL WARRIOR SOCIETY: Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#200-2023} to support the return and/or use of the former "Washington Redskins" Logo to the Blackie Wetzel Warrior Society. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 10:34 A.M.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 10:49 A.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of nine (9) members:

Iiff Kipp Sr.	Lauren Monroe Jr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford	Shelly Hall	Everett Armstrong
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Timothy Davis	Virgil Last Star

BLACKFEET TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE: John Murray, THPO, was present at the meeting to discuss a request from Verizon for a cell phone tower on Mount Baldy in the Badger Two-Medicine Area and the current Travel Plan in that area.

The item will be discussed at the next Special Session.

SOLAR PROJECT: Terry Tatsey, Renewable Energy Consultant, was present at the meeting to discuss the feasibility of Solar Power on the Blackfeet Reservation.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:15 A.M. (8)*****

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TERRY TATSEY TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE: Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#157-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with Terry Tatsey to provide Consultant Services for Renewable Energy for the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

CULTURE CAMP/CLAYTON ARROWTOP: Clayton Arrowtop was present at the meeting to request approval for the usage of a Tribal Building for a Health Wellness Conference.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 11:56 A.M. (8)*****

APPROVING INDIGENOUS WELLNESS RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO UTILIZE THE STICK GAME ARBOR OR ANY OTHER DESIGNATED FACILITY FOR THE 2023 AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH GATHERING/CONFERENCE: Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#201-2023} to approve the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute to utilize the Stick Game Arbor or any other designated Tribal Facility for the 2023 American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Health Gathering/Conference, per Clayton Arrowtop's request. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 11:57 A.M. (9)*****

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Myrna Galbreath, Wilma Manywhitehorses, Violet Provic, and Annie Vielle, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding Historic land near Havre, Mt., radiation, street lights, and the curfew siren.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Edmund "Wishy" Augare, and Bill Spotted Eagle, Honorary Men's Council, were present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding the roads and grazing.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:30 P.M. (9)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:05 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of nine (9) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford
Shelly Hall

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Timothy Davis
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.
Everett Armstrong

STRATEGIC PLAN/TRIBAL POLICIES (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney; and Juanita Cole Crasco, Consultant, were present at the meeting to discuss a Strategic Plan to review Tribal Policies.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH JUANITA COLE CRASCO (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#160-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Consultant Contract with Juanita Cole Crasco. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/SHAWN LAHR PICTURE (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a motion to approve the amount of \$750.00 to Shawn Lahr for the White Quiver Picture; further, the funds will be taken from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2023-62}

1ST RIGHT OF REFUSAL (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the fourteen (14) day period for the Blackfeet Tribe's First Right of Refusal on Property Sales on the Blackfeet Reservation. No action.

C&C MEAT PROCESSING (CLOSED SESSION): Christina Flamand, C&C Meat Processing, was present at the meeting to discuss the business and expansion for Retail meat processing.

It was recommended Ms. Flamand meet with the Land Board for a Commercial Business Lease.

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 2:08 P.M. (8)*****

FINANCIAL REQUEST/C&C MEATS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve the financial request from Christina Flamand dba C&C Meats, not to exceed \$3,000.00 to purchase a Smoker and Ms. Flamand will give the Blackfeet Tribe discounts until the funds are paid back; further, the funds will come from Buildings and General budget. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-57}

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 308-2022 "YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES" FOR THE 2022-23 NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#159-2023} approving an allocation from ARPA funds not to exceed \$3,000.00 from Resolution No. 308-2022 "Youth Mental Wellness Activities" for the 2022-23 New Year's activities for youth. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING FY 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#213-2023} to approve the FY 2023 Budget Amendment for the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, \$20,000.00 for each Member. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AMENDING TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to Amend the current Travel Requirements to only require a motel receipt, agenda, certificate, etc. and to follow the current Federal Travel Rate, until the Travel Policy is Amended. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/HARDSHIP (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve the financial request from Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, for \$20,000.00 for the shortfall in the Hardship budget; further, the funds will be taken from unanticipated funds. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-58}

APPROVING PROCESS/INDIGENA (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the process to move forward with Indigena, Christine Robertson (Houston Office) for the Timothy Hay business opportunity. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-79}

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR THE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2023 YELLOWSTONE HUNTS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#145-2023} to approve \$20,000.00 in ARPA Funds for the Fish and Wildlife Department for the 2023 Yellowstone Hunts. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated there has been a practice to keep the Bison Tags affordable for Tribal Members to attend the hunt.

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 3:00 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. (6)*****

12-6-22 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: this action was Amended later in the meeting.}

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Blackfeet Revenue Department Director, stated there was a request for a VRBO business from April 1 to September 30 of each year at the rate of \$600.00 yearly.

There was a request to transfer the Liquor License for Kip's Beer Garden, NO ACTION. The Business is to stop serving alcohol until further notice.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Serrano's Mexican Restaurant requested a provisional liquor license for the season. It was recommended the Owner's present to the BTBC.

Discussion regarding the Tribal Liquor Ordinance #73.

Lydia Spotted Eagle stated the Revenue Department is facing lack of space and storage. It was recommended the Department meet with the Water Department and the Buildings Committee for additional space.

Lydia Spotted Eagle requested a wage increase for the Revenue Department, it was recommended the Department meet with the Blackfeet Operations Manager.

CURFEW (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Curfew for minors. No action.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Blackfeet Planning Department Director; and Derek Kline, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, were present at the meeting.

Derek Kline stated the Thunder Radio Expansion Project has four sites; Heart Butte, Divide Mountain, Seville, and Hausman Hill. Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department Director, stated there may be Water Settlement funds available for the project. Montana Public Radio will fund the Hausman Hill site project in the amount of \$270,000.00. The other three sites will cost \$½ Million.

Cheryl Reevis stated Architectural and Engineering Services for the Heart Butte Powwow Grounds have been bid out and there will need to be BTBC action for the Contract.

APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TD&H/LPW FOR THE NEW HEART BUTTE POWWOW GROUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#146-2023} to approve a Professional Services Contract with TD&H/LPW for the new Heart Butte Powwow Grounds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

WATER CLAIMS (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated in 1982 the U.S. made a Claim to preserve the Tribe's Federal Water Rights.

It was the Consensus of the BTBC to withdraw all Federal Water Claims filed on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe.

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA HANSEN FOR AGRICULTURE LAND AND PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#153-2023} to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement with Montana Hansen for Agriculture Land and Properties. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE/TERRY TATSEY (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve payment of an Invoice from Terry Tatsey for services provided in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Buildings and General Budget. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

Mr. Tatsey will report to the BTBC for future services.

APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE/TERRY TATSEY (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION) {Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on legal issues. No action.

FIVE (5) OPIOID SETTLEMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to authorize the Blackfeet Tribal Chairman to sign the letter for the five (5) OPIOID Settlements, two (2) manufacturers and three (3) Pharmacies. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-59}

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 4:17 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR THE MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$100,000.00 in ARPA Funds for the Medicine Bear Shelter for operating funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVAL OF LAND BOARD MINUTES/9-13-22 & 10-5-22 (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to Amend previous action taken to include the September 13, 2022 and October 5, 2022 Land Board Minutes. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-60}

APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PATRICK YAWAKIE WITH RED MEDICINE, LLC TO SERVE AS LOBBYIST ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AT THE 2023 MONTANA LEGISLATURE (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#147-2023} to approve a Professional Services Contract not to exceed \$16,500.00 with Patrick Yawakie with Red Medicine, LLC to serve as Lobbyist on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe at the 2023 Montana Legislature. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 4:40 P.M. (7)*****

AUTHORIZING BLACKFEET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A SUBURBAN FROM THE TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a suburban from the Tribal Health Improvement Program in the amount of \$57,887.00. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

AMENDING RESOLUTION 305-2021A TO EXCLUDE ALLOTMENT T5314 FOR A PENDING HOMESITE LEASE (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#155-2023} to Amend Resolution No. 305-2021A to exclude Allotment T5314 for a pending Homesite Lease. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR A P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT FOR THE ROADS MAINTENANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#202-2023} for a Notice of Intent to submit a Proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a P.L. 93-638 Contract for the Roads Maintenance. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

COUNCIL COMMITTEES (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Council Committees. No action.

DIRECTIVE TO LEGAL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#217-2023} to direct the Blackfeet Legal Department to investigate the 2012 hunt issue that resulted in Felonies and report back to the Council. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-61}

APPROVAL OF THE BLACKFEET CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION PLAN GRANT BY BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford reads the Resolution.

Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#154-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Climate Change Adaptation Plan Grant by Blackfeet Environmental Office. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

RETURN FROM FEE TO TRUST STATUS FOR THE FORMER NORMAN SUBDIVISION (WELLS) (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#156-2023} to return from Fee to Trust Status for the former Norman Subdivision (Wells). Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH POLARIS CONSULTING, LLC FOR COUNSEL ON FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATTERS BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS AND RELATED ENTITIES (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#161-2023} to approve the Agreement with Dan Gans, Polaris Consulting, LLC for Counsel on Federal Legislative Matters before the United States Congress and related Entities. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Discussion regarding Badger Two-Medicine.

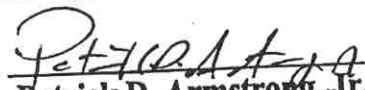
*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 5:50 P.M. (6)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Timothy Davis made a motion to adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong, Jr., Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 10, 2023
9:20 A.M.**

Acting Chairman Lauren Monroe Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

**Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall**

**Thomas Rutherford
Virgil Last Star**

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

INVOCATION: Jim McNeely gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION): Items on the Agenda were discussed.

SIYEH/HEART BUTTE CONVENIENCE STORE: Mark Magee, Siyeh Corporation, was present at the meeting.

Mark Magee stated the Design/Build Contract for the Heart Butte Convenience Store has been in the Drafting Stage for over a year. The Contract (in the amount of approximately \$1,852,000 Million) is with Northern Environmental, LLC. is ready for approval.

Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the negotiations and specifics of the Contract were completed between the Owner (Blackfeet Tribe) and Pacific Northern Environmental, LLC.

