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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2023

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 5, 2023
2:28 P.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.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford	Everett Armstrong
Virgil Last Star	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: Marvin Weatherwax Jr gave the prayer.

WAIVER /48 HOUR NOTICE: (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made the motion to waive the 48-hour notice of meeting. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

NAID ARBOR ADDITIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Michael Gervais, engineer and Donna Yellow Owl were present to give an update on the Arbor Additions, Service Order #5.

APPROVING SERVICE ORDER WITH MICHAEL GERVAIS FOR THE TWO ADDITIONS TO THE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER (NAID ARBOR) UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#563-2023} to approve Service Order in the amount not to exceed \$250,950.00 with funds to be determined by Treasurer with Michael Gervais for the two additions to the multipurpose center (NAID Arbor) under the Master Agreement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Two Medicine Water fund accounts.

TRANSFERRING THE THREE (3) TWO MEDICINE WATER BANK ACCOUNTS TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#502-2023} to transfer three (3) Two Medicine Water Bank Accounts to the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING MOU BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET NATION AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#507-2023} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackfeet Nation and the American Red Cross for supporting the creation of a working relationship and the operational plan in responding to and recovering from disasters. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session at 3:24 P.M., and the Recording Secretary was excused until 4:21 P.M.

APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT TO BLACKFEET MANPOWER FOR ARCHAMBAULT HOUSE SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#569-2023} to approve a reimbursement for security services provided for the Archambault House. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

RETURNING FOUR (4) VEHICLES TO THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney, stated there were four (4) vehicles purchased with ARPA Funds for the Chief Mountain Hot Shots, which are no longer under the Program.

Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to return the vehicles mentioned to the Chief Mountain Hot Shots. Second by Robert DesRosier.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated he is in favor of returning the vehicles and requested the item be revisited for further review.

Virgil Last Star WITHDREW his motion. Robert DesRosier WITHDREW his second.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 4:33 P.M. (6)

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APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 7, 2023
9:13 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.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Robert DesRosier

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Shelly Hall

Virgil Last Star

Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

COUNCIL UPDATES: Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the Flood Memorial commemoration will be taken place on June 8, 2023 at the Museum of the Plains Indian at 10:00 a.m.

Shelly Hall stated the Blackfeet Nurturing Center will have a vehicle to take the children to activities this summer.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 9:24 A.M. (8)*****

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, and Annie Vielle, Honorary Women's Council, were present at the meeting to discuss the need for a building to host a MMIP Meeting, the curfew siren, the dog catcher, and housing.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Bruce Schildt and Kenny Oscar, Honorary Men's Council, were present at the meeting to discuss scheduling issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss the presented Treasurer's Report.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:42 A.M. (9)*****

APPROVING PURCHASE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE STARR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of tables and chairs for the Starr School Community Center, with funding to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2023-154}

{this Action was AMENDED later in the meeting.}

SOLID WASTE: Shelly Hall stated a metal cutter has been purchased and the people are requesting a month for clean-up. Everett Armstrong stated the Program should work on scheduling weekends for the public to drop off garbage.

TRIBAL HEALTH: Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO; Teneill Tatsey, Tribal Health Chief Financial Officer, Anna Omeasoo, Tribal Health Human Resources; and Zana McDonald, Tribal Health Grants Manager, were present at the meeting to provide an update.

Garland Stiffarm stated there will be monthly graphs presented to the BTBC regarding 3rd Party Billing.

Anna Omeasoo stated there are currently 325 positions within the Tribal Health Department and 71 of those positions are vacant. Employment Applications for Tribal Health are processed through Tribal Health HR. Garland Stiffarm stated there is a 21% employment vacancy rate. THIP has hires 30 intern students for the summer.

Robert DesRosier inquired about Laboratory Work accessibility. Garland Stiffarm replied there will be a conference call with Indian Health Service regarding the issue.

Zana McDonald presented a list to the BTBC with the fifty (50) Grants currently under the Administration of Tribal Health to the BTBC.

