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**BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APPROVED JULY 19, 2023**

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| <b>1. May 9, 2023</b>  | <b>Special Session</b> |
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| <b>3. May 12, 2023</b> | <b>Special Session</b> |
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ROBERT DesROSIER

## MINUTES OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM MAY 9, 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 six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Thomas Rutherford

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Robert DesRosier

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.  
Virgil Last Star

**INVOCATION:** Robert DesRosier gave the prayer.

**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)

**APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR THE NAID ARBOR BLEACHERS AND FLOORING (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an allocation in the amount of \$345,808.00 for the bleachers and flooring for the NAID Arbor. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**SUSAN WEBBER (CLOSED SESSION):** Susan Webber, Montana State Legislature, was present at the meeting to request the BTBC to attend the unveiling of the late Chief Earl Old Person Memorial Highway on July 6, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

Discussion regarding Senate Joint Resolution #6 and Senate Bill #119.

Further discussion regarding the Fee to Trust process for lands on the Reservation and taxes.

**U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (CLOSED SESSION):** Kathleen Williams, USDA Rural Development State Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on items from a Community Meeting held regarding agriculture.

**APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH JOHN AND ALI RAY FOR THE CIRCLE R MOTEL (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

It was stated the Action has already been approved on May 4, 2023 under Resolution No. 459-2023.

**APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH ROBIN JOHNSON FOR THE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#460-2023} to approve the Buy-Sell Agreement with Robin Johnson for the Agricultural Land and Properties. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

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

**APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH NANCY FEAKES FOR THE FEAKES MOBILE HOME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#461-2023} to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement with Nancy Feakes for the Feakes Mobile Commercial Property. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

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

**APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH JOANNE SPEARSON FOR COMMERCIAL LAND PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#462-2023} to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement with Joanne Spearson for Commercial Land Property. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

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

**APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT WITH GLACIER VILLAGE RESTAURANT LLC FOR THE GIFT SHOP COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#463-2023} to approve a Buy-Sell Agreement with Glacier Village Restaurant LLC for the Gift Shop Commercial Property. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

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

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:00 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING SOLE SOURCE WITH PARADIGM 3 ARCHITECTURE, PLLC, AIA CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN OF BLACKFEET TRANSIT FACILITY ADDITION (CLOSED SESSION):** Warren Blackman, Transit Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the addition project.

**Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#467-2023A} to approve a Sole Source AIA Contract with Paradigm 3 Architecture, PLLC, for the design of the Blackfeet Transit Program Addition. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

**PROPERTY PURCHASES (CLOSED SESSION):** Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the BTBC would like a report on all funding for Property Purchases approved by the BTBC.

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 11:20 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 11:20 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**AMENDING THE BLACKFEET PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (2018) ADDING THE DEFINITION OF OVERTIME (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to Amend the Blackfeet Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to add the following definition of Overtime:

Work hours in excess of forty (40) worked hours in a workweek which is eligible to be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) of the employee's hourly rate for each excess hour worked under the provisions of the PP&P Manual. Worked hours means "on duty and does not include any paid time off or weekends or holidays not worked.

Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**GRIEVANCE PROCESS (CLOSED SESSION):** discussion regarding the Grievance Process. No action.

The Policy will be submitted to the BTBC for review.

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Director, was present at the meeting to request action on liquor licenses for Brownies Grocery Store, Trailhead Bar and Whistle Stop Restaurant.

**APPROVING 3 YEAR PROVISIONAL CLASS III LIQUOR LICENSE TO BROWNIES GROCERY STORE (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to approve a 3-year Provisional Class III Liquor License to Brownies Grocery Store. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**APPROVING A 3 YEAR PROVISIONAL CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE TO TRAILHEAD BAR (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve a 3 year Provisional Class I Liquor License to Trailhead Bar. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**BUSINESS LICENSE SLIDING FEE SCALE (CLOSED SESSION):** Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Director, stated there has been discussion with the Legal Department for drafting the Business License Sliding Fee Scale.

**STAMPEDE PARK UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** George Kipp, Manpower Director, Gayle Skunkcap, and Wendy Bullchild, Manpower employees were present at the meeting to discuss the repairs to be made to the Charging Home Stampede Park before North American Indian Days.

**BUFFALO CALF CAMPGROUND (CLOSED SESSION):** The Grand Opening for the Buffalo Calf Campground will take place on June 2, 2023.

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

**APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN BILLINGS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT AN ELDER FALL PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#561-2023} to approve a MOU between Billings Area Indian Health Services and the BTBC to implement an Elder Fall Program. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**TRIBAL HEALTH PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CLOSED SESSION):** Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated the Blackfeet Tribal Health Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual will need to be adopted by the BTBC.

Discussions will be held with the Tribal Health CEO.

