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**BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
MINUTES
APPROVED JUNE 21, 2023**

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| 1. April 6, 2023 | General Session |
| 2. April 12, 2023 | Special Session |
| 3. April 19, 2023 | Special Session |
| 4. April 27, 2023 | Special Session |
| 5. April 28, 2023 | Special Session |
| 6. May 1, 2023 | Special Session |
| 7. May 4, 2023 | General Session |



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 6, 2023
9:27 A.M.**

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

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Lauren Monroe Jr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall

Virgil Last Star

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS: Two Financial Requests were added to the Agenda.

APPROVING LAND BOARD MINUTES/3-28-23: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-126}

APPROVING LAND BOARD MINUTES/3-14-2023: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to approve the March 14, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-127}

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the February 28, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the March 2, 2023 General Session Minutes; the March 2, 2023 Enrollment Minutes; the March 6, 2023 Special Session; the March 13, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the March 15, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the March 20, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the March 27, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the March 30, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the cover sheet of the Minutes Packet provided to the BTBC.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CON'T.): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to approve the BTBC Meeting Minutes, as presented. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Everett Armstrong stated the BTBC has been invited to a meeting on April 10, 2023 with the Browning Public Schools to discuss prom, gym usage, and after school activities.

Shelly Hall stated the \$1.2 Million Grant within the Blackfeet Environmental Office has been submitted and there will be a response by December.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated there has been \$46 million expended from the ARPA Funds and \$53 million remaining. The remaining funds have all been allocated and the BTBC will need to schedule a meeting for budget adjustments. \$40 Million of the ARPA have been invested and there has been \$189,000 interest income accrued in one month.

Joe Gervais stated the Tribal Revenue total is \$10,296.00. \$9,928,000 is purely Tribal Revenue and the balance of the difference is direct costs recovered thus far.

There will be a paperless process developed for requisitions, purchase orders, travel, and inventory tracking. Mr. Gervais stated he will provide a cost to the BTBC for this new process.

Joe Gervais stated the Possessory Interest funds is accrued from Trust Land and there will be a breakdown submitted to the BTBC to review.

DE LA SALLE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: Shyann Raining Bird, Jasper Whitegrass, Peyton Morris, Hayden Edwards, Todd Morgan, and Hezekiah Arrowtop were present at the meeting to request a donation for the De La Salle 8th Grade trip to Chicago, Il.

Shyann Raining Bird stated the group has been fundraising for 11 students to travel.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/DE LA SALLE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#366-2023} to approve a financial request in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the De La Salle 8th Grade Trip from the ARPA Health and Wellness. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-122}

JUNK VEHICLES & ABANDONED TRAILERS: Everett Armstrong stated Tribal Ordinance #105 was adopted to ban retail plastic bags on the Blackfeet Reservation. Everett Armstrong stated within Ordinance #105, there is a section for abandoned trailer homes and junk vehicles within the Reservation. Everett Armstrong stated the Beautification Plan is now in the planning stages to address these issues.

JUNK VEHICLES & ABANDONED TRAILERS (CON'T.): Shelly Hall stated the Blackfeet Environment has submitted Grant Applications for recycling and illegal dump sites. Blackfeet Solid Waste has a draft Plan ready for BTBC review to access IHS funding. The Tribe does own a car crusher and there will be a plan submitted for this function. A separate plan is being developed for the recycling and disposal of used tires littering the Blackfeet Reservation. There will be a two week clean up period on the Blackfeet Reservation for free dumping, dates are to follow for the public.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Edmund "Wishy" Augare, and Honorary Men's Council Members, were present at the meeting to introduce Richard "Dick" Bird, newly appointed Honorary Men's Council Member.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS: Jodi Carlson, Tribal Administrator, stated there are five Financial Requests for BTBC approval.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS/JADEN SALWAY & GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolutions {367-2023, 368-2023} to approve the following Financial Requests from the ARPA Health and Wellness funds:

- 1) Jaden Salway - \$500.00 (contact person: Nathaniel After Buffalo) to attend a Boxing event in Spokane, WA
- 2) Girls Basketball team - \$1640.60 (contact person: Karly Bird) for eight girls to attend a basketball tournament in Rocky Boy, MT

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-123}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/ANGEL MARCEAU: Jodi Carlson, B.O.M, stated Ms. Marceau is requesting \$1,000.00 for living expenses related to a house fire. Thomas Rutherford Jr. stated there is a Disaster fund Ms. Marceau can utilize for her request.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AFTER PROM ACTIVITIES: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#369-2023} to approve the Financial Request in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Browning Public Schools (contact person: Heidi Bull Calf) After Prom Activities for April 16, 2023 from the Health and Wellness ARPA Funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-124}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/EASTER BASKETS: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#370-2023} to approve the Financial Request in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Rae Tall Whiteman-Armstrong for Easter Baskets for the Community from the ARPA Health and Wellness Funds. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-125}

TRIBAL HEALTH: Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, stated there is a digital system for time keeping for the employees.