APPROVING DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACT WITH NORTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC. FOR THE HEART BUTTE CONVENIENCE STORE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Contract with Northern Environmental, LLC. for the Heart Butte Convenience Store. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

PIZZA FRANCHISE/EAST GLACIER VILLAGER RESTAURANT (CLOSED SESSION): William "Bill" Edwards was present at the meeting to discuss a 4-5 year plan that involves starting with the Stageline Pizza Franchise on the Blackfeet Reservation.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve William "Bill" Edwards to explore a business opportunity for the Blackfeet Tribe within the Stageline Pizza Franchise. Second by Everett Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: this Action was Amended.}

APPROVING WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS TO ESTABLISH FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#203-2023} to AMEND previous action approve William "Bill" Edwards to establish ANY franchise opportunities with the Blackfeet Tribe (with a Proposal to come forward). Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

GRAZING APPEALS COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following BTBC Members to the Franchise Committee; Patrick Armstrong Jr., Chairman; Everett Armstrong, Vice-Chairman; and Timothy Davis, Committee Member. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following BTBC Members to the Health and Wellness Center Committee; Lauren Monroe Jr., Chairman; Thomas Rutherford, Vice-Chairman; and any other Council Member. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

SPLASH PARK COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following BTBC Members to the Splash Park Committee; Everett Armstrong, Chairman; Virgil Last Star, Vice-Chairman; and any other Council Member. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CULTURAL CENTER COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following BTBC Members to the Cultural Center Committee; Patrick Armstrong Jr., Chairman; Lauren Monroe Jr., Vice-Chairman; and any other Council Member. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

COMMUNITY CENTERS COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following members to the Community Centers Committee; Shelly Hall, Chairperson; Everett Armstrong, Vice-Chairman; and any other Council Member. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

IHS APARTMENT BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION): Ed Kennedy, Contractor, was present at the meeting to discuss utilizing local HVAC Contractors for the IHS Apartment Building due to issues with a previous Contractor.

*****Iloff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 10:25 A.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 10:30 A.M. (6)*****

IHS APARTMENT BUILDING (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): It was recommended Ed Kennedy speak with Blackfeet TERO to search for a new HVAC Contractor.

*****Thomas Rutherford entered the meeting at 10:40 A.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL PROPERTY PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION): Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. inquired if the Glenn Heavy Runner Memorial Swimming Pool project is completed. Ed Kennedy stated the project is 98% completed.

Ed Kennedy stated the gas meter and Center Ring will be installed at the Arbor.

The cement for the Cultural Center has been poured and items were recovered beforehand.

There will need for be trusses purchased for the Arbor in the amount of \$418,000.00. There is \$2.5 Million left in the budget for the Swimming Pool which will pay for the trusses. There is \$6.4+ Million left in the operating budget for the Tribal Projects budgeted to Ed Kennedy. There is a design flaw from the engineers for the steel beams, and a request for a \$12,000.00 to correct the flaw. Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. requested a written report, Mr. Kennedy stated he will submit the report.

TERO/SWANK-HEARTLAND (CLOSED SESSION): Teola Fish, TERO; and Cinda Edwards, TERO were present at the meeting to discuss the Swank-Heartland Sole Source Contract. No action.

POOL PROJECT PAYMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Ed Kennedy stated there is a bill for \$487,000.00 for the Pool Project. Shelly Hall stated the final inspections will need to be completed first. Ed Kennedy stated Carl Kipp, Tribal Inspector, has inspected the pool project.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, Finance Department, was present at the meeting.

Lionel Kennerly stated the \$487,000.00 will not be paid until the HVAC system is functional and the Inspector signs off on the final inspection.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

APPROVING AMENDED PURCHASE PRICE WITH ROBERT AND MARY WOLDSTAD AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#158-2023} to approve the Amended Purchase Price with Robert and Mary Woldstad agricultural properties. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

LAND DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Jodi Carlson, Land Department, was present at the meeting to discuss potential Tribal Properties for Economic Development.

LAND DEPARTMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to direct the Land Department to identify property on the Blackfeet Reservation for Economic Development. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-63}

LAND APPEALS COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following individuals to the Land Appeals Committee; Thomas Rutherford, Mark Magee, and Shonnie Gilham. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

POSSIBLE DAIRY QUEEN LOCATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve Tract T5108 as the location of a possible Dairy Queen. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: The Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR GERARD M. PADGETT FOR DUTIES PERFORMED AS BLACKFEET TRIBAL PRESENTING OFFICER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#162-2023} to approve additional compensation for Gerard M. Padgett for duties performed as Blackfeet Tribal Presenting Officer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss a legal issue. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 12:35 P.M. (6)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, was present at the meeting to discuss personnel issues. No action.

INSURANCE ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, was present at the meeting to discuss an insurance issue. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 1:00 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:20 with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Ilf Kipp Sr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford
Virgil Last Star

ELDERLY HOME REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Shane Goss, Elderly Home Repair; and Lionel Kennerly, Finance Department, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the current projects under the Program and financial reports for completed projects.

Discussion regarding the Stoltz Ranch, Church, and Headstart repairs.

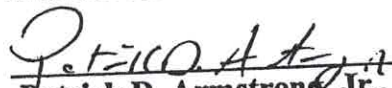
Lionel Kennerly requested a hold on the Program until all of the ARPA finances are current. Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, stated there will need to be an Application Process in place for the Program.

TRIBAL PROPERTY DAMAGES (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Procurement Director requested all damages on Tribal Property need to be filed in a Claim with the Tribal Insurance. Josh Bird, Property Manager, stated there were two claims filed with the Building and Vehicles for the Headstart; and, they were separated at the Procurement Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Last Star made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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APPROVED:


Patrick D. Armstrong, Jr., Secretary
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MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 11, 2023
1:10 P.M.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford
Shelly Hall

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING DRINKING WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN AND RISK RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss the Plan and Assessment.

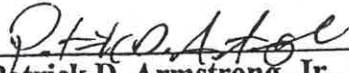
Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#233-2023} to approve the Drinking Water Emergency Response Plan and Risk Resilience Assessment for the Two Medicine Water Company. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

NATIVE AMERICAN BANK BOARD APPOINTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to appoint Everett Armstrong to the Native American Bank Board, effective January 1, 2023. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 18, 2023
9:18 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall
Thomas Rutherford

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION): Items were added to the Agenda.

ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL AND AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS, CHAPTER 11, B (7) COMMITTEES (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the following actions will need to be taken; at least three (3) Council Persons to be present at Committee Meetings to facilitate and establish a quorum; Amending the Plan Of Operations to allow Council Members to participate in the Committees, the Executive Committee shall be able to vote in all Committees; the Committees shall carry out the intent of BTBC Resolutions when directed to do so; and all Actions taken within Committees shall require Ratification by the Council.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 9:55 A.M. (6)*****

FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to appoint the following Council Members to the Facilities Committee; Shelly Hall and Thomas Rutherford. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL AND AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS, CHAPTER 11, B (7) COMMITTEES (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#219-2023} to Establish Additional Committees of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and Amending the Plan of Operations, Chapter 11, B (7) Committees. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:59 A.M. (7)*****

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT/CAMERA & ALARM SYSTEM (CLOSED SESSION):
Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director, was present at the meeting.

Donna YellowOwl stated there has been a lot of vandalism lately, and the current surveillance system does not have enough coverage. Interstate Alarm Company has been contacted for a proposal for the following offices; the Main Tribal Office Building, Planning, Procurement, Personnel, Little Bird Building, the Roland Kennerly Building, and the Facilities Building.

The amount for the alarm alone for the Main Tribal Office will be \$6,650.00, and each entrance will have a keypad for all employees to enter a specific code.

The amount for the cameras will be \$163,175.00 and \$343.00 a month for monthly monitoring. The system is cloud based and can be accessed with a smartphone.

Discussion regarding including the Self Insurance Building, the new Cultural Building, and the Water Department Building. Donna YellowOwl stated she will get a new Quote.

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (6)*****

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (CLOSED SESSION): Dave Roemer, Glacier Park Superintendent, stated he started the position in July 2022 and there has been communication with Tribal staff for the first responder radios.

This is the third year of the "Pile Up Project" for ticketed entry to Glacier National Park. Blackfeet Tribal Members will not need to make a vehicle reservation or pay a fee to enter.

Glacier Park Incorporated has been working to staff all fee and boat inspection stations. There are efforts to provide Tribal Preference for staffing these locations.

John Murray, Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Office, inquired when the names of Glacier National Park will be renamed to Blackfeet Names. Mr. Roemer stated there will be a meeting scheduled to discuss the matter.

LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM (CLOSED SESSION): The meeting continued in the Legal Conference Room.

VERIZON/CELL PHONE TOWER (CLOSED SESSION): John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and Chris ?, Verizon, were present at the meeting discuss the cell phone tower site located at Mount Baldy in the Badger Two-Medicine Area.

Chris ?, Verizon, inquired how Verizon will be able to access the cell phone tower site to maintain the equipment and continue to provide the service. In 2022, a storm demolished the site. There is a proposed route to utilize to repair the building and maintain the equipment.

There is a proposal with Verizon and AT&T to place a 21×42 foot prefabricated building at the site.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. inquired how the equipment will be transported to the site. John Murray stated he is not sure if Verizon is aware of the struggle the Blackfeet People have had protecting the Badger Two-Medicine Area from Oil and Gas drilling; or the significance of the area to the Blackfeet People. The Forest Services closed the area for use due to the Cultural Significance of the area. This development on Mt. Baldy was numerous years ago before there were policies or laws protecting the Area. The Forest Service will not issue a Permit to Verizon until they are notified by the Blackfeet Tribe.

John Murray stated the equipment can be brought to the base on a truck and brought to the site by helicopter. The THPO is opposed to accessing the site by motorized vehicles. Chris, , stated there are financial issues that concern Verizon in transporting the equipment by helicopter. There has been discussion of feasibility of other sites and the sites do not offer enough coverage as Mt. Baldy. John Murray stated there has been maintenance done at the site by helicopter. The proposed access route by Verizon does not have a Right-Of-Way. It was the consensus of the BTBC to continue discussions with Verizon and all entities involved at a future date.

*****Thomas Rutherford entered the meeting at 11:48 A.M. (7)*****

MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM (CLOSED SESSION): The meeting continued in the Main Conference Room.