AUTHORIZING BLACKFEET TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A HHS-2023-HIS-PPPP-0001 GRANT, PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PILOT PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#508-2023} to authorize the Blackfeet Tribal Health Department to apply for a HHS-2023-HIS-PPPP-001 Grant, Produce Prescription Pilot Program, DPHHS, IHS. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

PIKUNI LODGE HEALTH INSTITUTE: Coy Harwood, Pikuni Lodge Health Institute Acting Executive Director, was present at the meeting to request the following actions on the proposed meat processing center;

- 1) Partnership with a Tribal Program
- 2) Extended time on Tribal Land Lease
- 3) In-Kind benefits from Tribal Program(s)
- 4) Identify 40 Acres of Land for the project

Mr. Harwood stated PLHI is applying for a grant and there is a deadline in one week.

ACTION TABLED. It was stated there will need to be input from the Land Board and Planning Department regarding this request.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 10:55 A.M. (8)*****

RECESS: the Meeting recessed at 11:20 A.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 11:43 A.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of nine (9) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.	Lauren Monroe Jr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	Shelly Hall	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.
Everett Armstrong	Virgil Last Star	Robert DesRosier

APPROVING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PIKUNI LODGE HEALTH INSTITUTE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve a Letter of Support for Pikuni Health Lodge Institute to apply for Grant Funding. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

REGION 3 NARCAN TRAINING: Heidi DeRoche, was present at the meeting to discuss the 288 Region 3 Narcan Training, further discussions will be held.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:58 A.M. (9)

RECONVENE: the meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.	Lauren Monroe Jr.	Robert DesRosier
Shelly Hall	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Everett Armstrong

FINANCIAL REQUEST/ALEXANDRIA OLD CHIEF: Alexandria Old Chief, 2023 Miss Montana, was present at the meeting to request Financial Assistance to travel to Las Vegas for the Miss America Nationals.

It was the consensus of the BTBC to meet on this Agenda item at the next Special Session so Ms. Old Chief can submit a budget with all expenses for the BTBC to review.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/MURAL: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve \$700.00 from the Buildings and General budget for John Pepion and Louis Still Smoking to paint a Mural on the “Old Buttrey’s” Building. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously (6) Excerpt {#E2023-155}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/TALKS ABOUT HONORING: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the “Talks About Brothers Honoring”, point of contacts: Mary Louise DeRoche and Marie Talks About. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-156}

CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS: Josh Bird Rattler, Chief Mountain Hot Shots Superintendent, was present at the meeting to discuss vehicles for the program. No action.

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR JOSLYN LAPLANT AND CARMEL MADPLUME TO PARTICIPATE AT THE MVMT CONFERENCE: Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#519-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from ARPA Funds for Joslyn Laplant and Carmel Madplume to participate at the MVMT Conference. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

RESCHEDULING THE 2023 JULY GENERAL SESSION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to reschedule the 2023 July General Session to July 5, 2023 due to North American Indian Days. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-159}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/CHIEF CORNERSTONE CHURCH: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Chief Cornerstone Church Camp Meeting on June 22-24, 2023 contact person: Barbara After Buffalo. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-157}

AMENDING EXCERPT #E2023-154 “APPROVING PURCHASE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE STARR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER”: Robert DesRosier made a motion to Amend Excerpt {#E2023-154} to reflect that the funds approved for the purchase of the tables and chairs for the Starr School Community Center is not to exceed \$7,000.00. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-154A}

REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE BIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVESTOCK INSPECTION STATIONS AND LIVESTOCK INSPECTORS FOR THE 2023 GRAZING SEASON: Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#509-2023} to request funds from the BIA for the implementation of Livestock Inspection Stations and Livestock Inspectors for the 2023 Grazing Season. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE BIA FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEYS OF THE LOWER ST. MARY’S LAKE RECREATION LOTS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#510-2023} to request funds from the BIA for the completion of the Surveys of the Lower St. Mary’s Lake Recreation Lots. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

RECESS: the Meeting recessed at 2:05 p.m.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with the following present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.	Lauren Monroe Jr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Robert DesRosier	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Virgil Last Star
Everett Armstrong	Shelly Hall	

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 2:22 p.m. (7)*****

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ALL CHIEF’S PARK SURVEY: Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the submittal of the All Chief’s Park Survey to the BIA. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

GREAT FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Rhett Down, Great Falls Economic Development, was present at the meeting to discuss the Non-profit Organization. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 2:29 P.M. (8)*****

MOJAVE NATIVE RECOVERY (CLOSED SESSION): John Kuka and Rex Wetzel were present at the meeting to discuss the Recovery Center located in Arizona. No action.