Tribal Health has their own website and facebook page available to the public and updated regularly. COVID-19 Statistics, job listings, job applications, and community events can be found on these platforms.

There was a strategic planning session held to discuss community events and job/internship opportunities for the youth. There will be more fun-runs planned throughout the summer in all communities and Tribal Health will notify the public of any upcoming runs. Running clubs will be established across the Reservation.

Tribal Health has helped fund the renovation for the Blackfeet Nation Boxing Club, and the renovation is near completion.

There will be a Summer Youth Program administered by Tribal Health and more information will be released to the public once all details are finalized.

Chairman Iliff Kipp inquired if there is a Directory of all Tribal Health Programs and Grants. Garland Stiffarm stated there is a list of all Grants within the Tribal Health systems.

Virgil Last Star inquired if there are any resources available for playground equipment in Heart Butte. Garland Stiffarm replied he will look into the equipment.

Garland Stiffarm stated Tribal Health will be researching resources for youth camping trips in the summer.

The Blackfeet Tribe's share in the IHS regional funding \$263,000 which is reoccurring funding. Mr. Stiffarm recommended the Tribe develop a plan to access these Tribal shares in a Special Session.

HONORING/DONALD FISH JR.: Donald Fish Jr. was honored for his Military service and gifts were presented.

WANDA PETERSON/AGENDA ISSUES: Wanda Peterson stated she is requesting a Letter regarding Enrollment criteria issues.

Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. inquired if Mrs. Peterson has spoken with the proper departments regarding her issue before requesting to be put on the agenda. Mrs. Peterson replied yes.

It was the consensus of the BTBC that this matter be redirected to the Tribal Administrator.

HONORARY WOMEN’S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses and Honorary Women’s Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss a meeting held for the planning of the Beautification Project, and housing issues.

HONORARY MEN’S COUNCIL: Edmund “Wishy” Augare and Honorary Men’s Council Members were present at the meeting to greet the BTBC.

RECESS: The meeting recessed.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened.

BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM O&M (CLOSED SESSION): Donald Fish, Blackfeet Boarding Dorm O&M Director, was present at the meeting to request action on a proposal for competitive wages for the Boarding Dorm O&M staff.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Resolution {#434-2023}

CLARIFYING P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT FOR BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM O&M CONTRACTED FUNCTIONS NOT INCLUDING WATER TOWER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND PROVIDING OFFICE SPACE FOR THE O&M STAFF AT THE BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#371-2023} to clarify P.L. 93-638 Contract for Blackfeet Boarding Dorm O&M Contracted functions not including Water Tower and Wastewater Operations and Maintenance and providing office space for the O&M staff at the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

EASTER BASKETS/NURTURING CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): It was the consensus of the BTBC to provide Easter baskets to the Blackfeet Nurturing Center.

BLACKFEET TRIBAL COURT (CLOSED SESSION): Marshalene Last Star, Tribal Court Administrator, was present at the meeting to discuss issues within the Tribal Court.

No action.

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

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CLOSED SESSION): Brad Hall, BCC President, and the BCC Board, were present at the meeting to discuss changes to the BCC Charter.

Kim Boy, BCC Board Member, stated a Memo was provided to the BTBC with the revisions of the Charter. Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the changes have been reviewed by BCC's Legal Counsel and it is now the BTBC's decision to adopt the changes.

ADOPTING THE BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARTER (2023)
(CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#372-2023} to adopt the Blackfeet Community College Charter, with revisions presented to the BTBC with all other previous Charters to be repealed and replaced. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dana Pemberton, Personnel Department Director, was present at the meeting to present the Tribal Professional Wage Scale.

No action.

APPROVING THE PERFORMANCE BOND THRESHOLD (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to request action on a Performance Bond Threshold. The Legal Department recommends \$100,000-\$250,000.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a \$250,000.00 Performance Bond Threshold. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

The Legal Department will draft a Policy for the Performance Bond.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 571-2022 CORRECTING THE LAND DESCRIPTION FOR THE PUGSLEY RANCH FEE TO TRUST APPLICATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#373-2023} to Amend Resolution No. 571-2022 correcting the Land Description for the Pugsley Ranch Fee to Trust Application. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#374-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#375-2023}

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023 ENTITLED, "UPDATING LAND PURCHASE PLAN (2022) UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE PLAN" TO INCLUDE THE JOHNSON RANCH OFFER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#134-2023A} to Amend Resolution No. 134-2023 entitled, "Updating Land Purchase Plan (2022) under the Blackfeet Water Settlement and Approving Expenditure Plan" to include the Johnson Ranch Offer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; zero (0) OPPOSED; and one (1) ABSTAIN, Lauren Monroe Jr. (5-0-1) (6)

{Note: this Land has been identified with key factors pursuant to the Land Acquisition Ordinance and the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act as potential lands that the Blackfeet Tribe MAY purchase.}

PERSONNEL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding personnel issues. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#431-2023}

ADJOURNMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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APPROVED:



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MINUTES OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM APRIL 12, 2023

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Thomas Rutherford

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. read a letter from the Tribal Special Election Board requesting the BTBC to certify ten (10) candidates for the Tribal Special Election for Browning District only to be held April 25, 2023.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the certification of the ten (10) candidates who are eligible for the Tribal Special Election for Browning District only to be held April 25, 2023. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)
Excerpt {#E2023-128}

ARPA FUNDS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Letter that will be sent to individuals who received assistance from the ARPA Funds for various activities.