TRANSIT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Warren Blackman, Blackfeet Transit Program Director, was present at the meeting to discuss two items for BTBC Action.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF HEATERS FROM B&L PUMPING FOR THE BLACKFEET TRANSIT BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#223-2023} to approve a Sole Source Purchase of heaters from B&L Pumping for the Blackfeet Transit Building. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR EQUIPMENT FROM NORTHWEST EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING, INC. FOR THE BLACKFEET TRANSIT BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#224-2023} to approve a Sole Source Purchase of compressor equipment from Northwest Equipment Manufacturing, Inc. for the Blackfeet Transit Building. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

BLACKFEET FIRE MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Carter Gallineaux, Fire Management Officer, was present at the meeting to discuss and item for BTBC Action.

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF A SOUTHLAND DUMP TRAILER FROM XB TRAILER SALES (CLOSED SESSION):

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#225-2023} to approve \$12,950.00 in ARPA Funds for a Sole Source Purchase of a Southland Dump Trailer from XB Trailer Sales. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Blackfeet Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the Tribe's Vector Truck and the Heart Butte/Babb water systems. No action.

PROPERTY SALE/PAT SCHILDT (CLOSED SESSION): Pat Schildt was present at the meeting to discuss two (2) property sales.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the BTBC will discuss the properties and contact Mr. Schildt.

LEONA PITTS/HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Leona Pitts was present at the meeting to request assistance in demolishing and burning down two homes. Lauren Monroe Jr. stated Thomas Rutherford will be available to assist Ms. Pitts in burning down the houses when there is more moisture. Shelly Hall requested Ms. Pitts put her request in a written document for the BTBC.

HAND GAME COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Carl "Cubby" Little Dog, Hand Game Committee Chairman; and Tyler Running Crane, Hand Game Committee Member, were present at the meeting to discuss recognition of the newly elected Hand Game Committee, funding, By-Laws, the Hand Game Building (and key), and equipment.

APPROVING AMENDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH EARTHTECH ENVIRONMENTAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES TO INCLUDE FURTHER BUDGET AND ADDITIONAL LANDS UNDER FEE TO TRUST APPLICATIONS: Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#259-2023} to approve Amended Professional Services Contract (funds to be determined by the Treasurer) with EarthTech Environmental for Environmental Assessment Services to include further budget and additional lands under Fee to Trust Applications. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT/BRACKEEN DECISION: Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Tribe is anticipating the Brackeen Decision within the Supreme Court (House Bill 317) which will undo the ICWA Law. Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated it will go to third reading.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 9:58 A.M. (7)*****

CLARIFYING LAND PURCHASES TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BLACKFEET LAND BOARD UNDER LAND ACQUISITIONS ORDINANCE NO. 116: Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#251-2023} to clarify Land Purchases to be administered by the Blackfeet Land Board under Land Acquisitions Ordinance No. 116. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:00 A.M. (8)*****

LAND EXCHANGE POLICY: Shelly Hall, Land Board Chair, stated the Land Exchange Policy will need to be updated. Jodi Carlson, Land Department, stated the revisions will be made and submitted to the BTBC for review.

NRCS/CRAIG IRON PIPE: Craig Iron Pipe, NRCS; and Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department, were present at the meeting.

Craig Iron Pipe, NRCS, presented an Invoice from Brick, LLC in the amount of \$34,344.62 for services provided for the Agricultural Resources Management Plan.

Gerald Lunak stated there will need to be a Contract submitted to the Blackfeet Water Department, Agricultural Division, before payments are made.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 10:14 A.M. (7)*****

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 10:18 A.M. (6)*****

2023 HIP WORK PLAN: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve the 2023 HIP Work Plan.

Discussion.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:21 A.M. (7)*****

Virgil Last Star WITHDREW his motion.

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (8)*****

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET MANPOWER ONE-STOP CENTER/BLACKFEET CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO APPLY FOR A CHARTING FOR A COURSE FOR ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY PARENTING GRANT: Thomas Rutherford reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#248-2023} to authorize the Blackfeet Manpower One-Stop Center/Blackfeet Child Support Enforcement Division to apply for a charting for a course for Economic Mobility and Parenting Responsibility Grant. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 10:25 A.M. (7)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT/NATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES COUNSEL, LLC: The BTBC requested more information regarding the Sole Source Contract, it was recommended the Planning Department present on the item.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Timothy Davis, Economic Development Committee Chair, stated there was an Economic Development meeting held the previous week with CIG Capital Investments for a Solar Farm opportunity. CIG will present the proposal to the BTBC for approval.

HIP PROGRAM: Hardee Skunkcap, Blackfeet Home Improvement Program Director, was present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding the point system and B.I.A. requirements for the Program.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 10:40 A.M. (8)*****

APPROVING THE 2023 HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#234-2023} to approve the 2023 Home Improvement Work Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 10:46 A.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 10:51 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE 2023 HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN (CON'T.): Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Thomas Rutherford entered the meeting at 10:56 A.M. (7)*****

LYNN MAD PLUME/CULTURAL AND LAND BASED HEALING: Lynn Mad Plume was present at the meeting to discuss a proposal for Cultural and Land Based Healing.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 11:15 A.M. (7)*****

Lynn Mad Plume requested a Resolution approving the Healing Group to apply for Grants. It was recommended Ms. Mad Plume meet with the Legal Department to draft the Resolution.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 11:35 A.M. (8)*****

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 11:40 A.M. (7)*****

WILHELMINA GOINGS/CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Wilhelmina Goings and Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, were present at the meeting to discuss the Contract.

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 12:00 P.M. (6)*****

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 12:00 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH WILHELMINA GOINGS TO PROVIDE HARM REDUCTION SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract with Wilhelmina Goings to provide Harm Reduction, to be administered by the Tribal Health Program for four (4) months in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Thomas Rutherford entered the meeting at 12:15 P.M. (8)*****

WOMEN'S HONORARY COUNCIL: Myrna Galbreath, Annie Vielle, and Wilma Manywhitehorses, Women's Honorary Council Members, were present at the meeting.

Myrna Galbreath discussed the curfew, youth activities, the Water Settlement, and Tribal Ranches.

MEN'S HONORARY COUNCIL: Edmund "Wishy" Augare, Kenneth Oscar, and Charles DeRoche, Men's Honorary Council Members were present at the meeting.

Kenneth Oscar discussed traffic issues, drug use, and housing renovations.

CHARLIE WOLFTAIL SR./HONORING: Charlie Wolftail was honored for his years of service to the Blackfeet Tribe. An honor song was sung and gifts were presented by Robert and Darnell Ridesatthedoor.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 1:20 P.M. (9)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 2:40 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford
Timothy Davis

REPORT/GOODWILL AMBASSADORS: Robert and Darnell Ridesatthedoor, Goodwill Ambassadors, were present at the meeting to provide report on their trip to Paris, France for the Festival of America.

*****Marvin Weathwerwax Jr. entered the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (8)*****

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 3:02 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING A \$39,000.00 BUDGET FOR GOODWILL AMBASSADORS ROBERT AND DARNELL RIDESATTHEDOOR: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#255-2023} to approve a \$39,000.00 budget, to be determined by the Treasurer, for Goodwill Ambassadors Robert and Darnell Ridesatthedoor. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss two items for BTBC Action.

APPROVING A 3-YEAR PROVISIONAL ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE TO SERRANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT (2023, 2024, 2025) (CLOSED SESSION): Stephanie Zarykie, Serrano's Mexican Restaurant Owner, was present at the meeting.

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#256-2023} to approve a 3-year Provisional (on premise) Liquor License to Serrano's Mexican Restaurant from May 1 to October 1 for 2023, 2024, and 2025 per recommendation from the Revenue Director. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 3:23 P.M. (8)*****

APPROVING A CLASS-I ALL BEVERAGE 3-YEAR PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE TO GLACIER PARK TRADING COMPANY (CLOSED SESSION): Mark Hauser, Glacier Trading Park Company, was present at the meeting.

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#257-2023} to approve a Class-I All Beverage 3-year Provisional Liquor License to Glacier Park Trading Company, per recommendation of the Revenue Director. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

ENROLLMENT ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Enrollment Actions were taken, and the Minutes are completed separately.

AUTHORIZING THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND TO REPRESENT THE BLACKFEET NATION AS AMICUS CURIAE IN ARIZONA V. NAVAJO NATION (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#249-2023} to authorize the Native American Rights Fund to represent the Blackfeet Nation as Amicus Curiae in Arizona v. Navajo Nation. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Lunak, Water Department Director; KWebb Galbreath, Deputy Water Director; and Dion Killsback, Water Department Attorney, were present at the meeting to discuss items for BTBC Action.

APPROVING ST. MARY'S CANAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET NATION AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#277-2023} to approve the St. Mary's Canal Agreement between the Blackfeet Nation and Bureau of Reclamation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING ST. MARY'S RIGHT OF WAY PROCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET NATION AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#239-2023} to approve the St. Mary's Right of Way Process Agreement between the Blackfeet Nation and Bureau of Reclamation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING TIBER DAM ALLOCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET NATION AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford reads the Resolution.

Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#240-2023} to approve the Tiber Dam Allocation Agreement between the Blackfeet Nation and Bureau of Reclamation. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING MR&I P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#241-2023} to approve the MR&I P.L. 93-638 Contract. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING THE P.L. 93-638 FARM AND RANCH PLAN CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to approve the P.L. 93-638 Farm and Ranch Plan Contract. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LANDS WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#235-2023} to authorize the Blackfeet Water Department to assess Bureau of Reclamation Lands within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CALLING ON THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO HONOR THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO RESTORATION PROPOSAL AND TO BEGIN AND EIS PROCESS AND TO RESTORE BUFFALO TO THE CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#236-2023} to call on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to honor the Intertribal Buffalo Restoration Proposal and to begin EIS Process and to restore Buffalo to the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 4:45 P.M. (8)*****

SWIFT CURRENT PROJECT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department Director, provided an update for the Swift Current Project. No action.

RECORDER (CLOSED SESSION): The recorder was turned off at 5:30 P.M.

RECORDER (CLOSED SESSION): The recorder was turned on at 6:10 P.M.

