



BLACKFEET NATION

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 3, 2023
9:15 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.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Robert DesRosier

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

BTBC MINUTES: Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. inquired if the Minutes are ready for approval. Elizabeth Bitz, Recording Secretary, replied the Minutes will be presented at the next scheduled Special Session.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 9:24 A.M. (7)*****

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 9:24 A.M. (8)*****

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

BTBC UPDATES: Iliff Kipp Sr. stated there is a Phase II Fire Restriction in place on the Blackfeet Reservation.

Robert DesRosier stated the 3 Rivers Lawsuit Checks will be mailed August 3, 2023 and there is a new Sergeant at Arms.

Shelly Hall stated there will be a feral horse sale on August 11, 2023 at the Perry Ranch.

Thomas Rutherford stated there are 12 positive COVID-19 Cases. Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the mask mandate will be discussed.

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.): Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated all Tribal Programs and Departments will be closed August 10-14 for Heart Butte Indian Days. There will be a feed held on August 12, 2023 and all are welcome.

Everett Armstrong stated the Grand Opening for Stageline Pizza in East Glacier will take place on August 15, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated the General Funds has a deficit of \$1 million, there is a gain of \$981,000.00 from the four (4) Stockman Bank Investment Accounts, and the final payment for the Nature' Song LLC property payment is being processed.

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses and Annie Vielle, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss North American Indian Days and the Horn Society.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Edmund "Wishy" Augare, Bill Spotted Eagle, and Kenny Oscar, Honorary Men's Council, were present at the meeting to discuss housing, jobs, food, Public Officials, youth, streetlights, curfew, and a building for the Honorary Councils.

APPROVING MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HONORARY COUNCILS: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the scheduling of monthly meetings to be held with the BTBC and the Men's and Women's Honorary Councils. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2023-208}

TOM RODGERS/SUBSTANCE ABUSE – SUICIDE PREVENTION: Tom Rodgers, Lobbyist; and Rupert McCormac, Crossroads Treatment Centers CEO; were present at the meeting to discuss services provided with Crossroads.

No action.

MERLIN RUNNING CRANE/RIGHT OF WAY ISSUE: Merlin Running Crane was present at the meeting to discuss an issue with a Right-Of-Way.

Lauren Monroe Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to send a Letter to the BIA to locate an alternative Route for the family. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Discussion.

Lauren Monroe Jr. AMENDED his motion to re-establish the existing R-O-W for the Running Crane Family. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

GABE & CAROL GRANT: Gabe and Carol Grant were present at the meeting to discuss an ongoing issue at their home.

DIRECTIVE TO TRIBAL PROGRAMS/PUBLIC NUISANCE: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct all appropriate Tribal Programs and Departments (BLES, BEO, Elder Abuse, Dog Catcher, etc.) to attend the meeting to be held on August 7, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. regarding public nuisances affecting the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2023-209}

INCLUDING PUBLIC COMMENT IN ALL PLANNED PROJECTS: Shelly Hall made a motion to include Public Comment in all planned projects.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall WITHDREW her motion.

LEONA PITTS/DEMOLITION ISSUE: Leona Pitts was present at the meeting to request assistance in demolition of a home on her property.

It was stated the Blackfeet Environmental Office and Domestic Water Programs will be contacted regarding the issue.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 12:36 P.M. (8)*****

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 12:36 P.M. (7)*****

BCC: Brad Hall, Blackfeet Community College President, was present at the meeting to discuss an International Review Board.

The Resolution supporting the IRB will be submitted to the Education Committee for review.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:47 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

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

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:15 P.M. (9)*****

LAURA MCGEE (CLOSED SESSION): Laura McGee was present at the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss unaccredited Treatment Centers in Arizona.

No action. Lengthy discussion.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 2:04 P.M. (8)**

BANNING RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO FRAUDULENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN ARIZONA (CLOSED SESSION):

Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#659-2023} to ban the Recruitment of individuals to fraudulent Behavioral Health Facilities in Arizona. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to include the word 'Fraudulent' in the 4th Whereas of the Resolution. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 2:19 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 2:20 P.M. (8)*****

WILHELMINA GOINGS/HARM REDUCTION (CLOSED SESSION): Wilhelmina Goings was present at the meeting to discuss Harm Reduction services provided in the community.

Wilhelmina Goings was directed to address the issue with Tribal Health.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a Historical Preservation fee in Glacier National Park (a Letter will be sent from the Chairman), the Sliding Fee Scale (further discussions will be held with Legal), alcohol sale closures, and E-Cigarettes.

No action.