BTBC COMMITTEES (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated there are several Resolutions appointing BTBC Committees. It was the recommendation of the Legal Department that all Committees be placed on one list and approved under one Resolution.

BTBC COMMITTEES (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong stated he would like to rename the “Splash Park” Committee to “Park Development” Committee.

The Finance Committee was selected as follows: Thomas Rutherford Jr., Chairman; Iliff Kipp Sr., Vice-Chairman, all Council.

POLARIS CONSULTING/BILL (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the billing of Polaris Consulting.

It was the Consensus of the BTBC to pay the bill, but revisit the Consultant Agreement.

CULTURAL CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Cultural Center. No action, the issue will be discussed in the Culture Committee.

BOTTLED WATER PLANT PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Iliff Kipp Sr. inquired if plans are moving forward with the project. KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Deputy Director, replied the Water Department would like to meet with the BTBC and the Economic Development Committee for strategic planning.

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

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023A ENTITLED, “UPDATING LAND PURCHASE PLAN (2022) UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE PLAN” TO INCLUDE RICE, BRADLEY AND STEWART AGRICULTURE PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to amend Resolution No. 134-2023A entitled, “Updating Land Purchase Plan (2022) under the Blackfeet Water Settlement and approving Expenditure Plan” to include Rice, Bradley and Stewart agriculture properties. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PIONEER HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#408-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with Pioneer Home Inspections, LLC. for appraisal services provided to the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND PYRAMID COMMUNICATIONS (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#399-2023} to approve a 3-year Professional Services Contract in the amount of \$150,000.00 between the Blackfeet Tribe and Pyramid Communications for media reporting and Website services. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. UNDER THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE WATER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CHEWING BLACKBONES CAMPGROUND (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Task Order with HDR Engineering, Inc. under the Master Services Agreement for the Water Development Plan for the Chewing Blackbones Campground. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AT THE CHEWING BLACKBONES CAMPGROUND UNDER THE WATER SETTLEMENT ACT (CLOSED SESSION):

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#400-2023} to approve a Feasibility Study for Recreational Infrastructure Improvement at the Chewing Blackbones Campground under the Water Settlement Act. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. UNDER THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE WATER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BLACKFEET WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Task Order with HDR Engineering, Inc. under the Master Services Agreement for the Water Development Plan for the Blackfeet Wellness Center. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING TRANSFER OF BLACKFEET UTILITIES COMMISSION (BUC) TWO MEDICINE WATER AND DOMESTIC WATER UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#401-2023} to approve the transfer of Blackfeet Utilities Commission (BUC) Two Medicine Water and Domestic Water under the Public Works Water Department Subdivision, the transition shall also include the funds awarded to these entities to ensure effective consolidation of these functions. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss items for BTBC Action.

HEART BUTTE POWWOW GROUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis provided the BTBC with two design proposals for the Heart Butte Powwow Grounds. The dance arena will be 18,500 square feet with an estimated cost of \$2,775,000. The cost of the dance arena, stickgame building, and parking areas will be \$4.25 million. There has been discussion with the Treasurer and there are no discretionary funds available for the project. The A&E Firm would like to meet with the BTBC to discuss how to move forward.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. inquired if the funds were allocated when the project would be complete. Cheryl Reevis replied there is not a definite answer. Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated there will need to be discussions held to determine the funding.

SPLASH PARK (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis stated the Tribe has been in LPW and Northwest Playground. There needs to be an advertisement for the construction of the project.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LPW ARCHITECTURE FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR SPLASH PARK (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with LPW Architecture for a Conceptual Design provided for the Splash Park in the amount of \$10,000.00 with funds to be paid from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR ERLINA OLD PERSON TO ATTEND KYIYO POWWOW ON BEHALF OF THE LATE CHIEF EARL OLD PERSON (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#395-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from ARPA Health and Wellness Funds for Erlina Old Person to attend Kyiyo Powwow on behalf of the late Chief Earl Old Person. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR THE HEART BUTTE 6TH GRADE CLASS TO ATTEND FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS (CLOSED SESSION): Jodi Carlson, Blackfeet Operations Manager, stated the class has already fundraised \$2,000.00 and is requesting \$1,000.00.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#396-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from ARPA Health and Wellness Funds for the Heart Butte 6th Grade class to attend Fairmont Hot Springs. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

BTBC SCHEDULE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the BTBC Schedule. No action.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Resolution {#402-2023}

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Resolution {#403-2023}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/BPS PROM (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion to approve \$1,000.00 to Browning Public Schools for After Prom Activities. Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney stated the action has already been taken and the Resolution has been sent.