BLACKFEET HORSEMEN (CLOSED SESSION): Tony Carlson and Elma Carlson were present at the meeting to discuss the management of the Charging Home Stampede Park. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:33 P.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Resolution No. 531-2023.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:01 P.M. (8)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:09 P.M. (7)*****

MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER (CLOSED SESSION): Mercedes Old Person, Medicine Bear Shelter, was present at the meeting to discuss the operations and funding for the Medicine Bear Shelter.

APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {# 520-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$108,707.00 with funds to be determined at the Discretion of the Treasurer for the operation of the Medicine Bear Shelter for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Virgil Last Star.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 4:15 P.M. (8)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (8)

HOMELESSNESS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Homelessness Task Force and updated Policies regarding the issue. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. (7)*****

TRIBAL COURT (CLOSED SESSION): Marshalene Last Star, Tribal Court Administrator; and Teri Michell, Tribal Court Administrator Assistant, were present at the meeting to present a request for a Budget Amendment for vehicle repair and Family Court fuel costs.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRIBAL COURT FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS AND FUEL COSTS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#521-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for FY 2023 in the amount of \$16,000.00 with funds to be determined at the Discretion of the Treasurer pursuant to the budget submitted by the Tribal Court Administrator. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#528-2023}

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:49 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#522-2023}

FAMILY SERVICES ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 6:19 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#570-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#486-2023A}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#523-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Resolutions {#524-2023, #525-2023, & #526-2023}

REALTY DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford, Realtor, was present at the meeting to present Buy-Sell Agreements to the BTBC.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Resolutions {#512-2023 & #511-2023}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/BIRCH CREEK FATHER'S DAY RODEO (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer for the Birch Creek Father's Day Rodeo. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-158}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/GEORGE AIMSBACK 90TH BIRTHDAY STICK GAME TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$7,500.00 to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer for the George Aimsback 90th Birthday Stick Game Tournament to take place at the Heart Butte Society Celebration in August 2023. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-160}


CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#533-2023}

APPROVING THE THPO P.L. 93-638 GRANT APPLICATION FOR DRONE, LIDAR AND GPS USAGES ON ALL UNMARKED GRAVE LOCATIONS ON THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#532-2023A} to approve the Tribal Historic Preservation Office P.L. 93-638 Grant Application for Drone, Lidar and GPS usages on all unmarked grave locations on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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APPROVED:



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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 13, 2023
2:22 P.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.
Thomas Rutherford
Robert DesRosier

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

WAIVER/48-NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#529-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for the Documents Department for operational functions for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

RE-APPROPRIATING IA FUNDS TO FISH AND GAME FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) VEHICLES (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#535-2023} to re-appropriate funds approved under Resolution No. 293-2022 for the purchase of five (5) vehicles for the Fish and Game Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 2:53 P.M. (6)


AUTHORIZING THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE THE SERGEANT AT ARMS POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to authorize the Personnel Department to advertise the Sergeant at Arms position, until such position is filled. Further, the Personnel and Legal Departments are hereby directed to develop the Job Description. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-162}

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 3:54 P.M. (5)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 3:55 P.M. (5)

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 21, 2023
9:23 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. 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:

**Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall**

**Virgil Last Star
Everett Armstrong**

INVOCATION: Thomas Rutherford Jr. gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS: Items were added to the Agenda.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:28 A.M. (7)*****

COUNCIL UPDATES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated there will a be a community meeting held in Heart Butte regarding suicide and activities will be planned for the youth.

Shelly Hall stated the Land Department will be having a feral horse sale at the Perry Ranch and 73 horses will be up for sale.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there is concrete work being done at the Arbor.

Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the Grand Opening for the Stageline Pizza in East Glacier will be soon, employees are now being trained. A report will be provided to the BTBC.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 9:35 A.M. (8)*****

CWD MONITORING (CLOSED SESSION): Sonta Calling Last, was present at the meeting to discuss a CWD Monitoring project. No action.