WAIVING THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE HEART BUTTE SOCIETY

CELEBRATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to waive the Business License fee for the Heart Butte Society Celebration. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-210}

JACQUELINE GILHAM/HBSC FEED (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve \$8,500.00 to Jacqueline Gilham, Caterer, to provide the food for the Heart Butte Society Celebration Feed to be held on August 12, 2023 with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2023-212}

HOUSING UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Mary Gordon, Housing Director; Evan Thompson, Housing Legal Counsel; Ron Trombley, Cory Morgan, Brenda Bird, Terry Bremner and Francis Guardipee, Housing Board Members, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

No action.

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:44 P.M. (7)*****

LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Evan Thompson, Special Counsel, updated the BTBC on legal issues. No action.

FINANCIAL REQUEST/AVERY SKUNKCAP (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 to Avery Skunkcap, Heart Butte Society Celebration Princess with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-213}

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): No action.

APPROVING THE TRIBAL DOCUMENTS/RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICIES (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Elizabeth Bitz, Recording Secretary, stated the Policies were approved by the BTBC on June 27, 2023. After discussions with the Legal Department, there were the following changes made;

- 1) Unauthorized access to management of Records process
- 2) Sensitive data definition and process
- 3) Data Breach protocol
- 4) Closed Session definition

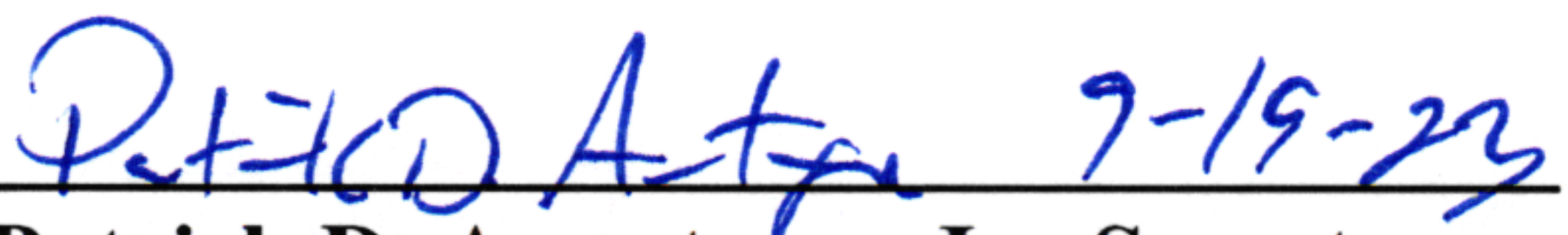
Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#681-2023} to approve the Tribal Documents/Records Management Policies, with changes. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

BOYCOTTING THE HERITAGE INN (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to boycott the Heritage Inn for all Tribal Programs and Departments. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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APPROVED:


**Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 22, 2023
9:15 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.
Everett Armstrong
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall

INVOCATION: Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

SWEARING IN/DAVID SPOTTED EAGLE SR. (CLOSED SESSION): David Spotted Eagle Sr. was sworn in as the Land Department Compliance Officer.

The Oath was administered by Iliff Kipp Sr.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 9:25 A.M. (6)*****

AUTHORIZING HEART BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE LUMBER FROM HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the Heart Butte School District to purchase lumber from the Heart Butte Arbor in the amount of \$3,500.00, the Heart Butte Powwow Committee will use the funds for their annual Christmas Powwow. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-218}

APPROVING 2-28-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-217}

APPROVING 8-2-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the August 2, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-216}

FERAL HORSE SALE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated there have been two feral horse sales. 183 horses have been sold and there will be another sale on September 27, 2023 at the Perry Ranch.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Presented to the BTBC were the June 5, 2023 Special Session; the June 7, 2023 General Session; the June 13, 2023 Special Session; the June 21, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the June 21, 2023 Enrollment Minutes; the June 27, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the June 28, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

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

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 9:42 A.M. (7)*****

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the sound system at the NAID Arbor/Multipurpose Facility.

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN AUDIO SYSTEM FROM AURA, CO. FOR THE NAID ARBOR/MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. to approve \$258,000.00 for the purchase of and Audio System from Aura, Co. for the NAID Arbor/Multipurpose Facility with funds to be taken from the Buildings & General budget and/or ARPA Funds. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

TRIBAL BUILDING ALARM SYSTEM (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl stated there are four (4) Proposals for the BTBC to review.

The item was TABLED until the next Special Session.

NAID ARBOR CONSTRUCTION (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director; Michael Gervais, Architect; and Lionel Kennerly, ARPA Monitor, were present at the meeting to discuss the NAID Arbor additions. No action.

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): A Personnel Action was taken.