Lauren Monroe Jr. WITHDREW his motion.

ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVED:



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APRIL 27, 2023

9:29 a.m.

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Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated there have been discussions with Casey Sovo to create solutions to make the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm more accessible for children.

It is now only required to be ¼ combined Indian Blood to attend the Boarding Dorm and there are efforts to recognize Blackfeet Descendants to also attend.

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

TRIBAL HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Acting Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss a building rental for EMS and Behavioral Health Programs.

APPROVING COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH PATRICK SCHILDT FOR THE ENERTECH BUILDING FOR TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (CLOSED SESSION):
Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#409-2023} to approve a Commercial Lease with Patrick Schildt for the Enertech Building for Tribal Health Programs for three years. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

RENT MATRIX (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Rent Matrix for Tribal Buildings. No action.

TRIBAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Tenniell Tatsey, Credit Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss withholding PerCapita Checks for individuals who are in debt to Tribal Credit. Notification letters have been mailed and there will be a filing at Tribal Court.

It was the Consensus of the BTBC to TABLE this item for further discussion.

APPROVING TEMPORARY TOUR OF DUTY FOR THE CREDIT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#423-2023} to approve a Temporary Tour of Duty for the Credit Department on a Trial Basis from May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023 Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Tuesday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to which each employee should rotate every week to ensure the Credit Department is open to the public. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6)

NAID ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray stated the BTBC approved the Conceptual Design. The Contract with Ed Kennedy & Associates and Budget will need BTBC Action.

This Action was TABLED.

TRIBAL PROJECT INSPECTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

TERMINATING INSPECTION SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): CONFIDENTIAL Resolution {#411-2023}

RECESS: The meeting recessed.

PROJECT MANAGER/CULTURAL CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Cultural Center Project Manager and Inspector positions.

OIL & GAS DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Angel Wolftail, Oil & Gas Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the O&G Department Budget.

Action was TABLED.

APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LAMARSA CORPORATION CONTRACT ADDING THE HARPER WELLS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#410-2023} to approve the Second Amendment to the LaMarsa Corporation adding the Harper Wells. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING TEMPORARY TOUR OF DUTY FOR THE OIL AND GAS DIRECTOR (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#422-2023} to approve a Temporary Tour of Duty for the Oil & Gas Director to reflect 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED. (5-1) (6)

TWO POWERS LAND COLLECTIVE INCORPORATED (CLOSED SESSION): Lynn Madplume, Two Powers Land Collective Inc., was present at the meeting to request approval to apply for Grants.

It was the consensus of the BTBC for Ms. Madplume to meet with the Planning Department Clearinghouse.

Lynn Madplume requested financial assistance to repair the Madplume Arena, in the amount of \$54,800.00, or any assistance available.

It was the recommendation of the BTBC that the Treasurer be present for the discussion regarding this request.

Action TABLED.

SIYEH CORPORATION (CLOSED SESSION): Dennis Fitzpatrick, Siyeh Corp. CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss the Bottled Water Project.

The feasibility study has been completed; a storage facility and water source will need to be identified.

Discussion regarding affordable pricing and advantages of the Project for the Tribe.

BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Deputy Water Director, requested to move the closing date on the Montana Hansen property purchase to May 19, 2023.

The Bureau of Reclamation is having a Water meeting in Billings, MT on May 17-18, 2023 and the BTBC is invited.

The Water Department would like to have an orientation on the BIA Trust funds.

Two Medicine Water is at 74% collections KWebb Galbreath requested the BTBC reconsider the water shut-off Moratorium.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 149-2023 AMENDING WATER SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT

(CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#412-2023} to Amend Resolution No. 149-2023 to amend the Water Settlement Administration Budget for the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert “Smokey” and Darnell Doore, were present at the meeting for a Zoom call with Montana Historical Society to update the BTBC. No action.

HONOR YOUR LIFE (CLOSED SESSION): Debbie Whitegrass, and Dorothy Still Smoking, Honor Your Life, were present at the meeting to discuss outside funding provided to the Program.

APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH TIRF FOR SAFE ROADS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#413-2023} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) to develop and complete an Action Plan using the Safe Systems Approach and Vision Zero to reduce deaths for a total contract price of \$198,772.00 (to be paid from the SS4A Grant) for two (2) years to be administered by the Honor Your Life Program Director. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

IRB TRAINING (CLOSED SESSION): Debbie Bullshoe stated there will be an Institutional Review Board Training on May 30, 2023.

C&J CONCRETE/BASKETBALL COURTS (CLOSED SESSION): Carl Harwood, C&J Concrete, was present at the meeting to request financials to complete two Basketball courts.