TERMINATING JOE MCKAY ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH THE BLACKFEET TRIBE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#242-2023} to terminate Joe McKay's Attorney Contract with the Blackfeet Tribe effective immediately. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

REMOVING DEREK KLINE FROM ALL WATER MATTERS FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#243-2023} to remove Derek Kline from all Water Matters for the Blackfeet Tribe and Water Department. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried with a vote of seven (7) FOR; and one (1) OPPOSED, Iliff Kipp Sr. (7-1) (8)

BLACKFEET HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Evan Thompson, Blackfeet Housing Attorney, stated the Occupancy and Eviction Policies have been revised to correlate with the Landlord Tenant Code.

The Blackfeet Housing Personnel Policy and Occupancy/Evictions Policy will be presented to the Blackfeet Housing Board then submitted to the BTBC for approval.

Evan Thompson stated there is an issue with the current Moratorium on evictions in regards to meth contamination.

LIFTING EVICTION MORATORIUM FOR METH CONTAMINATED BLACKFEET HOUSING UNITS (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to lift the Eviction Moratorium for severe methamphetamine contaminated Blackfeet Housing Units and home destruction, where there are no children present. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

DEMANDING OFFSET/HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

APPROVING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EVAN THOMPSON, ESQ. (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$210.00 an hour for Evan Thompson. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

VOTE/DEREK KLINE ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated she would like to change her vote from FOR to OPPOSED for the Action taken removing Derek Kline from all Water Matters for the Blackfeet Tribe and Water Department. Six (6) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall, Timothy Davis. (6-2) (8)

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 7:30 P.M. (7)*****

XTIRI PAYMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a motion to approve payment to Xtiri; \$7,500.00 for PerCap; \$21,375.00 for Programs for the total of \$28,875.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Further, ALL Programs and Departments who utilize Xtiri services will need to pay for the services from their own Budgets, effective February 2, 2023. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-69}

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 7:40 P.M. (8)*****

AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS CHAPTER SIX FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES (2018) UPDATING SIMPLIFIED PURCHASES THRESHOLD (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#253-2023} to amend the Plan of Operations Chapter Six Finance and Procurement Policies updating simplified purchases Threshold. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET OPERATIONS MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND A PLAN FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#265-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Operations Manager to establish a Budget and Plan for upgrading the network and sound systems in the Council Chambers and Legal Conference Room. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

PLACING THE TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to move the Terrestrial Invasive Species Grant from the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife to the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING THE HIRE OF MISTY KELLER AS THE BLACKFEET LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CHIEF OF POLICE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#274-2023} to approve the hire of Misty Keller as the Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services Chief of Police. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR MINA KIPP AS A DISPATCHER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve outside employment for Mina Kipp as a Dispatcher. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 8:05 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING APPOINTMENT TO THE BLACKFEET GAMING COMMISSION (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#264-2023} to appoint Dustin Pepion to the Blackfeet Gaming Commission. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

HONORARY COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

APPROVING PAYMENT TO NORTHERN ACRES APPRAISAL SERVICES, LLC FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTIES PURCHASE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#258-2023} to approve payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Northern Acres Appraisal Services, LLC (to be paid from the appropriation from Resolution #501-2021 for Appraisal Services for the Windmill Properties purchase. Second by Timothy Davis. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS TO MARKET BLACKFEET TRIBAL LOTTERY LICENSES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#266-2023} to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Montana Fish and Wildlife and Parks to market Blackfeet Tribal Lottery Licenses. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Timothy Davis left the meeting at 8:20 P.M. (6)*****

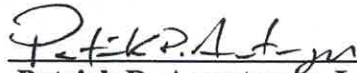
TERO COMPLAINT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

ENROLLMENT ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford made a motion to adjourn. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
10:25 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of three (3) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Virgil Last Star

**PLACING THE BLACKFEET FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR ON
ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PENDING INVESTIGATION (CLOSED SESSION):**

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to place the Blackfeet Family Services Director on Administrative Leave pending an Investigation, effective immediately. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (3)

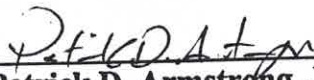
**APPOINTING THE BLACKFEET FAMILY SERVICES ACTING DIRECTOR
(CLOSED SESSION): CONSENSUS. No action.**

{NOTE: the previous Actions will be reaffirmed.}

ADJOURNED: the Meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M. (3)

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MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
9:20 A.M.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Virgil Last Star gave the prayer.

48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director; Ed Kennedy, Contractor; John Monroe, Ed Kennedy Associate; Joe Gervais, Treasurer; Carl Kipp, Tribal Inspector; Shawn Schildt, Ed Kennedy Associate; Michael Gervais, Architect; and Josh Bird, Property Manager, were present at the meeting.

Donna YellowOwl stated there was a construction meeting held to discuss the expenses. The initial construction budget for the Arbor was \$8,926,018, \$6,421,330 has been expended, and the remaining budget is \$2,504,688. The initial Architect budget was \$335,220, \$250,326.80 has been expended, and the remaining budget is \$84,893.20.

The water, electrical, and sewer systems have been put in the structure, and a Progress Report was submitted to the BTBC.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. inquired if the RV Park was included in the initial budget. Donna YellowOwl replied yes, there is also 18 showers (2 being handicapped accessible).

Donna YellowOwl stated the project is at a standstill, a decision will need to be made by the BTBC on Change Order #2 for the two (2) "Bump-Outs" in the amount of \$4,377,400. Virgil Last Star stated the BTBC will need to discuss the Change Order with the Treasurer. Joe Gervais

ARBOR PROJECT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): stated there will be different avenues explored to fund the Change Order. Patrick Armstrong Jr. inquired if the Tribe could use a loan to cover the cost. Joe Gervais stated he discussed the issue with Stockman Bank, there will need to be an earmark from the Interest Income from the \$40 Million Investment. The structure of the Loan will be submitted to the BTBC on February 15, 2023.

CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Carl Kipp, Tribal Inspector, stated there has not been any inspections on the project. Shelly Hall stated the start of the Project was not authorized by the BTBC. Josh Bird, Property Manager, stated the land belongs to the BIA. Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the BIA granted a Permit for the Project, there was \$1 Million appropriated for the project, and the Modular Building is being delivered February 14, 2023. Shelly Hall inquired if the foundation can be inspected before the Modular arrives. Carl Kipp replied he will inspect the foundation. Rebecca Rosenberger, Documents Director, stated there was Action taken on November 10, 2022 approving a Sole Source Contract with Ed Kennedy & Associates. Dawn Gray stated there was only a Sole Source for the purchase of the Modular, but a Resolution was never drafted because the Contract submitted by Ed Kennedy exceeds the appropriation by \$800,000.00. Dawn Gray stated Mr. Kennedy will need to get on the Agenda to resolve the issue with the BTBC.

STOPPING THE CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to stop the Cultural Center Project until there is a Construction Contract in place.

Discussion.

No second. Motion FAILED.

HANDICAP/ELDERLY EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer; Chris Gobert, Finance Monitor; and Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, were present at the meeting.

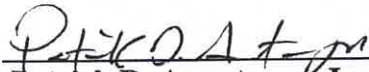
Discussion regarding the History, Finances, and Personnel of the Program.

ENDING THE ELDERLY/HANDICAP EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to end the Elderly/Handicap Emergency Home Repair Program, and to refer all applicant to the Homeowner's Assistance Fund Program at Blackfeet Housing. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-71}

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session at 11:45 A.M., and the Recording Secretary was excused.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
(RECONVENED)
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
11:00 A.M.**

Chairman Illoff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas L. Rutherford

INVOCATION: Jim McNeely gave the prayer.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/HARDSHIP (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 for the Hardship budget from the Buildings and General budget, per the recommendation of Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-72}

APPROVING SEPARATION BENEFIT FOR CHARLIE WOLFTAIL SR. AND JANELL RUNNING WOLF (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Separation Benefit for Charlie Wolftail Sr. in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Blackfeet ARPA Funds. Second by Virgil Last Star.

Everett Armstrong AMENDED his motion to include a Separation Benefit for Janell Running Wolf in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Blackfeet ARPA Funds. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolutions.}

APPROVING MOU WITH BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): Durand Bear Medicine, Crystal Creek Lodge; and Cinnamon Crawford, Browning Public Schools Prevention Director, were present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding vaping in the Schools.

APPROVING MOU WITH BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Blackfeet Tribe, Browning Public Schools, and Heart Butte Schools for Substance Abuse Prevention. Second by Patrick Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the MOU and Resolution.}

VILLAGER PROPERTY DORMS (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer; Chris Gobert; Finance Monitor; and Trish Kuka, Procurement Department Director, were present at the meeting.

Joe Gervais stated there was only one (1) Bid received for the Project and it was sent to the Procurement Department. Mr. Gervais was informed by the Procurement Department Director that the BTBC would like to place a hold on the project, and is requesting clarification on the Bid Contract.

Trish Kuka stated the Documentation for the Project submitted to the Procurement Department was incomplete, there was only an Engineer's Estimate, and the third phase landscaping. The budget for the remodel totaled \$377,600.00 with a 15% contingency in the amount of \$56,640. The roof repair budget submitted is as follows; \$15 cost for metal, \$5,000.00 for roof repair and maintenance; \$2,000.00 for miscellaneous roof repair, subtotal of \$7,000.00 with a contingency of \$1,100.00.

Trish Kuka stated there was an error in the amount for the metal for the roof, it was likely not supposed to be listed as a total of \$15.00. The amount was adjusted to \$15,000.00. The total for the project (as provided in the budget submitted to Procurement) is \$432,015.00 with a contingency of \$57,692.00. There is a huge difference in the bid and budget provided, there is no Plans and Specs, and there is no exact cost for each unit. Joe Gervais stated he would have liked the information relayed to him before the issue came to the Council. Trish Kuka apologized for not relaying the information. Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, stated if there are any issues with Contracts there needs to be immediate communication to resolve the issues.

HEART BUTTE POWWOW GROUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the Heart Butte Powwow Grounds Conceptual Design. There will be a community meeting held in Heart Butte on February 27, 2023 to discuss the Design.