**AMENDING PLAN OF OPERATIONS TO UPDATE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE BLACKFEET OPERATIONS MANAGER UNDER THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGING THE TITLE TO "TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR" (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#495-2023} to Amend the Blackfeet Plan of Operations to update the Job Description for the Blackfeet Operations Manager under the Plan of Operations and changing the title to "Tribal Administrator" and to update the Job Description for the Tribal Administrator to reflect the minimum education requirement as an Associate's Degree. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of six (6) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Shelly Hall. (6-0-1) (7)

**APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BLACKFEET SOLID WASTE FROM ARPA FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION):** Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated the Budget Amendment can be allocated from ARPA funds for operational costs.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#562-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$290,000.00 to Blackfeet Solid Waste from ARPA Funds. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING APRIL 11, 2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-136}

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

**APPROVING TEN (10) YEAR LEASE TO SHELSEY ST. GODDARD AND JOHNATHAN ST. GODDARD FOR THE KING RANCH (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to approve a ten (10) year Lease to Shelsey St. Goddard and Johnathan St. Goddard for the King Ranch. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

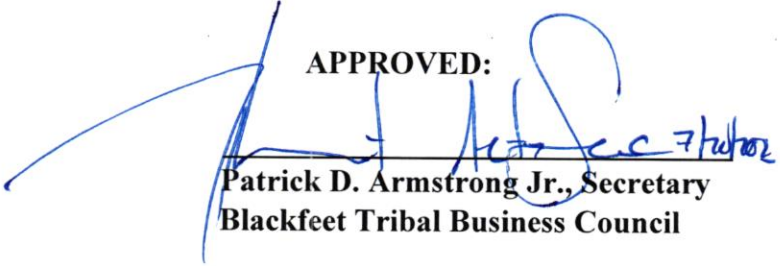
**RETURNING BLACKFEET INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT PROGRAM UNDER BLACKFEET FAMILY SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#478-2023} to return the Blackfeet ICWA Program under the Blackfeet Family Services. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**\*\*\*Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 5:40 P.M. (5)\*\*\***

**RECESS:** The Meeting recessed at 6:02 P.M. (5)

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SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 11, 2023  
9:40 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 six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Thomas Rutherford

Lauren Monroe Jr.  
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Robert DesRosier

**INVOCATION:** John Murray gave the prayer.

**APPROVING CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY (BLACKFEET NAID ARBOR) (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#470-2023} to approve the Construction Budget for the Multipurpose Facility (NAID Arbor). Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER CONTRACT WITH ED KENNEDY AND ASSOCIATES LLC FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY (BLACKFEET NAID ARBOR) (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#470-2023} to approve the Construction Manager Contract with Ed Kennedy and Associates LLC for the Multipurpose Facility (NAID Arbor). Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AND SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH ED KENNEDY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE BLACKFEET CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION):** Dawn Gray, Lead Tribal Attorney, stated the design has been approved by the BTBC.

**Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#500-2023} to approve the Construction Budget and Sole Source Contract with Ed Kennedy and Associates, LLC for the Blackfeet Cultural and Heritage Center. Second by Robert DesRosier.**

**\*\*\*Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 10:20 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**Discussion.**

**Motion carried with a vote of six (6) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (6-1) (7)**

**RECESS: The meeting recessed at 10:30 A.M. (7)**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
(RECONVENED)  
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 12, 2023  
8:54 A.M.**

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

Lauren Monroe Jr.  
Robert DesRosier

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

Virgil Last Star  
Shelly Hall

**INVOCATION:** Robert DesRosier gave the prayer.

**APPROVING ALLOCATION OF \$2,500.00 FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR BUFFALO HIDE ACADEMY POWWOW (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an Allocation of \$2,500.00 from ARPA Health and Wellness Funds for Buffalo Hide Academy Annual Powwow. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-139}

**APPROVING ALLOCATION OF \$2,500.00 FROM ARPA FOR EAST GLACIER 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION TRIP (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#496-2023} to approve an allocation of \$2,500.00 from ARPA Funds for East Glacier 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation trip, a Report shall on the expenditures shall be made to the Treasurer and the BTBC. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/LELAND KICKING WOMEN (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$2,000.00 to Leland Kicking Women for the Long Time Thunder Pipe Ceremony; further, the funds are to be at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-138}

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/JESSE RACINE (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Financial Request in the amount of \$500.00 to Jesse Racine from the ARPA Health and Wellness Funds for the AAU Basketball Team to travel to Auburn, Washington. An Expenditure Report is to be presented to the BTBC. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING ALLOCATION OF \$1,000.00 FROM ARPA FOR ALEXANDRIA OLD CHIEF TO COMPETE AS MISS GLACIER COUNTY FOR THE MISS MONTANA FOR AMERICA PAGEANT (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#497-2023} to approve an Allocation of \$1,000.00 from ARPA Funds for Alexandria Old Chief to compete as Miss Glacier County for Miss Montana for America Pageant, a report on the expenditures shall be made to the Treasurer and BTBC. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/TYLER BAKER (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Financial Request of Tyler Baker in the amount of \$2,461.00 from the ARPA Health and Wellness funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-143}

