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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 1, 2023
9:34 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.
Robert DesRosier
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall**

INVOCATION: Jodi Carlson gave the prayer.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:36 A.M. (8)*****

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

BTBC UPDATES (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier stated the 3 Rivers checks will be mailed on August 3, 2023.

Shelly Hall stated BCC is establishing a Driver's Education course.

There will be a feral horse sale on August 10, 2023, at the Perry Ranch.

Lauren Monroe Jr. stated there will be a meeting with hunters and Chuck Sams at the Casino.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated there will need to be discussions regarding the Border crossing at the Federal level. Lauren Monroe Jr. stated a letter will be drafted and a Formal Meeting will be scheduled regarding the issue.

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 9:55 A.M. (9)*****

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong stated there will be a meeting with ManPower regarding the Boys and Girls Club.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. expressed issues with a Hotel, the item will be discussed further at the General Session.

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there will need to be a Directive issued regarding Social Media due to recent issues.

Shelly Hall stated an additional 40 unaccredited Substance Abuse Homes have been shut down in Arizona. More funding will be available to individuals traveling home after the Emergency Declaration is completed. Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Resolution was signed and the Emergency Declaration is being processed.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dana Pemberton, Personnel Director, was present at the meeting to discuss position selections and the Tribal Wage Scale.

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2023-215}

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. inquired about when the Wage Scale will be completed. Dana Pemberton replied the Department is short staffed. Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated it needs to be completed due to Inflation. Dana Pemberton replied that it will be completed by the end of August.

FISH AND WILDLIFE (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Program Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the management of the Buffalo at Chief Mountain and the need for a fence.

APPROVING THE NOTICE OF AWARD TO JOEL KUKA FOR THE FENCING CONTRACT FOR CHIEF MOUNTAIN MANAGEMENT AREA (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Notice of Award to Joel Kuka for the fencing Contract for the Chief Mountain Buffalo Management Area. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MATERIAL FROM BROWNING LUMBER FOR THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN BUFFALO MANAGEMENT AREA FENCING PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell stated there were two bids for the material and the Program would like to select the local business. The material will be paid for from a Grant that is under the Blackfeet Buffalo Program.

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MATERIAL FROM BROWNING LUMBER FOR THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN BUFFALO MANAGEMENT AREA FENCING PROJECT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the purchase of material from Browning Lumber for the Chief Mountain Buffalo Management Area Fencing Project. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

AUTHORIZING THE FISHERIES PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE KING RANCH FOR FISH PRODUCTION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Fisheries Program to utilize the King Ranch for Fish Production. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 10:40 P.M. (8)*****

APPROVING GRIZZLY RIDGE LETTER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the submittal of the Grizzly Ridge Letter, as presented. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 10:48 A.M. (9)*****

APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000.00 TO THE BUFFALO GUARDIANSHIP COALITION (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#684-2023} to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer; further, upon approval of the “2023 America the Beautiful Challenge” the funds shall be reimbursed to the Buffalo Guardianship Coalition for the creation of a buffalo habitat near Chief Mountain. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

CHIEF GAME WARDEN/PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Dewey Bear Medicine, Chief Game Warden, was present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:58 A.M. (8)*****

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 12:03 P.M. (7)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion, no action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:15 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

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

TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CHARGING HOME STAMPEDE PARK TO THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR AND BUFFALO PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Transfer of the management of the Charging Home Stampede Park to the Tribal Administrator (management of Contracts and Activities) and Buffalo Program (management of the groundwork). Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/MICHAELA RUNNING WOLF (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve \$500.00 to Michaela Running Wolf (Josh Running Wolf) for financial assistance to attend a volleyball event, with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-202}

FINANCIAL REQUEST/MARY KENNERLY & EVA "TINY" COBELL (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve the Financial Request for Mary Kennerly and Eva "Tiny" Cobell with funds not to exceed \$2,500.00 to be determined by the Treasurer for traveling expenses to attend the National Women's Hall of Fame. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-203}

FINANCIAL REQUEST (CLOSED SESSION): No action.

SHAWN LAHR/METAL SHIELD (CLOSED SESSION): It was stated Mr. Lahr is requesting \$4,500.00 for the purchase of a Metal Shield.

Action TABLED.

Shawn Lahr will be requested to provide an Appraisal.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/AUTRY MUSEUM SKATEBOARD CONTEST (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 for the Autry Museum (Joe Horse Capture) Skateboard Contest, with funds to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-204}

APPROVING PAYMENT TO SINCLAIR GLASS & AUTO (CLOSED SESSION):

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve payment of two Invoices in the amount of \$1,312.00 to Sinclair Solutions, LLC DBA Sinclair Glass & Auto for services provided to the Heart Butte Post Office and Little Flower Parish from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-205}

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR JUSTINE WHITFORD TO ATTEND ALBERTA INDIGENOUS GAMES (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#653-2023} to approve ARPA Funds in the amount of \$500.00 for Justine Whitford to attend Alberta Indigenous Games 2023. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR HEART BUTTE INDIAN DAYS PRINCESS ARENA ST. GODDARD (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#650-2023} to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$500.00 for the Heart Butte Indian Days Princess for traveling expenses to attend a powwow. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/MIKE WAGNER (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$500.00 from ARPA Funds Xavi Wagner (father: Mike Wagner) to attend a powwow. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-207}

LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Tribal Managing Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss a Legal Issue, no action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 2:02 P.M. (7)*****

SUBMITTING CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY OF ALL CHIEF'S PARK TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR RESTORATION OF TIMBER RESERVE TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AS A TRIBAL TRACT UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 585-2022 (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#633-2023} to submit the Certificate of Survey of All Chief's Park to the BIA for restoration of Timber Reserve to the Blackfeet Tribe as a Tribal Tract under Resolution No. 585-2022. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 2:07 P.M. (8)*****

APPROVING NOTICE OF SELECTION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SERVICES TO WGM GROUP, INC. AND ALLOCATION OF TRIBAL FUNDS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT TO ENHANCE TRIBAL LANDS FOR TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#649-2023} to approve the Notice of Selection of Landscape Architecture services to WGM Group, Inc. and approving an allocation of \$86,000.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer for Landscape Architectural Services for the Beautification Project to enhance Tribal Lands for Tourism and Community Development. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING TRIBAL BUDGET FOR SPLASH PAD AND FAMILY RECREATION AREA AT ALL CHIEF'S PARK (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#674-2023} to approve a budget in the amount of \$850,00.00 for the construction of the Blackfeet Splash Pad and Family Recreation Park, with funds to be identified by the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Tribal Managing Attorney, stated the TERO & Excise Tax issue will need to be addressed at the General Session.

APPROVING TRIBAL BUDGET FOR HEART BUTTE PLAYGROUND (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Budget in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the construction of the Heart Butte Playground, with funds to be identified by the Treasurer. Second by Patrick Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (TASK ORDER EDITION) WITH KLJ ENGINEERING LLC FOR THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#651-2023} to approve the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Service (Task Order Edition) with KLJ Engineering LLC for the Blackfeet Transportation Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

WATER DEPARTMENT/ST. MARY ACCOUNT FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Dion Killsback, Water Department Legal counsel, was present at the meeting to discuss the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Funds – St. Mary Account.

APPROVING \$500,000.00 FROM BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS ST. MARY ACCOUNT FY 2019 (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#655-2023} to approve \$500,000.00 from Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Funds – St. Mary Account FY 2019. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING \$500,000.00 FROM BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS ST. MARY ACCOUNT FY 2020 (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {656-2023} to approve \$500,000.00 from the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Funds – St. Mary Account FY 2020. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING \$500,000.00 FROM BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT ACT FUNDS ST. MARY ACCOUNT FY 2021 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#657-2023} to approve \$500,000.00 from Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Funds – St. Mary Account FY 2021. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT FOR THE NRCS'S REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP) FOR FEDERAL FY 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#677-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Water Department to submit for the NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for FY 2023. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 3:09 P.M. (7)*****

LAND PURCHASES/REALTY (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford, Realtor, was present at the meeting to discuss Land Purchases.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#644-2023}

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 3:13 P.M. (6)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 3:17 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:17 P.M. (6)*****

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

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:19 P.M. (7)*****

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*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:45 P.M. (6)*****

UPDATE/INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Internal Investigator, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC, no Action.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 4:24 P.M. (7)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:24 P.M. (6)*****

ELECTION BOARD (CLOSED SESSION): Cynthia Salway, Galen Laplant, Loni Grant, Karen Davis, and Patricia Collins, were present at the meeting to discuss a Proposed Budget to update the Election Rules.

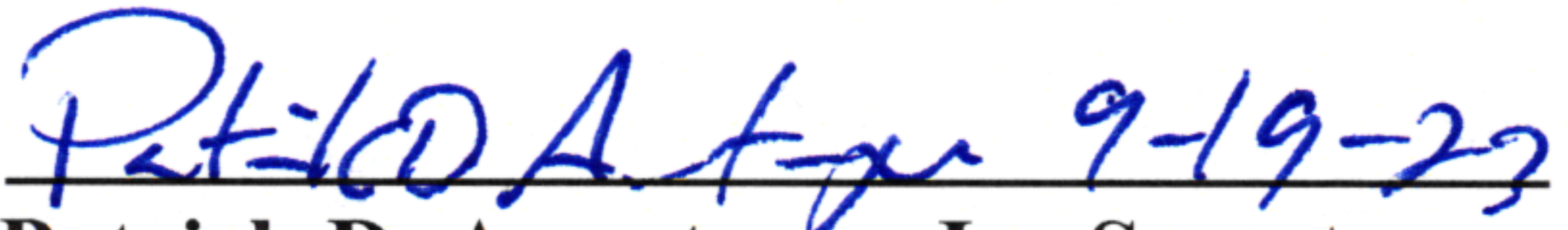
Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. requested a written proposal, no Action.

COVID-19 STATISTICS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the current COVID-19 Statistics, no Action.

ADJOURNMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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APPROVED:


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