APPROVING DOE-OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY GRID RESILIENCE TRIBAL FORMULA GRANT WRITING SERVICES CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#261-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract with Native Energy Resources Counsel, LLC for Grant Writer Services for the DOE-Office of Indian Energy Grid Resilience Tribal Formula Grant. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A PROFESIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SE GROUP TO DEVELOP A BLACKFEET TOURISM & RECREATION CORRIDOR PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#262-2023} to approve a Professional Services Contract with SE Group in the amount of \$107,800.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer to develop a Blackfeet Tourism & Recreation Corridor Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
9:15 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

**Iloff Kipp Sr.
Virgil Last Star**

**Lauren Monroe Jr.
Thomas L. Rutherford**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

INVOCATION: Jim McNeely gave the prayer.

SPLASH PAD PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Tim Peterson, Chris Fromlet, and Les Munro were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the project and equipment.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Beverly Sinclair, Personnel Department Benefits Specialist; Nick Crassin, Leavitt Group Benefits Broker; and Dawn Gray (via Phone) were present at the meeting to discuss possibly moving from the current Tribal Healthcare plan to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

It was the Consensus of the BTBC to authorize Beverly Sinclair to develop three (3) plans for Council approval.

HOME OWNERSHIP/ROBERT CRAWFORD (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford was present at the meeting to discuss the following proposal for Home Ownership Coordinator for the Blackfeet Tribe;

- 1) \$5,000.00 Advance
- 2) \$5,000.00 Retainer for training
- 3) Commission or \$30.00 an hour

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there will need to be a follow-up meeting scheduled.

BLES HONORING: Misty Keller, BLES, was present at the meeting to present the following awards;

Brenden Wildgun – “Life Saving Award”

Brian Williamson and Coley Potts – “Life Saving Award”

SWEARING IN/BLES CHIEF OF POLICE: Misty Keller was sworn in as the Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services Chief of Police.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:35 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

PROPOSAL/CARL HARWOOD (CLOSED SESSION): Carl Harwood was present at the meeting to discuss a proposal for four (4) basketball courts.

It was recommended Mr. Harwood work with the Blackfeet Operations Manager to draft the Proposal then present to the BTBC.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/KBWG TO TRAVEL TO TOURNAMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget to allow the KBWG Radio Station Staff to attend the 2023 Basketball Tournaments. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-73}

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER AND ADMINISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE P.L. 93-638 FARM AND RANCH PLAN CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Transfer and Administration of Agricultural Properties to the Blackfeet Water Department for the purposes of the P.L. 93-638 Farm and Ranch Plan Contract. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING \$1.6 MILLION FROM BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS FOR THE FARM AND RANCH PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#272-2023} to approve \$1.6 Million from Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Funds for the Farms and Ranch Plan. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAY RAISE FOR BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#270-2023} to approve a pay raise for the Blackfeet Water Department Director. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAY RAISE FOR BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#273-2023} to approve a pay raise for the Blackfeet Water Department Deputy Director. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH DION KILLSBACK, ESQ. OF KILLSBACK LAW PLLC (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#269-2023} to approve the Attorney Contract with Dion Killsback, Esq. of Killsback Law PLLC. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING FUNDING REQUEST TO THE BIA FOR FY 2023 ATTORNEY FEES FOR WATER COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION AND ADJUDICATION MATTERS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#268-2023} to approve a Funding Request to the BIA for Fiscal Year 2023 Attorney Fees for Water Compact Implementation and Adjudication Matters. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES FOR DION KILLSBACK, ESQ. FOR FEDERAL MATTERS FROM THE BLACKFEET LEGAL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#271-2023} to approve payment of Legal Fees for Dion Killsback, Esq. for Federal Matters from the Blackfeet Legal Department. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

LAND DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

INTERPRETIVE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department Director; Gerald Cobell, Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Program Director; and John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, were present at the meeting.

Gerald Lunak stated there is \$20 Million in funding for the Boulder Creek Swift Current bull trout. The funding is available and it was recommended by the Programs to build an interpretive center and/or fisheries in that area in conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation.

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND FISHERIES ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to support the efforts to establish an Interpretive Center and Fisheries on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

NATURE CONSERVANCY (CLOSED SESSION): Dylan DesRosier and Dave Hanna were present at the meeting to discuss Nature Conservancy and Blackfeet Alliance Collective. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 3:00 P.M. (5)*****

TREE CITY USA (CLOSED SESSION): Termaine Edmo, Blackfeet Environmental Office, was present at the meeting to discuss Tree City, USA. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford entered the meeting at 3:30 P.M. (6)*****

TRIBAL HEALTH OFFICES (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO; and Michael Gervais, engineer, were present at the meeting to discuss the Tribal Health Offices. No action.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KRISTEN KRANE DBA YARROW, LLC AS THE GRANT EVALUATOR FOR THE "PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP), TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECT, AWARD NO. 90AT0026 (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#286-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with Kristen Krane dba Yarrow, LLC as the Grant Evaluator for the "Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project, Award No. 90AT0026. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE HIRE OF JODI CARLSON AS THE ASSISTANT BLACKFEET OPERATIONS MANAGER (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the hire of Jodi Carlson as the Assistant Blackfeet Operations Manager, effective February 21, 2023. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND TRAINEES TO UTILIZE THE BOARDING SCHOOL DORMITORY FACILITIES DURING THE INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING (IRT) WHILE ASSISTING WITH THE RENOVATION OF BLACKFEET HOUSING RENTAL UNITS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#276-2023} to request the Bureau of Education to authorize the U.S. Military Personnel and Trainees to utilize the Boarding School Dormitory Facilities during the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) while assisting with the renovation of Blackfeet Housing rental units. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AND APPROPRIATION FOR DEFICIENCY FUNDS OUT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL, AND A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH KG BUILDING TO REPAIR THE HEART BUTTE FIRE FACILITY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#278-2023} to approve the Insurance Settlement and Appropriation for deficiency funds in the amount of \$2,099.63 out of Buildings and General, and a Sole Source Contract with KG Building to repair the Heart Butte Fire Facility. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE OF MONTANA FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BLACKFEET CULTURAL CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#275-2023} to approve the acceptance of State of Montana Funding for the establishment of the new Blackfeet Cultural Center. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BLACKFEET MANPOWER TRIBAL TOURISM PROGRAM TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECOVERY EVENT GRANT OFFERED THROUGH THE MONTANA TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Manpower Tribal Tourism Program to submit for the Recovery Event Grant offered through the Montana Tourism Grant Program. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ENTITLED OVW FISCAL YEAR 2023 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM EXPANDING LEGAL SERVICES INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program to apply for a Grant from the Office of Violence Against Women entitled OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program expanding Legal Services Initiative Grant Program. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

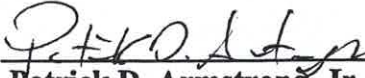
APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH MONTI GILHAM TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL, WITH INITIAL SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE BLACKFEET WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolutions to approve a Sole Source Contract with Monti Gilham to provide Professional Consultant Services to the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, with initial Scope of Work for the Blackfeet Wellness Center. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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RECOGNIZING THE 2022-2023 BLACKFEET HANDGAME COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#220-2023} to recognize the 2022-2023 Blackfeet Handgame Committee as follows;

Chairman: Carl "Cubby" Little Dog
Vice-Chairlady" Marla Knopfle
Secretary: Shelly Calfbossribs
Treasurer: Shaundel Calfbossribs
Member: Tyler Running Crane
Member: Dewayne Blackman

Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REQUESTING FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM THE PREVIOUS HANDGAME COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to request all Financial Reports of Tribal Funds from the previous Handgame Committee. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 3:20 P.M. (7)*****

MANPOWER CAMPGROUNDS/5 YEAR PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Action TABLED, more information was requested by the BTBC.

APPROVING BUYER'S FINAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#209-2023} to approve the Buyer's Final Settlement Statement in the amount of \$360,498.01 for the Windmill Properties, as approved under Resolution No. 501-2021 and to Amend the Original Buy-Sell Agreement Resolution No. 121-2023. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO SERVICE ORDER #2 WITH MICHAEL GERVAIS FOR THE BLACKFEET WELLNESS CENTER UNDER MASTER AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Amendment for the Service Order #2 will be that A&E Design in Billings, Mt. will be the only consolidated Firm in the Service Order.

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#210-2023} approving First Amendment to Service Order #2 with Michael Gervais for the Blackfeet Wellness Center under Master Agreement not to exceed \$884,000.00 in ARPA Funds (as approved by Resolution No. 501-2021). Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH PIONEER HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC FOR THE ROBERT AND MARY WOLDSTAD PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#212-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract with Pioneer Home Inspections, LLC in the amount of \$3,050.00 for the Robert and Mary Woldstad properties completed inspection. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF FEE TO TRUST APPLICATIONS FOR T6197 AND FORMER WETER #2 (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Separate Resolutions {#207-2023, #208-2023} to approve the submission of Fee to Trust Applications for T6197 and former Weter #2. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REQUIRING NAXOLENE (NARCAN) TRAINING AND LIMITING LIABILITY FOR THOSE WHO ADMINISTER NAXOLENE (NARCAN) WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#218-2023} to require Naxolene (NARCAN) training and limiting Liability for those who administer Naxolene (NARCAN) within the exterior Boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:50 P.M. (6)*****

CLARIFYING THAT PUBLIC PAVED ROADS ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION ARE PROHIBITED FROM USE AS "OPEN RANGE" (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated all the roads on the Blackfeet Reservation are included in this Action.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#221-2023} to clarify that ALL roads on the Blackfeet Reservation are prohibited from use as "Open Range". Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:55 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:59 P.M. (6)*****

BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department Director; and Dion Killsback, Water Department Attorney, were present at the meeting.

Dion Killsback, Water Department Attorney, stated there needs to be a Letter from the Chairman to appoint Gerald Lunak to the Water Compact Board, a Legal Entity that discusses disputes between the State and Tribes in regards to Water Rights. It was the consensus of the BTBC to appoint Gerald Lunak to the Water Compact Board.

BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated Water Department presented the Land Purchase Book to Kevin Bradley, BIA, and Susan Messerly, BIA. The BIA commended the Blackfeet Water Department's Land Purchase Plan for Water Settlement Funds.

The Water Department met with Susan Messerly, BIA, regarding Fee to Trust in the 1987 Tax Agreement with the Counties within the Blackfeet Reservation, and the Blackfeet Tribe is awaiting a CFR Rule Change.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:07 P.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Blackfeet Tribal Property Manager, was present at the meeting to discuss the lease of three (3) Tribal Properties.

APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT (2023) WITH TRISTEN POLK FOR "UPPER STOLTZ RANCH HOUSE" (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#204-2023} to approve a Lease Agreement in the amount of \$500.00 a month with Tristen Polk for "Upper Stoltz Ranch House". Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT (2023) WITH JOHNATHAN HEAVY RUNNER FOR "LOWER STOLTZ RANCH HOUSE" (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#205-2023} to approve a Lease Agreement in the amount of \$800.00 a month with Johnathan Heavy Runner for "Lower Stoltz Ranch House". Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND GERARD PADGETT FOR THE VILLAGER APARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#206-2023} to approve a Lease Agreement in the amount of \$500.00 a month between the Blackfeet Tribe and Gerard Padgett for the Villager Apartment. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:30 P.M. (6)*****

DIRECTIVE/LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND OIL AND GAS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to direct the Legal Department and Oil & Gas Department to study the Feasibility of the return of the Harper Wells. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Resolution will be drafted by the Blackfeet Legal Department.}

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH U OF M O'CONNER CENTER FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST TO UPDATE THE NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY AND WETLAND AND RIPARIAN MAPPING OF THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#222-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract to be administered by the Blackfeet Environmental Office in the amount of \$21,600.00 with U of M O'Conner Center for the Rocky Mountain West to update the National Wetlands Inventory and Wetland and Riparian Mapping of the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

BLACKFEET HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Mary Gordon, Blackfeet Housing Acting Director, was present at the meeting.

Mary Gordon stated there are 40 homes in the process of being renovated. There are 12 positive meth units and a new employee has been hired to help with the cleaning process. The Occupancy Policy has been completed to be in compliance with all local Laws.

Blackfeet Housing has paid for three months of utilities, cleaning supplies, and groceries for the Medicine Bear Shelter.

There have been solicitations for proposals from Accounting Firms for the Occupancy and Finance Software.

The Homeowners Assistance Program now has three employees to administer the funds. Applications can be accessed on blackfeehousing.com.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program audit is being completed and will be submitted.

A Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted with Blackfeet Housing and the Glen Heavy Runner Memorial Swimming Pool to provide free swim sessions for youth.

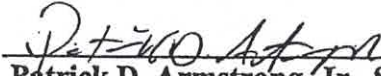
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN MONTANA RESERVATIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#211-2023} to approve a Letter of Support from the State of Montana House of Representatives urging the United States Congress to fully fund Public Safety, Law Enforcement Agencies, Programs, Services, and Activities within Montana Reservations. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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ADJOURNMENT: Shelly Hall made a motion to adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 24, 2023
9:20 A.M.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Thomas Rutherford
Shelly Hall

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

INVOCATION: Everett Armstrong gave the prayer.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/TRIBAL PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer; and Lionel Kennerly, Finance Department Monitor, were present at the meeting.

Joe Gervais stated the BTBC should consider leveraging funds for Tribal Projects. The quarterly report as of December 31, 2022 reflects \$43 Million expended, and \$56 Million remaining. \$30 Million has been allocated for the Health and Wellness Center. Joe Gervais stated the Finance Department, Tribal Health, the Engineer, and any other Tribal Programs should schedule a meeting to place Programs in the Health and Wellness Center to operate and maintain the Center. Alternative funding for the Health and Wellness Center will be researched.

Thomas Rutherford inquired if the Tribe should prepare for a tentative Recession. Joe Gervais stated if there is a Recession the BTBC should consider waiting on Land Purchases until the prices go down. Joe Gervais stated the Tribe has over heated the market for Land Purchases and the Finance Department will develop a plan for next year's budget.

Lionel Kennerly stated the Producer Feed Program will need is \$200,00+ over Budget, and will need a Budget Amendment.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/TRIBAL PROJECTS (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly recommended the Council stop the Elderly/Handicap Emergency Repair Program. The Program is approximately \$260,000.00 over Budget. The work is still being done within the Program and there is no funding to pay for the projects. Lionel Kennerly stated it is a good Program, but there will need to be a Budget Amendment. Joe Gervais stated Blackfeet Housing has a Homeowner's Assistance Fund in the amount of \$5.5 Million.

Lionel Kennerly requested the Council approve Harley DeCarlo as a Contingent Part-Time Inspector for Tribal Projects.

ACCEPTING INSPECTIONS/HARLEY DECARLO (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a motion to accept the inspections of Harley DeCarlo on Tribal Projects. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-64}

TRIBAL PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly stated the Swimming Pool project has been completed and inspected, except for the HVAC system and plumbing. The apartments in East Glacier and the Border Patrol Home projects have been bid out. The Villager Restaurant project will be completed this week.

PROPOSALS/FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITIES (CLOSED SESSION): William "Bill" Edwards was present at the meeting to discuss three proposals for Franchise Opportunities.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#260-2023} to approve \$27.00 an hour for William "Bill" Edwards retroactive to January 10, 2023 for establishing Franchise Opportunities. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ELDERLY HANDICAP REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated the Elderly/Handicap Home Repair is unallowable under the Homeowner's Assistance Fund. Lionel Kennerly recommended the Program be halted until there is more funding available. Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, stated the Program projects can be stopped for now and Mr. McNeely will have discussions with Blackfeet Housing.

APPROVING P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR FOR THE TWO MEDICINE MAIN CANAL (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#225-2023} to approve a P.L. 93-638 Contract for the Emergency Repair for the Two Medicine Main Canal. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Michael Gervais, Engineer; Ed Kennedy, Contractor; and Carl Kipp, Inspector, were present at the meeting.

Michael Gervais, Engineer, stated when the outer ring was installed, the tension members sagged. Mr. Gervais suggested installing wood columns at the midpoints and the Contractor suggested steel for an additional \$12,000.00.

Ed Kennedy stated the center ring was placed three weeks ago and there was a design flaw. There is a tentative Grand Opening date for the Arbor set at July 5, 2023. The steel was supposed to be ¾ in. but was 3/8 in. the ring needs to be uninstalled fix and reinstalled. A One-inch plate was installed instead of a two inch. Mr. Kennedy stated the project can only progress at the same pace of the steel manufacturer, Anderson Steel. The total price of the steel is \$843,000.00. Ed Kennedy stated there could be wood installed but it would rot. The price to install wood would be \$3,000.00 and the steel would be \$12,000.00.

Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager inquired if the Arbor will be completed for the 2023 North American Indian Days. Ed Kennedy replied yes. Jim McNeely stated a statement will need to be released to the Public.

Carl Kipp stated there should be a completed plan and specs submitted to the BTBC. There is no site plan, the Center Ring was not in alignment. The Arbor is being built on a "Design and Build" concept. Mr. Kipp stated he is unsure how cost is determined without a plan. The Contractor submitted a cost (prior to construction) for a 40,000 square foot building. \$8.6 Million was budgeted but the project is approximately costing \$11 Million. It is very important to have a complete plan and specs moving forward for funding and safety reasons.

Michael Gervais stated the "Design and Build" concept was used due to time issues. The scope was changed and the bump-outs were taken out. The plates on the Center Ring were not a design flaw. There needed to be 16 beams holding the Center Ring in place, there were only 8.

Shelly Hall inquired how the budget for a "Design and Build" concept is determined. Ed Kennedy replied it is based on the Industry Standard for Montana. The Center Ring issue has been resolved there will be 16 beams to hold the Ring. Shelly Hall stated a full plan should be submitted to the inspector. Ed Kennedy stated there will be "as build" plans circulated to the Inspector and Facilities Director. Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there should be regular meetings scheduled with all parties involved in the Project.

Ed Kennedy stated the RV section is ready to go, the gravel is set, and there will be 44 units.

LAW AND ORDER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford, Law and Order Committee Chair, discussed issues that will be addressed in the Law and Order Meeting.

RESTRUCTURING THE BLACKFEET LAND DEPARTMENT UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to restructure the Blackfeet Land Department under the Blackfeet Water Department-Agricultural Subdivision, with a Transition Plan to be completed by February 1, 2023. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

REAFFIRMING THE DOMESTIC WATER DEPARTMENT IS UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): The Blackfeet Operations Manager will carry out the intent of the Resolution #32-2020.

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 30, 2023
9:28 A.M.

Chairman Illoff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.	Shelly Hall
Virgil Last Star	Thomas L. Rutherford	Everett Armstrong
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Timothy Davis	

INVOCATION: Everett Armstrong gave the prayer.

48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

LAND PURCHASES (CLOSED SESSION): Jimmy Running Fisher was present at the meeting to discuss concerns regarding Land Purchases. No action.

It was recommended there be an Advertisement for a Committee; so Tribal Members can participate in Land Purchase conversations and the BTBC will take the conversations into advisement.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023 UPDATING LAND PURCHASE PLAN (2022) UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, discussed the Expenditure Plan. No action.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 10:01 A.M. (7)

FARM AND RANCH PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the new Farm & Ranch Plan. No action.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 10:15 A.M. (8)

CULTURE BUILDING PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated there is no Resolution approving the Contractor for the project, payments will not be paid, the project is \$800,000.00 over budget, and the project was not bid. Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Council approved \$455,000.00 for the project on November 10, 2022 but the land has not been restored from the B.I.A.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 10:26 A.M. (9)*****

HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS (CLOSED SESSION): Mike Tatsey, Heart Butte School District #1 Superintendent, was present at the meeting to discuss a Public Statement regarding the incident that took place at the Feather Women Healing Lodge. No action.

FAMILY SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): Roy Crawford, Blackfeet Family Services Director, was present at the meeting.

Lengthy discussion. No action.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/HARDSHIP (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve the Financial Request for Hardship in the amount of \$10,000.00. Further, the funds are to be taken from the Buildings and General Budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2023-65}

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 12:26 P.M. (8)*****

ELDERLY/HANDICAP EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Jim McNeely, Blackfeet Operations Manager, was present at the meeting to discuss the operations of the Program and the application process.