**FINANCIAL REQUESTS POLICY (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion to only fund Drug & Alcohol free events effective immediately. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-144}

**APPROVING BLACKFEET ARPA FUNDS FOR GLENN HEAVY RUNNER MEMORIAL POOL EXERCISE EQUIPMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#474-2023} to approve the Financial Request for new exercise equipment for the swimming pool in the amount of \$250,000.00; further, the funds will be taken from the ARPA water, sewer and broadband and will require 3 bids. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-145}

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/BASKETBALL COURT AT SKATEPARK (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#482-2023} to approve the Financial Request in the amount of \$38,000.00 to Carl Harwood for the building of a basketball court at the Skatepark; further, the funds are to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; and one (1) ABSTAIN, Lauren Monroe Jr. (5-0-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2023-146}

**APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR ‘FALL PREVENTION-RAMP PROJECT’ AND ‘FALL PREVENTION-HOME MODIFICATION’ TO SERVE AMERICAN INDIAN HANDICAP/ELDER POPULATIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#473-2023} to approve ARPA Funds in the amount of \$78,300.00 for the ‘Fall Prevention-Ramp Project’ and ‘Fall Prevention-Home Modification’ to serve American Indian Handicap/Elder populations. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE THUNDER RADIO EXPANSION PROJECT AS AN ARPA FUNDED PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#465-2023} to authorize \$650,000.00 from ARPA Funds for the Thunder Radio Expansion Project. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6). The Meeting a Adjourned

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TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 24, 2023  
9:28 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 eight (8) members:**

<b>Iliff Kipp Sr.</b>	<b>Patrick Armstrong Jr.</b>	<b>Thomas Rutherford Jr.</b>
<b>Marvin Weatherwax Jr.</b>	<b>Shelly Hall</b>	<b>Virgil Last Star</b>
<b>Everett Armstrong</b>	<b>Robert DesRosier</b>	

**INVOCATION: Everett Armstrong gave the prayer.**

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

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, ARPA Finance Monitor, was present at the meeting to discuss the Detox Center, Bottled Water Company and Basketball courts.**

Discussion regarding the funding for the projects.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Planning Department Director; and Michael Gervais, Engineer, were present at the meeting to discuss the General Contractor, senior center, Heart Butte Powwow Grounds and the Tribal Tourism Grant.**

**ACCEPTING BLACKFEET TRIBE AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR SENIOR CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Action TABLED. The Resolution needs to be reviewed by the Legal Department for the Blackfeet Tribe General Contractor.**

**HEART BUTTE POWWOW GROUNDS (CLOSED SESSION):** Cheryl Reevis stated there was a change in the materials and the total amount of the project has increased from \$1.4 million to \$1.7 Million.

Joe Gervais stated the additional funding will have to be allocated from ARPA Funds. Virgil Last Star stated there will be discussions held to identify the funding.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:07 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 2:12 P.M. (9)\*\*\***

**ACCEPTING THE FY 22 GRANT AWARD FROM THE MT TRIBAL TOURISM GRANT (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#489-2023} to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Award from the Montana Tribal Tourism Grant. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

**ALLOCATING TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEART BUTTE COMMUNITY ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#492-2023} to allocate \$2 Million with funds to be identified by the Treasurer based on the estimate provided by TD&H Engineering to fund the construction of the Heart Butte Community Arbor. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (CLOSED SESSION):** Cheryl Reevis stated the Boys and Girls Club Charter is being reviewed, and there is an extensive process to follow to reestablish the Club on the Blackfeet Reservation.

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 147-2021 ENDING THE MORATORIUM ON WATER SHUT OFFS FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#568-2023} to rescind Resolution No. 147-2021 ending the Moratorium on water shut offs for water users of Two Medicine Water or other water providers. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

**\*\*\*Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**TWO MEDICINE WATER/VEHICLE TAKE HOME POLICY (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve Two Medicine Water on call employees to take home the work vehicles for on call emergencies after hours. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-147}

**APPROVING TWO MEDICINE WATER CELL PHONE CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve Two Medicine Water to enter into a Contract with Verizon for a cell phone to address water issues to be funded by the Two Medicine Water account. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-148}

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT HDR FOR GRANT WRITING (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Water Department to contract HDR for the Water Smart Grant. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**AUTHORIZING WATER DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Water Department to discuss the negotiation process for the irrigation systems with the B.I.A. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**WHITFORD PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion. No action.

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Don White and Steve Pollock, Transportation Department, were present at the meeting to discuss proposals for Engineers.