It was the consensus of the BTBC to discuss this item with the Treasurer.

APPROVING ELECTION OF PAYMENT FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND DIRECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND BUDGET FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SETTLEMENT AWARD

(CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#414-2023} to approve Election of payment for Opioid Settlement and directing the establishment of a separate bank account and budget for the receipt and expenditure of the Settlement Award. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUESTS (CLOSED SESSION): Jodi Carlson, Tribal Administrator, presented Financial Requests.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/BREEANNA POLK (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the financial request in the amount of \$500.00 to Breeanna Polk to assist with expenses to Tempe Arizona; further, the funds are to at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-134}

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION #129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR 2023 GRADUATION ROUND DANCES (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#420-2023} to approve an Allocation of \$2,500.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution #129-2022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” to the Heart Butte High School and \$2,500.00 to the Browning High School for 2023 Graduation Round Dances. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION #129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR THE 2023 HEART BUTTE SENIOR TRIP (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#421-2023} to approve an Allocation of \$5,000.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution #129-2022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” for the 2023 Heart Butte Senior Trip. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION #129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR THE 2023 EAST GLACIER PARK SCHOOL “CHILDREN’S THEATER” (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#419-2023} to approve an Allocation of \$1,500.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution #129-2022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” for the 2023 East Glacier Park School Children’s Theater. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/TYLER BAKER (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Financial Request from Tyler Baker. Action was TABLED.

ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR PRIORITY TRIBAL FUNDS REQUEST (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#418-2023} to establish criteria for priority Tribal Funds Requests as follows;

- a. Medical Hardship
- b. Elder Hardship
- c. Youth Activities
- d. All other Funding Requests

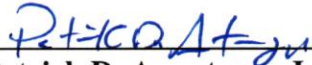
Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR JUDY RACINE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BLACKFEET HOUSING UNIT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#417-2023} to approve an allocation from ARPA Funds in the amount of \$3,986.00 for Judy Racine to be eligible for a Blackfeet Housing Unit, due to ineligibility under Resolution No. 293-2020 “Approving CARES Act Funds to Blackfeet Housing to Assist with Homelessness” and current inhabitable living conditions. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

RECESS: The meeting Recessed.

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APPROVED:



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MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 28, 2023
12:19 p.m.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Acting Secretary Thomas Rutherford roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. gave the prayer.

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

APPROVING DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH ONE FIRE ASSOCIATES, LLC PURSUANT TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL TRIBAL SUBSTANCE USE HEALING CENTER COLLABORATIVE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#437-2023} to approve a Data Sharing Agreement with One Fire Associates, LLC pursuant to the Blackfeet Tribe's participation in the Regional Tribal Substance Use Healing Center Collaborative. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING RIGHT OF WAY FOR GLACIER ELECTRIC COOP., INC FOR THE IHS HOSPITAL QUARTERS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#415-2023} to approve a Right-of-Way for Glacier Electric Coop., Inc. for the Indian Health Service Hospital Quarters. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CLARIFYING BILLINGS A&E DESIGN FIRM AS CONSULTANT FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to clarify that the A&E Design Firm from Billings, MT. is only a Consultant to Michael Gervais, Engineer, for the Health and Wellness Center construction project. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING JUDICIAL CONTRACT WITH SAMPSON JUNEAU AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#424-2023} to approve the Judicial Contract with Sampson Juneau as Associate Judge. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

OATH OF OFFICE/SAMPSON JUNEAU (CLOSED SESSION): The Oath of Office was administered by Chairman Iliff S. Kipp Sr.

Sampson Juneau reads and signs the Oath.

BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Minnetta Armstrong, BECC Director, was present at the meeting to request action on Grant funding.

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (BECC) TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2023 FOR HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,077,901.00 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#451-2023} to authorize the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center (BECC) to submit an Annual Funding Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2023 for Head Star and Early Head Start in the amount of \$5,077,901.00. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (BECC) TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2023 FOR THE TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV) GRANT PROGRAM, OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#450-2023} to authorize the BECC to submit a Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2023 for the MIECHV Grant Program, Office of Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families in the amount of \$800,000.00. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

BECC/COLA (CLOSED SESSION): Minnetta Armstrong requested BTBC Action for a 5.6% COLA for the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center employees.

Dawn Gray, Tribal Attorney, stated the COLA is approved under the BECC Shared Governance Agreement.

BECC/BOILER (CLOSED SESSION): Minnetta Armstrong stated the boiler has stopped working and will need to be repaired.

Action TABLED.

AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE “BIDI/HIP BUILDING RENOVATION” TO THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#432-2023} to authorize the addition of the “BIDI/HIP Building Renovation” to the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE “HEART BUTTE BIA RTE. 1 FENCING PROJECT,” TO THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FY 23 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#433-2023} to authorize the addition of the “Heart Butte BIA Route 1 Fencing Project” to the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2023 TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#425-2023} to authorize the Planning Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Business Development Grant for the completion of the renovation of the Mini Mall Building in East Glacier, Mt for tourism services and job creation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE BLACKFEET LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#439-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for the Blackfeet Legal Department in the amount of \$100,000.00 to be taken from the Buildings and General Budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES FOR DRAFTING OF WILLS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#436-2023} to approve an Agreement with Montana Legal Services for drafting of Wills for Tribal Members. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#438-2023}

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FAMILY SPIRIT, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL, MATERNAL INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM, OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (CLOSED SESSION): Zana McDonald, Tribal Health Grants Manager, was present at the meeting to clarify that no other Tribal program/department has applied for this specific Grant.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#435-2023} to authorize the Blackfeet Tribal Health Department, Family Spirit, to submit a Grant Application for the Tribal, Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Expansion Grant Program, Office of Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

TRIBAL ELECTION WORKERS/TRIBAL EMPLOYEES (CLOSED SESSION):
Discussion regarding the Tribal Employee Tribal Election Worker pay.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TEMPORARY TRIBAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2023 TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve payment to Temporary Tribal Employees for the April 25, 2023 Tribal Special Election. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

It was the recommendation of the BTBC to write a Policy to pay Tribal Employees who work Tribal Elections.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#469-2023}

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (2023) VERSION 2.0 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#466-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Healing to Wellness Courts Policies and Procedures Manual (2023) Version 2.0. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAYMENT TO TRIBAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2023 TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION AND DRAFTING POLICY (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve payment to Tribal Employees for the 2023 Tribal Special Election and Drafting of a Policy for future events in which Tribal Employees provide services outside their official capacity on Paid Days Off. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HEART BUTTE WATER SYSTEMS/SHAWN & RAY BOGGS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to pay Shawn Boggs and Ray Boggs from ARPA Funds in the amount of \$7,663.00 for services provided to the Heart Butte Water System. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 113-2017 TO EXPAND OPTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF STRAY LIVESTOCK ON TRIBAL RANCHES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#476-2023} to Amend Resolution No. 113-2017 to expand options for the disposal of Stray Livestock on Tribal Ranches after a two (2) day notice to stockowners as follows, to be administered under the discretion of the Blackfeet Land Department:

- a. Cannery,
- b. On-reservation bid,
- c. Butcher livestock for food assistance.

Second by Shelly Hall.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. AMENDED his motion to reflect that any Revenue from the disposal of such livestock shall be reallocated to the Blackfeet Land Department for Program expenditures related to the disposal of unclaimed livestock. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT (2023) WITH TAMMY BOYIDDLE FOR "UPPER KING RANCH HOUSE" (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Lease Agreement with Tammy Boyiddle for "Upper King Ranch House", for Month to Month at will housing. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL COURT (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#426-2023} to approve the updated Organizational Chart for the Blackfeet Tribal Court. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PAYMENT TO DOUBLE G CONSTRUCTION FOR STOLTZ RANCH REPAIRS FROM RENT REVENUE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$1,249.07 to Double G Construction for Stoltz Ranch repairs from the Rent Revenue budget. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

BUDGETING TRIBAL RESIDENTIAL RENT INCOME FOR REPAIRS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE PROPERTY MANAGER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#477-2023} to direct the Blackfeet Tribal Treasurer to create a separate account for the residential rental income to be utilized for maintenance of rental units to be administered by the Blackfeet Tribal Property Manager. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FARM AND RANCH PLAN DRAWDOWN (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
MAY 1, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

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

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting (7)*****

APPROVING BUDGET REVISIONS FOR GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#444-2023} to approve the following budget amendments, per recommendation from the Treasurer, from the Per Capita budget in the total amount of \$489,739.46

- a. Land Purchase - \$174,403.72
- b. Winter Disaster - \$92,909.00
- c. Hardship - \$60,493.82
- d. Switch Board - \$61,932.92

Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING BUDGET REVISIONS FOR ARPA PROGRAMS (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#445-2023} to approve the following budget amendments from the Water, Sewer, and Broadband ARPA Project Funds;

- a. Separation Benefit - \$53,295.38
- b. Hatfield Dawson Contract - \$16,920.00
- c. Xtiri - \$81,482.53
- d. Commerce Department - \$20,017.97
- e. Producer Assistance - \$245,009.00
- f. Heart Butte Fire Department - \$9,985.94
- g. Chief Mtn. Hot Shot Vehicles - \$3,030.00
- h. Browning Celebration of Healing - \$61,971.15
- i. Equine Therapy - \$5,000.00
- j. Burial - \$34,340.92
- k. Food Pantry - \$210,521.92
- l. Child Care - \$58,469.03
- m. Elderly Home Repair - \$320,907.38
- n. Incident Command - \$84,086.63
- o. Firewood Forestry - \$215,455.28
- p. Heart Butte Senior Center - \$51,804.73
- q. Medicine Bear Shelter \$133,665.88
- r. Medical Hardship - \$17,033.00
- s. Cancer Support - \$79,775.00
- t. Po’Ka House Renovation - \$14,093.00
- u. Thompson Purchase - \$21,108.62

Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING A BUDGET REVISION FOR CANCER SUPPORT (CLOSED SESSION):

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#446-2023} to approve \$100,000.00 for Cancer Support the funds will be taken from Water, Sewer and Broadband Project Funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR MEDICAL HARDSHIP (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#483-2023} to approve \$100,000.00 from the Water, Sewer and Broadband Project Funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

SPECIAL TRIBAL PROJECTS & INSPECTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

NAID ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the NAID Arbor Project. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened.

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA WATER, SEWER AND BROADBAND PROJECT FUNDS FOR BROWNING HEAD START BOILER REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#484-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$111,500.00 from ARPA Water, Sewer and Broadband Project Funds. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA WATER, SEWER AND BROADBAND PROJECT FUNDS FOR SEPARATION BENEFIT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#485-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Blackfeet Tribal Separation Benefit. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ADOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The meeting Adjourned.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
MAY 4, 2023**

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

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford
Virgil Last Star

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: the 1st Grade Immersion Class gave the prayer.

2023 SPECIAL ELECTION: Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there was a Special Election for the vacant Position #1 on April 25, 2023 of the BTBC to give the people the voice and opportunity to vote for the Position. Robert James DesRosier had the most votes of 390, the votes were certified on April 26, 2023.

INAUGURATING ROBERT DESROSIER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE BROWNING DISTRICT POSITION #1, 44TH TERM OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL AND CERTIFYING THE 2023 BLACKFEET TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#440-2023} to inaugurate Robert DesRosier to fill the unexpired term of the Browning District Position #1, 44th Term of the BTBC and to certify the 2023 Blackfeet Tribal Special Election, per recommendation of the 2023 Blackfeet Tribal Election Board. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

The Blackfeet Warrior Song and Praise Song were sung.

Robert DesRosier offered words of gratitude.

APPOINTING NORA KENNEDY AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR ROBERT DESROSIER: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#458-2023} to appoint Nora Kennedy as Administrative Assistant to Robert DesRosier for the unexpired term of Position No. 1 of the 44th term of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

PERSONNEL ACTION: Personnel Action was taken.

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

Myrna Galbreath congratulated Robert DesRosier on behalf of the Honorary Women's Council.

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

Bill Spotted Eagle congratulated Robert DesRosier.

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT/TERRY TATSEY: Terry Tatsey stated there are twenty proposed projects and there is an opportunity to fast track the projects with private funding.

Robert Joe, CIG Capital, stated the BTBC approved the Master Agreement and there will need to be a Resolution drafted to proceed with the Renewable Energy Project.

Robert Joe described the different sources of Renewable Energy, Hydrogen production, and various funding opportunities for the projects.

Terry Tatsey stated there is a lot of preliminary work to be completed. The project will create approximately 150 jobs.

HEALING RANCH/DIANA BURD: Diana Burd was present at the meeting to discuss efforts of their family to request support for a healing ranch and request funding assistance to repair the Arena.

Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the BTBC has been in discussion with the Planning Department and Tribal Treasurer for Grant submission approval and possible funding opportunities for the Arena, a response will be relayed to the family.

RECESS: The meeting recessed.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT: Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss Liquor Licenses for the Cut Bank Golf Course and Duck Lake Lodge.

APPROVING 3-YEAR PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CUT BANK GOLF COURSE: Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve a 3-Year Provisional Liquor License for Cut Bank Golf Course. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVING 3-YEAR PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DUCK LAKE LODGE: Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve a 3-Year Provisional Liquor License for Duck Lake Lodge. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Director, was present at the meeting to request support for the Strategic Blackfeet Fisheries Plan.

It was the recommendation of the BTBC that the request be vetted by the Blackfeet Legal Department.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Justin Goggles, Animal Control Officer, was present at the meeting.

Gerald Cobell stated Mr. Goggles needs to hire temporary help for the Program, a vehicle to transport dogs and funding for a spay/neuter clinic.

The Program requested \$100,000.00 for operational costs. NO ACTION.

TRIBAL HEALTH: Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss changes to the Personnel Policies and Procedures for Tribal Health Programs.

It was the recommendation of the BTBC that Mr. Stiffarm submit the changes to the Blackfeet Legal Department for review.

Garland Stiffarm stated Tribal Health is formulating an informational Newsletter to be released to the public monthly.

RECESS: The meeting recessed.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened.

RECOGNITION/BLACKFEET YOUTH COUNCIL: The Blackfeet Youth Council were recognized and gifts were presented.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Community Clean-Up project.

Donna YellowOwl stated there will be a Staff Appreciation Day held on June 2, 2023 at the Sleeping Wolf Campground.