FISH AND WILDLIFE (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Program Director; and Joe Hagberg, Fish and Wildlife CWD Monitoring Program, were present at the meeting to discuss the monitoring of animals on the Blackfeet Reservation. No action.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 10:20 A.M (7)*****

PETS FOR LIFE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the administration of the “Pets for Life” Grant.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 11:06 A.M. (6)*****

MOVING THE “PETS FOR LIFE” GRANT FROM MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER TO THE BLACKFEET FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#670-2023} to move the “Pets for Life” Grant from the Medicine Bear Shelter to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 11:15 A.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:15 A.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#560-2023}

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE ALCOHOL SALES LICENSE FROM AMY CASSIDY LAFARRA TO DAVID FLAMAND, AND APPROVING A 3-YEAR PROVISIONAL ALCOHOL SALES LICENSE TO KIP’S BEER GARDEN, CLASS I ALL BEVERAGE LICENSE; AND CLASS III OFF PREMISIES RETAIL BEER LICENSE WITH AVAILABLE WINE SALES AMENDMENT (CLOSED SESSION):

Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#539-2023} to approve the Transfer of the Alcohol Sales License from Amy Cassidy Lafarra to David Flamand, and approving a 3-year Provisional Alcohol Sales License to Kip’s Beer Garden, Class I All Beverage License; and Class III Off Premises Retail Beer License, with available Wine Sales Amendment. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REAFFIRMING PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE ACTIONS TAKEN MARCH 15, 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by separate Resolutions {#540-2023, #541-2023, #542-2023, #543-2023, #544-2023, #549-2023, #545-2023} to reaffirm Actions taken March 15, 2023 Special Session (due to no record of Vote) regarding the following Provisional Liquor Licenses;

- 1) St. Mary's Bar & Lounge – Class I & II
- 2) St. Mary's Lodge Convenience Store – Class III
- 3) St. Mary's Grocery Store – Class III
- 4) St. Mary's Café – Class III
- 5) GPI Bar & Lounge Class I & III
- 6) Cut Bank Golf Course – II & III
- 7) Duck Lake Lodge – Class II

Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REAFFIRMING PROVISIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE ACTIONS TAKEN MAY 9, 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by separate Resolutions {#546-2023, #547-2023, #548-2023} to reaffirm Actions taken May 9, 2023 Special Session (due to no record of Vote) regarding Provisional Liquor Licenses;

- 1) Trailhead Bar – Class III
- 2) Whistle Stop Restaurant – Class II
- 3) Brownies Grocery Store – Class I

Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:41 A.M. (8)*****

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Department Director, stated there was a request for a drone to record the NAID Indian Relay races. The BTBC requested what the footage will be used for and if the operators are licensed. Lydia Spotted Eagle replied she will request that info and report to the BTBC.

Discussion regarding bootleg alcohol being sold during Alcohol closures.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 11:51 A.M. (7)*****

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle stated there is property taxes from the Montana Department of Revenue that will need to be paid (not to exceed \$10,000.00) for 2022, due to no filing of non-exemption for the taxes. The process for exemption for the next year is being completed.

Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated Glacier County and the BIA will adhere to the 1987 Agreement and the lands are being placed into trust.

Lydia Spotted Eagle stated the Revenue oversees the electrical permits and the funds are depleted to pay the electricians.

The Department is requesting a separate account for ¼ of the Revenue received for operations. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 12:07 P.M. (8)*****

REVENUE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 12:15 P.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 12:18 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): {#554-2023 & #550-2023}

RETIREMENT HONORING/RAYMOND AUGARE: Raymond Augare was honored for his years of service to the Blackfeet Tribe and gifts were presented.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:45 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:33 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Robert DesRosier

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

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): {#556-2023 & #557-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#558-2023}

BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss budget amendments for Tribal Programs. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#559-2023}

LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding legal issues. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 3:10 P.M. (7)*****

HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Housing. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 3:48 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 4:00 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

APPROVING MOA BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND USDA NRCS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE WATERSHED PLAN-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE MILK RIVER IRRIGATION JOINT BOARD OF CONTROL-ST. MARY CANAL MODERNIZATION PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION):