RETURNING VACTOR TRUCK TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#245-2023} to return the Vactor Truck to the Blackfeet Tribe Public Works Department. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

INVOICE/B&L PUMPING, BOYD EVANS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve payment of an Invoice in the amount of \$24,000.00 from the Blackfeet Environmental Office Budget for services provided on the Heart Butte septic system to B&L Pumping, Boyd Evans. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 12:53 P.M. (7)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 12:53 P.M. (6)*****

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 12:58 P.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 12:58 P.M. (6)*****

ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Blackfeet Facilities Department Director; Ed Kennedy, Contractor; Michael Gervais, Engineer; Carl Kipp, Inspector; Trish Kuka, Blackfeet Procurement Department Director; and Tyson Running Wolf, Ed Kennedy & Associates were present at the meeting.

Tyson Running Wolf stated the cost to fix the Center Ring was \$12,000.00, paid by the Contractor. The electrical, plumbing and sewer are ready for the "Bump Outs" and the Construction team is awaiting a decision from the BTBC to move forward. There has been inconsistency of inspections. The team is requesting weekly meetings with the Council, a decision on the "Bump Outs", a competent inspector on site, and overview of the timeline. The project was budgeted for a 40,000 square foot building at \$9.4 Million. Ed Kennedy & Associates will provide the BTBC with a finalized conceptual design plan for the Arbor. The additional "Bump Outs" will need a Change Order for approximately \$4.3 Million.

Carl Kipp stated there needs to be a complete set of Plans and Specs formulated to ensure the inspections are completed correctly. The Center Ring placement wasn't done correctly and it needed to be taken down.

Michael Gervais stated the Engineer fee is 4%, and the drawing were limited in Scope, that is why the "Design & Build" method has been used.

Trish Kuka stated "Design & Build" is not transparent in regards to funding. The project was not bid, it was a Sole Source and a huge amount of money. The procurement department does not have any documentation for this project. There is no copy of insurance or workman's comp. The plan for the Building should have included the "Bump Outs". A group has not been appointed to approve changes to the construction. Trish Kuka stated she never thought it was a good idea for the Sole Source Contract for such a big project. There is no plan, so the BTBC didn't know what to expect for costs and deliverables. Lauren Monroe Jr. stated the funds were allocated from the CARES Act fund, there was a time limit on the construction, and the initial intent wasn't to Sole Source.

ESTABLISHING THE ARBOR PROJECT COMMITTEE/(CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#254-2023} to appoint the following BTBC Members to the Arbor Project Committee; Patrick Armstrong Jr., Shelly Hall, Timothy Davis, and Everett Armstrong. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ARBOR PROJECT INSPECTOR/CARL KIPP (CLOSED SESSSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve Carl Kipp, Tribal Inspector, as the Inspector for the Arbor project. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-70}

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 2:45 (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 3:05 with the following present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Timothy Davis
Thomas Rutherford

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:08 P.M. (7)*****

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 226-2023 APPROVING BLACKFEET ARPA FUNDS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF AN INTERSTATE BUMPER PULL DUMP TRAILER FROM TRAILERS PLUS IN HELENA, MT. (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#226-2023A} to Amend Resolution No. 226-2023A to change the Vendor from XB Trailer Sales to Trailer Plus, Helena MT. and to decrease the initial amount (of \$12,950.00) to \$12,585.39. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 3:11 P.M. (8)*****

FEATHER WOMAN HEALING LODGE (CLOSED SESSION): Mike Tatsey, Heart Butte Schools Superintendent, was present at the meeting to discuss the services provided at the Feather Woman Healing Lodge. No action.

APPROVING INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve Internal Affairs to investigate the "Daily Montanan" Leak. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

FAMILY SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss Blackfeet Family Services. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Second by Pat Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE
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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 31, 2023
1:40 P.M.

Acting Chairman Lauren Monroe Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Shelly Hall
Thomas Rutherford

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AGENDA ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION): Items were added to the Agenda.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 135-2023 APPROVING AMENDED CLOSING DATE AND THE BUYER'S FINAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE GREG KING PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#135-2023A} to amend Resolution No. 135-2023 approving the Amended Closing Date to February 3, 2023 and Buyer's Final Settlement Statement for the Greg King Properties. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously: (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 136-2023 APPROVING AMENDED CLOSING DATE AND THE BUYER'S FINAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE RALEIGH AND LORRAINE KING PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#136-2023} to amend Resolution No. 136-2023 approving the Amended Closing Date to February 3, 2023 and Buyer's Final Settlement Statement for the Greg King Properties. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CALLING ON THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO HONOR THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO RESTORATION PROPOSAL AND TO BEGIN AN EIS PROCESS AND TO RESTORE BUFFALO TO THE CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title.

NO MOTION, NO SECOND. Motion voted on unanimously. (6)

{Note: this Action was revisited at a later date.}

APPOINTING SHELLY HALL TO THE BILLINGS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL-SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to appoint Shelly Hall to the Billings Area Indian Health Service Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council-Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: The Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/CIVICS EXERCISE TRIP (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for the Civics Exercise Student Trip to Helena Montana from the Buildings and General Budget for transportation and meals. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-66}

ENDORING MONTANA INDIGENOUS TOURISM ALLIANCE AND DIRECTING NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ALLIANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#246-2023} to endorse Montana Indigenous Tourism Alliance and Directing Nomination of Board Members to the Alliance. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ENDORING CONTINUATION OF STATE SUPPORT AND FUNDING OF THE TRIBAL TOURISM PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#247-2023} to endorse continuation of State Support and Funding of the Tribal Tourism Program. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HEART BUTTE CONVENIENCE STORE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Heart Butte Convenience Store and the "Thompson" Building. No action.


FINANCIAL REQUEST/BISON HIDE PROCESSING (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$8,470.00 to Timberland Taxidermy for the processing of Bison Hides from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-68}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/NURTURING CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for the purchase of pizza to the Blackfeet Nurturing Center from the Buildings and General Budget. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-67}

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 1, 2022
9:40 A.M.**

Chairman Illoff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Timothy Davis

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Thomas Rutherford
Shelly Hall

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS: Items were added to the Agenda.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:47 A.M. (7)*****

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the November 3, 2022 General Session Minutes; the November 3, 2022 Enrollment Minutes; the November 7, 2022 Special Session/Executive Session/Special Session Minutes; the November 9, 2022 Special Session Minutes; the November 10, 2022 Special Session Minutes; the November 22, 2022 Special Session Minutes; and the November 22, 2022 Enrollment Minutes.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr.

Timothy Davis stated there will need to be a correction to the November 3, 2022 General Session, Committee Updates. Rebecca Rosenberger, Tribal Documents Director, stated the correction will be made.

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Timothy Davis, Utilities Committee Chair, stated there was a meeting regarding snow removal with Pondera County, Glacier County, Blackfeet Housing, IHS, and Tribal Departments. A plan was developed for the process of snow removal. Discussion regarding the use of PILT funds within the Counties.

Timothy Davis, Economic Development Chair, stated there was a meeting with the Advisor of the President of United States Economic Development Team. A request was made to have the G20 Summit on the Blackfeet Reservation. A video was presented by Mr. Davis. There were three panels discussed in Washington D.C; economic development, taxation, and restoration of Native lands.

Shelly Hall, Housing Committee Vice-Chair, stated there was a discussion with the Blackfeet Housing Director regarding the \$4 Million ARPA Funds. The funds are in a free status and a letter will need to be drafted by the BTBC to Bob Gochi to request a release of the funds.

Lauren Monroe Jr. stated there is an A&E Firm located out of Billings, Mt. that has been working on the Health and Wellness center. A site has been located at the Windmill Property and geotechnical surveys have been conducted. There will be a committee formed to discuss the input for the design of the Health and Wellness Center and more information will be released to the public.

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 10:07 A.M. (6)*****

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss investment of Tribal funds.

INVESTMENT/STOCKMAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer Tribal Funds to Stockman Wealth Management for investment. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-33}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

TREASURER'S REPORT (CON'T.): Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated the PerCapita checks are continued to be mailed to the Tribal Membership.

OIL AND GAS UPDATE/MOGO: Angel Potts, Blackfeet Oil and Gas Acting Director; and Patrick Montalban, MOGO, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the Raegan Field. No action.

OIL AND GAS/CURTIS HARPER: Curtis Harper was at the meeting to discuss the donation of Oil Wells to the Blackfeet Tribe.

It was recommended Mr. Harper meet with the Blackfeet Legal Department to draft a Resolution for the donation of the Wells.

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, Honorary Women's Council Member, was present at the meeting to discuss tax credit homes, street light the Ceded Strip, Molly Bullshoe's road, and the Starr School Community.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Edmund "Wishy" Augare, Honorary Men's Council Member, was present at the meeting to discuss the Honorariums for each meeting.

Bill Spotted Eagle, Honorary Men's Council Member, stated there was a scheduled meeting at the Glacier Peaks Casino and no one attended. Wilma Manywhitehorses stated the meeting was cancelled.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 11:10 A.M. (5)*****

LAMARSA CORP.: Tony Finestad and Wayne Smith were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the Wells LaMarsa Corp. operates. No action.

LEO GREEN/PEACE MAKER'S COURT: Leo Green was present at the meeting to request a Resolution for Peace Maker's Court.

It was recommended Mr. Green meet with the Blackfeet Legal Department to draft the Resolution.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 11:45 A.M. (6)*****

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 11:45 A.M. (7)*****

HONORING/ROBERT DOORE: Robert Doore was honored and gifts were presented.

HONORING/TAHJ WELLS: Tahj Wells was honored and gifts were presented.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 1:10 P.M. (7)

RECONVENED: The meeting reconvened at 1:42 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Lauren Monroe Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Shelly Hall

TRIBAL HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting.

AUTHORIZATION/TRIBAL HEALTH DOCUSIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Tribal Health Department to utilize DocuSign for Payment Vouchers. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-34}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

COY HARWOOD/PROPOSAL (CLOSED SESSION): Coy Harwood was present at the meeting to discuss a proposal for a Multi Species Processing Plant.

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 2:00 P.M. (7)*****

AUTHORIZATION/COY HARWOOD AND ASSOCIATES (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a motion to authorize Coy Harwood and Associates to pursue the Blackfeet Natural Meats Processing Plant Project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-35}

LETTER OF SUPPORT/COY HARWOOD AND ASSOCIATES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Letter of Support for Coy Harwood and Associates in regards to the Blackfeet Natural Meats Processing Plant Project. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-36}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/SLICKFOOT SOCIETY NEW YEAR'S POWWOW (CLOSED SESSION): Marshalene Last Star was present at the meeting to discuss a request for financial assistance for the Slickfoot Society New Year's Powwow. No action.