There was a request of \$24,700.00 for the Staff Appreciation Day costs.

APPROVING BLAKCFEET ARPA FUNDS FOR THE 2023 STAFF APPRECIATION DAY, POST CLEAN-UP DAY ACTIVITIES: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#449-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$27,400.00 in Blackfeet Tribal ARPA Funds for the 2023 Staff Appreciation Day. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

OVERTIME REQUEST/FACILITIES AND SOLID WASTE: Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve an overtime request for two weeks May 8th, 2023 to May 20th, 2023 for the Facilities Department and Solid Waste Department for clean-up activities. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-140}

V.A CLINIC: The BTBC had a Zoom video call regarding returning the VA Clinic to the Blackfeet Reservation. No action.

HOUSING ISSUES: Discussion regarding a housing issue. No action.

INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL GAMES: Brandon Fish, International Traditional Games, was present at the meeting to update and request support for the Organization's events.

Brandon Fish requested a Sponsorship for youth to participate in the International Traditional Games. No action.

C&C MEAT PROCESSING: Christine Flamand, C&C Meat Processing, was present at the meeting to discuss a USDA Grant funding opportunity and additional land base.

APPROVING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR C&C MEAT PROCESSING: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion to approve a Letter of Support for C&C Meat Processing to apply for Grants. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEPARTMENT: William Old Chief, Land Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss items for BTBC Action.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS: CONFIDENTIAL Resolutions {#471-2023, 472-2023}

APPROVING FUNDING FOR LAND PURCHASE APPRAISALS: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve up to \$25,000.00 for Land Purchase Appraisals with funds to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session, and the Recording Secretary was excused.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): CONFIDENTIAL Resolution {#457-2023}

REALTY DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford, Tribal Realtor, was present at the meeting to recommend BTBC Action on a Buy-Sell Agreement.

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH JOHN AND ALI RAY FOR THE CIRCLE R MOTEL (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#459-2023} to approve the Buy-Sell Agreement with John and Ali Ray for the Circle R Motel. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{This Buy-Sell Agreement is only to start the process for the property purchase.}

PLANNING DEPARTMENT/SOLID WASTE-BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Planning Department Director; and Susie Lamere, Solid Waste Program Director, were present at the meeting to discuss the Beautification Project Operation and Maintenance within the Solid Waste Program.

Cheryl Reevis presented a Resolution for a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$290,000.00 to the Blackfeet Solid Waste Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

Action TABLED, discussions will be held with the Treasurer.

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan is in draft and is being edited by the respective Departments and will soon be presented to the BTBC.

AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) REGION 8 TO RESOLVE VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT BY THE BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE AT THE STARR SCHOOL WASTEWATER LAGOONS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Consent Agreement with U.S. EPA Region 8 to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act by the Blackfeet Environmental Office at the Starr School Wastewater Lagoons. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) REGION 8 TO RESOLVE VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT BY THE BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE AT THE STARR SCHOOL WASTEWATER LAGOONS (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): The Consent Agreement also requires the Blackfeet Tribe to pay at least \$35,709.75 for Supplemental Environmental Project a project that requires the Tribe to replace four (4) grinder pumps at the Heart Butte Wastewater Lagoons and purchase a portable trash pump and 50-foot hose to respond to emergency events or maintenance needs.

APPROVING THE STAGELINE PIZZA CO. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND PLACING IT UNDER BLACKFEET HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISES LLC. (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Stageline Pizza Co. Franchise Agreement and placing it under the Blackfeet Hospitality Enterprises. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE ENHANCED TRIBAL CARD (ETC) PROGRAM BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#442-2023} to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for the Enhanced Tribal Card (ETC) Program between the Blackfeet Tribe and Border Protection. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

BLACKFEET HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Evan Thompson, Blackfeet Housing Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss the Blackfeet Housing Policies. No action.

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR CACEE GRAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IN WASHINGTON (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#452-2023} to approve an Allocation in the amount of \$500.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution No. 129-1022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” for Cacee Gray to participate in the Washington State Wrestling Tournament. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/DAKOTA LOUIS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the amount of \$800.00 to Dakota Louis to assist with expenses to the PBR World Finals in Texas; further the funds are to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-135}

APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND ACELA (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax made a Motion by Resolution {#441-2023} to approve an Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and ACELA to acquire surplus federal property and refurbish, market and sell on the open market. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PERSONNEL ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Personnel Action was taken.

MADPLUME FAMILY (CLOSED SESSION): The Madplume was present at the meeting to request financial assistance for the Mother's Day Rodeo.

APPROVING ALLOCATION OF \$15,000.00 FROM ARPA FOR HELLS HALF MOTHERS DAY RODEO (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#464-2023} to approve an allocation of \$15,000.00 from ARPA funds for Hells Half Mother's Day Rodeo. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, (5-2) (7)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting Adjourned.

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APPROVED:



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