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#598-2023} to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services for the preparation of the Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement for the Milk River Irrigation Joint Board of Control-St. Mary Canal Modernization Project. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING CROP SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND JOSEPH KIPP (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#630-2023} to approve a Crop Share Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and Joseph Kipp. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING CROP SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND LILA EVANS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Crop Share Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and Lila Evans. Second by Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING CROP SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND WAYNE SMITH (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#629-2023} to approve a Crop Share Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and Wayne Smith. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an Amendment to the Tribal Administrator Budget in the amount of \$94,675.00, with funds to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-163}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#669-2023}

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 358-2022 “APPROVING PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE ANDERSON PLACE WITH THE WELLMANS” UPDATING THE TERMS TO THE AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 358-2022 “Approving Purchase and Sale Agreement to the Anderson Place with the Wellmans” updating the Terms of the Agreement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#555-2023} to approve the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/“BONES OF CROW” MOVIE (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#646-2023} to approve \$5,410.00 from the ARPA Health and Wellness funds for youth to attend the “Bones of Crow” Movie presentation in Canada. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-164}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/STREET DANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#671-2023} to approve up to \$500.00 for food, drinks, etc. for the Street Dance from the Mental Health ARPA Funds. Further, the funds are to be administered by the Honor Your Life Program. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/NAID VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$3,000.00 for the NAID Volleyball Tournament from the ARPA Mental Health Funds. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-166}

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 4:37 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING CROP SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND THE BUFFALO PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Crop Share Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and the Buffalo Program. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Action was taken.

APPROVING THE DEMOLITION OF THE “CHICKEN COOP” (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to bid out the demolition of the “Chicken Coop” building in East Glacier.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall WITHDREW her motion. The demolition will be issued as a directive to the Blackfeet Environmental Office.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:51 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING WAIVER FOR NAID CONTRACTS UNDER \$600.00 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to waive the contract requirements for all North American Indian Days Contracts under \$600.00. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-167}

APPROVING \$25,000.00 FOR THE GRANT WRITING CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 to the Grant Writing Center with funds to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-168}

APPROVING THE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN JUNCTION PROPERTY FOR BISON MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Fish and Wildlife Program to utilize the Chief Mountain Junction Property for Bison Management. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BTBC MEETING MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Presented to the BTBC were the April 6, 2023 General Session Minutes; the April 12, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the April 19, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the April 27, 2023 Special Session Minutes; April 28, 2023 Special Session; the May 1, 2023 Special Session; and the May 4, 2023 General Session Minutes.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6). The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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APPROVED:


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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 27, 2023
9:30 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.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Virgil Last Star

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Shelly Hall

Everett Armstrong

Robert DesRosier

INVOCATION: Josh Bird gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS: Items were added to the Agenda.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:52 A.M. (8)*****

HOUSING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Blackfeet Housing. No action.

E-COMMERCE (CLOSED SESSION): Rayson Rains, Pine Ridge Economic Development; and Dion Killsback, Legal Department Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss E-Commerce opportunities for the Blackfeet Tribe.

Further discussions will be held.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 10:56 A.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#572-2023}

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Internal Investigator, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

ADVERTISE/TWO NIGHT TIME TRIBAL SECURITY GUARDS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to Advertise Two Night Time Tribal Security Guard positions with funds for the positions to be determined by the Treasurer, the Personnel Department is to develop a Job Description, and the positions are to be under the supervision of Internal Affairs. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-176}

ISSUING DIRECTIVE TO TRIBAL PROGRAMS FOR PAPERLESS PAYMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to direct all Tribal Programs to utilize paperless payments for all transactions by the end of Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Everett Armstrong.

A process for Special Circumstances will be developed.

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Resolutions {#602-2023 & #604-2023}

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:58 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING WAIVER FOR NAID BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FOR EVERY YEAR (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve the Waiver of the Tribal Business License fee for the North American Indian Days, every year. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-170}

APPROVING WAIVER FOR NAID TRIBAL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to waive the North American Indian Days Tribal Employee Contract requirement. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-171}

APPROVING FUNDING FOR NAID BANNERS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for the North American Indian Days banners from the Economic Development budget. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-172}

APPROVING THE TRIBAL DOCUMENTS/RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICIES (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#681-2023} to approve the Tribal Documents/Record Management Policies (2023) as presented by the Tribal Documents/Records Management Staff. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#564-2023}