PATTY LAPLANT/CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patty Laplant was present at the meeting to discuss the Sole Source Contract.

It was recommended Ms. Laplant meet with the Family Services Director to discuss the terms of the Contract.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THREE SPLASH PAD DESIGNS (CLOSED SESSION): Les Munro was present at the meeting to discuss the project.

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract (up to \$10,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget) for Sletten Construction to prepare three (3) proposals for the design for the Splash Pad project. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-37}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

COMMUNITY EVENTS/FUNDRAISING (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to require any group hosting a Community Event must provide up to 50% of the total cost for the event from fundraising, etc. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-38}

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Action was taken. Resolution {#118-2023}

ESTABLISHING INDIAN AGRICULTURE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#119-2023} to establish the Indian Agriculture Council Representatives. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH WINDMILL PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE WINDMILL PROPERTY ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#121-2023} to approve the Buy-Sell Agreement with Windmill Properties, LLC for the Windmill Property on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss legal issues. No action.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TRAVEL (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to authorize Committee Chairs to approve Travel for Temporary Employees within the Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-39A}

PERSONNEL ISSUE/F&W EMPLOYEE WAGES (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the following wage increases (due to sufficient budget):

- 1) \$20.00 an Hour for Game Wardens
- 2) \$23.00 an Hour for the Chief Warden
- 3) \$20.00 an Hour for Conservation Officers

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-40}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

REAFFIRM EXECUTIVE ACTIONS/TRISH KUKA & LYNN LITTLE PLUME (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Separate Resolutions to Reaffirm Executive Action taken on November 7, 2022 for Trish Kuka and Lynn Little Plume. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-41}

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolutions.}

ANNUAL LEAVE PAYMENT/KWEBB GALBREATH (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an Annual Leave Payment for KWebb Galbreath from the 1010 budget. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-42}

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

BUDGET ISSUE/SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve \$30,000.00 (budget for two months) from the Buildings and General budget for the Tribal Security budget. Second by Timothy Davis. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-43}

BUY-SELL AGREEMENT/WELLMAN PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Buy-Sell Agreement with Robert and Joan Wellman for the Wellman property. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-44}

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING APPRAISALS/PEARL WOMAN PAWN SHOP & SEARS MOTEL (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to pursue Appraisals for the Pearl Woman Pawn Shop in Browning, Mt. and the Sears Motel in East Glacier, Mt. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-45}

OFFICE CLOSURE/CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a motion to close the Blackfeet Tribal Offices on December 26, 2022 – January 2, 2023 for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Further, all non-essential Programs are to submit an On-Call list to the Blackfeet Operations Manager and all essential Programs are to follow their regular schedules. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-46}

ADJOURNMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong, Jr., Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE
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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 8, 2022
12:55 P.M.**

Chairman Illoff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford

INVOCATION: Jim McNeely gave the prayer.

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING EXCERPT #E2023-46/OFFICE CLOSURE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to AMEND Excerpt #E2023-46, Office Closure to be Tuesday, December 20th at 12 noon and reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8 a.m.; further, Essential Programs and workers will be operating at regular schedules and no Overtime will be allowed. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-48}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/TOYS FOR TOTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve financial assistance to Toys for Tots delivery, gas and meals in the amount of \$1,000.00 out of Buildings and General budget; further, the contact person is Keith Heavy Runner. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-47}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/HORN SOCIETY (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve financial assistance to the Horn Society for their December 26, 2022 Iskinni Social Powwow in the amount of \$5,000.00; further, the funds will be taken from the ARPA Mental Health funds. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Legal Department will draft the Resolution.} Excerpt {#E2023-49}

TRIBAL PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Blackfeet Facilities Director; and Lionel Kennerly, Finance Monitor, were present at the meeting to discuss Tribal Projects, inspections, and funding. No action.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Blackfeet Facilities Director, was present at the meeting to discuss functions under the Department. No action.

APPROVING BLACKFEET ARPA FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY ELDER HOME REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$100,000.00 from the Blackfeet ARPA Funds for Emergency Elder Home Repair. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Note: the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/SLICK FOOT SOCIETY (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve financial assistance to the Slick Foot Society for their proposed December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2023 Slick Foot Society Powwow in the amount of \$5,000.00; further, the funds will be taken from the ARPA Supportive Services funds and contact person is Marshalene Last Star. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Legal Department will draft the Resolution.} Excerpt {#E2023-50}

PERSONNEL ISSUE/LIONEL KENNERLY (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly was present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue. No action.

FISH & WILDLIFE/VEHICLE REQUEST (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to transfer a vehicle from the Chief Mountain Hot Hots Program to the Fish and Wildlife Program permanently. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Legal Department will draft the Resolution.} Excerpt {#E2023-51}

MANPOWER PROGRAM REQUEST EXTENSION/CAMPGROUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to extend the ManPower Campgrounds Lease for thirty (30) days until January 31, 2023. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

{Legal Department will draft the Resolution.} Excerpt {#E2023-52}

BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Lunak, Blackfeet Water Department Director, was present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding Tribal Water funds and property purchases. No action.


TRIBAL HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Blackfeet Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting.

Discussion regarding issues with an Employment Contract under Tribal Health. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 20, 2022
9:47 A.M.**

Acting Chairman Lauren Monroe Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Thomas Rutherford
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: James McNeely gave the prayer.

LEGAL ISSUE UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Harry Barnes was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on a legal issue. No action.

*****Timothy Davis entered the meeting at 10:05 A.M. (7)*****

APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE VILLAGER PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):

Lionel Kennerly, Finance Monitor, was present at the meeting to discuss the Terms of the Contract and the renovation.

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract with Edwards Construction for the renovation of the Villager property. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH FINANCIAL COMPANY/GROUP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#140-2023} to approve the Investment Advisory Agreement with Financial Company/Group for Economic Development and Investment Management. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PERSONNEL ISSUE/ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a motion to allow Tribal Directors to approve Compensatory Time or Over Time to Essential Employees during the Holiday Office Closure (if allowable in the Budget). Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-53}

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 583-2022 TO ADD ARPA FUNDS FOR THE 2022 HEART BUTTE INDIAN DAYS TO THE 2022 CHRISTMAS POW-WOW (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#141-2023} to amend Resolution No. 583-2022 to add ARPA Funds for the 2022 Heart Butte Indian Days to the 2022 Christmas Pow-wow. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/KAINAI HORN SOCIETY POWWOW (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 to the Kainai Horn Society Powwow on December 25, 2022 in Standoff, Alberta. Further, the funds are to be taken from the Buildings and General Budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-54}

BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

UPDATING BLACKFEET LAND PURCHASE PLAN (2022) UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#134-2023} to update the Blackfeet Land Purchase Plan under the Blackfeet Water Settlement and to approve the Expenditure Plan. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING BUYER'S FINAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE GREG KING PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#135-2023} to approve the Buyer's Final Settlement Statement for the Greg King properties. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING BUYER'S FINAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE RALEIGH AND LORRAINE KING PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {#136-2023} to approve the Buyer's Final Settlement Statement for the Raleigh and Lorraine King properties. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPOINTING THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL AS THE BLACKFEET WATER RIGHTS COMPACT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR PROJECTS UNDER BLACKFEET WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT (CLOSED SESSION):

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to appoint the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council as the Blackfeet Water Rights Compact Leadership Team for projects under Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPOINTING BLACKFEET WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ASSESSMENT TEAM FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to appoint the Blackfeet Water Rights Compact Assessment Team for projects under the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:26 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING \$21,281,923.20 FROM THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT BY THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#137-2023} to approve \$21,281,923.20 from the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act funds for the implementation and administration of the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act by the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING \$2.0 MILLION FROM BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT BY THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$2.0 Million from the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act funds for the administration of the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act by the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:28 A.M. (7)*****

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 128-2023 UPDATING TRIBAL OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON TRIBAL ACCOUNTS RELATING TO BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#128-2023A} to Amend Resolution No. 128-2023 updating Tribal Officials to receive information on Tribal Accounts relating to Blackfeet Water Settlement funds. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

SUPPORTING OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL OR STATE RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE, MOWA BAND OF CHOCTAW, OR ANY OTHER GROUP CLAIMING TO BE A TRIBAL NATION THAT SEEKS TO CIRCUMVENT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S OFFICE OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION PROCESS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#133-2023} to support the Opposition to Federal or State recognition of the Lumbee Tribe, MOWA Band of Choctaw, or any other group claiming to be a Tribal Nation that seeks to circumvent the Department of Interior's Office of Federal Recognition process. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LPW ARCHITECTURES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR SPLASH PARK (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#138-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with LPW Architectures for Conceptual Design for splash park. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH REHBEIN ENTERPRISES FOR THE JOE SHOW CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution {139-2023} to approve the Construction Contract with Rehbein Enterprises for the Joe Show culvert replacement project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVAL OF CHIEF MOUNTAIN IHC PROGRAM P.L. 93-638 FY 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#142-2023} to approve the Chief Mountain IHC Program P.L. 93-638 FY 2023. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE ICWA LEGISLATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#143-2023} to approve a Letter of Support for State ICWA Legislation. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CULTURE CENTER BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Culture Center building. No action.

LOBBYIST CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

BLAKE BOUSHIE/FIRE LOSS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 to Blake Boushie for Fire Loss from the Disaster fund. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-55}

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR LIVESTOCK DUE TO LACK OF FOOD RESOURCES (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to declare a State of Emergency for livestock due to lack of food resources. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT FOR THE SITZMANN PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Timothy Davis made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement for the Sitzmann property. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT FOR THE CIRCLE R MOTEL (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement for the Circle R Motel. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Everett Armstrong WITHDREW his second.

Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

DECLARING BROWNING, MT AS THE CAPITAL OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to declare Browning, Mt. as the Capital of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) VEHICLES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to approve ARPA Funds for the purchase of four (4) vehicles. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{**Note:** the Blackfeet Legal Department will draft the Resolution.}