**APPROVING PROPOSAL WITH KLJ ENGINEERING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Proposal with KLJ Engineering for the Transportation Department. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**APPROVING BUDGET AND SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH ED KENNEDY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE BLACKFEET CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#500-2023} to approve a Budget in the amount of 1,986,380.00, with TERO and Excise Taxes included, and a Sole Source Contract with Ed Kennedy and Associates, LLC for the Blackfeet Cultural and Heritage Center. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**PATRICK YAWAKIE UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Yawakie, Lobbyist, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

**\*\*\*Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 3:35 P.M. (9)\*\*\***

**DESIGNATING BLACKFEET TRACTS OF LAND NEAR CHIEF MOUNTAIN FOR OWNER'S USE AS BUFFALO HABITAT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#488-2023} to designate Blackfeet Tracts of land near Chief Mountain for Owner's Use as Buffalo Habitat. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

**\*\*\*Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:55 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**BUFFALO PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Ervin Carlson, Buffalo Program Director was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on Iinii Days, fencing, outside cattle and Tribal Leases.

**DESIGNATING TRACTS 40A AND 117A TO THE BUFFALO PROGRAM FOR A TEN (10) YEAR TERM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to designate Tracts 40A and 117A to the Blackfeet Buffalo Program for a ten (10) year term. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**\*\*\*Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 4:00 P.M. (9)\*\*\***

**CHARGING HOME STAMPEDE PARK/STALLS (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding the fees for the stalls at the Charging Home Stampede Park. No action.

**REZ MONKEYS (CLOSED SESSION):** Bill Spotted Eagle, Rez Monkeys, was present at the meeting to discuss illegal dumpsites, the garbage collection of Rez Monkeys and funding issues.

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:26 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 4:27 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Shelly Hall left the meeting at 4:29 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/REZ MONKEYS (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve \$500.00 to Rez Monkeys (William Spotted Eagle) from the Buildings and General Fund. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr.


Robert DesRosier AMENDED his motion to increase the amount to \$1,000.00. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-150}

**APPROVING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR LEASING OF TRIBAL LANDS FOR THE BLACKFEET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND QUARTERS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#493-2023} to approve negotiations with the Indian Health Service for leasing of Tribal Lands for the Blackfeet Community Hospital. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**LAND BOARD MINUTES 1-31-23 (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the following Land Trades of January 31, 2023, as presented. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-149}

**ADJOURNMENT:** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6). The Meeting a Adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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APPROVED:  
  
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Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary  
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THOMAS L. RUTHERFORD  
ROBERT DesROSIER

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 25, 2023  
9:52 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.  
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Robert DesRosier

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

**INVOCATION:** Everett Armstrong gave the prayer.

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

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

**APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR INDIAN YOUTH CAMP (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#517-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$6,400.00 from the ARPA Health and Wellness funds for up to 80 youth to attend the Indian Youth Camp in Hungry Horse, MT. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 "YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES" FOR TWO YOUTH INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND THE SPOKANE HOOPFEST (CLOSED SESSION):**

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#498-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from ARPA Youth Mental Wellness Funds for two youth individuals (\$500.00 each) to attend the Spokane Hoopfest. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**\*\*\*Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:06 a.m. (6)\*\*\***

**FINANCIAL REQUESTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding the criteria and priority for Financial Requests. No action.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Joe Gervais, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss the paperless requisition process, the total amount for the project and Statement Investment Policies. No action.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The meeting went into Closed Session at 10:30 a.m., and the Recording Secretary was excused.

**CHANGING THE JOB TITLE OF THE BLACKFEET OPERATIONS MANAGER (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#495-2023} to change the Job Title of the Blackfeet Operations Manager to Tribal Administrator. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion. No action.

**RECESS:** the meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. (7)

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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
(RECONVENED)  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MAY 26, 2023  
9:26 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 eight (8) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.  
Thomas Rutherford  
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Everett Armstrong  
Robert DesRosier

Virgil Last Star  
Marvin Weatherwax

**INVOCATION:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

**\*\*\*Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 9:45 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 9:45 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion. No action.

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/FLATTOP SOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$400 to Flattop Solutions (John Monroe) to provide portable toilets for the Blackfeet Service Unit Fun Run/Walk to be taken place on June 3, 2023; further, the funds are to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-152}

**APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOFTBALL CLINIC (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#490-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Ryan Hoyt for his children to participate in a Softball Clinic. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**FINANCIAL REQUEST/WENDY BULLCHILD (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$500.00 to pay for Wendy Bullchild’s son (Francis Bullchild) one-way plane ticket to Canterbury Park in Minnesota for work; further, the funds are to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-151}

**APPROVING ALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an allocation from ARPA Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Tobacco Prevention with funds to be administered by the Tribal Administrator. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**RECESS:** The Meeting Recessed at 10:14 a.m. (6)

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APPROVED:  
  
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