REAFFIRMING ACTION TAKEN APRIL 28, 2023 TO CLARIFY THE BILLINGS A&E FIRM AS CONSULTANT FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to reaffirm action taken on April 28, 2023 clarifying the Billings A&E Firm as consultant only to Michael Gervais, Architect, for the Health and Wellness Center construction project. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-179}

REAFFIRMING/AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TEMPORARY TRIBAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to reaffirm action taken on April 25, 2023 Tribal Special Election. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-177}

REAFFIRMING/AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OT TRIBAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2023 TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION AND DRAFTING POLICY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to reaffirm action taken on April 28, 2023 authorizing payment to Tribal Employees for the 2023 Tribal Special Election and approve the drafting of a Policy for future events in which Tribal Employees provide services outside their official capacity on Paid Days Off. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-178}

REAFFIRMING ACTION TAKEN APRIL 28, 2023 APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR THE HEART BUTTE WATER SYSTEM (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by separate Resolutions {#565-2023 & #566-2023} to reaffirm action taken April 28, 2023 to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$7,663.00 for the Heart Butte Water System. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#592-2023}

REAFFIRMING/AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DOUBLE G CONSTRUCTION FOR STOLTZ RANCH REPAIRS FROM RENT REVENUE (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to reaffirm action taken on April 28, 2023 authorizing payment to Double G Construction for Stoltz Ranch repairs with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-181}

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 1:45 P.M. (7)*****

REAFFIRMING/APPROVING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR C&C MEAT PROCESSING (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to reaffirm action taken on May 4, 2023 to approve a Letter of Support for C&C Meat Processing to apply for Grants. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-180}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 1:49 P.M. (6)*****

REAFFIRMING/APPROVING LAND APPRAISALS FUNDING LINE ITEM (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to reaffirm action taken on May 4, 2023 approving the Land Purchase Appraisals funding line item. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-182}

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#567-2023}

REAFFIRMING ACTION TAKEN ON MAY 4, 2023 TO APPROVE THE STAGELINE PIZZA CO. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#591-2023} to reaffirm action taken on May 4, 2023 to approve the Stageline Pizza Company Franchise Agreement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING WAIVER FOR NAID STALL FEES (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to waive the stall fees at the Charging Home Stampede Park for the following North American Indian Days events; Kids Rodeo, PRCA Rodeo, Open Rodeo, Flat Track and Relay for accommodation purposes. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-173}

APPROVING WAIVER FOR NAID USAGE FEES (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to waive the usage fees at the Charging Home Stampede Park for events occurring during North American Indian Days. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-183}

APPROVING FOUR (4) INVESTMENT STATEMENT POLICIES (CLOSED SESSION): Joe Gervais, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss the Blackfeet THIP Fund Investment Policy Statement, the Blackfeet Tribal Worker's Compensation Investment Policy Statement, the Blackfeet ARPA Funds Investment Policy Statement, and the Blackfeet Tribal Transportation Investment Policy Statement.

Robert DesRosier made a Motion by separate Resolutions {#594-2023, #595-2023, #596-2023, & #597-2023} to approve the four (4) Investment Statement Policies, as presented and stated above. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DIRECTIVE/TREASURER-HEART BUTTE METAL BUILDINGS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to direct the Treasurer to locate funding for metal buildings for the snow plow, funeral center, ambulance, and fire department for the Heart Butte Community. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-200}

DIRECTIVE/FINANCE AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to direct the Finance and Facilities Departments to find funding within the Buildings and General budget for a new surveillance system. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-201}

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH PARADIGM FOR THE HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract with Parardigm Architecture, LLC for Consultant Services for the Heart Butte Arbor. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 2:43 P.M. (7)*****

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (6)*****

DIRECTIVE/HOLDING FUNDS APPROVED UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 473-2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to hold funds approved under Resolution No. 473-2023 ‘Approving Funds of \$78,000.00 for Fall Prevention - Ramp Project and Fall Prevention – Home Modification to serve American Indian Handicap/Elder Populations’ until a Contractor is selected and a list is approved for all homes that will be receiving a ramp. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/OFFICER ROBERT SNYDER (CLOSED SESSION): it was stated Officer Robert Snyder is requesting a reimbursement in the amount of \$174.79 for transportation of a juvenile.