CIG/RENEWABLE ENERGY (CLOSED SESSION): Terry Tatsey and CIG Employees were present at the meeting to discuss a Renewable Energy project.

No action. Lengthy discussion.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 12:12 P.M. (7)*****

FISH AND WILDLIFE (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the 2023-2024 Annual Fish and Wildlife Regulations.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 1:23 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE 2023-2024 BLACKFEET NATION FISH AND WILDLIFE ANNUAL HUNTING REGULATIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to approve the 2023-2024 Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Annual Hunting Regulations. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:35 P.M. (7)*****

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, ARPA Monitor, was present at the meeting to discuss construction projects.

APPROVING SELECTION OF EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION FOR FRAMING AND ENCLOSURE OF THE HEART BUTTE SENIOR CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Selection of Edwards Construction for framing and enclosure of the Heart Butte Senior Center. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SELECTION OF ARMSTRONG CONCRETE AND PLUMBING FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THE HEART BUTTE SENIOR CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve the selection of Armstrong Concrete and Plumbing for the foundation of the Heart Butte Senior Center. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Cheryl Reevis, Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss projects within the Department. No action.

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

APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH FAST BLACKFEET FOR MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Professional Services Contract with FAST Blackfeet for Medical Nutrition Therapy. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING MOU BETWEEN FAST BLACKFEET AND SOUTH PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between FAST Blackfeet and South Piegan Health Center. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:09 P.M. (6)*****

BCC (CLOSED SESSION): Brad Hall, Blackfeet Community College President, was present at the meeting to discuss the Institutional Review Board.

DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BLACKFEET NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD PURSUANT TO BOARD QUALIFICATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH BY-LAWS FOR APPROVAL (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to direct the implementation of the Blackfeet Nation Institutional Review Board pursuant to Board Qualifications. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#686-2023}

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (2023) (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Emergency Operations Plan (2023). Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

SUPPORTING THE RE-AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to support the re-authorization and funding of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 625-2023 INCLUDING TERO TAX INTO THE CONTRACT AND CORRECTED CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES WITH TDH/LPW FOR PHASE 2 OF THE HEART BUTTE ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 625-2023 including TERO Tax into the Contract and corrected construction expenses with TDH/LPW for Phase 2 of the Heart Butte Arbor Project. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET NATION TO PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND MONTANA OFFICE RURAL HEALTH AND AREA HEALTH EDUCATION TO CREATE A TRAINING TITLED “CARING FOR INDIGENOUS MONTANANS” (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Nation to partner with the Department of Public Health and Human Service Office of American Indian Health and Montana Office Rural Health and Area Health Education to create a training titled “Caring for Indigenous Montanans”. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH USDA ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND AGRICULTURAL LIAISON (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Cooperative Agreement with USDA establishing Technical Assistance and Agricultural Liaison. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CONWAY AG SERVICES LLC FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS SERVICES WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution approving a Sole Source Contract with Conway Ag Services LLC for noxious weeds service with the Water Department. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH RAE ARMSTRONG TO PROVIDE TRAUMA TRAINING FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract with Rae Armstrong to provide Trauma Training for Tobacco Prevention. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND COALITION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to appoint Marvin Weatherwax Jr. and Dawn Gray to the Native American Voting Rights Act Advocacy Committee and Coalition. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#702-2023}

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

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

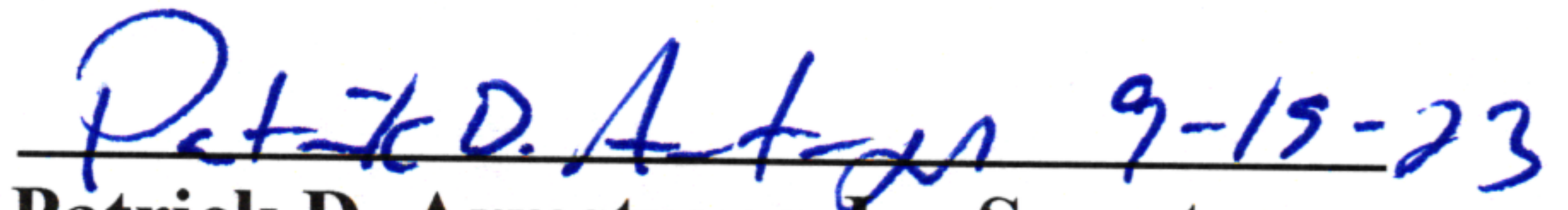
FAMILY SERVICES UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Acting Family Services Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BLACKFEET FAMILY SERVICES ICWA PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$17,356.00 with funds to be taken from the Buildings and General Budget or at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

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APPROVED:


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