The request was directed to the Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 2:49 P.M. (7)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:51 P.M. (8)*****

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Debra Davis, Finance Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the NAID Workers who are also Tribal Employees. No action.

Further discussion regarding the 2019 & 2020 Audits. No action.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 532-2023 ‘APPROVING THE THPO P.L. 93-638 FOR DRONE, LIDAR AND GPR USAGES ON ALL UNMARKED GRAVE LOCATIONS ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION’ TO APPROVE REVISED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET (CLOSED SESSION):

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#532-2023} to Amend Resolution No. 532-2023 ‘Approving the Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Office P.L. 93-638 for Drone, Lidar and GPR Usages on all Unmarked Grave Locations on the Blackfeet Reservation’ to approve the revised Scope of Work and Budget. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

LEGAL DEPARTMENT BILLING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE BLACKFEET LEGAL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#631-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for the Blackfeet Legal Department in the amount of \$200,000.00 with funds to be appropriated from the Anticipated Revenue as recommended by the Tribal Treasurer. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried with a vote of six (6) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Iliff Kipp Sr. & Shelly Hall. (6-2) (8)

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 3:44 P.M. (7)*****

AUTHORIZING THPO TO SUBMIT A P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT TO DEVELOP THE BLACKFEET REGISTRY OF TRIBAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND GIS MAPPING OF REGISTRY FINDS (CLOSED SESSION):

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#573-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Office to submit a P.L. 93-638 Contract to develop the Blackfeet Registry of Tribal Cultural Properties and GIS Mapping of Registry Finds. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)


*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 3:46 P.M. (8)*****

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE/4TH OF JULY & NAID (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve the closure of the Tribal Programs and Departments from July 3rd, 2023 to July 10, 2023 for the 4th of July Holiday and North American Indian Days. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-175}

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 3:50 P.M. (8)

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APPROVED:



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JUNE 28, 2023
9:45 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS: Items were added to the Agenda.

ACTING SECRETARY (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to appoint Robert DesRosier as Acting Secretary, for the meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ROLL: Robert DesRosier called roll with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.	Robert DesRosier	Shelly Hall
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Virgil Last Star	Everett Armstrong

HOMELAND SECURITY/RAVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (CLOSED SESSION): Brittany Wolftail, Homeland Security, was present at the meeting to discuss the RAVE Emergency Notification System.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 10:00 A.M. (7)*****

REQUIRING TRIBAL EMPLOYEES TO ENROLL IN THE RAVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to require all Tribal Employees to enroll in the RAVE Emergency Notification System. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Trish Kuka, Procurement Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Tribal Property Insurance Policy.

APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL PROPERTY INSURANCE WITH AMERIND (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a one (1) year Property Insurance Renewal for the Blackfeet Tribe with Amerind. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/TRIBAL PROPERTY INSURANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Procurement Department to request for Proposals for the Tribal Property Insurance Policy. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 10:36 A.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:37 A.M. (7)*****

APPROVING BUDGET FOR THE 2023 HEART BUTTE INDIAN DAYS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {#600-2023} to approve \$250,000.00 for the 2023 Heart Butte Indian Days Budget with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

HEART BUTTE ARENA/PANELS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for the Heart Butte Arena panels to replace material that was stolen with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-186}

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR THE HEART BUTTE ARENA (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#623-2023} to approve an allocation in the amount of \$80,000.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution No. 129-2022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” for the Heart Butte Arena. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

HEART BUTTE WATER ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Mike Tatsey, Heart Butte Schools Superintendent, was present at the meeting to request assistance with the Heart Butte water system issue.

DIRECTIVE TO PLACE THE HEART BUTTE WATER SYSTEM PROJECT AS PRIORITY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made motion to direct Blackfeet Environmental Office, the Blackfeet Water Department, and Indian Health Services to place the Heart Butte Water System project as priority to resolve the issue. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

FAMILY SERVICES ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Family Services issue. No action.

TERRACE MOTEL (CLOSED SESSION): Kenny Lamere, Terrace Motel, was present at the meeting to discuss services provided to Tribal Members at the Terrace Motel. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:45 P.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:39 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Shelly Hall
Robert DesRosier

BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRIBAL SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Tribal Security Department with funds to be determined at the Treasurer's discretion for an additional position. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-184}

AMENDING EXCERPT #E2023-176 'ADVERTISE TWO NIGHT TIME TRIBAL SECURITY GUARDS' UPDATING SUPERVISION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Amend Excerpt No. E2023-176 to reflect the positions will be held underneath the Tribal Security Department. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-185}

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 1:59 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 2:03 P.M. (8)*****

FAMILY SERVICES ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Family Services issue. No action.

OVERTIME REQUEST APPROVAL/FIRE MANAGEMENT & CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve an Overtime Request for the Fire Management and Chief Mountain Hot Shots that assisted in the recent flooding Emergency Declaration with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-187}

TOM RODGERS (CLOSED SESSION): Tom Rodgers was present at the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss options for Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse, forever chemicals, and an insulin lawsuit. No action.

Further discussions will be held.

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 2:44 P.M. (7)*****

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 FY 2024 BLACKFEET TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE TO CONDUCT CULTURAL SURVEYS ON BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#574-2023} authorization to renew P.L. 93-638 FY 2024 Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Office to conduct Cultural Surveys on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:49 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT FOR FY 2024 (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#575-2023} to approve the Community Fire Protection P.L. 93-638 Contract for FY 2024. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:50 P.M. (7)*****

APPOINTING THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to appoint Everett Armstrong as the Utilities Committee Chair. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPOINTING THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to appoint Robert DesRosier as the Vice-Chair of the Utilities Committee. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FEMA-VILLE (CLOSED SESSION): Chairman Iliff Kipp stated there will need to be a plan developed for the repair of the Fema-Ville community road.

Further discussions will be held.

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 3:13 P.M. (8)*****

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 NURTURING CENTER FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#601-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Nurturing Center Fiscal Year 2023 Contract. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 METH INITIATIVE FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#576-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Meth Initiative Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#577-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Social Services Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#571-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Fish and Wildlife Management Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#578-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Threatened and Endangered Species Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#579-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Forest Management Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Higher Education Program Fiscal Year 2023 Contract. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#581-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Operation and Maintenance for the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#590-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Chief Mountain Hot Shots Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 ICWA PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#589-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Indian Child Welfare Act Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Fire Management Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 HIP FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#583-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Home Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 BLES: UNIFORM POLICE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DISPATCH FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#584-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services: Uniform Police, Telecommunications and Dispatch Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Economic Development Program Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 TRIBAL COURT FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#586-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Tribal Court Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 COURT OF APPEALS FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#587-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Court of Appeals Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 JOM FY 2024 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#588-2023} to authorize the renewal of the P.L. 93-638 Johnson O' Malley Fiscal Year 2024 Contract. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

BOARDING SCHOOL O&M (CLOSED SESSION): Jodi Carlson, Tribal Administrator, stated there will be a meeting with the Bureau of Education, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Boarding School Operations and Maintenance Program regarding the Facility on June 29, 2023 at 9 am.

LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Legal Department Special Counsel, was present at the meeting to discuss legal issues, no action.

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:12 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:14 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#570-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#599-2023}

4H STEERS AND PIGS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 for 4H steers and pigs with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-188}

APPROVING CROP SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND JOE MATT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Crop Share Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and Joe Matt. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING THE F&W DATA REQUIREMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to require any outside individuals conducting Data research/studies on the Blackfeet Reservation related to Fish and Wildlife to provide a written proposal to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Management Program; further, the Legal Department is to draft a policy to be codified in the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Annual Regulations. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING DAVE HEINE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC TO APPRAISE THE DOUBLE T-NORTH FORK PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$6,000.00 for Dave Heine and Associates, LLC to appraise the Double T-North Fork Properties. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVAL OF LAND BOARD MINUTES/5-23-2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-189}

LEGAL DEPARTMENT BILLING (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.


APPROVING PAYMENT TO CHANEL BIRD FOR EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE WOLDSTAD RANCH 2 DUE TO FLOODING (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#593-2023} to approve \$10,800.00 to Chanel Bird (Browning Lawn Care Services) for emergency clean-up service provided to the Woldstad Ranch 2 due to flooding. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:49 (6)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 5:11 P.M. (6)

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APPROVED:


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